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A publication for faculty and staff of the WMU College of Arts and Sciences

Sign up today!

Professional Photographer visits CAS classrooms Dec. 3-5

Q: QUICK! WHAT'S THE HARDEST PART OF DESIGNING A BROCHURE OR NEWSLETTER?

A: FINDING PHOTOGRAPHS OF YOUR CLASSROOMS, FACULTY AND STAFF.

Solve that problem Dec. 3-5 when professional photographer Mike Lanka will visit College of Arts and Sciences' classrooms and set up studio time for faculty/staff headshots.

DATES AND TIMES AVAILABLE INCLUDE:

Wednesday, Dec. 3

- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classroom shots by appointment
- Studio Shots—2-4 p.m. (2307 Friedmann Hall)
- 5-7 p.m. Classroom shots by appointment

Thursday, Dec. 4

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classroom shots by appointment

Friday, Dec. 5

- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classroom shots by appointment
- Studio Shots—2-4 p.m. (2302 Friedmann Hall)

Lanka will visit classrooms at the appointed time, take the requested photographs then quietly leave. That's all there is to it, unless you *want* more interaction with him.

To schedule your appointment, please contact Shirley Swift in the Dean's Office at 387-4169 or at Shirley.swift@wmich.edu.

Appointments for classroom shots will be on a first-come, first serve basis, so sign up early for your preferred time and day.

Faculty/staff headshots will be scheduled in 10-minute increments and will take place in the Dean's large conference room, 2307 Friedmann Hall on Dec. 3 and 2302 Friedmann Hall on Dec. 5.

For additional information, contact Cheri Bales, cheri.bales@wmich.edu or Shirley Swift.



PHOTO SUGGESTIONS:

- CLASSROOM ACTION SHOTS
- GROUPS OF SMILING CAS STUDENTS
- FACULTY AND STUDENTS INTERACTING
- HEADSHOTS (FROM THIS DECADE)
- HANDS-ON CLASSROOM WORK
- STUDENT ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL GROUPS
- GRADUATE STUDENTS WORKING IN CLASSROOMS OR GROUPS
- FACULTY RESEARCH PROJECTS

YOU DECIDE!
AND BEST OF ALL, IT WON'T COST YOU A THING.

NOVEMBER

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Event: Atlantic Studies Guest Lecture
Title: "Africa and the New World: Some considerations on the dimensions of transatlantic ethnic and cultural identities" presented by Dr. Elisée Soumonni, Université Nationale du Bénin, Republic of Benin, West Africa
Location: Bernhard Center, Rm. 210
Time: 4 p.m.
Reception to follow

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Event: Gender and Women's Studies Seminar
Title: "Controlling Gendered Speech: Language Policy for Women in Japan" presented by Rika Saito, WMU
Location: Bernhard Center, Rm. 213
Time: 3 p.m.

Event: Janet Heller reads book "How the Moon Regained Her Shape" for Student Education Association's Read-a-Thon
Location: Washington Writer's Academy, Kalamazoo
Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

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Event: Biological Seminar Series
Title: TBA, presented by Elena Litchman, MSU
Location: 1718 Wood Hall
Time: 3:30 to 4:50 p.m.

Event: Lucia Harrison Colloquium
Title: "Historical Geography of Fire in Yellowstone National Park" presented by Judy Meyer, Missouri State University
Location: 2708 Wood Hall
Time: 3 p.m.

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Event: Geosciences Seminar
Title: "Evaluating the Efficacy of Soil Gas Chemistry as a Monitoring Tool in Geologic Carbon Sequestration Projects" presented by Dr. Thomas (Marty) Parris, Kentucky Geological Survey
Location: 1118 Wood Hall
Time: 4 p.m.

DECEMBER

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Event: Geosciences Seminar
Title: "Solid Waste Disposal: Past, Present and Future" presented by Dr. Terry West, Purdue University
Location: 1122 Wood Hall
Time: 2 p.m.

Event: Geosciences Seminar
Title: "Rock Slide Stability: Description and Analysis" presented by Dr. Terry West, Purdue University
Location: 1118 Wood Hall
Time: 4 p.m.

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Event: Physics Colloquium
Title: "Inner-Shell Photodetachment of Transition Metal Negative Ions" presented by Ileana Dumitriu, WMU
Location: 1110 Rood Hall
Time: 4 p.m.
Refreshments served at 3:30 p.m. in Room 2202, Bradley Commons, Everett Tower

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Event: Biological Seminar Series
Title: TBA presented Daniel R. Bond, University of Minnesota
Location: 1718 Wood Hall
Time: 3:30 to 4:50 p.m.

