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Sustainable agriculture practices, access to food and healthful eating focus of fall lecture series

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Exploring the way people choose to eat and its impact on the environment, their health and community is the focus of weekly seminars beginning Wednesday, Sept. 12, on the campus of Western Michigan University.

"Food for All: Sustainable Practices, Community Access and Nutrition" is the topic of the speaker series exploring sustainable agriculture practices, access to food and healthful eating. WMU faculty and community members will cover a broad range of topics including the influence of politics on food, intersections of social justice and food access, local food system initiatives and more.

Lyceum lectures are held from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays through Dec. 5 in the Lee Honors College lounge, unless noted.

Sponsored by the Lee Honors College, lectures are free and open to students, staff, faculty and the general public. Lunch is not provided, but the audience is welcome to bring brown bag lunches to the seminars. Co-sponsors include the University Center for the Humanities, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, and WMU Office for Sustainability.

Past Lyceum lectures can be viewed online. Video is not available for all lectures.

For more information, call (269) 387-3230 or email Gary Bischof, dean.

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

- **Canceled. Sept. 5:** "Nutrition That Really Works: A Quantum Approach from a Doctor of Natural Medicine," Dr. LeAnn Fritz, New Hope Health
- **Sept. 12:** "What is Sustainable Brewing?" Dr. Steven Bertman, WMU professor of environment and sustainability, WMU Institute of the Environment and Sustainability
- **Sept. 19:** "How Did Meat Become a Global Food?" Dr. Wilson Warren, WMU chair and professor of history
- **Sept. 25:** 6:30 p.m., keynote presentation at Chenery Auditorium, "Unsavory Truth: How Food Companies Skew the Science of What We Eat," Dr. Marion Nestle, Paulette Goddard professor, Department of Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health and
A veteran researcher known for being the first to study real-world topics that later became front and center in national policy discussions will be honored by Western Michigan University as a distinguished scholar.

**Dr. Susan Pozo**, professor of economics, will receive the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award during WMU's Fall Convocation activities at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, in the Bernhard Center.

The event will feature WMU President Edward Montgomery's State of the University address as well as the presentation of four other sets of annual campuswide awards: the Emerging Scholar, Distinguished Teaching, Distinguished Service and Annual Make a Difference awards. It is part of daylong convocation activities that start at 8:30 a.m.
Established in 1978, the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award is the highest annual honor WMU bestows on faculty members. The award program recognizes those whose work constitutes a significant body of achievement, largely while a faculty member at WMU, that is widely recognized within the national and international academic communities.

POZO'S RESEARCH

Dr. Susan Pozo

Pozo is a professor of economics and directs WMU's global and international studies program. A faculty member since 1982, she is a prominent and prolific researcher who is internationally recognized and highly respected in policy as well as academic circles.

She focuses her research on a variety of topics, including immigration policy, refugees, undocumented migration, returns to international human capital, empirical distribution of foreign exchange rates and measures of exchange risk, and underground financial and economic activity.

Pozo's research portfolio includes 61 refereed journal articles, 11 book chapters, four edited books and one sole-authored book.

"She publishes in the top journals of our profession, and her published research is cited extensively by other researchers," a WMU colleague nominating her wrote. "This is remarkable evidence of the broad respect for the quality of her research and the contribution of her research to important societal issues."

Many nominators credited Pozo for the relevance of her research and being the first person to study topics such as remittances (monetary transfers between immigrants and the family left behind) and the consequences of immigration enforcement and immigration policies, topics that now are continually discussed in development policy circles and journals.
"Susan Pozo is an incredibly passionate and productive researcher whose body of work has shed light on real-world issues that affect our communities every day," a University of Arizona nominator wrote. "With solid data and methodology, she has been relentless in posing questions and pursuing answers that affect the most vulnerable among us."

**ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Pozo serves as referee for numerous prestigious journals, reviews grant applications for several government agencies and is invited to present her research at premiere conferences. She is president of the American Society of Hispanic Economists and since 2014, has been a research fellow of the Institute for the Study of Labor in Bonn, Germany. While at WMU, she also has served stints as a Fulbright Research Scholar in Montevideo, Uruguay, as well as a visiting fellow at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom, a visiting researcher at the University of Salamanca in Spain and a visiting scholar at the University of Montevideo.

A common theme in the award nominations Pozo received is her willingness to conduct research in a collaborative way and to actively mentor young researchers, often teaming with them on important studies and articles.

