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Western Michigan University's Newsletter for Academic Affairs

Items of Academic Interest

College of Arts and Sciences

Correction: **Timothy McGrew** was incorrectly identified as the chair of Political Science. He is chair of Philosophy.

College of Aviation

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III title last week to qualify for the national championship next spring. The 15-member WMU team won the ground event title and came in second in the flight events to win the overall competition title at the Oct. 2-6 event held at Ohio University. Kent State University came in second, and Ohio State University took third. The regional win marks the 16th time in 17 years the Sky Broncos have won the regional title. The regional win qualifies the team for the May 4-10 national championship, which will be held at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn. WMU flight teams have placed among the top four in the nation for 16 consecutive

years. NIFA regional competitions pit schools against each other in five ground events and three flying events. Team points are earned by competitors who place in the top 10 in each of the events. A team first- or second-place finish at regional competition means the team qualifies for the national competition. A standout Sky Bronco performance was turned in by team co-captain **Benjamin R. Lauer**, a senior aviation flight science major from Alpena, Mich., who took "Top Pilot" honors and was the competition's highest-scoring male contestant. Lauer

shares team leadership responsibilities with **Jared Neterer**, an aviation flight science major from Mattawan, Mich. Another outstanding performance for the WMU team was turned in by **Jennifer Jakubiec**, a senior aviation flight science major from Commerce Township, Mich. She was named top-scoring female contestant for

the competition. The Sky Broncos are competing for the first time this year with the help of corporate sponsorship provided by L-3 Avionics Systems of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Haenicke Institute for Global Education

Advancing staff knowledge in the complexities of international graduate admissions was the focus of a two-day training session conducted by World Educational Services Oct. 3-4 at the Fetzer Center for 17 employees of the Diether H. Haenicke Institute for Global Education. WES Assistant Director Kevin Rolwing and Xiao Chen,

WES senior area specialist, facilitated the workshop titled, "Practical Skills in International Credential Evaluation." **Rebecca Solomon**, director of International Services and Student Affairs at the institute, said the training provided several staff who do not normally work in the admissions area with an in-depth introduction to evaluating international credentials. "The WES presentation gave a basic overview of the underlying philosophy of international credential evaluation for placement within U.S. higher education," Solomon said. "The presentation was followed by hands-on practice that reinforced how that philosophy is applied in individual cases. The material presented was beneficial to both newcomers and experienced credential evaluators alike." The workshop also gave the experienced professional international admissions staff an opportunity to review recent developments in strategic areas, such as Western Michigan University's new policy to allow departments to consider three-year degrees for admission to graduate programs. Regions highlighted were China, India, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Vietnam. "This training is part of a development plan for flexible staffing to allow the institute to respond to critical periods of high volume in processing international student applications," said **Brett Berquist**, executive director of International Programs of the Haenicke Institute. Study Abroad Coordinator **Gabriela Peschiera-Carl** said attending the training helped her better understand the challenging task of deciphering academic transcripts and other foreign documents used to make enrollment decisions for international students. "The most important outcome of the training, though, is the impact

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on international students applying to WMU,” said Peschiera-Carl. “Hopefully with this training we will be able to provide the best service we possibly can for international applicants.” Visit the Haenicke Institute online at: <http://international.wmich.edu>

Emeriti Council

Contributions to the Emeriti Council’s textbook scholarship effort have funded 14 \$500 scholarships for WMU sophomores, juniors and seniors from several of WMU’s colleges; these grants help fund books for both fall and spring semesters. The council will make a second appeal in November for contributions from those who have not given. Over the past three years, the second appeal has yielded funding for several additional \$250 scholarships covering the spring semester only. Michigan public school students and their parents have not paid for their school books for many years.

College of Education

Dr. Susan Piazza, assistant professor in the Department of Special Education and Literacy Studies, is supervising a tutoring program through the Dorothy McGinnis Reading Clinic for a community outreach program. The program run by Securing Children’s Opportunities, Possibilities, and Empowerment provides tutors for children from the Kalamazoo area who have a parent that is part of the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative. Children between the ages 6-15 who have an incarcerated (or previously incarcerated) parent are eligible to participate. WMU’s Reading Clinic is one of several community service providers for this project. Tutors have been selected from the capstone literacy class to work one-on-one with the children. Assisting Dr. Piazza is **Mr. Dwight Quinn**, WMU alumnus and teacher at Washington Writer’s Academy, who

also provides mentorship and is a role model to the tutors.

Over 100 Health, Physical Education and Recreation majors and minors gathered in the Read Fieldhouse for food, prizes, live music and networking with fellow students, faculty and student club representatives on Friday, Oct. 5. Dean **Gary Wegenke** welcomed new and returning students with a talk that emphasized the unique role that HPER professionals have in reaching young people and adults through sport and healthy living. Dr. Wegenke mentioned that he minored in physical education, seeing it as a useful compliment to his degree in mathematics. **Dr. Lee deLisle**, interim chair, emphasized to the students the need for involvement beyond the classroom in order to be adequately prepared for a competitive job market.



Health, Physical Education and Recreation

deLisle also complimented the students for choosing majors that “will not necessarily make you millionaires” but will provide a rewarding career of instructing and caring for others in the important areas of health, personal fitness and recreational opportunities. He stated that these important areas of contemporary living contribute greatly to the quality of life of an individual and a community and offer the potential for personal and professional satisfaction. deLisle also mentioned the development of a DVD entitled “Minds in Motion” that will be made available in order to reach the next generation of HPER students. The video features program information and testimonials from current students

regarding their experiences as HPER majors at Western.

Ms. Beth (Lightfoot) Blazejak, class of 1993 and teacher at Gray M. Sanborn Elementary School in Palatine, IL,



Ms. Blazejak’s 6th Grade Classroom.

participated in the school’s program to create an environment at the elementary level that highlights the importance of pursuing a college education. Each school adopted a university for their classroom and decorated the classroom with the colors, mascot, motto, etc. Beth adopted WMU and created an excited Bronco classroom after receiving a variety of items representing WMU. Students wrote letters to the College of Education Dean’s office expressing their appreciation for the items that were donated and for the encouragement. Beth states, “We believe that every one of our students deserves the opportunity to attend college and are dedicated to making sure that they have all of the skills necessary to do so. To this end, our hope is that this program will foster such an environment.”

College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

At last month’s Engineering Opportunity Day, the CEAS Parkview Campus Halls bustled with the energy of hundreds of students and recruiters – nearly 250 representatives from 75 companies – all in their best “duds.” According to event coordinator Tracey Moon, Assistant Director for Career and Student Employment Services (CSSES) and Career Advisor for the CEAS and the College of Aviation, it was the largest EOD in the

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event's history. EOD interviewing activities on the day following the event

hosted 25 companies who interviewed between four and 124 engineering students.

This year's event sponsor, Stryker Instruments, headquartered in Kalamazoo, serves professionals and patients in 120 countries.

Stryker also sponsored and presented a pre-fair workshop for students interested in Stryker and in tips about career fair etiquette. "Stryker contributes to WMU in so many ways," Moon said. Evaluations completed by a sample of 37 attending employers said they had talked to as many as 400 students. The sampled employers were impressed by the event's effective organization, by having more students than last year, and by the well-prepared students.