Event: Janet Heller to Autograph book "How the Moon Regained Her Shape"
Location: Kalamazoo Public Library
Time: 6 - 9 p.m.

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Event: Frostic Reading Series: Poets Lisa Fishman and Daneen Wardrop
Location: Little Theatre
Time: 8 p.m.

FROM THE REGISTRAR:

Nov. 26

Thanksgiving recess begins at noon

DEC. 1

Classes resume

DEC. 8-12

Final exam week

DEC. 13

Commencement information

DEC. 16

Grades due at noon

JAN. 5

Advising day

JAN. 5

Classes begin at 8 a.m.

JAN. 8

Registration drop/add ends

FACULTY AND STAFF

- **Gwen Raaberg** (Gender & Women's Studies, Retired) has been invited to be a visiting scholar at the Institute for Women and Art at Rutgers University during my spring semester sabbatical. Raaberg will conduct research on contemporary women in the arts and present a guest lecture on the experimental films of Yvonne Rainer.

- **Udaya Wagle** (Public Affairs) has had the book "Multidimensional



Poverty Measurement: Concepts and Applications," published by Springer. The book discusses the theoretical and operational framework of multi-dimensional concept of poverty including economic well-being,

capability, and social inclusion and applies it in Nepal and the United States. Wagle also served as a visiting scholar for 2008/09, for the Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin Madison, for a week in October. In addition to visiting their staff and using their resources for research, Wagle made a seminar presentation focusing on Working Poverty in Michigan: Magnitudes and Demographic and Labor Determinants, 1998 and 2007. This research was partly funded by the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

- **Leigh Ford** (Communication) has had a paper "Hope is a fragile and fierce thing: Uncovering the dialectical tensions in coping with adverse life events" -- recognized as a Top Three Paper from the Health Communication Interest Group of the Western States Communication Association to be presented at the February 2009 WSCA in Phoenix/Mesa.

- **Kathy Propp** and **Julie Apker** (Communication), along with former colleague **Wendy Ford** (Communication, Dean's Office), on their Top Three Paper selection for NCA. "Improving outcomes of the patient-care team: Investigating the relationship between nurse-team communication processes and team performance" will be presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, San Diego, Calif

- **Karen Vocke** (English) has been recognized for her work with migrant and bilingual students and will be the keynote speaker at the 2009 RSN conference

- **Kathleen Baker** (Geography) has received a grant of \$1,180,115 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for her project titled "Synoptic weather forecasting and web-based information delivery systems for managing crop disease risk in multiple regions of the U.S."



SWEATER DRIVE SPREADS WARMTH

Broncos across the Western Michigan University campus are helping to bring the spirit of America's favorite neighbor to the Kalamazoo area by participating in West Michigan's Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Sweater Drive.

During the drive, people are asked to donate all sizes of new or gently worn sweaters or other warm clothing, including coats, hats, sweatshirts and mittens. All donations collected at drop boxes around the WMU campus will go to the Kalamazoo Salvation Army and be distributed at no cost to selected people in the local area.

The drive will end Friday, Dec. 5. It is being sponsored by WGUV, the West Michigan PBS television station, and Member First Mortgage.

WMU's participation in the drive was suggested by Kayle Dembowski, a freshman from Williamston, Mich., who is majoring in English. Dembowski is among the volunteers who are bringing warmth to their neighbors this fall by helping to organize the on-campus effort.

Drop boxes are located outside the Registrar's Office on the second floor of the Seibert Administration Building, in the lobby of the Faunce Student Services Building, and at two locations in the Bernhard Center—in Textbook Alley on the ground floor and by the main entrance welcome desk on the second floor.

For more information, contact Elaine Gaudio at elena.gaudio@wmich.edu or (269) 387-2351. Go to www.wgvu.org for more information about the drive.

SHORT-TERM STUDY ABROAD GRANTS

AVAILABLE TO FACULTY

The Haenicke Institute for Global Education is hosting two luncheons to inform Western Michigan University faculty members about a grant that is available for those interested in gaining first-hand experience of what it is like to develop and lead a summer study abroad program.

The luncheons are planned for noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, and Wednesday, Nov. 19, in the Bernhard Center. Tuesday's luncheon will be in Room 204 and Wednesday's in the President's Dining Room. A complimentary lunch will be provided to all faculty members who RSVP to Beth Van den Hombergh at beth.vandenhombergh@

wmich.edu or (269) 387-4824.

Colleagues who have led summer study abroad programs will discuss their experiences, and institute staff will outline the development process and available resources, which include the University's faculty study abroad discovery grants.

