Walker and Doris Allen Fellowship for Faculty Excellence Recipients Announced

President Barbara Dixon, Vice President Garry Gordon and Interim Vice President for University Advancement Kathy Rieck presented three faculty with $10,000 Walker and Doris Allen Fellowships Feb. 17. Brent Buckner, associate professor of biology; Debra Kerby, professor of accounting; and Candy Young, professor of political science, received the 2004 Fellowship.

Buckner joined the University faculty in 1990. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Lock Haven State University of Pennsylvania, and his master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Vermont. Kerby joined the University faculty in 1982. She received her bachelor of science in education and masters degrees from Truman. She received her master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Young joined the University faculty in 1980. She received a bachelor of arts degree from Columbia College. She received her master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The presentation of each fellowship was done in front of each faculty member’s class.

Alumni Walker and Doris Allen established the Fellowship three years ago with one of the largest outright gifts ever made to the Truman State University Foundation. The $10,000 Walker and Doris Allen Fellowships recognize outstanding faculty members who have greatly contributed to the success of the University and its students.

Blodgett and Woodcox to Lead 2004 Faculty/Staff Campaign

All faculty and staff will receive information this week about supporting the Truman State University Foundation through the 2004 Faculty/Staff Campaign. The campaign is led by Bev Blodgett, benefits coordinator, and Cole Woodcox, professor of English.

Each year private gifts from faculty and staff help fund a wide variety of academic scholarships, study abroad, faculty development and research, additional support for each of the academic divisions, and cultural programs like the Kohlenberg Lyceum Series. In addition, gifts from faculty and staff fund a variety of athletic programs.

For more information, contact one of the co-chairs or call Becky Pike in the Advancement Office at 785.4688. Watch the Truman Today for campaign updates or go to http://isupport.truman.edu.
Faculty Midterm Grade Submission via Banner Web Begins Feb. 25

This week will mark a major milestone in the Banner Project Implementation as faculty members enter grades via Banner Web for the first time. All grades will now be entered directly by the faculty; grade sheets will no longer be distributed or collected by the Registrar's Office.

Midterm grade submission will begin Feb. 25, and will continue through the midterm grade deadline at noon March 5. Midterm grades for all 100-200 level courses must be submitted by noon March 5. Because of the access now available through Banner Web, faculty may also choose to submit midterm grades for 300+ level and graduate courses.

Grade submission instructions will be distributed to all faculty via e-mail and campus mail on Feb. 23. A Web-based tutorial will also be available for faculty to review at their convenience. In addition, an open lab will be available in McClain Hall 215 from 1-5 p.m. March 3, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. March 4, and from 8 a.m.-noon March 5. Assistance during these open lab sessions will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

All faculty are strongly encouraged to log in to Campus Pipeline at http://pipeline.truman.edu and Banner Web before the grade deadline to ensure that their log in and accesses are functioning properly. Detailed log in instructions are available at http://registrar.truman.edu. Faculty who need assistance accessing their accounts should contact the ITS Help Desk in McClain Hall 112, 785.4544.

Students will be able to view their midterm grades via Banner Web beginning at 5 p.m. March 5.

Booth to Deliver 13th Annual Barbara Early-Vreeland Lecture

The thirteenth annual Barbara Early-Vreeland Lecture will be “Activism Through Literature: Arguing Women’s Rights in the Middle East,” by Marilyn Booth. It will begin at 8 p.m., Feb. 26, in the Student Union Building Alumni Room.

Booth currently teaches in the Program in Comparative and World Literature, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard-Radcliffe, a doctoral degree from Oxford University, and she has studied Arabic language at the American University of Cairo, Egypt. Booth is the recipient of many awards and fellowships, including Fulbright, Marshall, NEH and Phi Beta Kappa. She has published widely on women writers in Arabic, and also has many translations to her credit. Her translation of Samaya Ramadan, Leaves of Narcissus, won the Naguib Mahfouz Prize. This was her third time to win.

The Barbara Early-Vreeland Lecture, established by Joseph Vreeland in memory of his wife who graduated from the University in 1973, gives the Truman community the opportunity to hear public lectures by scholars of international reputation.

Faculty and students are also invited to an informal seminar from 10-11:30 a.m., Feb. 27, in Baldwin Hall 348. For more information, contact David Robinson at 785.4321.

Scholarship of Assessment Grants Due March 1

Applications for the 2004 Scholarship of Assessment Grants are due to division offices March 1.

Faculty and staff may submit proposals in any number of areas, including improving curriculum structure, developing and refining student learning outcomes in the disciplines, improving retention and graduation rates, enhancing student success, enhancing student assessment motivation and improving current assessment tools.

Go to http://www.truman.edu/pages/162.asp for details and the application.
Notables

Sal Costa, assistant professor of psychology, presented at an internship workshop Feb. 11-12 at Washington University in St. Louis. Costa discussed the benefits of an internship experience and how to promote positive marketing of the internship program.


Elaine McDuff, assistant professor of sociology, has had her paper “Clergy-Congregation Mismatches” accepted for publication in the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion. It is scheduled to appear in the June 2004 issue, volume 43, number 2.

Division of Fine Arts Presents Historical Concert Representing Life of Jenny Lind

The Division of Fine Arts presents “The Swedish Nightingale Tours America,” a historical interpretation-concert of Swedish Soprano Jenny Lind. The concert features soprano Carol Mathieson, professor of music at Culver-Stockton College, and pianist Leonora Suppan-Gehrich.

In 1850 Lind toured North America under the management of P.T. Barnum and “Lindomania” swept the country from Boston to St. Louis. In this interpretation, Mathieson represents Lind in 1870 as she reminisces about her American experiences and recreates the music that made the Swedish Nightingale a household word, affecting the entire course of American cultural life.

