Alumnus to Donate Personal Collection from Service with Bush Administration

Former Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Alphonso Jackson will be on campus Feb. 8-9 to dedicate a personal collection of artifacts to Truman and to share his experiences with the campus community.

Jackson, a University alumnus, served with the Bush Administration from 2004-2008 as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Prior to this appointment, he served as deputy secretary and chief operating officer of Housing and Urban Development from 2001-2004. Upon leaving HUD in 2008, Jackson became the director of Hampton University’s Center for Public Policy and Leadership, a position he held until 2012. Currently, Jackson resides in New York City and is the vice chairman of mortgage banking for JP Morgan.

After graduating from the University with a bachelor’s degree in political science in 1968 and a master’s degree in education administration in 1969, Jackson continued his education at Washington University where he obtained his juris doctorate. His time at Truman, then known as Northeast Missouri State College, had a significant impact on Jackson, who remembers fondly the education and guidance he received. In particular, Kenneth Gardner, track coach and athletic director, 1951-1988, was instrumental in mentoring Jackson, who would go on to serve the country during events such as the September 11, 2001 attacks on the nation and Hurricane Katrina. Jackson continued his relationship with Truman in later years, providing leadership to his alma mater by serving on the Board of Governors from 1994-2001.

To honor Jackson’s leadership, service and achievement, Pickler Memorial Library will permanently house a collection of items acquired during his years in HUD. Jackson and his wife Marcia will be in attendance for a dedication ceremony at 3 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Pickler Memorial Library Gallery.

The Secretary Alphonso Jackson Collection is currently on exhibition and is open to the public for viewing in the Library Gallery until Feb. 22.

Office of Student Research to Support Summer Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Research

The Office of Student Research is launching an initiative to support interdisciplinary research teams over the summer of 2013 to serve as models for interdisciplinary undergraduate research and creative activities, and to foster a sense of community amongst Truman faculty, staff and students.

Two mentors, each from different departments, will collaborate on a research project during an eight-week equivalent period of time over the summer that involves and trains two undergraduates. Project proposals written by the faculty pair may be new or ongoing.

One mentor in the team should be a tenure-track or tenured Truman faculty member. The other mentor may be a Truman faculty or staff member of any rank or appointment. Students will be chosen by the mentors but must be current, full-time (during 2012-2013) Truman undergraduate students in good academic standing and plan to graduate no earlier than December 2013. Projects will be funded up to the maximum value of $8,500 per team and should be carried out between May 20 and Aug. 15.

For complete details on Interdisciplinary Research Community Grants, visit osr.truman.edu. The deadline for applications, which are to be written by the two mentors, will be Feb. 15.
Hall Named Public Relations Intern

The Truman Public Relations Office has selected Kaitlyn Hall, a senior public communications major and English minor, as intern for the Spring 2013 semester. Hall is from Rolla, Mo., and a 2009 graduate of Rolla High School. She is the daughter of Richard and Amy Hall.

As intern for the Public Relations Office, Hall will help write, layout and distribute the University newsletter, Truman Today, on campus and online. She will also assist in planning University events, write press releases and fulfill various office tasks.

Hall serves as the current president of Cardinal Key National Honor Society where she is active in community service projects. She is also a part of the CARE for AIDS promotions committee and a member of Campus Christian Fellowship. She was previously involved with Residence Life as a student advisor.

Hall hopes to pursue a career in nonprofit public relations and is excited for the experience she will gain during her internship this semester.

ITS Completes Upgrades Over Break

The ITS staff used the winter break for various upgrade projects across campus.

Most of the projects were focused on classroom and public lab improvements. Seven classrooms were upgraded with new projectors and AV control systems, with plans to complete the remaining 60 projector/controller upgrades during the spring and summer breaks.

The operating systems used by more than 600 public lab and classroom systems were updated as well, and preventative maintenance was completed in all classrooms.

Several campus-wide applications were also upgraded to achieve greater efficiencies, including the disk infrastructure used on many applications systems and the classroom/space management system. Blackboard was also updated to include the creation of new user documentation. New financial aid and enrollment management system modules were installed for testing.