Moon, who has coordinated EOD for six years, credited the event's success to a CSES team that included event coordinators, Keith Hammis (peer

educator-aviation student) and Jennifer Messana (graduate assistant-MPA candidate). Other important contributing members of the EOD team include CEAS imaging student Jennifer Long (publicity assistant), Surangi Pradhan (on-campus interviewing coordinator), and Amanda Manley (assistant) and many student volunteers. "The EOD



Stryker Instruments, which sponsored last month's 2007 Engineering Opportunity Day, was located just inside the front door at the Parkview Campus. Stryker offers a variety of internships, co-ops, and full-time positions. The company offered a career fair preparation workshop prior to EOD. Stryker is a generous contributor to and supporter of WMU.

team and volunteers added energy to this year's fair," Moon said. This year's fair was the first to have a theme, and Moon recommends that future fairs have unique themes. CSES associate director Linda Ickes was credited for coming up with this year's "Hunting for a Job" theme, which generated positive feedback from faculty, staff, students, and employers who called it "catchy" and "appropriate."

CEAS recently offered Preview Day, an opportunity for prospective

students, their families, students who have not selected a major, and any one else to spend a day checking out engineering and technology programs and courses, student organizations, and the Parkview Campus facilities. **Larry Ahleman**, a master faculty specialist in the Department of Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Imaging, said the purpose of the event was "to recruit future stu-



Presenting an analysis of a trade journal in their 2007 summer LSAMP technical communication class are WMU freshmen (from left) Darius Phillips, a computer engineering student from Kalamazoo; Vincent Ramos, an undecided engineering student; and Alicia Teat, computer engineering student from Detroit.

dents, to help our current students find majors, and to provide parents of our future and current engineering students the opportunity to check out our programs." According to Ahleman, WMU has about 1500 students who have not

declared a major or who have not yet been accepted into a program that requires a pre-program, he said. "Preview Day allows them to check out what we have in engineering," he said. Administrators, faculty, and students offered 13 "quiz less" classrooms, 27 open labs, several displays, lunch conferences, and two outdoor presentations were avail-

able throughout the day. Open labs in aeronautical, civil and construction, computer, electrical, engineering management, imaging, industrial and manufacturing, and paper provided hands-on activities. Bigelow Hall resident advisor Mark Greene and **Mario Bateast**, an electrical and computer engineering student, shared information about Bigelow Hall. For the last two years, three floors of the dormitory have been reserved for engineering students and plans are in the works for a floor for women engineering students. Ahleman

credited WMU STEP Program Director **Kathleen Kallen**, industrial engineering senior **Ashley Bazanna**, and the members of Alpha Pi Mu (industrial engineering honors fraternity), Tau Beta Pi (engineering honors society), and the Institute of Industrial Engineers for volunteering their efforts to the project.

Last summer 12 students who are now freshmen at Michigan universities spent four weeks at WMU preparing for their first semester in college. The students were participating in the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation program (Michigan LSAMP), a pre-first-year program designed for incoming freshmen under-represented minorities enrolled in any of four alliance partner universities: University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, and Western Michigan University. The students stayed on campus and attended classes where they reviewed chemistry, physics, math, biology, communication, computer applications, and academic study skills. According to LSAMP Project Director **Dr. Raja Aravamuthan**, a professor in the Department of Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Imaging (PCI), the program welcomes students who are enrolled



Concrete floats! Civil engineering students (from left) Nick Francis, Joe Barbera, Matt Czachowski, and Mike Romkema offered attendees information on American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and enjoyed the concrete canoe built for last year's annual ASCE competition at this year's CEAS Preview Day.

as freshmen, whose ACT scores are between 18 and 24, and who are going into science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) programs. Eight of this summer's attendees are now WMU freshmen, and the others headed to either the University of Michigan or Wayne State University. Several WMU faculty members participated this summer including two from CEAS: PCI professor **Dr. Peter Parker** taught computer use in science and engineering, and master faculty specialist **Jerrie Fiala** from the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering (IME), taught technical communication. Michigan LSAMP is a five-year, \$5 million National Science Foundation program with half the funding coming from the participating universities. The alliance was formed in January 2006 by the four universities and based on a federal initiative that aims to attract and retain under-represented minorities to STEM majors. "We want to help all people who need help," Aravamuthan said. For more information, contact Aravamuthan at raja.aravamuthan@wmich.edu

University Libraries

University Libraries has been named a Michigan documents depository library by the Library of Michigan. "We are one of 11 libraries in the state receiving this designation after the state depository program was revamped this year," according to Professor Michael McDonnell, Head Government Documents and Maps. "We have both Federal and State Documents and thus are a valuable resource and research center in southwest Michigan." The Michigan Documents Depository Program, operated by the Library of Michigan, is the primary means of disseminating the state's information resources to its citizens. The new program will depend extensively on the Internet for access to Michigan publications as most state publications are now born digital. Digital documents, however, have a

tendency to disappear from the web over time. To insure that they remain available, the Library of Michigan captures them and preserves copies at the Online Computer Library Center's Digital Archive. The Library of Michigan creates cataloging records for these digital documents and the depository libraries will add them to their catalogs. In addition to the online documents, only the depository libraries will receive physical copies of core documents and documents not issued electronically. It is the responsibility of the depository libraries to make this material available to all citizens of Michigan by including it in their catalogs and allowing it to circulate through the Michigan eLibrary Catalog (MeLCat). While the new depository program concentrates on preserving digital documents, it also includes more emphasis on outreach, training and education. The efficiency of the Internet will allow the libraries to concentrate more on access and promotion of these valuable resources.

College of Fine Arts

Agus Ismoyo and Nia Fliam, batik artists from Indonesia, are recipients of a new Fulbright Scholars-in-Residence grant designed to bring international scholars to American universities. The grant was written by WMU art historian, **Mary-Louise Totton**, who researches ancient and contemporary Indonesian art. The two artists will teach batik classes to students in the Frostic School of Art, as well as conduct several workshops in the community. An exhibit of their work is scheduled for February in the Richmond Center for Visual Arts.



College of Health and Human Services

- **Dr. Ben Atchison and Dr. Diane Dirette** edited one of the top selling texts for **Occupational Therapy** titled, *Conditions in Occupational Therapy: Impact on Occupational Performance* by Lippencott, Williams & Wilkins (Atchison and Dirette. 2007). In addition, Dr. Atchison has been invited to the editorial board specifically reviewing conditions resource indices for the 11th edition of one of the leading texts in OT, *Willard and Spackmans* by Lippencott, Williams & Wilkins.
- **Dr. Maureen Mickus**, associate professor of occupational therapy, presented at the British Gerontology conference in Sheffield, England in September. The paper was titled "Voices from the Front: Direct Care Workers in Long Term Care."
- **The Carls Foundation of Detroit, Michigan** awarded \$62,000 to the **WMU Unified Clinics** and the **Van Riper Clinic** to assist with the prevention and treatment of hearing loss in young children in the Kalamazoo area. As one of the first clinics of its kind in the nation, the Van Riper Clinic has been serving Michigan residents since 1936.

Extended University Programs

The Community Partnership for Lifelong Learning and Western Michigan University have been chosen to present a local research project in Austin, Texas for a panel of educational experts at the National Reading Conference. The local project, "Transforming a Community through a Collaborative, Community-Initiated Adult Tutoring Program," is looking

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to become a representation for other educators to follow. Based in Benton Harbor, the partnership works to improve learning and work force competitiveness. The research will be presented on Nov. 28 by Sandra Johnson Austin, executive vice president for the partnership along with Kareemah El-Amin, director of training and operations for the partnership; **Leonard Seawood**, director of WMU's Southwest campus; and **Karen Thomas** and **Lauren Freedman**, professors in the Department of Special Education and Literacy Studies. The research being presented consists of the theory that being able to read is crucial in a person's chances for success. The group will present the results of the first year of the three-year study that exams the effect of a one-on-one tutoring on the clients' goals in terms of reading. Volunteer tutors were trained and paired with clients, and the study so far shows that all four clients demonstrated substantial literacy growth, Johnson Austin said.