"A final and long-lasting aspect of Susan's academic work is her contribution to the formation of a new generation of academic economists working on migration," wrote one nominator she mentored who now works at the University of Oxford. "My experience having her as a dissertation advisor at WMU was excellent, and I have heard similar feedback from other former students. The formation of these economists amplifies substantially the reach and recognition of WMU at an international level."

Pozo earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Barnard College of Columbia University in 1976 and a doctoral degree in economics from Michigan State University in 1980.

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**Humanities talks explore 'Truth'**

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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—The pursuit of truth in a time of widespread cynicism and doubt about the very idea of truth will be explored during the University Center for the Humanities 2018-19 speaker series "Truth."

Seven scholars from across the nation will come to the Western Michigan University campus to discuss this central theme of the humanities. The series begins with two talks **Tuesday, Sept. 25**, and others to follow through spring semester.
Khalid el-Hakim, curator of the Black History 101 Mobile Museum, opens the series at 3:30 p.m. in 2008 Richmond Center on the WMU campus with a presentation titled, "The Truth Hurts: Black History, Honesty, and Healing the Racial Divide." His talk will center on the development of the Black History 101 Mobile Museum with a focus on the current exhibit "'68: How Far Have We Come?" Using original artifacts from the exhibit, he will make present-day connections with the past by inviting the audience to engage in an honest dialogue about the impact of racism and the struggle for social justice in America.

That evening, Dr. Marion Nestle of New York University reveals how the food industry manipulates nutrition science and suggests what can be done about it. Nestle, Paulette Goddard professor, Department of Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health; and professor of sociology, will speak at 6:30 p.m. in Chenery Auditorium, 714 S. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, on "Unsavory Truth: How Food Companies Skew the Science of What We Eat."

UPCOMING TALKS

All events in the series “Truth” are free and open to the public. For events on campus, free parking is available in Parking Structure 2, adjacent to Miller Auditorium.

- **Sept. 28:** Angela Davis, visiting scholar, Kalamazoo College, 2 p.m., WMU Dalton Center Recital Hall, "Art and Activism: On the Inside Out."
- **Oct. 30:** Nikole Hannah-Jones, author and investigative journalist, 6 p.m., Miller Auditorium, "Race And Education In America."
- **Nov. 8:** Dr. Lara Blanchard, Lace Professor of East Asian Art. Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 6:30 p.m., Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 S. Park St, Kalamazoo, "Women Envisioning Women in Contemporary China: Subjectivity, Objectification, and the Problem of Authenticity in Art."
- **Feb. 21:** Mark Nepo, poet, author and philosopher, 7 p.m., 2452 Knauss Hall on the WMU campus, "More Together Than Alone: The Power and Spirit of Community."
- **March 28:** Kevin Young, director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and poetry editor for New Yorker, 7 p.m., 2452 Knauss Hall on the WMU campus, "Bunk: The Rise of Hoaxes, Humbug, Plagiarists, Phonies, Post-Facts, and Fake News."

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WATCH THE FALL 2018 STATE OF GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT ADDRESS

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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—WMU students, staff and faculty are encouraged to watch the Fall 2018 State of Global Engagement Address by Dr. Paulo Zagalo-Melo, associate
provost of the Haenicke Institute for Global Education. The address focused on international enrollment trends at WMU and updates on initiatives toward internationalization of the curriculum. Watch the address.

WMU offers new ways for students to get passports

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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Students at Western Michigan University are having an easier time getting passports, particularly if cost has been a barrier in the past.

This fall, the University began awarding a $110 passport scholarship to all students who commit to participating in a study abroad program. Additionally, its Study Abroad office has been selected to host a Council on International Education Exchange Passport Caravan Friday, Sept. 21.

During the caravan's stop, which is being co-hosted by Kalamazoo College, free passports will be processed for 100 underrepresented WMU students and 75 underrepresented K-College students.

WMU's caravan partnership and new scholarship complement the opening of an on-campus Passport Acceptance Facility in 2016, which made the University only the second higher education institution in Michigan to have such a facility. Members of the campus community as well as the public who are planning international travel may apply for their passports at the site and have the necessary photos taken there.

"We would like to see all students have a passport when they graduate. For many students, though, the cost and hassle of getting a passport can stand in the way," says Paulo Zagalo-Melo,
associate provost of the Haenicke Institute for Global Education, which operates the facility. "Working to put passports in the hands of more students is part of our commitment to being a learner centered, discovery driven and globally engaged University."