ITS partnered with Physical Plant on the installation of 30 white boards in Violette Hall. The workstation and network teams also assisted with various office moves, helping to complete the moves of the University Press and 16th Century Journal.

Requesting Used Computer Equipment

As computer equipment becomes older eventually it no longer provides acceptable services. When old computer systems are replaced ITS evaluates the used computer systems. If the used computers can perform other Truman services in a productive manner then ITS may reallocate them in a different role.

Truman new computer purchases usually take place during the summer. Late summer and fall are normally when ITS is processing and evaluating used computer equipment. Most used computers have reached their final end-of-life and are not suitable for reallocation but a few computers are still useful.

If you have a computer need that you believe could possibly be met with an older computer system, contact the ITS Help Desk and submit your request. ITS will evaluate each request and work to find a suitable used computer system available that may be able to be reallocated to meet your computer need.

Keep in mind the number and capability of suitable used computer systems is quite limited. Also, these computers are several years old and out of warranty coverage. While they may still be useful in some secondary usage situations they should not be used for any Truman mission critical processes. For more information, contact the ITS Help Desk at 660.785.4544.
NOTABLES

Tom Capuano, professor of foreign language, wrote the prologue to Maria Antònia Martí Escayol’s book “De Re Rustica,” which was recently published by Edicions i Propostes Culturals Andana in Vilafrau del Penedès, Catalunya, Spain. Martí Escayol is professor of history in the Departament d’Història Moderna i Contemporània of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Both she and Capuano research medieval agriculture in Spain.

Antonio Scuderi, professor of Italian, published an article on the Italian Novel playwright, Luigi Pirandello (1867-1936), in Modern Language Review in Great Britain.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The website College Humor is offering two $5,000 scholarships. Compete details are available at collegehumor.com/average-student-scholarship-contest. Deadline to apply is Feb. 1.

Hy-Vee Foundation Scholarships are now available at hy-vee.com under company info. Forty $1,000 scholarships will be given to college students for the 2013-2014 academic year. Applicants: must have been employed at a Hy-Vee location after June 1, 2012; must be classified as a full-time student in their freshman, sophomore or junior year during time of application process; must be classified as a full-time sophomore, junior or senior at the time funds are disbursed. Deadline for application is Feb. 10.

Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri has scholarships available for the 2012-2013 academic year. Last year more than $10,000 was awarded to Missouri students. Winners in Missouri are also eligible for the Central Region and National scholarships. Missouri students have received these prestigious awards the last three years. For further information and applications, go to www.gardenclub.org/scholarships. Deadline for receiving applications is March 1.

MassMutual Financial Group is offering high-achieving college students of African-American, Asian/Pacific Islander or Hispanic descent, interested in pursuing careers in the insurance and financial services industry, a scholarship opportunity for the 2013-14 academic year. For eligibility criteria, go to act.org/massmutual. Application deadline is May 3.

The creators of the “Student Award Search Aid” website are renewing the B. Davis scholarship for 2013. For more information on this $1,000 scholarship, visit studentawardssearch.com/scholarships.htm. Questions can also be sent to awards@studentawardssearch.com. Deadline to apply is May 27.

The CEO of Tomorrow Scholarship is a $2,500 scholarship for students interested in business leadership and/or entrepreneurship. Applicants must answer a short online survey and submit a 500-1,000 word essay on “the CEO of tomorrow.” Possible topics could include (but are not limited to) company structure, company culture or utilization of technology. For more information, or to apply, go to www.ceo.com. Deadline is July 1.

Automatically Back Up Important Computer Files

ITS provides several locations where faculty, staff and student computer files are automatically backed up. Users are encouraged to take advantage of these locations to help protect data against any loss.

Files stored on the Y: drive, the personal network storage area, or on the W: drive, the network storage area shared within departments, are automatically backed up by ITS.

Email on the Exchange server is automatically backed up. Note: it is possible to configure your email client to download your email from Exchange so it ONLY resides on your PC. This is an advanced email client configuration ITS does not recommend. If you do this your email is not backed up on Exchange. Email archives you create are not automatically backed up unless you store them on your Y: or W: drive.