Faculty Accolades

College of Fine Arts

Professor of Music Trent Kynaston was named one of the recipients of a University Teaching Excellence Award at the Oct. 25 Academic Convocation. He received the College of Fine Arts Dean's Teaching Award in 2005. Kynaston has been on the WMU faculty since 1973. He teaches saxophone and jazz studies, and performs as a



Trent Kynaston performing.

member of the Western Jazz Quartet, a resident faculty ensemble in the School of Music. Kynaston founded and directed the WMU Jazz Orchestra for 30 years. Under his leadership the award-winning ensemble received national acclaim for its high performance standards and creative approach to big band jazz. Notable recognitions include 1995 and 1998 winner in the college big band category of the DownBeat magazine annual "DB" student music awards, a heralded performance in New York City's Carnegie Hall, thirteen consecutive performances at the Montreux-Detroit International Jazz Festival, annual Outstanding Band recognitions at the Notre Dame Collegiate Jazz Festival, and performances at the 1995 and 1996 IAJE International Conferences. Kynaston has published numerous compositions, books, and articles on various aspects of music. In 1990 he arranged and orchestrated the score to Brel, *l'escapade de musique*, a very successful review of the music of French singer/songwriter Jacques Brel, which ran in an Off-Broadway production in New York City in 1995. "Unisonics is probably the best sax-and-piano piece ever written, and it is also horrendously difficult. To saxophonist Trent Kynaston I tip my hat – and drop my jaw." (Buffalo Evening News, Buffalo, N.Y.).

- **Paul Solomon**, associate professor in the Frostic School of Art has published an article, "Teaching Cultural and Visual Literacy in an Age of Naïveté, Terror and Information Sickness," in *The International Journal of the Humanities* (vol. 4, no 10: 95-98). The paper is the written version of a presentation Professor Solomon delivered at The Fourth International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities in Tunis, Tunisia in July 2006.
- **Jane Baas**, Department of Dance, made three different peer-reviewed presentations on the topic of

wellness for dancers at the 17th annual meeting of the International Association for Dance Medicine and Science (IADMS), Oct. 25-28, in Canberra, Australia. Baas also serves as Media Committee chair for IADMS.

- **A solo installation of 36 large-scale prints by Nichole Maury**, assistant professor in the Frostic School of Art, is currently on exhibit at the



Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids until Nov. 23.

College of Health and Human Services

- **Dr. Diane Dirette**, associate professor of occupational therapy, has been appointed to the editorial board of the journal "Occupational Therapy in Health Care."
- **Dr. Debra Lindstrom Hazel**, associate professor of occupational therapy, presented on "Assistive Technology for Post Polio Survivors" at the Post Polio Network Educational Conference Sept. 22,



Dr. Debra Lindstrom Hazel and students.

2007 with occupational therapy students **Marissa Vilums**, **Jennifer Keene** and **Sonya Bordeau**. The conference was held at the Soaring Eagle Resort.

- **Dr. Carla Chase**, assistant professor of occupational therapy, has been invited by the American Occupational Therapy Association in a partnership with the American Association of Retired Persons and the National Association of Home Builders to do a series of national speaking engagements discussing home modifications and aging in place issues.
- **Nickola Nelson**, Professor of Speech Pathology and Audiology, will receive the Frank R. Kleffner Lifetime Clinical Career Award. This American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) Foundation award recognizes exemplary contributions to clinical science and practice over at least a twenty year period. Nelson's award will be presented at the Annual ASHA Convention in November. Dr. Nelson was nominated for her lifelong commitment to innovative work in assessing and treating children and adolescents with language disorders extending across listening, speaking, reading, and writing impairments.
- **Dr. Jan Bedrosian**, of the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, has had her grant from the National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders renewed for a sixth year.

College of Arts and Sciences

- **Karen Vocke** (English) has published "Where Do I Go From Here? Meeting the Unique Educational Needs of Migrant Students." Vocke's research focuses on migrant education, and this book for teachers



Karen Vocke and students.

is the culmination of time spent in schools in Michigan and California.

- **Joyce R. Walter** (English) authored "Letter Writing in the Late Age of Print: Electronic Mail and the Ars Dictaminis," in "Letter-Writing Manuals and Instruction from Antiquity to the Present," ed. Carol Poster and Linda Mitchell (Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2007), pp. 230-43
- **Richard Utz** (English) co-authored (with Carol Poster) "Bibliography of Medieval Dictamen," in "Letter-Writing Manuals and Instruction from Antiquity to the Present," ed. Carol Poster and Linda Mitchell (Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2007), pp. 285-300.
- **Janet Ruth Heller** (English) spoke on writing and her award-winning children's book along with local illustrator and WMU alumna Amelia Hansen in August at Kazoo Books Annex in Kalamazoo. Heller, who teaches English and women's studies at WMU, discussed her book, "How the Moon Regained Her Shape." The book was selected for Children's Choices of 2007 by the Children's Book Council and the International Reading Association and in 2006 as a Book Sense Pick, a monthly and seasonal selection of new books chosen by independent booksellers.

Dr. Jon D. Holtzman (Anthropology) is one of a select few U.S.-based scholars to be awarded a fellowship for 2006-07 from the American Council of Learned Societies, a private nonprofit federation of 69 national scholarly organizations. The ACLS awarded more than \$8.3 million to a total of 232 scholars in this year's multi-program fellowships competition. Holtzman, an assistant professor of anthropology, was designated an International and Area Studies Fellow under the prestigious ACLS Fellowship Program, which funds postdoctoral re-

search in the humanities and humanities-related social sciences for research periods of six months to one year. Nearly 1,100 people applied to the program, and just 65 were selected to be fellows and share in the \$2.8 million awarded. The only other Michigan scholar to be named an ACLS Fellow is from the University of Michigan. Also named recipients in this fellowship category were representatives of Columbia, Harvard, Princeton, Stanford and Yale universities as well as the Universities of California, Berkeley; Chicago; Florida; Massachusetts; and Texas, Austin. Holtzman will use his award to continue work on a project titled "Killing Your Neighbors: Friendship, Violence and Identity in Northern Kenya." The project examines violence between neighboring ethnic groups and the role collective memory plays in fostering this violence. A cultural anthropologist, Holtzman has a regional focus on East Africa and the United States and is studying Samburu pastoralists in northern Kenya and Nuer (Sudanese) refugees in Minnesota. Holtzman's work also has appeared in such publications as *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *Current Anthropology* and the *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*. The ACLS mission is the advancement of humanistic studies in all fields of learning in the humanities and the social sciences and the maintenance and strengthening of relations among the national societies devoted to such studies. Visit www.acls.org for more information about the organization.



Dr. Jon D. Holtzman.

College of Aviation

Bill Feenstra, Aircraft Maintenance Manager for Western Michigan University's College of Aviation, met with Steve Betzer, Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Safety Inspec-

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tor, General Aviation Avionics, of the Grand Rapids Flight Standards District Office at a signing ceremony establishing the first certified limited Repair Station at the College of Aviation on Friday, Sept. 28th. The ceremony was the culmination of over 18 months of collaborative effort to establish the repair, inspection and training procedures required for the certification and will authorize the college to conduct certain maintenance procedures on aircraft avionics equipment which, in turn, will streamline aircraft maintenance operations at a considerable savings in terms of time and money.

