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NEW ISSUES POETRY & PROSE TO RELEASE FOUR POETRY COLLECTIONS

“Hilarity,” Patty Seyburn’s third book of poetry, is winner of the 2008 Green Rose Prize. She is an Assistant Professor at California State University, Long Beach, and co-editor of POOL: A Journal of Poetry, based in Los Angeles.

Donald Platt’s “Dirt Angels” is also being released as part of the Green Rose Series. Platt, a Purdue University professor, has written three previous books of critical acclaim.

New Issues will also be publishing two debut collections of poetry: “A Million in Prizes” by Justin Marks was selected by Carl Phillips as winner of the 2008 New Issues Poetry Prize, an award for first book of poetry. Marks is the founder and editor of Kitchen Press Chapbooks in New York City.

Stacy Cassarino’s first book “Zero at the Bone” takes its title from an Emily Dickenson poem. She is a recipient of the “Discovery”/The Nation prize and the Astraea Foundation Writer’s Fund. Cassarino is a Ph.D. candidate at UCLA.

Graphic design students at the Design Center in the Frostic School of Art create the cover art for New Issues titles.

Jericho Brown book “Please” has been selected as a finalist for the Lambda Literary Award for Gay Poetry as well as the Thom Gunn award for Gay Poetry.

New Issues Poetry & Prose Publications are made possible by support from WMU and grant funding from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. For more information about the press and its titles, call Marianne Swierenga at (269) 387- 8185 or visit the press’ Web site at www.wmich.edu/newissues.

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CONVOCATION INVITATION

You are cordially invited by Provost Timothy J. Greene to participate in the 2009 Fall Welcome Convocation and welcome over 3,000 first-year and transfer students to Western Michigan University.

This year’s Convocation will be unique in many ways. A pinning ceremony will take place and an academic pledge will be given, formally inducting students to academia at WMU.

“We encourage you to show your support to the incoming class by attending Convocation on Wednesday, Sept. 2 in Miller Auditorium at 10 a.m.,” said Greene.

Administrators and faculty should plan on wearing regalia for Convocation, which can be ordered free of charge, directly online (www.wmich.edu/regalia). Orders may be placed beginning Monday, July 6 through Monday, August 3.

Assembly for Convocation will begin at 9:15 a.m. in York Arena. Faculty will proceed to Miller in a similar fashion as that of commencement ceremonies. Following Convocation, we encourage you to attend Pizza with the Profs, a free pizza lunch in Miller Plaza where you can personally welcome new students to campus.

If you would like to participate in Fall Welcome Convocation, please respond to Adrienne Fraaza (7-2332 or adrienne.fraaza@wmich.edu) by Monday, August 3. While these final deadlines are yet this summer, it is our hope that you will reply yet this month of April before the end of the spring semester. We hope you will join us in celebrating our new students.

Your participation will show your vested interest and will contribute to a highly memorable occasion for them.

FACULTY & STAFF

- Spanish—a scholarly monograph written by **Robert Vann** has been published The Edwin Mellen Press! The monograph, “Materials for the Sociolinguistic Description and Corpus-Based Study of Spanish in Barcelona: Toward a Documentation of Colloquial Spanish in Naturally Occurring Groups,” provides a linguistic record that both recognizes the legitimacy of this Spanish dialect and facilitates its linguistic description and analysis. More information is available here: www.mellenpress.com/mellenpress.cfm?bookid=7700&cpc=9
- English—**Richard Utz** has been elected to serve as Division representative in the Modern Language Association of America Delegate Assembly for a three year term. He represents the Division on Comparative Studies in Medieval Literature, in which he served for the past four years as a member, secretary, and chair. Visit his blog at: wmuenglishevents.blogspot.com
- Geography—A recent Wood and Haenicke Hall Tornado Drill went very well according to **Mary Lou Brooks**. “It was our very first drill with our new Emergency team in place. Our time was 4 minutes and 9 seconds. A sure sign that it went well was the hallways were full in the shelter area, which meant that our building was full before the drill started. I believe 100% participation was achieved.” For more information, please contact Cam Vossen, Emergency Management Administrator 387-0678.



