

# Truman *today*

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## Step it up for Career Expo



### An Evening with Expo Experts

4-7 p.m.  
Feb. 15

Student Union Building  
Georgian Room

Learn the perfect handshake approach, get a free hair cut and stop by the tie-tying station. Appetizers and drinks will be served. Cost is \$4 and must be paid by 12 p.m. Feb. 12.

### Networking Brunch

9:30-10:45 a.m.  
Feb. 24

Student Union Building  
Down Under

Network with potential employers while enjoying a complimentary brunch co-sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi and the Career Center.

Spring 2010 Career Expo  
11 a.m.-4 p.m. ♦ Feb. 24

Student Union Building  
Register for the  
Career Expo events at  
<http://career.truman.edu>.

## Big Read Includes Exhibition of War Artifacts

As part of The Big Read activities and events, a group of Truman art history students volunteered to interview local Kirksville Vietnam War veterans concerning their experiences.

These volunteers also collected mementos from the veterans and have curated an exhibition of artifacts and photos. The exhibit, "The Things They Carried: Mementos from Kirksville Vietnam War Veterans," will be on display in the Kirksville Arts Center through Feb. 26.

The opening reception for the Vietnam War exhibition will take place at the Kirksville Arts Center at 6 p.m. Feb. 8 at 117 S. Franklin St.

The event is free and open to the public.

Contact the Kirksville Arts Center at 665.0500 or at <http://www.kirksvillearts.com/newsite/> for hours.

Kirksville's Big Read was made possible by a grant awarded to a group of local citizens, including members of the Truman community. The Big Read is an initiative of

the National Endowment for the Arts and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Its aim is to give communities across the country the opportunity to read and discuss a selected work from American or world literature.

Kirksville's Big Read will focus on "The Things They Carried," a book by Tim O'Brien that discusses the lives of American soldiers during the Vietnam War.

For more information on Kirksville's Big Read, visit <http://bigread.truman.edu>.

## CourseCast Now Allows Lectures on Demand

A new Blackboard feature, Panopto CourseCast, allows professors to replay difficult material, as well as post and share a brief lecture or commentary before class. CourseCast also allows students to catch up on class lecture and discussion missed due to illness or activities.

Using this technology, instructors can capture their voice, the teaching station computer screen and even video of themselves talking, teaching and demonstrating. All this is packaged in a web-friendly

format via links in Blackboard.

Students can review the content on their own time to better understand concepts, take better notes, learn new processes or make up absences.

Instructors and students alike have reported positive experiences after trial uses of course capture technologies.

Panopto's CourseCast was recently selected as Truman's solution for long-term course capture and re-delivery. Available now in the C-Level Smart Classrooms, course, lesson, tutorial or speech capture

is possible on any computer with a webcam or microphone. Instructors can record material in classrooms, offices or even on-the-road situations with little preliminary set-up.

For a complete introduction to this technology, go online to <http://ids.truman.edu/coursecast> or contact the Instructional Design team via the IT Services Help Desk at 785.4544 or on the web at <http://hdo.collegis.com/truman/>.

Those interested can submit a case requesting a consult for Panopto CourseCast.

## SAVE HAITI RELIEF WEEK

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 2 McClain Hall Feb. 3-5 Student Union Building

This collaborative relief effort has representatives from at least seven student organizations collecting donations to help the earthquake victims in Haiti.

## PHI SIGMA PI RUSH WEEK STARTS FEB. 8

The Beta Chapter of Phi Sigma Pi will be hosting spring rush week starting Feb. 8.

Phi Sigma Pi is a national co-ed honor fraternity founded upon the principles of scholarship, leadership and fellowship.

Those eligible to rush are students that have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and one completed semester at Truman, but no more than five semesters.

Information sessions at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room A, kick off rush week.

Scholarship night is at 7 p.m. Feb. 9 in the Student Union Building Georgian Room B. Leadership night is 7 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Student Union Building Down Under. Feb. 11-13 events are by invite only.

For more information, visit <http://psp-beta.truman.edu>, or e-mail [kee1757@truman.edu](mailto:kee1757@truman.edu).

