O’Donnell Selected as Arts and Letters Dean

James F. O’Donnell has been selected as Truman’s next dean of the School of Arts and Letters.

Since 2001, O’Donnell has served as dean and professor of music at Wayne State College in Wayne, Neb. Prior to that, he was professor and chair of the Department of Music at Indiana State University. O’Donnell began his academic career at East Tennessee State University where he held a variety of positions during his 13-year stay.

After earning a bachelor’s degree, with honors, from Saint Mary’s College of Maryland, O’Donnell went on to earn his master’s and doctorate at Indiana University. O’Donnell and his wife Emma have two children, Kyle and Shane. In addition to his role of dean, O’Donnell will also be a professor of music at Truman. He will officially begin his duties July 1.

Board of Governors Adds New Members

The Truman Board of Governors has two new members serving on the Board. The appointments were made by Gov. Jay Nixon in January and they were confirmed recently by the Missouri Senate.

David Lee Bonner is an assistant attorney general with the state of Illinois where he serves in the Civil Trials and Prosecutions unit that litigates cases dealing with personal injury, property damage, collection and labor law. He also serves as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Army Reserve and on the Wisconsin Bar Diversity Outreach Committee, a committee that seeks to foster a racially and ethnically diverse State Bar and a legal profession that is conscious of differences in our society.

Bonner graduated cum laude from Truman in 2007 and earned his juris doctor in 2010 from the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison. Before joining the attorney general’s office, he clerked for the Chicago Corporation Counsel in 2007 and 2008 and served as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Bonner replaces John Hilton whose term ended December 2012.

Mike LaBeth is a real estate broker for Heritage House Realty, Inc. His previous work experience includes Mark Twain Mental Health Services and the Bruce Normile Juvenile Justice Center, both in Kirksville.

An active member of the community, LaBeth currently serves as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner and as an Alternate Route 63 Safety Commissioner. He has been involved with the Adair County YMCA, the Kirksville Baseball and Softball Association (KBSA) and the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, for which he served as vice president in 2009 and president in 2010. A member of the Kirksville Young Professionals Organization, LaBeth received its Top Five Under 40 Award in 2011. A graduate of William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications in 1998.

LaBeth replaces Ken Read whose term ended December 2012.

Kohlenberg Lyceum Series Presents “Biloxi Blues”

Tickets will be available starting Feb. 13. Faculty and staff tickets will be available at the Information Desk in the Student Union Building. Student tickets will be available at the Student Activities Board Office in the Student Union Building. General admission tickets are $7 and can be purchased at the Truman Cashiers Window in McClain Hall, downtown at Edna Campbells or online at lyceum.truman.edu.
Princeton Review Names Truman a “Best Value”


Of all of the 75 public schools named by the Princeton Review, Truman was No. 3 overall in affordability for out-of-state students. Of the three Missouri public schools to make the list, Truman was the most affordable for both in-state and out-of-state students. It was also the No. 1 Missouri public school in terms of average student debt at graduation.

The Best Value Colleges feature story appeared in the print edition of the USA Today Feb. 5. Complete details on each of the schools listed, including sortable information regarding costs and enrollment, are available at bestvaluecolleges.usatoday.com.


The Princeton Review is the second national publication to recognize Truman this year. The February edition of Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine featured Truman and ranked the University at No. 19 on its list of 100 “Best Values in Public Colleges.”

### Career Week
Feb. 25

**S.C.O.R.E Mock Interviews**
9:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.
SUB 3100 (Career Center)

**Resumania**
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
SUB—Main Level
Stop by to get your resume critiqued before Career Expo!

**The Dream Share Project**
6-8:30 p.m.
SUB Alumni Room
Come view an inspirational documentary about finding passion and wisdom to fulfill your dreams, followed by a “Chase Your Dreams” workshop led by the creators of the documentary.

**Feb. 26**

**Volunteer Fair**
12-2 p.m.
SUB HUB
Visit with local non-profits to find out what they do and how you can help. Representatives from various local organizations will be available to talk with students about their work and give students the chance to volunteer with the current projects.