Academic course materials faculty store in the Blackboard system are automatically backed up. Faculty materials stored in the Truman Google Apps for Education system are also automatically backed up. Note: staff materials stored in the Google Apps for Education system are not automatically backed up.

If you have important files on your personal computer hard drive, they are not automatically backed up. Be sure to regularly copy your personal computer documents to your network Y: drive, an external hard drive or some other secure storage location to ensure your files are backed up and protected. For questions about what locations are automatically backed up, contact the ITS Help Desk at 660.785.4544.
NOTES

Roe at 40, a panel discussion sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies Committee, will take place at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 22 in Baldwin Hall 231. Panelists include Bertha Thomas, Amanda Shetler, Jerry Hirsch, Paul Parker, Melissa Holcomb and Julia Judlin. Each panelist will speak for a few minutes and then the floor will be open to questions and comments.

The School of Business Student Organization Fair will take place from 12-2 p.m. Jan. 23 in the Violette Hall Upper Commons. Representatives from various Truman business organizations will be available to speak with potential new members.

The Physics Colloquium will continue at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 23 in Magruder Hall 1096. Paul Rulis from the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Missouri-Kansas City will present “Neural Networks vs. Self-Consistent Field Equations In Ab Initio Simulations.”

A public reception for faculty exhibitions in the Art Gallery will take place at 6 p.m. Jan. 24 in Ophelia Parrish. Works by Aaron Fine, professor of art, Priya Kambl, professor of art, and Jamie Bates, lecturer in art, will be on display in the main gallery.

Phi Mu Alpha will present “A Pops Musicale” at 2 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Jillian Anthony, campus recruiter for The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, will be on campus for an information meeting to discuss internship opportunities in the D.C. area at 4 p.m. Jan. 29 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room A. Past interns will be in attendance to share their own experiences and answer questions as well. For more information, visit the Truman in Washington Program website at twp.truman.edu. For questions regarding the Truman in Washington Program, contact Jay Self at jsselfw@truman.edu.

Residence Life will host an On-Campus Apartment Open House Jan. 30. A sample of all three apartment buildings on campus will be available for viewing. For more information, contact the Residence Life Office at 660.785.4227.

A Missouri London Summer 2013 informational meeting will take place at 6 p.m. Jan. 30 in Ophelia Parrish Room 2115. Learn about the Rock Generation study abroad course in London and Liverpool. For more information, contact Gregory Jones at grjones@truman.edu.

The Women's and Gender Studies Conference will take place from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Jan. 31-Feb. 2 in the Student Union Building Activities Room. For more details, visit wgstconference.truman.edu.

TRU Fit 2013

Sign-up for TRU Fit 2013 is under way. TRU Fit is an activity-based incentive program to help participants track how much activity they get in a week. All Truman students, staff and faculty can sign up for free at recreation.truman.edu/trufit/signup.asp. The first 12 weeks will be eligible to receive a TRU Fit T-shirt. Participate in intramurals, go for a walk, take a class at the REC—all of those things can be tracked to meet TRU Fit goals.

Sponsored by the Student Recreation Center Fitness/Wellness Department and The President’s Committee for Campus Wellbeing.

Spring Rush Information Meetings

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Alpha Phi Omega will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Feb. 6-7 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room.

Donors are encouraged to sign up at tables in the Student Union Building or McClain, Missouri, Ryle and Magruder halls starting Jan. 29 or to sign up at redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Volleyball Winter Clinics

Truman volleyball coach Ben Briney and his staff and players will be hosting a series of winter clinics this February and March in Pershing Arena.

For just $60 for six sessions (or $15 per session), volleyball players ages 5th-grade and older can receive 1-on-1 and group instruction on all fundamental skills with a high amount of individual feedback. Each event runs from 1-3 p.m. and will take place: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; and March 3, 9.

For more information, contact assistant coach Megan Wargo-Kearney at 660.785.7751 or mwargo@truman.edu. Both pre-registration and walk-ups accepted.

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Tax season is here again! The Tax Forms page has links to federal and state tax forms, as well as links to tax guides and assistance centers. Visit library.truman.edu/weblinks/taxes.asp or follow the link from the Library’s home page.