Gil Sinclair was Appointed Faculty Chair on July 1, 2007. The College of Aviation would like to welcome Gil Sinclair as the new faculty chair. He brings a lot of talent and experience to this position. Mr. Sinclair received his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from The University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, England. He also holds a MA in Career & Technical Education earned here at Western. Son of a Scottish father and an English mother, he served in the Royal Air Force for twenty two years as a navigator, flying Vulcan bombers and then moving on to F4 fighters and finally Tornado F3 fighters. He also served as an instructor on the F4 simulator and on the F4 Operational Conversion Unit. After leaving the RAF in 1998, he moved to Florida to teach self-funded airline pilots at Flight Safety International Academy at Vero Beach in their CAA (European) program. After a year at FSI, after their CAA program closed, Mr. Sinclair joined the staff at the International Pilot Training Center (IPTC) at WMU in 1999, initially helping to prepare the IPTC for receiving approval to conduct European JAA training. He then taught on the JAA academic programs for Aer Lingus, British Airways, and Emirates Airline Cadets, self-funded JAA students and, additionally, the first FAA students to begin integrated training here at Western. He has served both as Deputy

Chief Groundschool Instructor and Academic Standards Instructor for the JAA program, and holds a FAA Ground Instructor Certificate with Advanced and Instrument ratings. Mr. Sinclair has been teaching baccalaureate courses since Fall 2002, specifically in Aviation Physiology, Aviation Safety and Crew Resource Management.

Looking Back on 32 Years at WMU By Bob Aardema. "As I look forward to my impending retirement from WMU at the end of the Fall 2007 semester, I can't help but look back to



Bob Aardema in the cockpit.

the day I started – as a student, before I became a member of the faculty. It occurred in September of 1975. The class was Aircraft Structures taught by Pat Schiffer. I actually was going to learn how to build an airplane. Throughout my previous career in the USAF, during ground school classes my fellow pilot trainees frequently complained that '...I just want to learn how to fly it, not build it!' Through my work at WMU, over the next 23 years I accumulated the knowledge, skills and confidence that would enable me to start building. There were numerous great instructors, colleagues and students who influenced me throughout the years. In August of 1998 I glued together the first wing rib of Aardema Special #1 and the first flight of my first home-built airplane took place on June 23, 2002. The parts for airplane number two sit in my basement, but it will have two seats so I can share my pride of achievement and the joy of flight with others. Thanks to Western for giving me the opportunity to achieve one of my life's dreams. Teaching turned out to be more rewarding than I ever imag-

ined. When I encounter my former students and learn of their successes in our beloved aviation industry I feel a great sense of satisfaction. When I was Faculty Chairman speaking of behalf of the entire faculty, I would make a request of our graduating seniors '...to keep us posted as your career progresses; because your successes are our successes'. So, after my 'graduation' in December I will keep you posted as well and fly back in Aardema Special #2 for updates from time to time."

Haworth College of Business

- A paper by **Onur Arugaslan** and **Ajay Samant**, American Depository Receipts: A Study of Issuance from the Australian Region, Journal of Global Business, was accepted for publication. Additionally, a paper by Onur Arugaslan, Yasemin Bardakci (St. Cloud State University), and Devrim Yaman, The Markets Response to Bundled Announcements: The Case of Equity Issues Academy of Financial Services, was also accepted for presentation and publication in conference proceedings.
- **Onur Arugaslan** and **Ajay Samant** presented and published in conference proceedings, a paper from 2007 entitled, "ADRs from China and India, Abstract, Facing East / Facing West.
- A paper by **Onur Arugaslan**, Yasemin Bardakci (St. Cloud State University), and **Devrim Yaman** in 2007 titled "Bundling Disclosures: Does the International Evidence Hold for US Firms?" Abstract, Facing East / Facing West was presented and published in conference proceedings.
- **Andrew Targowski** was elected president of the **International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilization**, scholar association with 46 years of legacy. He is orga-

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nizing the International Conference on Exploring Multiculturalism in Globalizing Civilizations in Saint John in New Brunswick, Canada in June 2008 and the World Congress on "One more chance for civilization" in Kalamazoo in 2009.

College of Education

- **West Virginia School of Physical Education is honoring Dr. Deb Berkey**, professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, in their Hall



Dr. Deb Berkey

of Fame. An awards dinner and presentation took place on Oct. 13. To be considered for the Hall of Fame the individual must hold a degree from the WVU School of Physical

Education and have made significant contributions to the school, their profession and/or society.

- **Dr. Regena Fails-Nelson**, professor in the Department of Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies, has been elected president for 2007-2009 of the Southwestern Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children. She also recently published an article, "A model for developing a parent resource center on campus" in the *Journal of Early Childhood*



Dr. Regena Fails-Nelson

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College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Dean Tim Greene presented six CEAS members with 2007 CEAS Awards in a ceremony attended by WMU President John Dunn. Dr. Tycho Fredericks (IME) is the CEAS Outstanding Researcher for seating and healthcare design research. A board certified ergonomist, he has authored over 80 publications and been awarded over \$1.8 million in sponsored research. He directs the Human Performance Institute and



Winners of the 2007 CEAS Faculty and Staff awards are (left to right) front row: Ms. Barb Vilenski, Dr. Betsy Aller, and Dr. Tianshu Liu; back row: Dr. Raja Aravamuthan, Dr. Sam Ramrattan, and Dr. Tycho Fredericks.

teaches work design, ergonomics, and biomechanics courses. Dr. Raja Aravamuthan (PCI) and Dr. Sam Ramrattan (IME) were each named CEAS Outstanding Educators. Aravamuthan teaches paper and chemical engineering and imaging and serves as a paper engineering and imaging advisor. He is also involved in undergraduate and graduate education, preparing underrepresented minorities for STEM fields, and global engineering education. Ramrattan teaches materials and processes in manufacturing, metal casting, die casting, and process measurement and testing and has developed graduate courses in casting simulation and solidification, design, material selections and processing, and process monitoring and control.

MAE associate professor Dr. Tianshu Liu earned the CEAS

Outstanding New Researcher for aerodynamics, fluid mechanics, heat transfer, measurement techniques and instrumentation applied to aerospace engineering and sciences. Last year, he secured a \$470,000 Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) grant to study airfoil/wing flow control using a flexible extended trailing edge. IME associate professor Dr. Betsy Aller was named the CEAS Outstanding New Educator. She teaches senior design courses in IME and co-teaches the ENGR 2020 and 4040 design course and mentors and teaches first-year introduction to engineering courses. Her research efforts support the professional skills development of engineering students. PCI office manager Barb Vilenski, who came to WMU in 1978, received the Outstanding Staff award. She spent four years in WMU's Department of Institutional Research before joining the now PCI department. Her favorite part of her work is interacting with the students.

University Libraries

- Professor **Bradford Dennis** and Sociology Doctoral Associate **Tim Bower** recently published an article regarding the analysis of LibQUAL+™, a web-based national academic library survey. See: Bower, T. & Dennis, B. (2007). How to get more from your quantitative LibQUAL+™ dataset: making results practical. *Performance Measurement and Metrics*, 8(2), 110 - 126.
- **Dr. Barbara Cockrell**, Associate Professor, University Libraries, has been appointed to the position of Associate Dean of Collections and Technical Services. Most recently she served as Science Reference Librarian. She holds a doctorate in evolutionary biology from Cambridge University, England, and a master's of library and information science from Wayne State University.