### A More Perfect Union: The Struggle for Civil Rights for All

Students, faculty and staff are needed to volunteer to read speeches from historic civil rights authors. Speeches can be selected from an already established list or can be submitted for approval prior to the event. However, all speeches are to be from historic civil rights authors and not the original work of the reader.

2:30 p.m. ♦ Feb. 17  
Pickler Memorial  
Library Gallery

E-mail [ecase@truman.edu](mailto:ecase@truman.edu) if interested.



## Scholarship Priority of Campaign Tops \$10 Million

Donors to Truman's "Bright Minds Bright Futures" campaign have now committed more than \$10 million in current and future gifts toward student scholarships, according to Mark Gambaiana, Vice President for University Advancement.

As of Jan. 31, 2010, a total of \$10,005,606 in gift commitments have been designated for scholarship programs. This total includes \$4,103,018 in cash and pledges, and \$5,902,588 in future gifts through the estate plans of donors.

Overall, the campaign has generated \$19.44 million toward its goal of \$30 million. In October, Truman publicly announced the effort and a total of 11 regional kickoff events are slated for 2010 as the University seeks contributions from all constituencies.

The popularity of scholarships is important for a multitude of reasons, said Gambaiana, especially since many Truman families have been impacted by the recession and the sluggish economic recovery.

A total of 70 new scholarship funds have been created during the campaign, boosting the overall number of named Foundation scholarships to 376.

Over the past four years, the Truman State University Foundation has awarded \$2.1 million in scholarships to 2,221 students. Foundation scholarships can be need and merit based, and may also include other donor-designated criteria, such as area of study, geographic region, involvement in extra-curricular activities and leadership potential.

## Faculty Research Conference Aims to Share Projects with Colleagues

The Faculty Research Conference will take place from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Student Union Building.

The idea for the Faculty Research Conference came out of conversations during the 2008-09 school year about supporting faculty scholarship and sharing it with colleagues.

The call for papers asked for presentations that communicate to a non-specialist audience why individual faculty studies are fascinating.

This is the second conference this academic year, due to numerous submissions, representing a range of disciplines.

Each presentation will be 20 minutes in length with 10 minutes for discussion and questions.

Those faculty members planning to attend are asked to RSVP at <http://www.doodle.com/zfy7vq65nkpwqsg4>. Box lunches are provided for those who RSVP by Feb. 5.

Presenting faculty members include:

### February Golden Leadership Award

Nominate student leaders for the month of February.

Pick up nomination forms in the Center for Student Involvement in the Student Union Building or online at <http://csi.truman.edu/gla/form.php>.

Nomination deadline is **5 p.m. Feb. 10.**

Scott Alberts ("Cognitive Distortions in the Mathematics Classroom"); Christopher Maglio ("I DON'T WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL: Anxiety and Anxiety-Related Disorders in Children"); Chad Mohler ("If You Can't Trust Your Friends...: What to Believe When Your Peers Disagree with You"); Peter Rolnick ("Do Mass Populations Behave Like a Mass on a Spring?"); Wynne Wilbur ("Ceramics: Conceptual Basis and Process in Utilitarian Work"); Cole Woodcox ("Architectural Style of the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, Missouri in Social and Historical Context"); Pam Ryan and Tony Weisstein ("Distinguishing Evolutionary Mechanisms with Tajima's D Statistic"); and Daniel Mandell ("The American Revolution and Economic Regulation").

Jason Miller will lead a roundtable discussion on support for faculty research to close the conference.

### Upward Bound Summer Employment at Truman

Upward Bound summer employment application reviews begin this week. Completed packets include application, résumé, transcripts and recommendations. For questions go online to <http://ub.truman.edu> or call Donna at 785.4244.

## NOTABLES

**Warren Gooch, professor of music**, had three choral works accepted for publication recently. "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise," "Were You There?" and "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" will be published by Alliance Publications, Inc.

**Maria Nagan, associate professor of chemistry**, was selected to serve a three-year term on the National Science Foundation's Teragrid Resource Allocation Committee. The committee is responsible for granting supercomputer time for the nation's supercomputing centers. Last year, the committee allocated more than 1.2 billion cpu hours.