- Susan R. Stapleton**, Professor of Chemistry and Biological Sciences, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences along with her former student Chin-jun J. Hsiao, a recent doctoral graduate from the Department of Biological Sciences, have recently published an article in the international journal, *Biochimie*. The article entitled “Early sensing and gene expression profiling under a low dose of cadmium exposure” can be found in volume 91 on pages 329-343.
- Foreign Languages—**Dasha C. Nisula** has been selected from among 90 applicants to participate in the 2009 NEH Summer Institute in New York. This year’s NEH Summer Institute “America Engages Russia” is an exciting opportunity for examination of the myriad multilateral contacts between Russian and America. The Institute is being co-directed by Columbia University and the New York Public Library.
- Communication—Congratulations to **Steve Lipkin** on his most recent publication: Paget, Derek, and Lipkin, Steven N. ‘Movie-of-the-Week’ Docudrama, ‘Historical-Event’ Television and the Steven Spielberg Series Band of Brothers. *New Review of Film and Television Studies*.
- Geosciences—The January issue of Geological Society of America’s Geoscience Education Division has a plug for **WMU/MGRRE Core Kids** Program. The article mentions the



work Core Kids is doing to provide resources to K-12 teachers, students and parents in order to bridge the gap between Earth sciences and the public. More information may be found at www.wmich.edu/corekids/index.htm.

- Mallinson Institute—At the recent Conference of Educational Research Center on Educational Measurement in Cairo, Egypt, **Bill Cobern**, hosted a plenary session. Cobern also conducted a workshop on research at the Educational Research Center in Beirut after the conference.
- Communication—“Copyright & Creativity in the Digital Age” is an official selection of the East Lansing Film Festival and will compete in the Lake Michigan Film Competition area. This is a digital video feature documentary by **Rebekah Farrugia** and **Jennifer Machiorlatti**, School of Communication.
- English—**Cynthia Klekar** has won the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Paula Backscheider Archival Fellowship Travel Award. The award will support archival research for Klekar’s book “Fictions of the Gift: Generosity, Obligation, and Economy in Eighteenth-Century England” and a forthcoming article entitled “Sentiment, Performance, and the Making of Modernity in the Eighteenth Century.” Klekar’s article “The Obligations of Form: Social Practice in Charlotte Smith’s *Emmeline*” has been published in *Philological Quarterly*. Klekar’s essay “Obliga-



tion, Coercion, and Economy: The Deed of Trust in Congreve's "The Way of the World" appears in the collection.

EMERITI

- **Kenneth A. Dahlberg**, professor emeritus in political science and environmental studies, is working with a group of Michiganders to help slow down climate change. Dahlberg has been serving this past year on the Agriculture, Forestry and Waste Workgroup of the Governor's Climate Action Council. Dahlberg, a WMU Distinguished Faculty Scholar, came to the University in 1966 and retired in 2001 after 35 years of service.

STUDENTS

- Communication—**Elizabeth Lyons** has been named as one of the recipients of the Graduate Research and Creative Scholar Awards and **Jacquelyn Mieksztyn** will receive a Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Award. They will be recognized at the annual Graduate Awards Convocation on Thursday, April 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Bernhard Center South Ballroom.
- English—**Meghan Dykema**, a junior English major, has tied with one other regional tutor for this year's East Central Writing Centers Association Outstanding Tutor of the Year award. She'll get \$200, and a plaque, Dykema had to write a tutoring philosophy, submit a resume in order to qualify for the honor.
- Communication—**Maureen Savage** will be awarded the Michi-

gan Association of Broadcasters Carl E. Lee Scholarship which carries a \$1000 award.

- Communication—**Krystal M. Bresnahan** has been named the Presidential Scholar by the School of Communication. Bresnahan is an alumnus of Lee Honors College and has recently earned a bachelor's degree in interpersonal communication with a 4.0 grade average. Additionally, Krystal has received the Honors Development Scholarship and a WMU academic scholarship.
- English—The WMU student chapter (**Alpha Nu Pi**) of Sigma Tau Delta has been identified as one of the most active, vital chapters in the country, and was invited to provide a special exhibit at this year's International Convention in Minneapolis, Minn., March 25-28, 2009.

ALUMNI

- **Julie (Bonner) Heine**, (B.S. '95 Geological Sciences; minors: Chemistry and German), is the group sales director - North America for Kalsec in Kalamazoo.
- **Deborah (Miller) Tomczak Cary**, North Carolina WMU (B.S. '95, Biomedical Science). has started her own company, Tomczak Consulting LLC, where she contracts out to other clinical research and pharmaceutical companies. She has worked as a clinical research associate and has assisted in the data collection, interpolation, and reporting for numerous clinical trial studies on new pharmaceutical drugs and treatments.