Student Accolades

College of Education

Fourteen counselor education doctoral students along with four counselor education faculty members from the Department of Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology presented papers at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision 2007 national conference held in Columbus, Ohio from Oct. 10-17, 2007. The theme of this year's conference was *Vanguards for Change: ACES and Social Justice*.

- **Glinda Rawls** presented "African American High School Girls' Attitudes, Perceptions, and Experiences with School Counselors";
- **Dr. Suzanne M. Hedstrom** and doctoral students **Robert Powell**, **Chris Crans Stuive**, and **Janet Glaes** shared their research on "Underrepresented and Marginalized Groups: How Present Are They in ACA Journals?";
- **Dr. Carla Adkison-Bradley** and **Dr. Phillip Johnson** discussed "Seeing African American Women Counselor Educators as Scholars: Utilizing a Contextualized Humanistic Perspective";
- **LaSonda Wells** presented on "Internal Family Systems Model as a Foundation for Developing Emotional Exploration Groups";
- **LaShonda Fuller** and **Allison Buller** discussed "Personal Counseling: A Requirement for Counseling Preparation Programs?";
- **Patrick M. Kamau** and **Daniel Romero** and counseling psychology doctoral students **Hartini Abdul-Rahman** and **Nancy Ham-moudah** presented on "Acculturative Stress in the Career Transition of Immigrants";
- **Dr. Suzanne M. Hedstrom**, **Chris**

Crans Stuive, **Robert Powell**, **Ericka Newton**, and **Daniel Romero** discussed "The Informed Consent Practices of Counselors: Past and Present";

- **Maria Buccilli**, **Lacretia Dye**, and **Stephaney Carter** presented on "Ethical Decision Making in School Counseling";
- and **Dr. Stephen Craig**, **Adam Wall**, and **Allison Buller** discussed "An Adlerian Approach for Enhancing Supervisee Motivation."
- On October 14 the **HPER 3710 (Recreation Programming)** students put on the **Special Olympics/Unified Sports Golf Outing** at **Grand Prairie Golf Course**.



HPER 3710 Students/Special Olympics/Unified Sports Golf Outing.

The class raised money, solicited donations and prizes, managed registration, and conducted the outing. All the athletes and participating partners walked away with prizes. It was a huge success and everyone had a great time!

- **Alumni Mrs. Rhonda Vander Veen**, **Mr. Dene Hadden**, and **Mr. James Hawkins** received the Golden Apple Award on Oct. 5. Recipients



2007 Golden Apple Award Winners.

are personally selected by their peers as representing educational excellence and commitment.

- Two students in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation received **MAHPERD** awards. **Matthew Norris** received the Student Honor Award representing the Physical Education Majors and **Darci Eisenlohr** received the WMU/MAHPERD Health Education Student of the Year Award.
- Four physical education majors in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, represented WMU and the state of Michigan at the Midwest District of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Student Leadership Conference. A total of 48 students representing Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin participated. The Western students, all seniors, were: **Julie Binkowski**, **Alex Scott**, **Sarah Palmer** and **Beth Leeb**.

College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Allison Porrett, a third-year civil engineering student with a 3.6 GPA, has won the 2007 Miss Kalamazoo County title. She will represent this area in next June's Miss Michigan pageant. Winning at the state level means she would then compete for the Miss America crown. For Porrett, the competition was only her second venture into pageants. She competed in evening dress, swimsuit, and talent. For the talent component, the 2005 graduate of Port Huron Northern High School dressed in a Roaring '20s flapper costume and sang the Broadway version of "All That Jazz," from the musical Chicago. She was also interviewed on a variety of issues including her reasons for competing, her opinions on current issues, and her platform, which involves "empowering girls to become engineers." She said that beginning in elementary school girls need to be encouraged to take

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their studies seriously. The secretary of WMU's Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is a former Girl Scout who has



Allison Porrett, a WMU civil engineering major and the new Miss Kalamazoo County, is equally comfortable in her crown as she is in a civil engineering hard hat. Here she poses on a stairway in the CEAS Parkview campus.

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WMU and that would serve as a token gift for alumni and donors. "He wanted something simple that identifies us," she said. "I decided that putting brown lettering on a gold pin would represent the school colors, and its size - $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide by $\frac{1}{2}$ inch tall - is perfect because it stands out on most suits." It took her about two months to complete the research and get necessary approvals for the design. So far, all CEAS faculty and staff members received pins at this semester's convocation and a few pins have been given to alums and donors. The dean also took some pins with him on his recent trip to Malaysia. Decker has been at WMU since 1999 when she started working for WMU at the Muskegon campus as a student worker in Distance Education. In 2002, when she moved to the main campus to complete her degree, she took a student position in the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering. After earning a BS in secondary education in English in 2005, she began working full-time in the CEAS dean's office. She is presently working on a MBA. She uses both her English and her business skills in her present job. "As the senior design coordinator, I can use my English skills in creating and editing the brochure, and on a day-to-day basis, I use my business skills in financial analysis," she said. "I love my work." Decker has also designed a coffee mug, a "Fast Facts" pamphlet, and "Welcome" buttons for CEAS.

Making paper and printing tee shirts were the topics of the most recent weekend workshops of the Expanding Your Horizons @ WMU Engineering (EYH) program. The Saturday morning workshops were directed by WMU paper engineering and imaging (PCI) students with the support of electrical engineering (EE) students. "We're trying to show them some of the future career options available to those with degrees in paper and printing," said **Larry Ahleman**, a PCI master faculty specialist who organized and coordinated the event.

The WMU students directed 13 seventh- and eighth-grade students from Kalamazoo's Hillside and Milwood Middle Schools and from Otsego. Joel Wilke, a senior in paper engineering, helped the students make recycled, hand-made sheets of paper. Senior **Nettie Barnhart** and freshman **Megan Ward**, both imaging majors, assisted the young students screen-print bright yellow shirts. The middle schoolers were told that having a career in imaging meant that they would never be without a job. "Everything has to be printed," Ward said. Other WMU stu-



Seventh and eighth graders from Kalamazoo and Otsego show off the new tee shirts that they screen printed at the Saturday workshop at WMU. In the back are Imaging majors Nettie Barnhart (in pink), a senior, and freshman Megan Ward (in center in black shirt).

dents who assisted with the workshops included Qais Alsafasfeh, an EE Ph.D. student, **Anil Koirala** and **Memuna Sarfraz**, EE master's students, and **Ishrak Mamun**, an EE undergraduate. For the last two years 36 middle-school students from Kalamazoo, Parchment, Paramount Charter, and Otsego have been participating in the EYH project directed by **Dr. Ikhlas Abdel-Qader**, an associate professor in the ECE department. The project, "WMU-Kalamazoo Promise Partnership: Promoting Engineering Careers to Female, Minority and Economically Disadvantaged Middle School Students," is funded by a \$245,000 WMU President's 2005 Innovation Fund grant. **Dr. Sherif Yehia**, a CCE associate professor, and **Dr. Edmund Tsang**, associate dean of CEAS, are co-contributors to the project. "Our goal is to motivate middle school students to go to college and study in the engineering, technology, science, and mathematics fields," Abdel-Qader said.

