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Interim position now permanent for Reish

WMU has chosen Joseph G. Reish to permanently assume the role of dean of University Libraries.

Reish has been serving as interim dean of libraries since July 2002, in addition to his responsibilities at the Carl and Winifred Lee Honors College, where he had been dean since 1993. He replaces Lance Query, who resigned in 2000. The move is effective July 1, pending approval by the WMU Board of Trustees. Reish has concluded his duties at the honors college, which is expected to launch a search for its new dean this fall.

"Dr. Reish has done an exemplary job leading the libraries these past two years, and I was delighted when he accepted my invitation to assume the position permanently," said WMU President Elson S. Floyd. "As a scholar, faculty member and experienced dean, he understands the library's role in a major research institution and this made him an ideal choice for this post."

Reish joined the WMU faculty in 1972 and continues to hold a concurrent appointment as a professor of French in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

In his new role, Reish will oversee Waldco Library and four other units on WMU's main campus: the visual resources and education libraries in Sangren Hall, the music and dance library in the Dorothy U. Dilson Center, and the archives and regional history collection in East Hall.

In his new position, he has been dean since 1993. He replaces Daniel M. Litynski, who was named WMU provost and vice president for academic affairs Aug. 14.

Atkins tapped for leadership role at CEAS

Michael B. Atkins has been selected as the new dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

Atkins has served as chairperson of WMU's Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering since 1998, and in September 2001, he took on additional duties as the college's assistant dean for external relations and facilities. He also has served since 1998 as chairperson of the Department of Manufacturing Engineering. He replaces Daniel M. Litynski, who was named WMU provost and vice president for academic affairs Aug. 14.

"Dr. Atkins has been involved with both planning and operations for all aspects of the college's initiatives, and he will be able to step in without missing a beat," says Litynski of Atkins' selection for the position. "He will provide a seasoned and steady hand at the helm and a vision for excellence for the future as the college continues to build on its core strengths of teaching and learning, increase its scholarship and research activities, and work with external partners in new and exciting ways."

Atkins joined the WMU faculty in 1971. Prior to that, the Texas native taught at Texas A&M University and San Antonio College.

In his current position, he has overseas a dramatic expansion of his department's research and instructional capabilities. He was instrumental in establishing the college's Computer Aided Engineering Center and coordinated a number of major partnerships with the makers of industrial computer hardware and software products widely used in the automotive, aviation and electronics industries.

He also has served since 1998 as chairperson of the Department of Manufacturing Engineering. He replaces Daniel M. Litynski, who was named WMU provost and vice president for academic affairs Aug. 14.

"In terms of research, the college has experienced an accelerated pattern of collaboration with industrial partners across the region, and we find ourselves becoming very involved in economic development issues," Atkins says. "One of the things that truly excites me is the role we, as a college and a university, are forging as a resource for the entire state and region."

"In his new role, Atkins will oversee a college composed of seven departments, offering 30 degree programs to some 3,100 students."
Adams, Curtis-Smith honored

Two WMU faculty members have been named recipients of awards from ASCAP—American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. The award winners are Richard Adams and Curtis Smith-Smith, both in the school of music.

The awards reflect ASCAP's continuing commitment to assist and encourage ASCAP composers. Awards are granted by independent panel and are based upon the unique prestige value of each writer's catalog of original compositions, as well as recent performances in areas not surveyed by the society.

Curtis-Smith is no stranger to the awards. This marks the 24th time the musician has received an ASCAP award.

Franquesa recognized by Academy of Management

The Academy of Management recently chose Jaume Franqueso, management, as one of the outstanding reviewers for its 2002 conference. More than 850 scholars and professionals from around the world reviewed papers submitted for the 2002 Autumn and Winter conferences, and Franqueso among just a handful singled out to receive the 2002 Outstanding Reviewer Award.

The accolade was given by the academy's Policy and Strategy Division, for which Franqueso is a member.

The Academy of Management is the leading professional association of scholars dedicated to creating and disseminating knowledge about management and organizations. It aims to enhance the profession by advancing the scholarship of management and enriching the professional development of its 22,650 members, who hail from 82 countries.