- **Daniel Tomczak Cary**, North Carolina (M.A. '94, Chemistry) is working as a Project Manager in the Raleigh, NC, office of CH2M HILL. He has been a project manager and task manager for various environmental contamination studies on RCRA, munitions, and sediment sites on Department of Navy facilities. I recently gave a presentation at the Battelle Contaminated Sediments Conference in Jacksonville, FL, on "Metal Bioavailability in Intertidal Marsh Sediments, MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina".
- **Jacqueline Kueh** (B.S. Biomedical Science '03), a doctoral student in England, returned to WMU on April 8 to discuss her research in spinal cord repair and in embryonic stem cells Kueh addressed two separate lines of her research in "Pluripotency of Embryonic Stem Cells and New Developments in Spinal Cord Repair."
- **Ricardo Moore** '93 graduate recently was appointed to the position of Chief of Staff for newly elected State Representative David E. Nathan.

Science Olympiad hosts 400 area teens in competition

More than 400 middle and high school students from Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale and Kalamazoo counties gathered for the Region 10 Science Olympiad competition Saturday, March 14, at Western Michigan University. The Region 10 tournament directors were **Marty Buehler** of Hastings Area Schools and **Scot Conant** of WMU's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The days competition included 46 different events designed to test the competitor's knowledge of physical, applied, and health science areas and ended in an awards ceremony recognizing the outstanding individuals and teams in the events.

The success of the event is dependent on the many individuals who volunteer their time and energy. Specifically, the College of Arts and Sciences would like to thank Associate Dean Susan Stapleton, Dean Thomas Kent, Kacey Polisky, Matthew Ludwig and Robert Scherzer for their efforts in helping to make the event successful along with the following volunteers, many of whom are veteran Science Olympiad competitors, for their extraordinary help in developing the activities for the specific areas of competition listed as well as organizing the set up and judging the event.

- **Amphibians and Reptiles**—John Spitsbergen, Sandy Spitsbergen and Jake Spitsbergen
- **Bioprocess**—Silvia Rossbach, Petra Kohler and Aroha Rodrigues
- **Cell Biology**—Wendy Ransom-Hodgkins, Derrick Hilton and Katrina Murphy
- **Chemistry**—James Guzinski, David Huffman and Steve Bertman
- **Crave the Wave**—Paul Pancella, Mike Famiano and Brenna Giacherio
- **Environmental Chemistry**—James Guzinski, David Huffman, Steve Bertman
- **Physics lab**—Paul Pancella, Mike Famiano and Brenna Giacherio
- **Remote Sensing**—Dr. Mohamed Sultan, Dr. Adam Milewski, Talal Al-Harbi, Zhanay Sagintayev and Abdou El-Magd
- **Road Scholar**—Dr. Adam Milewski, Talal Al-Harbi, Peter Marsala, Zhanay Sagintayev and Abdou El-Magd

Additional thanks go to the WMU Chemistry Club and its members, Megan Black, Nathan Lowe, Alex Schneider, Katrina Keefer, Brianna Hyder and Kristin Bevins who provided a chemistry spectacular demonstration after the events while the scoring took place.

Second WMU Day at the Capitol plans under way

Western Michigan University's second annual WMU Day at the Capitol is planned for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 27 in Lansing, Mich., and will build on the success on the inaugural event that drew more than 700 participants.

Organizers are soliciting and accepting proposals from WMU faculty, students and staff through Friday, March 27, for programs and projects to be highlighted on the front lawn of the Michigan Capitol. Celebrating the theme of WMU's success, selected exhibits will be visually stimulating, interactive or hands-on and could include anything from a fine arts performance to a research project demonstration.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the potential of the proposed exhibit for audience engagement and on achieving a broad and diverse representation of the University. Applications will be reviewed, selected and confirmed by early April.

Also in early April, registration to attend the event will begin, including options for free bus transportation between Kalamazoo and Lansing and to receive lunch and a WMU Day T-shirt.

For information, visit wmich.edu/wmuday.

2009 Presidential Scholars Announced

Western Michigan University's top seniors for 2009 were honored during the 29th annual Presidential Scholars Convocation on Tuesday, March 24.