Student members of the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) sponsored an IME Cookout last month in the Plastics Lab at the Parkview Campus. It was the first of several cookouts planned throughout the school year. **Lauren Lambert**, the SPE president and a senior in the engineering and graphics design (EGR) program, said that SPE shares sponsorship of the cookouts with the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), "Last year our two groups switched off taking charge of the cookouts," she said, "but we usually work together." Two other student societies - the American Foundry Society (AFS) and the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) - also participate in the monthly event that is open to anyone interested in manufacturing or plastics. Lambert explained that having a cookout provides a "friend-



Last month, students from the SPE and SME organized the first IME Cookout of the school year. Student members of both SPE and SME who organized, prepared, and served hotdogs and other food included (left to right) Courtney Rawlings (UEM), Jason Klein (MFT), Jim Vlieg (EGR), Brad Tudor (EGR), Matt Johnson (EGR), Madeline McAuley (EGR), and Lauren Lambert (EGR).

lier environment" to meet potential new members than a meeting does. In addition to enjoying the social aspects of the year's first cookout, attendees also listened to a representative of Engineers Without Borders, a new CEAS organization. SME President **Jim Vlieg**, an EGR senior, will coordinate the next cookout. "The members of all the societies help out with these cookouts," he said. Vlieg said that students should look for posted announcements of the next cookout. **Dr. Paul Engelmann**, the chair of the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering (IME), serves as SPE advisor. Advisors of the other groups include IME professors **Dr. Mitch Kiel** of SME, **Dr. Sam Ramrat-**

tan of AFS, and **Dr. Tycho Fredericks** and **Dr. Steven Butt** of IIE.

College of Fine Arts

- **Leslie Grossman**, BFA student in the Frostic School of Art, will have a solo exhibit of print based work at the Kingscott Gallery, downtown Kalamazoo from Dec. 7 to 21, 2007. The Gallery at Kingscott is managed by the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo.
- **Recent Music Theatre Performance graduates are working professionally in the industry.** **Adam Steiner** is currently on the national tour of GYPSY and **Erin Chupinsky** is featured in the tour of DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS that will be playing at Miller and in Grand Rapids in December. **Prescott Seymour** is appearing in a new musical in New York with Nancy Anderson, our Guest Artist from last season's Next Stop Broadway. **Justin Goodemoot** just headed out on tour with TheatreWorks playing Gilbert in the National Tour of a new musical version of ANNE OF GREEN GABLES.

Graduate College

Congratulations to Barbara M. Johnson, a member of the second cohort of the Interdisciplinary Health Studies Ph.D. Program as well as faculty in the School of Social Work, who is the recipient of two grants to support her dissertation research with the Cass County Family Treatment Court (CCFTC). Her research interest is in the area of therapeutic jurisprudence, such as treatment courts. **Dr. Nickola Nelson** serves as Ms. Johnson's advisor and **Dr. Kieran Fogarty** as her dissertation chair. Her expected graduation date is April 2009. The first grant, awarded by Michigan Department of Human Services: Bureau

of Juvenile Justice-Justice Grant Unit, will provide funding for Ms. Johnson's research on the CCFTC's inter-disciplinary program of primary prevention of juvenile delinquency. The second grant, awarded by Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrative Office: Michigan Drug Court Grant Program (MDCGP), provides funding for Ms. Johnson's work with Cass County Family Treatment Court (CCFTC) on a treatment based approach to working with families who have abused and/or neglected a child with parental substance abuse as a presenting issue. Ms. Johnson has a private practice which specializes in working with overburdened families. More information about Ms. Johnson and her work can be found on the Student Spotlight page of the Graduate College's website.

College of Health and Human Services

- **Congratulations to Susan Bensinger '75**, Adjunct Professor in the School of Social Work, and periodic field instructor for many years. Susan has been selected as



Susan Bensinger

the Michigan School Social Worker of the Year for 2007 in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the

profession of social work. She will be honored at the November annual fall conference.

- **Babara Johnson**, student in the Ph.D. Program in Interdisciplinary Health Studies, learned that the grant she wrote for a comprehensive examination requirement will be funded by the State of Michigan to the Cass County Courts, as well as another separate grant she wrote at the same time, for a total of \$248,500.

- Second year physician assistant student **Melissa Pietras** received a scholarship from the Michigan Physician Assistant Foundation.

College of Arts and Sciences

John Panos (Psychology) has been selected as a recipient of the Society for Neuroscience Chapters Graduate Student Travel Award. This award, supported by Eli Lilly & Co, is designed to recognize the promising work of graduate students who have been nominated by their local chapters for excellence in neuroscience. Panos is one of 51 graduate students who will be honored with this award this year. As a travel award winner, he is entitled to receive complimentary registration to the Society for Neuroscience 37th Annual Meeting held in San Diego, Calif. In addition, Panos will be honored at a special reception at the San Diego Marriott.

Upcoming Events

Haworth College of Business

A joint research project entitled "An Extended Value-Driven Service-Oriented Information Technology Education Model" by **Dr. Bernard Han** and **Dr. Thomas Rienzo** will be presented at the 39th Annual Decision Sciences Institute Conference on November 18, 2007 in Phoenix, Arizona.



Dr. Bernard Han



Dr. Thomas Rienzo

Emeriti Council

Emeriti Council and the Western Association of Retired Faculty (WARF) is sponsoring a forum that will focus on what the Western Edge looks like from several perspectives and where it is likely to move in the future. WMU President John Dunn, Trustee Dan Pero, Senator Tom George, and Grand Rapids Community College's Executive Director of Admissions Andy Bowne will participate in a panel on Sharpening the Edge: WMU's Strategy for the Future. The Forum will take place on Thursday, Nov. 8 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Fetzer Conference Center. Ample parking is available in front of the Fetzer Center. The participants will discuss the Western Edge from several different perspectives. President Dunn will elaborate on "Crafting a More Effective Contract with Our Students." WMU Board member Daniel Pero will discuss the Western Edge's significance now and in the future from his viewpoint as a Trustee. Dr. Andy Bowne will comment on how the Western Edge looks from a community college perspective, and Senator Tom George (invited) will speak on the Western Edge from a state perspective. The Western Edge is a significant repositioning of the university, and the Forum's purpose is to provide more information on just what the Edge is and what it means to significant groups that deal with WMU. The Forum is in the form of a panel, and there will be ample opportunity for questions from the Kalamazoo community as well as from WMU faculty and staff.

College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

The 40th Conference on Senior Engineering Projects – set for Tuesday, Dec. 4 – features 42 projects presented by 105 seniors who represent programs in six CEAS departments. The 25-minute presentations are scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Parkview Campus. No projects will be presented during the lunch break from noon to 1 p.m. All sessions begin exactly on the hour and half hour. The Department of Mechanical and

Aeronautical Engineering (MAE) is offering two concurrent sets of sessions to accommodate 17 projects completed by 39 students: 10 sessions from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in D-109 and 7 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in D-204/205. The Department of Electrical and Computer



Chris Engelbrecht (left) and Mark Rudy, who are now WMU alumni of the CEAS manufacturing engineering technology program, demonstrate a FIRST robot they used as part of their SEDP project last spring.

Engineering (ECE) plans to present 9 projects by 28 students from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in D-115. The Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering (IME) has scheduled seven projects by 19 students from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in D-208. The Department of Civil and Construction Engineering (CCE), 11 students are offering four presentations between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. in D-201. Two presentations by five students in the Department of Computer Science (CS) are scheduled at 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. in D-206. Three students from the Department of Paper Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Imaging (PCI) will

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present three projects between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in D-202. Sponsors for this semester's projects include the following: Accumold, Inc., American Axle, Arvco Containers, Bacchus Wine and Spirits, Bronson Methodist Hospital, Cometic Company, Downs Design Group, Fox 17 News, Herman Miller, Humphrey Products Company, Innotec, Kalamazoo Humane Society, Lakeshore Antique Tractor Pulling Club, NASA Michigan Space Grant Consortium – University of Michigan, Perrigo Company, Stryker Medical, Sweet Manufacturing, Inc., TechnCare-Tronlabs, and Thomas and Judith Sullivan. More than 30 faculty members are serving as advisors for the projects. For more information about the conference, call **Laura Decker** at 269-276-3251.

