Windham Lecture Series

Thursday, April 10, will be the seventeenth Annual Windham Lecture. This year Philip Furia, professor of creative writing at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, will be on campus to speak about his research and book *Skylark: A Tribute to Johnny Mercer*, while Rebecca Windham (professional soloist and daughter of the lecture founders) and Geoffrey Hayden (pianist) will perform songs of the era. The lecture will begin at 5:00 p.m. in T. Earl Hinton Hall, in Wright Music Building.

The Windham Lecture Series in Liberal Arts was established in 1990 through the MTSU Foundation by Dr. William Windham and his late wife Westy. Windham was a member of the MTSU history department's faculty from 1955 to 1989, chairing the department the last 11 years. Westy Windham (1927-1991) earned a master's degree in sociology at MTSU and was the founder of the Great American Singalong.

Dean's Notes

When we set out in fall 2004 to begin our College newsletter, there were three guiding factors in the coverage: academic excellence, student preparedness, and partnership. (As you know, these are the three areas of the University Mission Statement.) These three areas were what we wanted to cover in our newsletter, and we continue to have plenty to cover. This spring we have hosted numerous lectures and a visiting Fulbright scholar, had faculty participating in the Honors Lecture Series, and faculty receiving grants and awards, not to mention all the student activities. If you or one of your students have work or accomplishments that you would like included in future newsletters, please contact Connie Huddleston at 494-7628 or e-mail her at chudd@mtsu.edu. Enjoy the newsletter and the remainder of the spring semester.

John N. McDaniel, Dean

Linguistic Olympiad

Middle school and high school students from three Tennessee counties (Knox, Rutherford, and Williamson) displayed their language skills for fun and prizes in the second annual MTSU Linguistics Olympiad on Saturday, February 2. Students solved linguistics problems, such as identifying word formation and syntax patterns in Modern Greek, Russian, and Swahili. The MTSU Linguistics Olympiad was funded with an MTSU Public Service Grant to Aleka Blackwell (English).

Blackwell says that the mission of the Olympiad is to share the love for languages with middle and high school students in Tennessee and to provide them with an opportunity to immerse themselves in this field of inquiry. Thanks also go to the Linguistics Club of MTSU, Mohammed Albakry (English), Rebecca Fischer (Speech and Theatre), Will Langston (English), Rhonda McDaniel (English), and Tim Wilt (English) for making this year's competition a success.
Faculty Awards and Accolades

Hugh Berryman (FIRE director, Sociology and Anthropology), along with student Alicja Kutyla (Biology major), received the Ellis R. Kerley Award for a poster and a paper titled “Gunshot Residue (GSR) on Bone as a Potential Indicator of Gunshot Trauma in the Absence of a Bullet Wound Defect—A Noteworthy Observation.” The award was given at the sixth Annual American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) in Washington, D.C. Kutyla also serves as a team member of Berryman's Forensic Anthropology Search and Recovery Team (FASR).

Dina Cancryn (Music) and Kim Neal Nofzinger (Speech and Theatre) have been nominated for the 2007-08 Distinguished Creative Activity Award. Phillip Phillips (English) has been nominated for the 2007-08 Distinguished Research Award. Recipients will be announced at the annual Fall Convocation in August. Phillips was also awarded a Public Service Grant for the Great Books in Prison initiative sponsored by a grant and the College of Liberal Arts.

Foster Amey (Sociology and Anthropology) has been awarded a Faculty Research and Creative Activity Grant for his proposal “MTSU/WHO/CDS/GSE: Improving the Health of School Aged Youth in Ghana, West Africa, Through an

Visiting Professor

Professor Monique Leroy, from the Institut Universitaire de Cherbourg, France, will be on our campus during the month of April 2008. Prof. Leroy has a lively personality and an excellent command of English. She is sure to capture students' interests with her enthusiastic accounts of her double career as a town councilwoman and a teacher of business English. In addition to those subjects, she can speak on a variety of topics including:

- local politics in France: an eyewitness view;
- economy, history, tourism, architecture, products of the Normandy region;
- memory and remembrance in France from WW2 to the present;
- the Norman painter Jean-François Millet;
- the history of Cherbourg as a transatlantic port;
- Study Abroad Programs between French universities and their partners in Europe;
- the innovative musical film “The Umbrellas of Cherbourg” and other films made in Normandy; and
- in French classes only: the French spoken by the present young generation.

