Travel opportunities expand for faculty members

A history of "patience, integrity and quality" in dealings with foreign universities is being rewarded as travel opportunities for WMU faculty members.

New foreign study and teaching opportunities for faculty are emerging at an unprecedented rate, according to Norman C. Greenberg, international affairs. With the next two months, faculty members will travel to Japan, Taiwan and Korea to take advantage of unusual invitations from institutions in those countries.

"For the first time, we are getting offers for our professors to travel with their expenses paid and honorariums offered," says Greenberg, who for the past 10 years has overseen coordination of the University's international programs. "The more these universities see of WMU and the programs we run, the more they're interested in us. They like what they see."

The most recent round of faculty travel began late in March when the Office of International Affairs was asked to recommend three faculty members to participate in the University's Women's Studies Program to travel to Japan and take part in a women's conference at the Kalamazoo College institution, Josai University. Sushi Daisuke, history; Barbara S. Havira, history; and Shirley A. Van Hoeven, communication, are expected to complete their visits during the final week of March to attend the conference and tour the city of Nitora and its boardwalk.

In May, Evelyn T. Dearmin, chairperson of the education professional development, will be the guest of National Kaohsiung Normal University in Taiwan. She has been asked to attend a meeting in Singapore. That opportunity developed after the professor and the university's president visited WMU in March and asked Greenberg to recommend a WMU expert in educational assessment.

Taiwan also will be the destination of Dr. John Plasman, who is visiting WMU in late April and asked Greenberg to recommend a faculty member to travel with him to Japan. Plasman is the newly appointed director of the University's International Affairs.

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Two student volunteer projects earn Venture Grants

Two student volunteer projects based at WMU have been awarded funding by a statewide organization dedicated to promoting community involvement and volunteerism among university and college students.

Michigan Campus Compact Venture Grants have been awarded to the University's Habitat for Humanity chapter, directed by Donald Van Hoeven, chapter adviser and campus minister, and the Student Volunteer Advocate Program, directed by Danny H. Thompson, assistant professor of sociology.

The purpose of the MCC's Venture Grants is to not only support the development of campus-based community service programs while encouraging college and university students to become involved in addressing community needs but also to recognize and encourage superior scholarship and integrity of character in all academic pursuits.

The MCC, through its joint venture of MSU funds and the SEMaPlus project with Poel will be used to develop a series of Science Curriculum Development Modules and a three-year action-oriented, three-year demonstration project to improve state science education. The new grant will fund continued efforts to extend the physics concepts to students.

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Thirty-one graduate students will be honored for their contributions to the scholarly and artistic productivity of the University, President Haenicke announced Monday, April 15, at the Fetter Center. The speaker for the event will be President Haenicke.

This is the sixth year that the Graduate Research and Creative Scholars awards will be made by the Graduate College and the Graduate Studies Council of the Faculty.

Departments were asked to identify outstanding students at the master’s, dissertation, and doctoral levels who were enrolled in the University between Jan. 1, 1989, and June 30, 1990. Students are designated as Department Teacher Placement Day planned for April 15

Graduating seniors and alumni of WMU hoping to find jobs in the field of education should plan to attend the third annual Teacher Placement Day Monday, April 15.

Recruiters from Michigan as well as other states will be stationed at booths in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free event, sponsored by the Graduate College, resume and cover letter critiquing service and placement services, is part of Michigan Teacher Recruiting Week. WMU recruiters will be visiting five universities in the state.

Designers will be seeking not only teachers, but also administrators, psychologists, counselors, social workers, coaches and occupational, physical and speech therapists.

Participants will be able to attend a resume writing and interviewing workshop at 2 p.m. led by Marcia A. Barnhart, career development and placement services. A videotaped speech, “What Schools Are Looking for in Freshman Teachers,” presented by Arthur Angood, former social worker at the Battle Creek Public Schools, will be shown throughout the day.

Additional career videos and a free resume and cover letter critiquing service also will be available.

Folk concert planned

Folk singer John O’Connor will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, April 19, at St. Thomas More Church, 421 Monroe.

The concert is being organized by United Nations Fundraising (UN) student organization. Admission is $3 and includes a one-night membership.

O’Connor has toured the United States and Canada since the release of his debut album, “The Man Who Shot John Henry,” on the Flying Fish label in 1984.

Button entries sought

The University Retention Committee is seeking design logo designs for the 1991-92 resident button. The button is worn by members of the student community to welcome students to the campus each fall. The entries are due at 5 p.m. Friday, April 26.