Industrial engineering professors Drs. Tycho Fredericks and Steven Butt are two of four conference chairs of the 2007 12th Annual International Conference on Industrial Engineering Theory, Applications & Practice sponsored by the International Journal of Industrial Engineering (IJIE) and set for Nov. 4-7, 2007 in Cancun, Mexico. The conference is organized by the International Journal



Dr. Steven Butt (left) and Dr. Tycho Fredericks are co-chairing the 2007 12th Annual International Conference on Industrial Engineering Theory, Applications & Practice frame the layout of the conference schedule posted in Fredericks' office.

of Industrial Engineering (IJIE). In addition to Fredericks and Butt, several other CEAS professors and graduate students are presenting papers. These include **Dr. Alamgir Choudhury** (IME), **Dr. David Mead** (MFG), **Dr. Sam Ramrattan** (IME), and **Dr. Jorge**

Rodriguez (IME) and IE Ph.D. graduate students **Supreet Amin**, **Ilgin Poyraz Acar**, and **Stephanie Means**. Two other attendees include WMU graduates of the IE Ph.D. program – **Anil Kumar**, and **Sang Dae Choi**, who earned the first IE Ph.D. in 2003. According to Fredericks, the conference covers all aspects of industrial engineering: manufacturing, health-care, ergonomics, business strategies, quality, operations, scheduling, operations research, transportation, applied statistics, and supply chain. The IJIE is a refereed international quarterly journal that covers research, theory, and practice in traditional areas of industrial engineering.

The WMU student chapter of the Society of Women Engineers is coordinating an Engineer for a Day workshop for Girl Scouts from the



Girl Scouts work in teams to build gum drop bridges at a previous Society of Women Engineers' Girl Scout Workshop.

Glowing Embers Council. The event is set for Sat., Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parkview Campus. According to **Katie Risnes**, SWE's Girl Scout chair, 22 middle and high school Scouts are expected. This year's workshop has a civil engineering theme. In past workshops the Scouts have studied applied aerodynamics, examined airplanes, observed wind-tunnel operations, and participated in problem-solving activities.

College of Health and Human Services

- **The WMU School of Social Work will hold a "Graduate Admissions Information Day"** on Friday, Nov. 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in room 4010 of the College of Health and Human Services building. Reservations are required. Please call 387-3201 before Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Graduate College

Dr. Marianne DiPierro, Director of the Graduate Center for Research and Retention, is sponsoring a series of seminars on Successful Grant Writing Techniques. The seminars, conducted by **Dr. Mary Anne Sydlik**, Research and Program Officer for the Office of the Vice President for Research at WMU, are designed to help participants locate potential funding sources, read and decipher requests for proposals, recognize differences in the kinds of information different funding agencies require for grant proposals, learn some handy tips for starting a successful proposal, and understand the role the university plays in submission and administration of grants. The first seminar, open to graduate students of all disciplines, will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in 2734 Wood Hall. The second seminar, focusing on graduate students in the fields of Psychology, Sociology, Political Science, Economics and all Health Care Professions, will be held on Monday, Nov. 12, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in 242 Bernhard (Brown and Gold Room). For more information on these informational seminars please contact **Julien Kouame** at 387-8267 or Dr. DiPierro at 387-8249. Seating is limited.

The Graduate Center for Research and Retention is continuing to provide helpful information to graduate students. Workshops on Citation Management through RefWorks, con-

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ducted by **Michele D. Behr** and **Barbara J. Cockrell** will be held on Friday, Nov. 2 and Friday, Dec. 7. Workshops designed to assist students in meeting the challenges of literature reviews, conducted by Science Reference Librarians, **Edward Eckel**, **Linda Rolls** and **Barbara Cockrell**, are scheduled in October, November and December. For more information on dates, times and locations of events contact the Graduate Center for Research and Retention at 387-8249 or refer to the Graduate College website: www.wmich.edu/grad/.

A new series of programs has been initiated by the Graduate Center for Research and Retention this semester; the series, entitled, *Strategies for Empowerment During the Dissertation Process*, has been designed to assist doctoral students of all disciplines plot a course for completion of their dissertation. On Tuesday, Nov. 13, all doctoral students are invited to attend a workshop on selecting a dissertation advisor and configuring a committee. **Dr. Barbara Liggett**, Associate Professor in the School of Public Affairs and Administration at WMU, will be conducting the workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. in 158-9 Bernhard. Although the program is specifically designed to assist doctoral students, master's students are welcome to attend. To reserve a spot, please call 387-8249.

Nora Berrah, professor of physics, will be speaking on Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., in Putney Auditorium, Fetzer Center, as part of the Graduate College's ongoing colloquium series. Her lecture, *Beyond Bias and Barriers: Sciences for Everyone!* is being co-sponsored by the Women's Caucus, and focuses on the role of women in physics. Dr. Berrah has become a national advocate for the advancement of women in physics. To this end, she chairs the Committee on the Status of Women in Physics of the American Physical Society. She observes that in its culture, physics is a conservative discipline, in effect a men's club. Her

goal is to open up the discipline to everyone. The result would benefit all physicists and also the scientific workforce in the US. Some ways to bring this change about, she notes, include institutionalizing women-friendly policies at universities and in federal granting agencies like the National Science Foundation or the Office of Science at the Department of Energy. This event is free and open to the public.

A lecture by **Jorge Castañeda**, former Secretary of Foreign Affairs for Mexico, entitled *Mexico-US Relations: NAFTA, Transnational Industry and Technology, Immigration and Border Security*, sponsored in cooperation with the Department of Spanish, the Department of Political Science, and the Haenicke Institute for Global Education, will take place as part of the ongoing Graduate College Colloquium Series on Monday, Nov. 12 at 6 p.m., in room 1035 Fetzer Center. The lecture will be preceded by a reception in the speakers honor, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Fetzer Center Lobby.

The first Sigma Xi sponsored colloquium is set for Wednesday, Dec. 5: Dr. Jeffery A. Wilson, of the University of Michigan's Museum of Paleontology, will be presenting *Mono-liths of the Mesozoic: The Paleobiology of Sauropod Dinosaurs*, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Bernhard Center's Brown and Gold Room. All are invited to attend this interdisciplinary series, for more information please visit the events section of the Graduate College's website at: www.wmich.edu/grad/.

College of Education

- The MODA Fashion Show "LUXE" will be held Friday, Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 10 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. VIP tickets allow early admission, a swag bag, and a front row seats.

In addition, Friday and Saturday night VIP tickets include an appetizer/cocktail reception before the show. The Show will be held at the Cityscape Event Center Banquet Hall above the Union Cabaret Grill downtown on the Kalamazoo Mall. Email modawmu@hotmail.com to purchase tickets (\$10 general admission or \$30 VIP) or for more information.

College of Fine Arts

- The annual faculty exhibition of the Frostic School of Art has been installed for the first time in its new galleries at the Richmond Center for Visual Arts. The exhibition is open to the public from Oct. 18 to Nov. 9, 2007. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, noon to 6 p.m.
- Dance Students offer an open rehearsal of Antony Tudor's *Dark Elegies*, conducted by Willy Shives of the Joffrey Ballet on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2007 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Dance Studio B of the Dorothy U. Dalton Center. The rehearsal is free and open to the public.