Zegree named composer of the month by publisher

Stephen Zegree, music, has been named choral music composer of the month by Billy Joel's Leonid Corp., the world's largest music print publisher.

Featured on the Hall Online Leonard Corp. Web site are two recent Zegree arrangements, "New York State of Mind," by Billy Joel; and "Christmas Time is Here," by Vince Guaraldi, from the animated holiday special "A Charlie Brown Christmas.

Earlier this year, Zegree received critical praise for his latest book, "The Complete Guide to Teaching Vocal Jazz." Another of his arrangements, "Love Walked In," by George and Ira Gershwin, was selected as the recording of the month, in addition to being featured in the world's largest online database of choral repertoire.

Zegree is director of WMU's award-winning vocal jazz ensemble Gold Company, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2002-03.

Repeat submissions needed for some experts

Technical glitches may have interfered with recent online submissions and updates to the WMU Experts Guide, according to officials in the Office of University Relations.

Due to technical difficulties experienced with the online forms, university relations has not yet received some submissions and update requests. If you have sent a request to have your information included or updated and have not re-ceived a confirmation via e-mail, your information was not received.

To be included in the next print edition, p(wmu)MUSI faculty members are strongly encouraged to submit as soon as possible. The online forms are now working properly, and information can be submitted or updated on the Web at <www.experts.wmich.edu>. If you prefer to fill out a hard copy of the form, contact Tonya Hernandez at 7-8429 or <tonya.hernandez@wmich.edu>.
The following vacancies are currently being posted through the Job Opportunity Program in the Human Resource Services Department. Interested benefi-
cients-eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application dur-
during the posting period and may contact a human resource services staff member for assistance in securing these posi-
tions.

Employees may call the Applicant Information Service at 7-3670 to hear the weekly Job Opportunities posting. Forms must be submitted to the Benefits Office by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4.

Job opportunities for up-to-date information on
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The following vacancies are currently
being posted through the Job Opportu-
nity Service at 7-3669 to hear the
day from a Touch Tone phone.

Grade 10 clerical positions are not
required to be posted. For persons inter-
fested in faculty positions, there are open-
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cation should be submitted to the appro-
date dean or chairperson.

Please call the Applicant Information Service
at 7-3670 to hear the weekly Job Opportu-
nity Program and vacancies available to ex-
ternal applicants. The college offers 19 undergraduate, 11 master's degree and 1 doctoral pro-
grams. More than 90 full-time faculty mem-
bers and 50 staff members as well as numer-
ous contract staff members and graduate asso-
ciates offer instruction in a wide range of
work force.

Among Atkins' major responsibilities will be overseeing the completion of WMU's new engineering complex on its Parkview
Campus. That campus is also home to the University's Business Technology and Re-
search Park for companies in the life sci-
ences, advanced engineering and informa-
tion technology. The college is scheduled
to move to new facility in summer 2003, while its Paper Coating Pilot Plant will open
on the new campus later this fall.

"The new facilities will provide some won-
derful new opportunities for teaching and
with technology," Atkins notes. "One of our
goals this year will be to get everyone ready to use that technology to its
fullest advantage so we hit the ground run-
ing next year when we are in the new
building. We'll be working to create a tot-
ally different instructional environment."

Atkins has been active in research and
teaching in engineering technology, with a
particular interest in applying CAD (com-
design and manufacturing computer applica-
tions. The author or co-author of a number
of books and articles, Atkins is a frequent
speaker at national conferences.

He is a member of the American Society for
Engineering Education, the Institute of
Industrial Engineers, the Society of Manu-
facturing Engineers and the Computer and
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Grant to fund learning study

Sitting in a lecture hall taking notes might not be most people's description of an ideal learning environment. With that idea in mind, WMU's Department of Physician Assistant is studying whether there might be a better way. The program established three years ago with Administration will allow students to use real medical cases to learn about diagnosing symptoms and prescribing treatment.

It's all part of a "problem-based" learning program established three years ago with another federal grant. New grant money will allow for further assessment of whether problem-based learning works better than the more traditional lecture-based model. "The students use real medical cases to teach themselves the medicine they need to function as a physician assistant," says James Van Rhee, chairperson of physician assistant. "Students work in small groups of five or six students with a faculty facilitator or tutor. Each week, they work through a new case just like they would with a real patient."