Persons should submit their logo designs on 8 1/2-by-11-inch sheet of white paper. The designs should be of actual size (the buttons are 2-1/2 inches in diameter) and should be traced onto the logo to feature. Persons should include their name and telephone number on the entry form.

Designs must be sent to Lynne C. Mushinski, Student Development Program, Moore Hall.

Sky Broncos plan fly-in

Members of the University community are invited to have breakfast with the Sky Broncos football team and its coach Monday, April 15, at the aviation facility at the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport.

On the menu are pancakes, sausage, eggs, grits and coffee. Adults are $3.50 for children 12 and under. Serving will begin at 7 a.m. and end at noon. That afternoon the Sky Broncos will display and tours of the WMU aviation facility. Airplane rides will be available for $14 per person and helicopter rides will be offered at $20 per person.

In case of rain, the event will be moved to Sunday, April 21.

HumanResources

Session on Social Security set

Social Security, as it relates to retirement, will be the final topic for discussion in the three-part "Planning for Your Future" series. It will be from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, April 15, in the Red Rooms of the Bernhard Center and is open to both faculty and spouses.

Whether you are a long-time or a newer retiree, this series will give you valuable information. Armed with this information, you can take control of your retirement now and still have time to make decisions that will have a lasting impact on your happy, secure retirement.

Gary Mitty, field representative for the Social Security Administration, will give an informal session on payroll deductions' services, which is sponsored by the training and development and departmental offices of the Department of Human Resources.

In addition, complete the form in the Training and Development Catalog, or call 419/530-7360.

"Library lends resources

Several educational and training resources are available in the lending library of the training and development office.

Zest for Life

Zest for Life spring classes start the week of May 6. Get fit for the summer with aerobics, water exercise or workout sessions.

All workouts earn points toward Super Points, redeemable for gift certificates (t-shirts, sweatsuits, towels, jackets, etc.). Let Zest for Life's incentive program keep you motivated and meet your personal goals.

A new program offered on Thursdays during the fall and spring is called "Walk Break." Walk away from stress as you walk in classes during this noon-hour program. Slip on your walking shoes and come in your street clothes (exercise attire optional) as we enjoy the day.

All fitness levels will benefit from this "go at your own pace” activity.

Each walk will be led by one of our "advent Western Workers": May 9, Ruth E. Muder, Bernhard Center, and Judy Wals, ombudsman’s office; May 16, Sara L. Wick, media services, and Deborah C. Jodoin, director of Libraries. Media services producers are on call to maintain a drug-clean work environment.

"Welcome To Our Drug-Free Workplace" - Fighting drugs in the workplace is one of the most pressing issues faced by businesses today. Fact-packed video explains employers’ responsibilities to both employees and management: the dangers of drug abuse and the penalties for violation of the act.

Exchange

WANTED -- Hide-a-bed (love seat with full size bed) for a place we have up north. Not concerned about color/looks/style, as long as clean and structurally sound. Will pay around $75. Call 375-6392 after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE -- Smith/Corona Mark II typewriter; spell-write 50,000-word dictionary; memory word correction; electronic error correction; auto-spacing; automatic line- ter and underline; more. $100. Call 7-3669.

Jobs

The listing below is currently being posted on employment services in the Department of Human Resources. Interested fringe benefit eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application or sign the appropriate bid sheet during the posting period. Application or sign the appropriate bid sheet during the posting period. Application or sign the appropriate bid sheet during the posting period.

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K. "A healthy attitude - When asked what she likes best about her job, Ms. Williams said, 'but mostly the people I work with. They are warm and inviting. I work for a nice boss and never once I wouldn't have stayed here for 14 years.' Callahan is an administrative assistant for the Counseling and Human Services. Since 1977, she has worked in various areas of the college, including the Gerontology in Adult Education and the Center for Human Services. For the past 10 years, she has worked in the financial aid office, managing budgets and supervising student aid staff. "I love working on special projects, such as organizing conferences in addition to the people, Callahan also enjoys the independence she has. "The people here are always willing to work for the university," she says. "They give me a project and say, 'Work it out.'"
Calendar

**APRIL 11**

- 11:30 AM Photography exhibit, "Solitary Reflections" at the Dow Center lobby.

**APRIL 12**

- 12 PM Art exhibits on campus.
- 1 PM Recital by Takuji Sato and Angela Jones.

**APRIL 13**

- 11 AM Engineering conference set.
- 12 PM Softball doubleheader.

**APRIL 14**

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