Each year, faculty members select the most outstanding senior in their various academic schools, departments and programs to represent their units as a WMU Presidential Scholar, the highest academic award that WMU can bestow to an undergraduate. Selection is based on the students' general academic excellence, academic and/or artistic excellence in their majors, and intellectual and/or artistic promise. Students associated with the College of Arts and Sciences include:

- **Anthropology**—Kourtney K. Collum, Monroe, Mich.
- **Biological Sciences**—Sylvia Radzikowski, Caledonia, Mich.
- **Chemistry**—Jeffrey Rabe, Garden City, Mich.
- **Communication**—Sara L. Waisanen, Hancock, Mich.
- **Comparative Religion**—Diane E. Hall, Traverse City, Mich.
- **Economics**—Emily E. Hawrysz, Oak Lawn Ill.
- **English as well as Gender and Women's Studies**—Philip M. Taylor, Lambertville, Mich.
- **Environmental Studies Program**—Michael P. Coryell, Onekama, Mich.
- **Foreign Languages**—Victoria L. Mansberger, Kalamazoo
- **Geography**—Magdalena K. Wisniewska, Warren, Mich.
- **Geosciences**—Stephanie K. Ewald, Holt, Mich.
- **History**—Jenna E. Teachout, Kalamazoo
- **Mathematics**—Bryan A. Phinezy, Monroe, Mich.
- **Philosophy**—Scott M. Cressey, Hartland, Mich.
- **Physics**—Jack R. Winkelbauer, North Branch, Mich.
- **Political Science**—Michael A. Gregor, Macomb, Mich.
- **Psychology**—Manish K. Goyal, Bangalore, Karnataka, India
- **Sociology**—Lucas B. Patton, Morenci, Mich.
- **Spanish**—Olena Koshmanova, Lviv, Ukraine, and Kalamazoo.

Two named for LHC Distinguished Service Award

Kevin Knutson, director of advising and **Dasha Nisula**, Foreign Languages are the recipients of the 2009 Lee Honors College Distinguished Service Award. The award is in recognition of their commitments of time and talent to the University's honors students. The award ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shaw Theatre.

It is the highest prize that the college gives to its faculty members.

COM STUDENTS LEAD MAB COMPETITION

Two teams from Kalamazoo Youth Media Initiative tied for first place in the Michigan Association of Broadcasters' 2009 High School and College Broadcast Awards Competition. The winning videos were "The Evolution of the Eastside," produced by WMU senior **Katharine Densmore**, and "Our Neighborhood, Our Education: Stories from the Southside," co-produced by WMU senior **Brian Lane** and graduate student **Joe Johnson**.

The Youth Media Initiative is coordinated by **Jennifer Machiorlatti** (Communication) and is a collaboration with WMU's Lewis Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations and the Community Access Center.



ETHICS TEAM COMPETES AT QUARTERFINALS

The 2009 Ethics Bowl team (Communication) competed in the quarterfinals round this spring. Congratulations to team members (from left) Nicola Fitzsimmons, Shawn Myers, Chelsea Thompson and Joshua Thomas

WMU's Ethics Bowl team competed in the national championship in Cincinnati over spring break, making it all the way to the quarterfinals with a perfect record in preliminary competition.

WMU lost its quarterfinal match to Eckerd College (Petersburg, Fla.) by only 5 points after beating Williams College (Williamstown, Mass.), Weber State University (Ogden, Utah) and DePauw University (Greencastle, Ind.) in preliminary matches. Indiana University (Bloomington) ultimately finished first among the 32 teams at the competition.

Students may apply to be on the Ethics team by contacting the team's faculty sponsor, Dr. Sandra Borden at sandra.borden@wmich.edu.

Did you know?

WMU's College of Arts and Sciences is WMU's largest and most diverse academic unit? Nearly 45 percent of all WMU faculty serve in the college including Fulbright scholars, Guggenheim fellows and a recent MacArthur Foundation 'Genius Award' recipient. With 24 departments and more than 100 programs Arts and Sciences offers courses to nearly all WMU students. Learn more about the college at www.wmich.edu/cas.

Nonprofit Leadership Program awards grants to five nonprofits

Students from the Nonprofit Leadership program recently participated in granting \$15,000 to five nonprofit agencies. Funds from Campus Compact and Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund provided students from just 10 universities across the country the opportunity to research community needs and award grants to local charitable organizations. The WMU grants, awarded at a reception April 2, were part of the Students4Giving program to advance philanthropic education efforts at colleges around the nation.