Faculty members **Renata Artman Knific** (violin) and **Lori Sims** (piano) will

present a CD release concert to celebrate their recording, *William Bolcom Works for Violin and Piano*, which has received rave reviews (<http://music.barnesandnoble.com/search/product.asp?ean=681585119723>). "The vibrant



Renata Artman Knific

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team of Renata Artman Knific and Lori Sims play these violin sonatas with rare fervor and drama. I first heard them in a shattering performance of the third sonata; they have evinced the same intensity in their readings of the other three, and I thank them profoundly for this recording” says composer William Bolcom. The evening will present a cutting edge performance of repertoire by the internationally renowned Michigan composer, who was recently named 2007 Composer of the Year by Musical America and who will be in attendance to experience the live performance of his sonatas. Copies of the recording will be available for



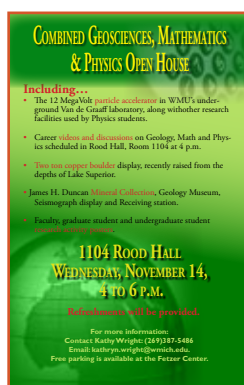
Lori Sims

purchase at the concert, and audience members are invited to stay for a free, post-concert reception in the Dalton Center Lobby during which all three artists will be available to autograph CDs. The concert will be presented on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 8:15 p.m. in the Dalton Center Recital Hall. General admission tickets are \$10 each (\$5 for students and seniors) and will be available at the door on the night of the concert or in advance from the Miller Auditorium Ticket Office at (269) 387-2300 or (800) 228-9858.

College of Arts and Sciences

The Departments of Geosciences,

Mathematics, and Physics are having an open house for current WMU students and high school teachers, counselors and students to inform



them about undergraduate programs, available generous scholarships, internships and career opportunities, and opportunities for undergraduate research projects. All activities will take place in Rood Hall and surrounding grounds on Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. Refreshments/snacks will be provided.

Planned are the following talks, presentations, related posters, and demonstrations:

- Short talks and a video on careers in Geology, Math, and Physics—scheduled in Rood Hall, Room 1104 at 4 p.m.
- James H. Duncan Mineral Collection, Geology Museum, seismograph display, and receiving station
- Display of a two-ton copper boulder recently raised from the depths of Lake Superior
- See the 12 MegaVolt particle accelerator in WMU's underground Van de Graaff laboratory, along with other research facilities used by physics students.

There will be many posters showing the research activities of faculty members, graduate students, and undergraduate students. For further information, please contact Kathy Wright (269-387-5486; or email: kathryn.wright@wmich.edu). Free parking is available next door at the Fetzer Center. Just inform the guard that you are here for the Open House.

Globalization and International Development: Critical Issues of the 21st Century Werner Sichel Lecture-Seminar Series Set for 2007-2008.

The 2007-2008 Werner Sichel Economic Lecture-Seminar Series features six outstanding economists whose presentations will focus on the challenges and opportunities of globalization and international development. The Lecture-Seminar Series will include the following presenters:

- Nov. 14, 2007—Dr. Steven Radelet, Center for Global Development

- Feb. 27, 2008—Dr. Hadi Saleh Esfahani, University of Illinois-Urbana
- March 26, 2008—Dr. Joseph Joyce, Wellesley College
- April 9, 2008—Dr. Linda Tesar, University of Michigan

This year's series is being directed by Professor Sisay Asefa. All presentations are free and open to the public. They are all held at 3 p.m. in 3508 Knauss Hall. Details on the speakers and topics will be available soon on the Department of Economics' website at www.wmich.edu/economics.

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Event: The Regional American Society for Public Administration Conference

Location: Grand Rapids

Public Affairs and Administration will be an active part of planning and promoting this academic conference.

Contact: matthew.mingus@wmich.edu, (269) 387-8938

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Event: Ethics Center Program The "Other" Stem Cell Debate

Speaker: Insoo Hyun, Ph.D., School of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University

Location: 212 Bernhard Center

Time: 4 p.m.

Sponsor: WMU Center for the Study of Ethics in Society

Contact: Sandra L. Borden, sandra.borden@wmich.edu, 387-0362

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Event: Department of Biological Sciences Seminar Series

Topic: Lessons in insecticide chemistry from an Australian spider

Speaker: William Tedford, Ph.D. Research Scientist VenOmix, Inc. Kalamazoo, MI

Location: 1718 Wood Hall

Time: 3 to 4:50 p.m.

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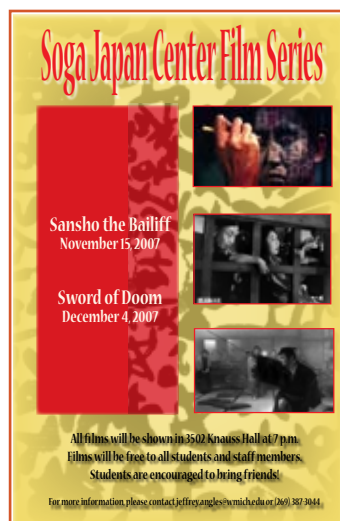
Event: Russian Festival
Location: Dalton Center
Time: 7 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

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Event: Ethics Center Program
Single-Payer National Health Insurance Plan—WMU's first Graduate Philosophy Conference.
Speaker: James C. Mitchiner, MD, MPH, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital
Location: Putney Auditorium, Fetzer Center
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Sponsor: WMU Center for the Study of Ethics in Society
Contact: Sandra L. Borden, sandra.borden@wmich.edu, 387-0362

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Event: Soga Japan Center Film Series, "Sansho the Bailiff," directed by Kenji Mizoguchi
Location: 1120 Schneider Hall
Time: 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Contact: jeffrey.angles@wmich.edu, 387-3044



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Event: Department of Biological Sciences Seminar Series
Topic: "Progressive development of spontaneous seizures in experimental epilepsy"
Speaker: Ed Dudek, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Department of

Physiology, University of Utah
School of Medicine
Location: 1718 Wood Hall
Time: 3:30 to 4:50 p.m.

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Speaker: Jon Walton, Ph.D., Professor, MSU-DOE Plant Research Laboratory
Michigan State University
Topic: "Toxic peptides from fungi: evolutionary rationales and biosynthetic mechanisms"
Location: 1718 Wood Hall
Time: 3:30 to 4:50 p.m.

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Event: Ethics Center Program
Speaker: Shaun Nichols, Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Arizona
Location: TBD
Time: TBD
Sponsor: WMU Center for the Study of Ethics in Society
Contact: Sandra L. Borden, sandra.borden@wmich.edu, 387-0362

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Event: Soga Japan Center Film Series, "Sword of Doom," directed by Kihachi Okamoto
Location: 3502 Knauss Hall
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Contact: jeffrey.angles@wmich.edu, 387-3044

Event: Werner Sichel Economics Lecture-Seminar Series
Location: 3508 Knauss Hall
Time: 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Speaker: Dr. Steven Radelet, Center for Global Development "Foreign Aid: Wasting Money or Fighting Poverty?"

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Event: Department of Biological Sciences Seminar Series
Location: 1718 Wood Hall
Time: 3:30-4:50 p.m.
Topic: H5N1 Influenza: Continuing Evolution and Options for Control
Speaker: Robert Webster, Ph.D. Member, St. Jude Faculty Rose

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Event: Ethics Discussion Group
Location: 10th floor Sprau Tower
Time: 4 p.m.
Discussion Leader: Jil Larson, English, WMU
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