**Non-Profit Conference**
6-8:30 p.m.
SUB Alumni Room
Interested in non-profit careers? Join us for our annual Non-Profit Conference where you will learn more about working in the non-profit sector including full-time employment, internships, volunteer experience and more. This is an interactive conference composed of a keynote speaker, dinner and interaction with 10 table hosts representing different fields of the non-profit sector.

Keynote Speaker:
Abby Wolcott, March of Dimes State Director for March of Babies

Pre-registration is required as there are limited spaces available. Pre-register online or at the Career Center (SUB 3100)

Cost: $5

**“Internships—Why?”**
6:30-7:30 p.m.
SUB 3201
Get an overview of what an internship is, what it looks like, and they can ask specific questions.

AAA Information Session
6-7:30 p.m.
SUB 3204

Carson ExpO
11 a.m.-4 p.m.
SUB

“I Went to the Career Fair Today—Now What?”
6-7:30 p.m.
SUB 3201

Total Quality Logistics presents what happens on the employer side, how to follow up, what they can do to research, preparations for on-campus interviews the following day, and what to expect with interview processes.

Garmin Tech-Talk
6-7:30 p.m.
SUB 3202

Garmin Information Session

Mizzou Crosby MBA Program
6-7:30 p.m.
SUB 3203

Target Info Session
6-8 p.m.
SUB 3204

Feb. 28

**Employer Interviews**
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
SUB

### Submit an Event
On-campus events can be submitted to the University Master Calendar at calendar.truman.edu/submitevent.asp.
Annual Piano Festival Set for Feb. 15-16

This year marks the 30th annual Truman Piano Festival, taking place Feb. 15-16 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.

Dr. Nicholas Roth will be the featured guest artist. He will perform a solo recital at 8 p.m. Feb. 15 with works by Beethoven, Villa-Lobos, Liszt, Griffes and Gottschalk.

Roth is an associate professor of piano at Drake University. He began formal studies at age 12 and received critical acclaim for his appearances by the age of 18. Roth has performed as a soloist with the St. Louis Symphony and the Indianapolis Symphony and has been featured in recitals and festivals throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Germany, Serbia and Spain.

A Beethoven Fellow of the American Pianists Association, Roth has won first prizes in the chamber music competitions of Tortona and Pietra Ligure, Italy, and received a DAAD grant to further his studies in Germany.

Roth received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Michigan State University. Additionally he holds an artist diploma from the Hochschule für Musik in Munich, and master’s and bachelor’s degrees from Indiana University, where he was the recipient of the School of Music’s highest honors.

Roth’s recordings with Blue Griffin Recording have garnered favorable reviews in Fanfare, American Record Guide, International Record Review and Gramophone.

At 9:30 a.m. Feb. 16, Roth will conduct a master class featuring four Truman piano majors, followed at 1:30 p.m. by the competition that determines the recipient of the Truman Piano Fellowship Award, a four-year, full-ride scholarship to an incoming Truman piano major.

All events are free and open to the public.

SPHA Donates to Foster Families of Adair County

McKenzie Tate, president of the Student Public Health Association, presents a donation to Sheila and Tom Jones of Foster Families of Adair County. Every year SPHA makes a donation to the organization to help with funds for foster parents in the area. Foster Families of Adair County is SPHA’s philanthropy. The $400 donation was made Jan. 23.


Muhammed Asadi, visiting assistant professor of sociology, had his paper “How does it feel to be a problem? The diasporic identity of the homeless” published in Qualitative Sociology Review, Vol. 9 Issue 1.

Dereck Daschke, chair and professor of Philosophy and Religion, recently attended the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah to review films for the Journal of Religion and Film. His reviews can be read online at digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/jrf.

Adam Davis, professor of English, is co-author, with Ursula Wiedermann and Christoph Zielinski from the University of Vienna, of “Vaccination for the prevention and treatment of breast cancer with special focus on Her-2/neu peptide vaccines” in Breast Cancer Research and Treatment, January 2013, and available online at link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10549-013-2410-8.

Student Advisors with Residence Life recently attended the 23rd annual University of Northern Iowa RA Conference. Seven SAs participated in the case study competition. Missouri Hall’s Chris Becker and Grim Hall’s Lynde Blakely received first prize in the competition. The conference hosted more than 50 universities from around the region.