Spring 2008 Honors Lecture Series—The Mind

Shelley Thomas (Foreign Languages and Literature)
Acquisition and Expression of Languages: A Brain-Based Approach

Ed Beemon (History)
The Mind of the Renaissance Individual

Ben Austin (Sociology and Anthropology)
Social Conformity, Group Think, and Violence: Social Activism in the 1960s

Ron Bombardi (Philosophy) will lecture on April 7.
On the Neurobiology of Truth.

Faculty Awards cont. on
Fossil Donations

MTSU Mineral, Gem and Fossil Museum, directed by Albert Ogden (Geosciences), has received new donations: a wooly mammoth tooth and dinosaur footprints. The museum is a popular destination for school and other organizations' field trips. This semester the museum passed the 4,000-visitor mark. This, of course, includes MTSU student visits for class assignments. This popular museum is located in Ezell Hall across from the Rec Center; call 898-4877 or go to http://mtsu.edu/~mineral for more information.

New Degrees

The Department of Social Work has developed a Masters of Social Work (MSW) degree in collaboration with Tennessee State University and Austin Peay State University. This program will serve a need in the mid-state since the only current public MSW program, offered by UT (in Nashville), has limited enrollment. The new degree is in the final stages of the approval process (awaiting approval from THEC and the Council on Social Work Education). The department hopes to admit its first students to the program in fall 2008 although the lengthy approval process may mean that it will not start until fall 2009.

The Department of Political Science has proposed a Masters in International Affairs. The proposal is currently being reviewed by the TBR. The degree would fit well with the Board's desire to "internationalize" the state's higher education curriculum.

Faculty Awards cont. from page 2

Academic and Research Partnership." This is an interdisciplinary grant with Peggy O'Hara-Murdock (HHP), Maria Smith (Nursing), and Andrew Owusu (HHP).

Karen Petersen (Political Science) has been certified as an EXL mentor this semester, along with serving as advisor to the Society for International Affairs. The Society has begun to participate in micro-credit lending through KIVA. (There will be more on this project in the student accomplishments of the newsletter.) Petersen is also the recipient of a FRCAC grant for Summer 2008.

Jeremy Rich (History) learned earlier this semester that the Memorial University of Newfoundland Press's Research in Maritime History series has agreed to publish his work, Navigating African Maritime History, a book of essays that was co-edited with Carina Ray of Fordham University. Rich has also been awarded a Tomlin Grant ($1,000) from the UK-based Society for Nautical Research. The grant will fund a research trip to France this summer.

Raphael Bundage (Music) conducted Mozart's opera The Magic Flute that was presented by the MTSU Opera.

Rebecca Conard (History) chaired the seventh annual District History Day on February 22. There were approximately 300 6-12 graders on campus for competition that covered exhibits, performances, documentaries, historical papers, and interpretative Web sites. What an opportunity to engage and encourage students in history! Thanks goes to all those that contributed to this day.
CUSTOMS 2008
Contact Lucy Langworthy (898-7785) or Judy Albakry (898-5089), our college Academic Advisors, if you have questions concerning CUSTOMS.

May 21
June 10
June 18
July 17
July 25
July 29

Transfer Advising
April 24
May 16
June 6
June 16
July 1

July 21
August 1
August 8
August 15

Art Student Accomplishments
The MTSU Juried Student Exhibition in January 2008 winners follow:

Lani Asuncion “Colony Collapse Disorder I,” Best of Show
Christine Peterson “Your People Will Be My People,” First Place
Randy Purcell “Protected,” Second Place
Jonathan Wallraven “Zeitgeist Failure No. 17,” Third Place
Randy Purcell “Family Tradition,” Honorable Mention
Erin Chumley “Phally Frolic,” Honorable Mention
Jon Masters “Broke Up,” Honorable Mention

School of Music
Raidersettes Win
Raidersettes won the 2008 Overall Collegiate Champions and the Gold Medal in Collegiate Line at the fourth Intercollegiate Twirling Championships at Purdue University. Below is the breakdown of awards:

MTSU Raidersettes
Silver medalist for Collegiate Fight Song
Bronze medalist for Collegiate Team

1-Baton
Alyse Gillman 4th place
Kim Senter 7th place

2-Baton
Alyse Gillman Silver medalist

3-Baton
Alyse Gillman 5th place

Pairs
Senter and Galyon Gold medalists

Collegiate Free-Style
Kyla Holder 5th place
Carolyn Hogan 7th place

Collegiate Fight Song
Kim Senter Silver medalist

MTSU Art Students Sweep AIGA Awards
Noel Lorson (Art) is professor in Art’s graphic design area and vice-president of education in the design organization AIGA. Lorson reports that MTSU students took all awards for the juried portfolio review called Rise n “Shine” at the meeting held in Nashville February 7-9. Students were awarded in four areas: (shown left to right) Shiniest Sophomore (Michael Zadick), Shiniest of Show (Blake Noel), Shiniest Senior (Matt Davis), and Shiniest Junior (Cristina Gomez).
Society for International Affairs