"Introducing a group of students to another culture can be a challenging and rewarding experience--anything but boring, says Brett Berquist, executive director of international programs.

"Our faculty's dedication to globalizing the learning experience is rewarded with the satisfaction of seeing the immediate effect on their students' perspective of the world. Long-term research contacts and projects often arise from the time spent with university partners on these programs, as well."

Eight people received a faculty study abroad discovery grant to attend a 2008 short-term program this past summer in preparation for developing new programs aligned with their research interests.

The grant provides funding to participate in a predetermined set of discipline-appropriate short-term programs being conducted in such interesting destinations as Alexandria, Egypt; Bangkok, Thailand; Prague, Czech Republic; Rome; Tokyo; and Sao Paulo, Brazil. Up to 75 percent of expenses are covered for eligible faculty members who participate in one of the 19 summer study abroad programs.

For additional information, contact Brett Berquist at brett.berquist@wmich.edu or (269) 387-5890.



WMU CLOSING PROCEDURES OUTLINED

Winter weather rarely results in a decision to close WMU. But when there is a shutdown, news of the decision is posted on the University's home page at www.wmich.edu and emergency information line at (269) 387-1001. Once these initial notifications have been completed, authorized University employees will communicate closure details to local television and radio stations.

Official closure of WMU's main campus means that the University's branch campuses also are closed. However, closure of a branch campus does not automatically mean that the main campus will shut down as well.

Providing there is not a major storm, most campus areas will be clear of snow and ice before the majority of students and employees arrive each day. As in past years, various steps around the campus that are deemed to be a convenience rather than a necessity will be closed for the winter, allowing crews to concentrate on major access areas.

Students and faculty and staff members who have special mobility needs during the ice and snow season should call WMU's landscape services office at (269) 387-8557, as snow and ice removal schedules can be adjusted to accommodate needs. Those making requests regarding weekend or other special activities also should direct their calls to that office, providing as much advance notice as possible.

Questions or concerns after normal business hours should be directed to the WMU Department of Public Safety at (269) 387-5555.

Next Werner-Sichel lecture is Nov. 19

A series of lectures looking at the economics of disasters, both natural and man-made, continues at Western Michigan University with a presentation on Wednesday, Nov. 19.



Dr. Hal Cochrane

Dr. Hal Cochrane, a senior research scientist and fellow at the Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere at Colorado State University, will address "The Economics of Disaster: Retrospect and Prospect." His talk, at 3 p.m. in Room 3508 of Knauss Hall, is part of the 2008-09 Werner Sichel Lecture-Seminar Series and is free and open to the public.

Cochrane, who is working on new ways to value climate and weather information, has developed a way of rapidly assessing the regional economic consequences of disaster. He is best known for his work on the consequences of natural and man-made shocks to regional economies, and has published articles on the economics of disaster, global warming, the value of weather and climate information, and the economic consequences of limited nuclear war.

Now in its 45th year, the annual Sichel Series is organized by the WMU Department of Economics and named in honor of longtime WMU economics professor, Dr. Werner Sichel, who retired in 2004. The series is co-sponsored by the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

25-Year Club inducts four from CAS

More than 30 people who began their service to Western Michigan University in 1983 recently were inducted into WMU's 25 Year Club Counting 2008's honorees, the organization has 983 members, 403 who remain on the job at WMU and 580 who have retired.

NEW 25-YEAR CLUB INDUCTEES

- Rebecca A. Beech, English
- Susan Caringella, Sociology
- Vivian L. Locke, Biological Sciences
- Peninnah S. Miller, Mallinson Institute

Seita Scholars Program seeks donations

To support the Seita Scholars (www.wmich.edu/fyit/index.html), a few friends are teaming up to fill Holiday stockings for each of the 51 scholars on the WMU Campus. We already have the stockings and are now looking for assistance from others to purchase items to fill them.

SUGGESTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

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| Laundry soap | Soap |
| Deodorant | Shampoo |
| Toothpaste/Toothbrush | Razors |
| Gift Certificates for: area food vendors, movies, Bronco Bucks, etc | |
| Snacks and "dorm" food | |

Items will be collected through Monday, Dec. 8 and may be delivered to Dorilee Schieble, CAS director of development at 3302 Friedmann Hall or Sara Troupe, Walwood Hall. For information, contact Schieble at dorilee.schieble@wmich.edu.

Annual Poinsettia sale through Nov. 24

The Professional Support Staff Organization is taking orders through Monday, Nov. 24, for its annual poinsettia sale. For information, visit www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2008/11/022.html