The performance will be at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 24, in Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. Admission is free. For more information, contact Phyllis Robertson at 785.4417.

National Art Competition Exhibit Opens March 1

The University Art Gallery at Truman State University will be displaying “The 14th Annual National Art Competition,” an exhibit of artists from all over the United States selected by juror Jeff Fleming. The show begins with a public reception at 6 p.m. March 1 and will be open through April 9.

More than 200 artists from around the country submitted work for this competition. Fleming then made his selections for the show from slides, and will choose the cash award winners from the actual works. Due to the wide range of artists entering works, there will be a diverse range of interest and media. The artwork selected came from as far away as New York and California. Five of the selected pieces also came from Missouri artists.

Gallery exhibits, talks and most other events are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, and noon-4:30 p.m. Saturday.

University Art Gallery programs are presented by the Division of Fine Arts, and include national, regional and student and faculty exhibits. Financial assistance for this project has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

Students to Receive Registration Information in Truman E-mail Accounts

Students should check their Truman e-mail because important Web registration information, including their registration date, will be distributed to them via their e-mail account during the first week of March. The message line will be “Summer and Fall Registration Info.”

If students are currently forwarding your e-mail to another e-mail account, they need to be sure that it is set up properly and that they are receiving and reading their Truman e-mail.

Midterm grades for all 100-200 level courses will be available via Banner Web for students beginning at 5 p.m. March 5
Interested in teaching English in China for fall 2004 or spring 2005? Then attend an informational meeting at 7 p.m., Feb. 24, in VH 2351. For more information, contact Timothy Farley at 785.4520 or at tfarley@truman.edu.

SAB is sponsoring a Coffeehouse performance by singer/songwriters Kristen Diable and Jonathan Keyes at 7 p.m., Feb. 24, in the SUB Activities Room. This event is free and refreshments will be provided. Call the SAB Office at 785.4722 for more information.

The Sociology Club is presenting the movie “Brothers and Others” at 7 p.m., Feb. 24, in the BH Little Theatre. The movie discusses the impact of Sept. 11 on Arab Americans. The Weekly Lunch Series for Truman faculty, teaching staff and GTRAs continues with an informal conversation with Agha Ashraf Ali from 12:30-1:15 p.m., Feb. 25, in the SUB Spanish Room. Ashraf has spent his career in education in India, recently retiring as commissioner of education for Kashmir. Contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 785.4477 for more information.

Eklesia-Church of Christ is holding a special series of Thursday devotions hosted by college students. The devotional this week begins at 7 p.m., Feb. 26, at 715 N. Franklin. It will be hosted by Greg Hudson. For more information, contact Barry Poyner at 785.4063.

The University Wind Symphony will perform at 8 p.m., Feb. 25, in the OP Performance Hall. Call Dan Peterson at 785.4436 for more information.

The American Association of University Professors will meet at 9 a.m., Feb. 26, at the University Club (516 E. Patterson). For more information, e-mail Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu.

The Readers’ Roundtable will present a dramatic interpretation from Spoon River Anthology, by Edgar Lee Masters, at 7 p.m., Feb. 26, in the SUB Down Under. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Barry Poyner at 785.4063.

Weather permitting, the University Observatory will be open to the public from 8:30-10:30 p.m. Feb. 26. Contact the Social Science Division Office at 785.4597, Michael Adams at 785.4088 or go to http://observatory.truman.edu for more information.

SAB will be showing the movie “Radio” at 6:30 and 9 p.m., Feb. 27, and 3 p.m., Feb. 28, in VH 1000. All movies are free to students with a student ID. Guests without student IDs will be admitted five minutes before the movie begins. Contact SAB at 785.4722 for more information.

Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting, finance and information systems organization on campus, will be conducting Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sessions from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 28, March 20 and March 27, in Violette Hall. For more information, contact Ayanna Bradley at 627.3869 or Lori Turner at 785.4369.

Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m., Feb. 29, in the Ryle Hall Main Lounge. The cost is $4 and includes meal and drink. Call Tiffany Marchbanks at 665.9985 for more information.

If you are planning to change your major or request a new adviser, you should submit a change of major/adviser form to your division office by March 1 to ensure that these changes are made prior to registration for summer and fall 2004 courses.

The Society of Professional Journalists is bringing Mike McGraw, a special projects reporter for the Kansas City Star, to speak at 6:30 p.m., March 1, in BH 314. McGraw, a Pulitzer Prize winning reporter, will speak about Freedom of Information Issues and his work as a journalist. For more information, call Christina Collison at 665.0101.

Student Senate is sponsoring a Campuswide Technology Open Forum at 7 p.m., March 2, in the Ryle Hall Main Lounge. This forum is to allow faculty, staff and students discuss the current technology situations on campus. This event is free and free food will be provided. Contact Ebube Nwazota at 349.9131 for more information.

The University Concert Band will perform at 8 p.m., March 3, in the OP Performance Hall. Call Dan Peterson at 785.4436 for more information.

Graduation applications for undergraduate students who want to graduate in August 2004 are due by March 5 in the Registrar’s Office. Applications for December 2004 graduation are due by April 23. Applications and degree worksheets are available at http://registrar.truman.edu.

Applications for the fall 2004 FAC and ICA funding period are now available in the Funds Allotment Council Office or the Center for Student Involvement. Applications are due at 5 p.m., March 17, in the CSI. For more information, call the FAC Office at 785.7674.

University event information can also be found on the University’s cable channel 36. If you would like to submit a University event for this channel, please e-mail heidi@truman.edu.