Students from the Society for International Affairs, under the leadership of Nick Mackie and Shaun Guffey (International Relations majors), are collecting donations on campus and loaning the proceeds to entrepreneurs in the developing world. The first loan was made to Akbarali Mirzoev, a 26-year-old who raises livestock in Tajikistan. SIA (with the support of the Student Government Association and Dr. Karen Peterson, Political Science) has an ambitious plan to augment the project with off-campus partnerships. The goal is to provide an opportunity for International Relations students to put their skills to work. The students will help choose service projects, analyze loan recipient data, raise money, and develop a service ethic that will stay with them long after they leave MTSU.

Lightning JobSource

The Career and Employment Center is a comprehensive center serving all departments and schools of MTSU. It provides career and employment information to students and alumni to assist them in the pursuit of their chosen career goals. Lightning JobSource (formerly eRecruiting) is the online student resume database, resume referral, and job posting system used by the Career and Employment Center. An account will generally be active from the time it is opened until six months after graduation. At this time, the Career Center will notify students that their account is going to become inactive, suggesting that if they need further assistance to contact the office to reactivate their account.

Students can

- Upload and publish a resume.
- Search full-time, part-time, and internship opportunities.
- Apply for jobs.
- Research employers.
- See a calendar of recruiting events.

Students can register online at http://www.mtsu.edu/~career/openaccount.htm

For more information, contact Lucy Billings-Jones at ext. 5364.

Congratulations to Jazz Studies

Congratulations to Jazz Ensemble I and the Graduate Jazz Combo for their successful performances at University of Louisville Jazz Festival. Both groups received superior ratings from the adjudicators, all of whom had very positive comments about the bands’ performances and professionalism.

In addition, three MTSU students received full scholarships to the highly regarded Jamey Aebersold Summer Jazz Camps this summer. They include graduate jazz studies students Jason McVey, alto saxophone, and Mike Jenner, tenor saxophone, and undergraduate jazz studies major Matt Galloway, guitar.

In addition, the following eleven students received “Outstanding Performer” recognition and certificates from the judges:

Instrumental Music Education major
Joe Jordan, trumpet
David Snodgrass, trombone
Cord Martin, saxophone

Instrumental Performance major
Shannon Stewart, trumpet

Graduate Jazz Studies Specialization
Jason McVey, alto saxophone
Mike Jenner, tenor saxophone
Mason Embry, piano

Undergraduate Jazz Studies major
Josh Dunlap, alto saxophone
Matt Galloway, guitar
Leonard Walker, baritone saxophone

Music Industry major
Evan Hutchings, drums

Finally, each year one group is chosen to open the evening performance, and this year the honor was given to our Graduate Jazz Combo!
Spring Lectures/Conferences in Liberal Arts

Lt. Col. Ronny Simon spoke to Political Science classes about his home country, Israel. Simon delivered a power point presentation on the current situation in the Middle East. Students in Mark Byrnes and Karen Petersen’s (Political Science) classes were given the opportunity to meet with Simon and ask questions about political issues in his country. Simon is an Israeli historian and a licensed tour guide who lives and works in Israel. The intense guide training and three years at the Hebrew university in Jerusalem, in addition to 20 years of work as tour guide, have made him very knowledgeable about the history and geography of Israel.

Michael Nelson, Presidential Scholar and Fulmer Professor of Political Science at Rhodes College, spoke about Super Tuesday in a recent lecture. Nelson is the author of 22 books on the presidency and the political system; so he was right person to discuss who can be president, but not even Nelson could predict with confidence the outcome of this year’s race.

The Southeast Regional Seminar on African Studies (SERSAS), held on campus March 15, was directed by Jeremy Rich (History). This regional organization brought scholars on Africa from Florida, North Carolina, and Mississippi to present and discuss their research. Specialists in art history, chemistry, literature, medicine, and political science were represented in the program as well. The seminar was sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts.

College Mourns Colleagues

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of three fine men with immense talent, commitment, and service to the College of Liberal Arts and beyond. Roy Shelton, Lon Nuell, and David Walker will all be missed by their MTSU and College of Liberal Arts family.