**Truman's Student Chapter of the American Chemical Society (ACS)** was recently declared a winner in the national 2009 ACS "I am proud to be a chemist" Presidential Challenge. The chapter submitted a video on YouTube entitled

"P-R-O-U-D to be a Chemist" featuring Truman chemistry students and faculty performing a rap about chemistry. The video was written and directed by sophomore chemistry majors Amanda Krus and Jenny Zweifel with help from the rest of the chapter. The chapter received a \$1,500 prize and will be honored at the Spring 2010 National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Francisco where their video will be shown during the awards ceremony. While there, the students will also receive awards for Outstanding Chapter and Green Chemistry Chapter for 2008-09.

**John Richard Freese, a graduate music composition student**, had an original composition accepted for performance at the 2010 University of Nebraska-Kearney New Music Festival IX. Richard's guitar composition, "Scattered Memories," will be performed as part of the two-day festival Feb. 15-16.

Apply today to be a  
**STUDENT  
AMBASSADOR**

*"Giving Prospective  
Students Perspective"*

Applications are  
now available in the  
Admissions Office  
or online at [http://  
admissions.truman.edu/  
ambassadors.asp](http://admissions.truman.edu/ambassadors.asp).

**Due: 5 p.m. Feb. 5**

Interviews: Feb. 9-19

Contact Alana at  
[alanaw@truman.edu](mailto:alanaw@truman.edu) for  
more information.

## Psychology Research Accepted for Regional Conference

Nearly 30 Truman undergraduates and seven faculty of the Psychology department have had their research accepted for presentation at the 2010 annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA) in Chicago this April.

### The following will be presented during the Psi Chi poster sessions of MPA:

Students	Research	Mentor
Jordan Constance & Paul Witte	Personality, Mood, and Life Events	Jeffrey Vittengl
Matthew Carlson & Sara Uhlenbrock	The Testing Effect and Transfer Appropriate Processing	Karen Smith
Anh Nguyen, Leah Kern, Lathe Mayfield, Dwuana Bradley & Lu Lu	The Humor Effect and Mood Congruence	Karen Smith
Tracy Mulderig & Yajie Yu	Odor as Mental Cues: Product Branding	Mark Hatala
Elizabeth Necka, Melinda Gross, Michaela Hoffman & Kristine Kastenbaum	Friends and Lovers - How Relationships Affect Subjective Wellbeing	Michele Breault
Elizabeth Necka, David Carrell, Frankie Bruning & Joy Bulen	Eliminating the Attentional Blink Through Effective Cuing*	Robert Tigner
Nick Jacobson, Sam Kramer & Amanda Tharp	Ace your next test: The effect of post-hypnotic suggestion on academic performance	Sal Costa
Jennifer LaChapell	Personality's Relationship with Involvement Among Students and Faculty	Teresa Heckert

\*Project was awarded a Regional Research Award by Psi Chi

### The following will be presented during the regular sessions of MPA:

Students	Research	Mentor
Tracy Muldering, Jennifer Schwend & Jennifer LaChapell	Job Burnout among Educators at Various Levels	Teresa Heckert
Jennifer LaChapell, Kyle Vanlttersum, Valerie Moody, Katherine Judd, Amelia Bobzien, Jennifer Schmidt, Taelor Cash & Tracy Muldering	Number of Response Options, Scale Length, and Score Reliability	Teresa Heckert

### Research to be presented during the Society for the Teaching of Psychology Program at MPA:

Students	Research	Mentor
Amelia Bobzien & Katherine Judd	Comparing Service Learning to Traditional Experience Learning: Is Service to the Community Really Necessary?	Teresa Heckert

## TruScholars Summer Undergraduate Research Program

Apply to be one of 25 full-time student researchers during the eight-week summer term and receive a \$3,000 stipend.

Application deadline is **5 p.m. Feb. 12**. For more information, visit <http://osr.truman.edu/truscholars/>, e-mail [osr@truman.edu](mailto:osr@truman.edu) or call 785. 4455.

# Visiting Scholar to Share Chinese Culture

Qiyu Bi of China is Truman's newest visiting scholar. Bi arrived in Kirksville Jan. 18 and will be giving public talks and presentations on topics such as the status of English education in China today and family life. Bi is an English teacher at the Wuhan University of Technology in Hubei, China.