The students worked all semester to study needs in Kalamazoo County, determine priorities, issue RFPs, read, score, and debate the 23 proposals received. The awards went to:

- * Specialized Language Development Center, \$5,000 for its Language Links Program that provides two hours per week of individual, specialized instruction to economically disadvantaged children who are significantly below grade level in reading but who do not qualify or receive special education services
- * Eastside Neighborhood Association, \$2,725 for a community garden that will provide gardening expertise, garden tools on loan, and fresh produce to families in that neighborhood
- * YMCA, \$2,500 for a speaker event at the Kalamazoo Summit on Racism that promotes the elimination of institutional racism
- * Family and Children's Service, \$2,350 for its Parenting Education Classes for birth parents and relatives whose children have been or are at risk of being removed from the family home due to abuse or neglect
- * New Genesis, \$2,350 for its 5-Star After School Program for children who work to improve their skills in reading and math while their parents learn how to support their children's academic achievement.

DEADLINE FOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS NOMINEES IS OCT. 23

The 2009 College of Arts and Sciences Achievement Awards ceremony and reception will be held on Friday, Oct. 23, 2009. The CAS event will be followed by the University's annual event in the Bernhard Center. Homecoming is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 24.

Nominations, along with a short biographical sketch, are due to Alicia Yeagley in the Dean's Office by August 3 (alicia.yeagley@wmich.edu). The bio needs to include the awardee's name, degree and year of graduation, current employment, and email and mailing address. Only one nominee per department will be accepted.

Our hope is to get 100% participation this year, with each of the CAS units placing a nomination.

APRIL

13 - MONDAY

13 - Monday
 Event: Geosciences Graduate Student Seminars
 Presenters: Josh Kirschner, Jennifer Schulz and Amanda Wahr
 Location: 1118 Rood Hall
 Time: 4 p.m.
 Event: Ethics Center Film Series
 Title: "Decalogue 8" directed by Krzysztof Kieslowski
 Location: 1025 Brown Hall
 Time: 6:30 p.m., screening, 8 p.m., discussion

14 - TUESDAY

Event: Biological Sciences Seminar Series
 Title: TBA, presented by Joanne Dannenhoffer, CMU
 Location: 1220 Chemistry Building
 Time: 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

15 - WEDNESDAY

Event: Geosciences Seminar
 Title: "Environmental Tracers in Modern Hydrogeology:
 Reducing Uncertainty in Groundwater Flow Estimation",
 presented by Dr. Peter Cook, CSIRO Land and Water,
 Australia
 Location: 1718 Wood Hall
 Time: 4 p.m.

APRIL 20-24

Final exam week

APRIL 25

Commencement

APRIL 28

Grades due at noon

MAY

27-28

WED. - THURS.

Event: Independent Book Publishers Association's Publishing
 University
 Highlight: Janet Heller will speak on "Expertizing for Greater
 Publicity" panel
 Location: New York City
 Time: TBD

FALL 2009

SEPTEMBER 8

Classes begin 8 a.m.

**CAS working to bring all
 websites to University
 standards**

In August 2008, the decision was made by the Office of the Dean to bring all CAS departments and units into compliance with University standards. To do this, the College has hired a coordinator of the Web, Alex Aivars.

Aivars will work with each department to bring sites to current University standards, train the department's designee on upkeep of the website using Dreamweaver, and assist with troubleshooting.

Departments are scheduled for updating following the schedule below.

Department	Date
Communication	In progress
Statistics	In progress
Psychology	May 2009
New Issues Poetry & Prose	July 2009
School of Public Affairs and Administration	October 2009
Geosciences	January 2010
Economics	March 2010
Geography	April 2010
Sociology	May 2010
Environmental Studies	June 2010
Chemistry	July 2010
Medieval Institute	August 2010
Mathematics	September 2010
English	November 2010
Foreign Languages	January 2011

Those departments which are already using the University template will be addressed later, including:

Africana Studies	February 2011
Biological Sciences	March 2011
Gender & Women's Studies	April 2011
History	May 2011

The above schedule is subject to change. For more information, contact: Alex Aivars, Coordinator of the Web, alex.aivars@wmich.edu, or 387-4547.