WMU AND PASSPORT COSTS

A U.S. adult passport costs $110, as defined by the U.S. Department of State, and WMU’s Passport Acceptance facility charges a $35 processing fee and variable photo fees. However, the University already waives its charges for WMU students, faculty and staff, and now its Study Abroad office is offsetting the passport cost by awarding the $110 scholarship. In addition, although intended to cover the cost of a passport, WMU students who already have this important document will still receive the scholarship.

In order to qualify for the award, students must be enrolled in a program that is a minimum of three credit hours and includes air travel. The scholarship funds appear on their student accounts after committing to a study abroad program that meets the eligibility requirements.

By June, WMU’s on-campus Passport Acceptance Facility had processed more than 700 passport applications for people on campus and in the wider community. It is located in the administrative offices of the Haenicke Institute for Global Education in Room 2425 Ellsworth Hall. More information about the passport facility is available online.

PASSPORT CARAVAN

CIEE Passport Caravans aim to provide 10,000 passports to students across the country in efforts to reduce financial barriers to studying abroad.

WMU’s partnership with the Council on International Education Exchange and its Passport Caravan program is one way the two organizations are aiding the Generation Study Abroad initiative launched by the Institute of International Education in 2014.
This initiative seeks to double the number of U.S. students participating in study abroad programs by 2020. Through its caravans, the council aims to provide 10,000 passports to students across the country while at the same time combating such barriers to studying abroad as financial need and lack of exposure to programs.

"Studies show that underrepresented student populations have a belief that study abroad is 'not for someone like me,'" says Lee Penyak, director of WMU Study Abroad. "They think that study abroad opportunities are only meant for traditional students from wealthy families. The Passport Caravan is one way to bust that myth, and show students that these opportunities are for everyone."

The caravan stopping at WMU will provide 100 free passports to underrepresented student populations in various student success programs at the University, including the Seita Scholars and the College Assistance Migrant programs. It also will have facilitators and passport agents on hand to answer questions and process applications.

As of this past May, the caravans had visited some 76 institutions and provided free passports to more than 5,900 students.

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Learn to compost with worms, fix a bike at Sustainability Celebration

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KALAMAZOO, Mich.—How to compost with worms and keep a bicycle in working order is just some of the information Western Michigan University will impart during its 2018 Sustainability Celebration from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27.
The annual event showcases efforts by WMU and its Office for Sustainability to guide and assist the campus community in fulfilling and growing its sustainability commitments and creating a culture of sustainability that improves the quality of life for all.

Free celebration parking will be available in Lot 76 behind the Office for Sustainability.

OPEN HOUSE

The celebration will begin with an open house from noon to 3 p.m. at the Office for Sustainability building, 2529 W. Michigan Ave. in Kalamazoo. The festive event will include live music; appetizers featuring locally grown food; a bike giveaway; and, for new WMU students, a free WMU-branded EcoJug water bottle.

Attendees will have a chance to learn about local as well as campus sustainability groups and engagement opportunities. They also may stop in at the office's Open Bike Shop to work on or learn more about their bicycle. The shop, normally open one day each week, is a place where anyone can repair their bikes with the guidance of student mechanics.

WORKSHOPS

The Sustainability Celebration will conclude with two free workshops that are open to all students and the public, although seating is limited:

- Bike Basics will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Participants will learn how to fit their bike to their body, how to change a flat tire, and basic brake and gear maintenance. They must bring their own bicycle to the workshop, but tools, bike stands and incidentals will be provided.
- Worm Composting for Beginners will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. Participants will learn how to build and maintain a worm bin for in-home composting as a means to reduce waste and create soil. All construction materials and tools will be provided, and participants will leave with their own worm bin.

To reserve a seat at one of the workshops, visit the celebration webpage. Those interested also may sign up during the Sustainability Celebration, but seating may be filled.

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2018 STUDY ABROAD FAIR OPEN FOR STUDENTS, PUBLIC
KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Western Michigan University's annual Study Abroad Fair will provide area students and the public with the information to make an overseas learning experience part of their college degree programs.

This free event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Sangren Hall, both outside the building on the pedestrian mall by the main entrance and in the building's first-floor atrium. Most WMU study abroad programs are available to both current students and non-WMU participants who are at least 18 years old and eligible to enroll as a guest student. Read more.