Loeffler, Micklin chosen as Distinguished Faculty Scholars

Two faculty members who are internationally recognized for their research on critical aspects of life in Central Asia and the Middle East have been selected to receive WMU’s 1992 Distinguished Faculty Scholar Awards.

Erika Loeffler, anthropology, and Philip P. Micklin, geography, will be presented with their awards at the 13th annual Academic Convocation on 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, in the DuFour Center Recital Hall. In addition to a plaque, they will receive a $2,000 cash award and a $2,000 adjustment to their base salaries.

The award, inaugurated in 1978, is WMU’s highest honor for a faculty member. Selection criteria include that there be a significant body of achievement, most of which has been compiled while a faculty member at WMU. The recipients also must have wide recognition beyond the University.

Loeffler, who publishes under the name Erika Friedl, is widely regarded as an expert on the Iranian revolution and women in the Middle East. Since 1965, she has spent more than five years living and conducting research in Iran and the Middle East. Much of her time in that country has been spent in the southwest corner of Iran, in the village of Deh Koh. During seven field trips to the area, her studies have focused on traditional culture, political and social structure, folklore, religion, health, education, textile production and post-revolutionary culture change.

Loeffler shared her observations in a series of professional publications starting in 1967 and culminating with her 1989 book, "Women of Deh Koh: Lives in an Iranian Village," which was published by the Smithsonian Press. Using a narrative approach to ethnographic writing, the book recounts the stories of 12 Iranian women and has been critically acclaimed by reviewers in both the academic community and the national press. The book was nominated for the Victor Turner Prize for Ethnographic Writing. A New York Times reviewer called it "enthralling" and television journalist Judy Woodruff called it "the real inside story of Iran."

Loeffler’s most recent writings include an August 1992 New York Times article, "Moonrose Watched Through a Sunny Day," and a book titled "Women in Contemporary Iran," for which Loeffler is a contributing author and co-editor.

Loeffler’s research on Iranian life took place against a backdrop of political turmoil. Her stays in Iran spanned the reign of the Shah, the Islamic revolution, the rise of the Ayatollah Khomeini and the taking of American hostages. She was in Iran at the time of Khomeini’s death. Because of her Austrian citizenship, Loeffler was able to continue her research there even through times when Americans were barred from the country and entry by any Western academic was restricted. In nominating her for the award, one colleague wrote of her tenacity in maintaining her village ties in the face of warnings of danger and potential disaster from her peers. "She ignored those warnings of gloom and doom and went anyway, because her research was so important to her."

"Another said, "Few if any American institutions can boast of this kind of long-term hands-on faculty expertise in this highly volatile part of the world."

In support of her nomination, a colleague from another university called the 1989 book that resulted from her work "the best book written on Iran in the last 20 years" and said she uses it in both introductory and advanced classes on Islamic civilization.

"Through her stories of these women, Iranian history comes alive to my students. Erika Friedl’s work makes me a better teacher. Is this not what scholarship is supposed to accomplish?"

The proposal now goes to Provost Nancy Barrett, who is to make a final recommendation to President Haenicke.

Faculty Senate approves proposal intended to simplify and clarify curriculum review process

The Faculty Senate Oct. 5 approved a proposed curriculum change that is intended to simplify and clarify the process in nearly all cases of curricular change at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

The proposal seeks to facilitate and improve the curriculum review process by delineating responsibilities at each level of review. The changes, which were approved by the curriculum committee, were sponsored by the faculty and were approved by the faculty and the senate. The proposal would direct all first-level decisions to a curriculum committee, which would be comprised of representatives from the schools, and would direct all second-level decisions to a curriculum committee, which would be comprised of representatives from the schools.

For example, minor changes, such as those affecting only a single college, when approved by the college curriculum committee, would go directly from the dean to the registrar and from the curriculum committee, which would be comprised of representatives from the schools, and would direct second-level decisions to the curriculum. In addition, the current pattern of review by both the undergraduate and graduate curricular committees, which is being reviewed by the graduate curricular committee, would be eliminated by the proposed change.