A public reception in honor of Bi will take place at 2 p.m. Feb. 3 in McClain Hall 213. All are welcome to attend.

Wuhan University is allowing her to stay at Truman for up to six months and Bi plans to stay through the end of the semester.

## NOTES

**Show your Truman Spirit by participating in Purple Fridays.** Wear purple or Truman apparel every Friday. Truman Spirits shirts are still available in the Public Relations Office, McClain 101, for \$5. Small and medium sizes only.

**Alpha Phi Omega will be hosting a rush bake sale** from 10 a.m.-3p.m. Feb. 3-5 in McClain, Magruder and Violette halls. Puppy chow, brownies and cookies will be available for 50 cents.

**The Weekly Lunch Series continues** at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 3 in the Student Union Building Spanish Room. This week's presentation is titled "Threatening Situations and Emotional Struggles," by Brian Krylowicz, director of University Counseling Services.

**The Department of Classical and Modern Languages will sponsor** "Five Things You Didn't Know about Kleopatra" at 7 p.m. Feb. 4 in Magruder Hall 2001. The presenter is Duane W. Roller, professor emeritus of Greek and Latin at the Ohio State University. Roller also is the author of several books, including a biography on Kleopatra.

Bi said she wants to share with Truman students and faculty, insights into what is happening in China today. She also is interested in using Chinese folksongs to explain Chinese culture.

This is Bi's first trip to America, and she admits that most of her perceptions about Americans have been picked up from television shows and movies. Since her arrival, Bi has sat in on classes and explored the campus and Kirksville. Bi said she was most impressed by the positive attitudes of Truman students and their respectful, captivated natures in the classroom setting.

**The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) will meet** at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at the University Club House, located at 516 E. Patterson. Contact Marc Becker at marc@truman.edu or call 785.6036 for more information.

**The Board of Governors will meet** at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 6 in the Student Union Building Conference Room. For more information, visit <http://governors.truman.edu/>.

**Faculty and staff are invited to a Microsoft Access 2007 Presentation** from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Kirksville TCRC, 315 S. Franklin. This one-day course teaches the basic functions and features of Access; how to design and create databases; how to work with tables, fields and records; and how to sort and filter data and create queries, forms and reports. This course is offered to faculty and staff for a reduced rate of \$52 by the TCRC. For more information, call 785.2530 or e-mail kvtrc@missouri.edu.

**A Peace Corps Presentation will take place** at 6 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. Those interested in opportunities with the Peace Corps can stop by. For more information, visit <http://career.truman.edu>.

## BLOOD DRIVE

10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Feb. 3-4  
Student Union Building  
Hosted by Cardinal Key  
and Blue Key

## Educator of the Year Nominations

Nominate a professor today for Truman's annual Educator of the Year Award at <http://senate.truman.edu/eoy>.

**Nominations are due Feb. 7.**

## Leadership Recognition Program 2010

Sponsored by the Center for Student Involvement.

Students, faculty and staff can nominate exceptional student leaders, advisers, organizations and events on campus today.

Nomination forms are due by **5 p.m. March 17** in the CSI Office located in the lower level of the Student Union Building.

Contact the CSI at 785.4222 or [csilrp@truman.edu](mailto:csilrp@truman.edu) for more information.



### Resource to know...

Social Explorer provides easy access to demographic information about the United States, from 1790 to present. There are customized maps for all sorts of topics; for example, census maps, maps of where Haitians are living in the United States, maps for carbon emissions and maps for where people of certain religions live in the United States. Visit <http://www.socialexplorer.com> for more information.

## Student Research Conference

Submit abstracts online at <http://src.truman.edu> by **5 p.m. Feb. 12.**

The 2010 Student Research Conference is April 13. For more information, contact the Office of Student Research at [osr@truman.edu](mailto:osr@truman.edu) or 785.4455.

## Truman's Mathematical Biology Program

is currently accepting student applications for Summer 2010 (May 24 - July 30).

A \$3,500 stipend plus room and board for the 10-week period are included.

For more information, e-mail [pjryan@truman.edu](mailto:pjryan@truman.edu) or stop by Violette Hall 2154. Application materials are available on the U drive at U\_MT Student File Area\mathbio\mathbio2010app.docx.

**The deadline for applications is Feb. 12.**