The program is modeled after a similar one at Southern Illinois University. Van Rhee says that WMU is the only university to offer both problem-based and lecture-based physician assistant curricula.

University, community will partner for MLK observance

WMU and the Northside Ministerial Alliance will merge their observances of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, officials from both organizations announced this week.

The collaborative 2003 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration will take place Sunday, Jan. 12, in Miller Auditorium, officials announced Tuesday at the Ministerial Alliance's annual community prayer breakfast. In past years, the Northside Ministerial Alliance and the ecumenical community held their event in Cheney Auditorium the Sunday before the MLK holiday, while the University's annual convention took place during its MLK Week celebration. The community observance will be held eight days before the national holiday, while WMU's traditional weeklong series of events will take place Jan. 20-24.

"We look forward to kicking off the community's series of celebrations in honor of Dr. King," says Deveta Gardner, Career and Student Employment Services, and co-chairperson of WMU's Martin Luther King Jr. Committee. "The University is committed to partnering with the community in a wide variety of ways, and pooling our resources for this event will allow us to offer an extraordinarily meaningful observance. We are delighted that the members of the Northside Ministerial Alliance have committed their leadership to what promises to be an exceptional collaboration—one that we hope will exemplify Dr. King's ideals."

The theme for the celebration, believed to be the first partnership of its kind in Michigan, is "Moving the Dream into the Community: Civil Rights to Social Justice." The joint planning group is focused on ways to bridge generation gaps, spur action based on King's principles and promote social justice for all people.

"The Northside Ministerial Alliance is very pleased to partner with WMU in the celebration of the life and living legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," says the Rev. J. Louis Felton, president of the Northside Ministerial Alliance. "We applaud Dr. Ford and the University's vision of including the Kalamazoo community as WMU pays homage to one of the greatest America's of the 20th century and the future nation of the 21st century."

"The University is a leader in Western Michigan in employment, research, economic development and social consciousness. This collaborative celebration will be one of the great moments in the history of our university, as we can call together all races, all creeds, all ethnicities, all walks of life. Now is the time for all of us to overcome any differences and celebrate our commonalities."

Officials also announced that the keynote speaker for the Jan. 12 event will be Myrlon Evers-Williams, widow of civil rights martyr Medgar Evers and the first woman to serve full time as chairperson of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She is the author of "For Us, The Living," a book that depicts the life of her late husband and the civil rights struggle in Mississippi.

Evers-Williams is also featured in the book and exhibit, "I Dream A World, Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America."

WMU's Martin Luther King Jr. Committee is dedicated to furthering social justice by engaging in meaningful education, research and service initiatives, and by coordinating events throughout the WMU and Kalamazoo communities. The Northside Ministerial Alliance, which partners with leaders from the Jewish, Muslim and other faiths to plan its MLK celebration, is an ecumenical body that strives to combat ignorance and apathy through education and grants to nonprofit organizations.

More journals now available on Internet

Upgraded access to electronic journals is available this fall through the University Libraries. The library Web site now allows faculty, staff and students to access more than 13,000 online journals. In the past, the site listed only about 2,000 electronic journals for which WMU had individually licensed subscriptions.

The new technology on the site, called the Electronic Journal Finder, can guide users to additional publications embedded within licensed databases such as Lexis-Nexis, ABI/INFORM, and Contemporary Women's Issues. Until now, it had been difficult to know which journals were incorporated into those sources. Clicking on the desired title in the Electronic Journal Finder jumps users to that specific journal's issues in every case where it is technically possible. In other cases, the title will link to a screen in the correct database, such as ABI/INFORM. The Electronic Journal Finder also allows users to search by journal name to find out whether a particular publication is available online. Electronic Journal Finder is accessible on the Web at <www.wmich.edu/library/re- search-resources.html> (select "e-journals") or at <www.tdnet.com/wmu>. The opening screen gives valuable instructions and a link to instructions for off-campus access. The help screens provide additional detail.