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INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL — WMU students from other countries shared their customs and traditions Oct. 11 at an international festival at the Bernhard Center that was part of Homecoming Week activities. Here, students from Malaysia performed a dance in native dress during the festival. There are 480 Malaysian students at WMU, representing the largest contingent of international students at the University.
FROM THE HEART — Representatives from several student groups turned out for the annual United Way kick-off breakfast in the Bernhard Center Oct. 7 to present a check for $14,000 toward this year's campaigns. The money was collected from a carnival the groups sponsored this past spring in the Read Fieldhouse parking lot. Pictured, from left, are: Garvin Gilly of the National Pan-Hellenic Council; Kelly S. Duley of the National Pan-Hellenic Council; Marsha P. Johnson of the Inter-Fraternity Council; John D. Fleckenstein Jr., former president of the Western Student Association; Tonda L. Redawan of the Campus Activities Board; Elizabeth S. Upjohn, chairperson of the Greater Kalamazoo United Way campaign; and president Haesticks. In charging the fund-raisers at the breakfast, Haesticks nicated, "The University has been very good in giving, and I have been very proud of the generosity I've seen. We are all human beings and can afford to be generous. This is a great opportunity to tear up the first page of the first post-Cold War World." 

Howard Zinn, a nationally recognized historian and playwright, will give an address during the 11th annual Peace and Justice Education Week at WMU Oct. 19-23. Zinn, also will be featured in the second annual Winnie Heal Peace and Justice Week. With talks on human capital, Soviet agriculture and community peace and justice groups, Zinn will present a lecture series that runs through December titled "What You Need to Know About the European Community From Single Market to Superpower." The series is designed to provide information about the single market, a common economic policy and its impact on the countries of the European Community. The countries will enjoy the free movement of goods, money and people through their countries, with a common external tariff for world trade.

Peace and Justice Education Week is organized by United Campus Against Military Intervention (UCAM), a WMU student organization. "The theme this year is 'World Orders, Old and New,'" said Ronald K. Kramer, senate representative and the faculty advisor to UCAM. "With the end of the Cold War and the 500th anniversary of Columbus' encounter with the New World, now is the time for reflection on the possibility of creating a just world order."

A Luncheon address, "The Columbian Legacy: 1492-1992," is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, in 3770 Knauss Hall. Zinn will present the second annual W.envistan Peace Lecture. "A Foreign Policy: Justice Without War" at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, in the Martin Luther King Jr. Room (204) of the Bernhard Center. The Veerstra Lecture is co-sponsored by the WMU Center for the Study of Ethics in Society. Zinn is a prominent historian and award-winning author. After getting his doctoral degree in history from Columbia University, he taught at Spelman College in Atlanta, became active in the civil rights movement and began writing for The Nation, The New Republic, and Harper's magazine.

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In addition to the evening events, representatives from several campus and community organizations will give luncheon or late afternoon presentations during the week. Participating organizations include: Amnesty International of La Lucha (Students Struggling for Justice in Central America), South African Solidarity in Kalamazoo, Pauling Africa and the WMU Campus Activists of the Olive Branch Award in 1991. His plays have been performed on national and international perspectives.
Reservations due Oct. 23 for Parents Weekend

- Parents of WMU students will be welcomed to campus for a special weekend of activities planned for them Friday through Sunday, Oct. 30-Nov. 1.

- "Parents Weekend is an ideal opportunity for parents and students to visit campus, meet other WMU parents and get acquainted with the lives their sons or daughters lead every day," said Charles G. (Bud) Tackett, assistant dean of students, noting that this year's events have been expanded from previous years.

- Registration for the weekend is scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m. Friday in the Bernhard Center. Families attending parents weekend can attend a special performance at 9 p.m. in the center's North Ballroom by comedian Tim Setti.

- Parents also have been invited to attend the WMU's 7:30 p.m. Friday night football game on Friday and performances in Miller Auditorium on Friday and Saturday. In addition, the Gary Center will open its gymnasium on Friday evening for volleyball, badminton or basketball.

- WMU parents also should visit the Bernhard Center to take family portraits.

- The following list of vacancies is currently posted through the Job Opportunity Program in the Department of Human Resources.