For complete coverage of all Truman sports, visit trumanbulldogs.com.
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Service Board Funding applications will be available online Feb. 11 at serviceboard.truman.edu. Applications for funding will be due by 5 p.m. March 29 in the mailbox located in the Student Involvement Complex in Student Union Building.

The Mostly Live Composers Society will present its 2013 Spring Composers Showcase at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 12 in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. The 50-minute concert will include premiere performances of vocal, instrumental and electronic music created by several Truman student composers. The event is free and open to the public.

Truman's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi will sponsor a workshop to help students with abstracts for the Student Research Conference. The workshop will take place at 4 p.m. Feb. 12 in Magruder Hall 205. Space can be reserved at doodle.com/yyv4adqmdizyazh.

“How to Market Your Study Abroad Experience” will take place at 5 p.m. Feb. 13 in Violette Hall 1408. Students can learn how to best state their experiences on their resumes as well as how to talk to potential employers about their time abroad.

The Art of Living Club will host an introductory information meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 in McClain Hall 209 for the upcoming Art of Living Course. The course is a hands-on workshop on powerful yogic breathing techniques, postures and meditations to reduce stress and enhance energy and appreciation of life. Registration for the course, taking place Feb. 15-18, will be offered.

The Global Issues Colloquium will continue at 7 p.m. Feb. 14 in Magruder Hall 2001 with a presentation by Dennis Quinn, professor with the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University. Quinn will present “Does Economic Globalization Influence the U.S. Policy Mood? A Study of U.S. Public Sentiment, 1956-2009.”

Winter volleyball clinics will continue Feb. 16 from 1-3 p.m. in Pershing Arena. Truman coach Ben Briney, his staff and players will be available to provide one-on-one and group instruction to players ages fifth grade and older. Cost is $15 per session. For more information, contact Megan Wargo-Kearney at 660.785.7751 or mwargo@truman.edu. Walk-ups are welcome. Additional clinics will be taking place Feb. 23 and March 3, 9.

Phi Sigma Pi will be hosting spring rush events Feb. 17-20. For more details, visit the University Master Calendar or psp-beta.truman.edu.

The Nursing Students’ Association Health Awareness Fair will take place from 12-3 p.m. Feb. 19 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. The fair will feature community resources for health promotion.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will host its monthly meeting at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 19 at the University Club House, 516 E. Patterson. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 660.785.6036 for more information.

The Center for Academic Excellence will host an open house from 12-2 p.m. Feb. 20 in the Kirk Building main lobby. Come by for free food and a chance to meet tutors.

The University Conference will take place from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 21. For more information, visit provost.truman.edu/University_Conference/index.asp.

Abstracts for the Student Research Conference are due before 11:59 p.m. Feb. 22. All abstracts need to be sponsored by a Truman faculty or staff member and can be submitted at src.truman.edu.

The Missouri in London Program will host an information session from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Feb. 26 in Violette Hall 1328. A representative from the MLP will be available to talk with interested students and answer any questions they may have. There will also be a professor from the program, students who have previously participated in the program and advisers from the Study Abroad Office speaking at the event.

Foundation scholarship applications are due by midnight March 1. To apply, log into TruView and look on the Student tab under the Student Finances channel.

The International Student Affairs Office (ISAO) is now hiring office assistants, cultural integration leaders (CILs), and academic success mentors (ASMs) to add to the team of student workers for Fall 2013. Students interested in establishing relationships with international students, working in a dynamic and challenging environment and fostering skills to help globalize their resumes, are encouraged to apply. Applications can be found in the ISAO located in Kirk Building 120. Applications are due March 1.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sessions

Beta Alpha Psi is sponsoring Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, a free tax return preparation and electronic filing program.

Assistance will be available from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in Violette Hall 1424 on the following dates:

- Feb. 16, 23
- March 2, 23

Taxpayers should be sure to bring proof of identity; copies of all W-2, 1098, 1099 forms and any other tax forms received in the mail; social security cards for all individuals listed on the tax return; and banking information if a direct deposit is desired. For more information, call 660.785.4378.

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