Roy Shelton served as a faculty member with a specialty in German in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. An MTSU alumnus (1963), Professor Shelton began his teaching career at MTSU in fall of 1968 and served until his retirement in 2005, including a stint as department chair in the late seventies/early eighties. He was participating in the post-tenure retirement program teaching an on-line course in medical vocabulary at the time of his death. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Carole and son Eric. We will not forget the contributions he made to the College and University.

Lon Nuell came to MTSU in 1971. He was well known for his dedication to teachers and education, for the service that he supplied for many years to the Murfreesboro City School Board, and for his supervision of MTSU student teachers who wished to provide our schools with an appreciation of the fine arts. But he was equally respected on our campus as a leader, having served at various times as chair of the Department of Art, commissioner on the Tennessee Commission on Holocaust Education, a member of the Tennessee Art Education Association, and, until his untimely death, director of the Todd Art Gallery. We pass along our sincerest sympathy to Christie and sons Isaac, Aaron, and Jordan.

David Walker was a professor in the Department of Speech and Theatre, where he had taught for 43 years, beginning in 1965. His area of expertise was in communication studies. He served the University in a variety of roles, including interim chair of the Department of Speech and Theatre and president of the Faculty Senate. We pass along our heartfelt condolences to wife Sandra and the Walker family.
Academic Advisor Serves as Phi Kappa Phi President

Lucy Langworthy became involved with the MTSU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi in her first month at MTSU when she volunteered to fill the position of secretary of the organization. Langworthy continued to serve on the board the following year as vice-president and assumed the position of president in June of 2007. As president, she had the privilege of attending the Phi Kappa Phi triennium national convention in Orlando, Florida, in August of 2007. The experience gave her a greater insight into the professional and dynamic organization that, though rich in history, was making many changes to address the needs of today's academic community. She returned to the local chapter with three main goals: to solicit representation from student members by adding a student vice-president to the board, to adopt a service project that would address the national PKP literacy initiative, and to increase awareness of the organization on campus (our percentage of members who join is extremely low). These goals have been addressed by applying for a literacy grant with PKP that will allow MTSU to add texts of general education classes on reserve in our library, by naming a student vice-president who will be representing our chapter at a PKP national meeting in Salt Lake City in May, and by placing signs throughout campus, listing our new initiates.

Langworthy is excited about the next initiation April 3, 2008, at 5:00 in the James Union Building. MTSU musician Silviu Ciulei will provide music and our Southeast Region Vice-President, Dr. Ray Davis, from North Carolina A & T State University will be in attendance to help with the ceremony. In addition to approximately 150 MTSU students who will be initiated, we will also initiate two honorary members: Senator Jim Tracy and Honors College Associate Dean Scott Carnicom. These new members will provide opportunities for new partnerships on our campus and in our community as Phi Kappa Phi strives to make a difference at MTSU.

New Art Scholarship

Oliver B. Fancher (retired, Art—Graphic Design) is being honored with the establishment of a scholarship in his name. Local businesses, faculty, and alumni have met to get the ball rolling and raise the initial monies. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship, contact Robyn Kilpatrick (898-5223) or the Development Office (898-5818).

Fulbright Scholar Joins Sociology and Anthropology Department

Professor Vladimir Ilin has joined the Department of Sociology and Anthropology as a Fulbright Scholar through October 2008. Ilin is a professor of Sociology at St. Petersburg State University and previously served as a Fulbright Scholar at Valdosta State University, 1996-97. He holds a doctoral degree in Sociology from the Institute of Sociology in Moscow. His Fulbright activities include conducting research on “The Development of American Consumer Society: Consumerism, Social Exclusion, and Alternative Lifestyles.” One of Professor Ilin’s research objectives is to conduct a case study of the local community. In addition, he will provide occasional lectures on social inequality and social differentiation in European societies for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Murder in May

Theatre and Dance will host a fundraiser on Saturday, May 17, 2008, called Murder in May. It’s Big Daddy’s Birthday party, and it could be his last. Tickets for this dinner and murder mystery are $60 per person or $100 per couple. Contact Jeff Gibson at 898-5916 for tickets or more information.
Thank You to Our Supporters
from Development Director—Robyn Kilpatrick

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many alumni, friends, faculty, and staff members who have philanthropically supported the College of Liberal Arts. These gifts have supported scholarship, awards, lectures, faculty research and creative activity, and visual and performing arts. While the total dollar amount of private support has steadily increased, we would like to see the total number of donors increase. I encourage you to take advantage of all that MTSU has to offer to the community. Please contact me if you have any questions about giving to the College of Liberal Arts.

Upcoming Events

April 10    Windham Lecture
April 22    Liberal Arts Awards Reception
May 17     Murder in May Dinner and Mystery

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