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- Please call (616) 383-1055 or use the Job opportunity Program and vacancies system. Your cooperation in observing these hours is greatly appreciated. Transfer applications may be dropped off or picked up at any time.

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(ad) 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Hispanic Heritage Month exhibit of books by Latino authors, third floor, Waldo Library.
(thru Nov. 20) Exhibit, watercolor and mixed media, realistic and abstract, Sylvia Wong, The National Council of the Arts of Human Resources, 1240 Seiber Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m.
Homecoming exhibit of African American art and culture, Red Rooms B and C, Bernhard Center (thru Oct. 31) Exhibit, "Faculty Collects," works from the personal collections of WMU art faculty, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, weekdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
President P. H. S. Keene’s office open house, 3000 Seiber Administration Building, 10 a.m.-noon.
(16) Homecoming "noon zoo," outside near the Bernhard Center, Kruglak sundial, 1-4 p.m.; event stops at 3 p.m.; free admission, Kruglak sundial, 1-4 p.m.
(s) Monday, October 19
Soccer, WMU vs. Wisconsin-Platteville, Knauss Hall, 3 p.m.
Campus Safety Week activities: presentation, "The Theory of Campus Safety," 1017 Trimpe Hall, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 20
Peace and Justice Education Week activities: presentation, "Peace and Justice: Twin Forces of the Future," 300 Seiber Administration Building, 10 a.m.-noon; and presentation, "How to Make It Happen," Fetzer Center, 1:50-3:30 p.m.; call 7-3620 to register.
Wednesday, October 21
Peace and Justice Education Week activities: presentation, "Racism: Slaughter in South Africa," Business Hall, 2-3:30 p.m.; and panel discussion, "Feminist Perspectives on Violence Against Women," WMU Alumni Center, 6:30 p.m.
*Breakfast program for WMU alumni and friends, "The Ever Changing Face of Russia," James M. Butterfield, political science, Fetzer Center, 7:30 a.m.
*Teleconference, "Total Quality Management in Colleges and Universities: How to Make It Happen," Butler University, 1-2:30 p.m.; call 7-3620 to register.
Thursday, October 22
Peace and Justice Education Week activities: presentation, "High Level Nuclear Waste Dump on the Shore of Lake Michigan?," WMU Chapel, 6:30 p.m.; and presentation, "Foreign Policy and Military Spending in the Post-Cold War Era," Andy Davis, 6th Congressional District candidate, 3770 Knauss Hall, 7:30 p.m.
University film screening, "Curtain Call: The Life and Career of Gene Kranz," presented by the Global Infrastructure Fund Research Foundation, 2 p.m.; and presentation, "Recent Advances in Chocolate Research," 1112 Beal Boulevard, 4 p.m.
Friday, October 23
Meeting, Senate Ad Hoc Committee to Revise General Education, 1017 Trimpe Hall, 11:30 a.m.
Saturday, October 24
Panel discussion, "The Current Situation in Nicaragua and El Salvador," WMU Chapel Social Room, noon; and panel discussion, "Feminist Perspectives on Violence Against Women," WMU Alumni Center, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 25
*Choral concert, Associated Women's Choral Society, 2014 Beal Boulevard, 4 p.m.
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Monday, October 26
*Concert, WMU Jazz Band, 1130 Beal Boulevard, 1 p.m.
*Concert Series: apresentação, "Brazil:
Music and Dance," 1130 Beal Boulevard, 8 p.m.
*Sunseeker 93 open house, 1083 Kohrman Hall, 1-5 p.m.
*Volleyball, "Brown and Gold" intrasquad game, Lawson Arena, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, October 27
Volleyball, WMU vs. Ohio University, Waldo Stadium, 7 p.m.
Exhibition, work by advanced sculpture students, Student Art Gallery; East Hall, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
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Wednesday, October 28
*Concert, University Jazz Orchestra, Dalton Center Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
Thursday, October 29
Dinner, Fetzer Center, 6 p.m.
*Ballroom dance, 4 p.m.; and presentation, "Foreign Policy and Military Spending in the Post-Cold War Era," Andy Davis, 6th Congressional District candidate, 3770 Knauss Hall, 7:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, November 4
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Thursday, November 5
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