I am pleased to announce that University Development and the College of Arts and Sciences have appointed Dan Cloran to lead fundraising and alumni relations in the college. In this role, Dan will focus on three urgent priorities: campaign planning for the university's largest academic unit, deepening the alignment of the college's fundraising and alumni relations efforts, and further growing the sense of momentum and commitment among the college's biggest supporters.

Since January 2010, Dan has provided leadership in the Principal Gifts team in University Development. He brings to his new role great experience from his years as head of annual giving, alumni relations and athletics development at Xavier University. Dan will begin his new duties July 20. Please join me in welcoming him to the College of Arts and Sciences.

Joseph E. Steinmetz
Executive Dean and Vice Provost

Summer is a perfect time for motivated undergraduates to take advantage of opportunities that can boost their chances for success. The NSF-funded Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU), offered by the departments of molecular genetics and biochemistry, is a 10-week, in-depth research experience designed to do just that.

Amanda Simcox and Susan Cole, molecular genetics, lead the program and are assisted by faculty colleagues from both departments, who give generously of their time and expertise. The goal is to arm these students with the necessary tools that allow them to gain a competitive edge by reaching a new level of
research competence.

The 2011 REU class of 11 students, chosen from a pool of 400 applicants, are from California State University - Northridge, Oakwood University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Wisconsin - Stout, California State University - San Bernardino, Winona State University, Pacific University, Howard University, and Ohio State. The three Ohio State undergraduates also serve as "student ambassadors" and a source of information about the university and the city for the non-Ohio State students.

Many of the students come from institutions with limited research opportunities. The REU gives them the chance to engage in intensive research that ranges from topics in biochemistry to developmental biology; cancer research to virology. Additional enrichment includes presentations of scientific literature, discussions about the ethics of science, touring Ohio State's core facilities, and social activities. The poster presentations of the students' research projects on August 11 showcase the efforts and accomplishments of an intense 10 week-learning experience.

**Economic Recovery?**

Bill Dupor, associate professor, economics, discusses whether jobs were created or saved as a result of the spending component of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), on Fox News.

**AWARDS**

**Infants Learn to Transfer Knowledge at 16 Months**

Julie Hupp, assistant professor of psychology (Newark), is the lead author of a study on infant development. Hupp and colleagues have identified when an important milestone in infants' development occurs: the ability to transfer knowledge to new situations. According to Hupp, many scientists had assumed that the ability to transfer knowledge was a product of infant development and no research had tested when that might occur, except for the case of word learning.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

Sign up to ride, volunteer, or donate to [Pelotonia](https://www.pelotonia.org).

Remember, 100% of every dollar goes to cancer research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Hospital and Solove Research Institute.

**Arts and Sciences Assistant Dean Search**

The Division of Arts and Humanities will be hiring an Assistant Dean to join our leadership team. Beginning July 15, we will accept nominations for this recently restored position. The Assistant Dean will work with Dean Shanda and the Associate Deans to assist with Promotion and Tenure
processing, serve as curricular liaison to the Associate Executive Dean of Arts and Sciences, assist with enrollment management, support student needs, serve as liaison to ASC Communications, ASC Tech, the Office of the Registrar and other university offices, oversee electronic records retention, and represent the division on several committees. Spread the word to faculty and staff about this administrative opportunity. Nominations can be submitted to Linda Hood at Hood.82@osu.edu.

**First Year Success Series Looking for a Few Good Faculty Members!**

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience is looking for some exciting and informative sessions to include in the autumn 2011 First Year Success Series, September 26 - November 18. For more information and to obtain a Success Series event proposal form and guidelines, contact Joanne Dury by August 5.

**Kirwan Institute Transforming Race Conference - Call for Proposals**
The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity is issuing a Call for Proposals for its third biennial conference, *Transforming Race: Visions of Change*, March 15-17, 2012, in downtown Columbus. Proposals should offer substantive visions of the racial/ethnic landscape in 2042. Proposals are welcome in a variety of subject areas, including capitalism, race and the mind sciences, global warming and energy, religion and faith, corporations, and more. The conference is expected to draw more than 400 scholars, students and social justice advocates. Please e-mail proposal submissions to tr2012cfp@gmail.com by noon on September 30.

**EVENTS**

**THIS WEEK**

**Thursday, July 14:**

- **Short Film Forum: The Nature of the Picture**, 12-1 p.m., OSU Urban Arts Space.

**NEXT WEEK**

- **Urban Monthly Mix Exchange**: Air Conditioning Coma/Electric Fan Orchestra, 7-8 p.m., OSU Urban Arts Space.

**Arts and Sciences Events Page for a complete listing of events at**

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