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**GENERAL UPDATES**

**ASCENT's Fall issue**

Open our fall issue of ASCENT and you will discover: anthropology students working in Vietnam to unearth the remains of fallen soldiers, graduate students using the Gulf oil spill as a timely risk-assessment case study, snapshots of the incoming freshman class, a zoology major's dream coming true, updates on the new Arts and Sciences Alumni Society, and much more! View ASCENT [online](#), check out our [student video](#) and with us on [Facebook](#).

**Phase 2 Business Services Center Staff Hires and Additional Job Openings**

Eight Arts and Sciences staff have been hired for Phase 2 of the Arts and Sciences Business Services Center (BSC): Holly Burkhard (ASC Administration), HR/Payroll Lead; Erica Conley (Business Services Center), Fiscal Lead; Angelina Dzhabarov (Astronomy), Procurement Lead; Melanie Holbert (Physics), Procurement Specialist; Angela Mercer (Psychology), Procurement Specialist; Patrick Morgan (ASC Administration), HR Associate/Time Adjuster; Michael Wells (Chemistry), Procurement Specialist; Megan Woodall (Center for Human Resource Research) HR Associate/Payroll. They will transition to their new roles by December 1.

Two additional fiscal associate positions are open. Arts and Sciences staff will be recruited to fill these positions. If you would like to learn more about these openings and/or express interest in applying, please contact Chitra Iyer at 292-3374; [iyer.33@osu.edu](mailto:iyer.33@osu.edu). **Since these positions will be staffed internally by ASC employees, the job openings are being sent directly to all ASC staff and advertised only on the BSC website at <http://ascbsc.osu.edu/>. The positions will not be posted on the university's Jobs Website. To ensure full consideration, you must send in your resume and cover letter to Iyer by Monday, November 15, 2010.**

**Lower Selected for Presidential Award**

Steven Lower, associate professor, School of Earth Sciences, and the School of Environment and Natural Sciences; is the recipient of a 2010 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE), the highest honor bestowed by the United States government on young science and engineering professionals. Awardees are selected for their innovative research at the frontiers of science and technology and their commitment to community service.

Lower's research spans a range of disciplines including molecular science, biophysics, microbiology, and mineralogy. He is looking at the physical forces that allow bacteria to stick to surfaces. His research could one day lead to new methods for environmental clean-up and medical implants that resist

bacterial infection.

Lower has received a number of awards, including a National Science Foundation Early Career Development award (CAREER), NSF's prestigious award that supports the nation's most outstanding junior faculty; and the Department of Energy Best Research Award in chemistry and biology. Lower's research is supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and the Department of Energy.

## NEWS

### **Karen Bell Retires**

Karen Bell, Ohio State's first associate vice president for arts outreach will retire from the University at the end of December. Bell has been a dance faculty member since 1980, serving as both department chair and dean of the former College of the Arts. As dean, she was a strong advocate for community and international experiences for students and facilitated the development of the OSU Urban Arts Space in downtown Columbus. As associate vice president for arts outreach, Bell directed Ohio State's Arts Initiative.

### **Swedish Faculty Visit Arts and Sciences**

The College of Arts and Sciences and the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT) are collaborating in its Programme for Excellence in Teaching, October 2010 – January 2012. A Swedish STINT Fellow will teach and engage in research. Participating departments include: Art Education, East Asian Languages and Literatures, Germanic Languages and Literatures, Geography, History, Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures, and Sociology.

### **Journalism Building Wins Interior Design Award**

The Journalism Building renovation received a Gold Citation for outstanding design from the American School & University magazine's 2010 Educational Interiors Showcase, which spotlights projects representing some of America's most effective learning environments. For more information, click [here](#).

### **Writing History**

John L. Brooke, history, has authored a new book, *Columbia Rising: Civil Life on the Upper Hudson from the Revolution to the Age of Jackson*, a look at the struggle within the young American nation over the extension of social and political rights after the Revolution.

### **Staff Member Invited to National Workshop**

Patrice Dickerson, diversity director, was invited to participate in a special workshop, "**Let's Talk: Broadening Participation in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic (SBE) Sciences Postdoctoral Community,**" hosted by the National Postdoctoral Association, on October 29 at the National Science Foundation.

### **Needed: Staff Input**

The Arts and Sciences Staff Advisory Council wants to hear from you! If you have questions, ideas about staff events, professional development, training opportunities, or other issues/concerns, email the Staff Advisory Council at [ASCSAC@osu.edu](mailto:ASCSAC@osu.edu). They will post answers and information at [www.artsandsciences/sacanswer](http://www.artsandsciences/sacanswer).

### **Changes: What's in a Name?**

At its recent meeting, The Board of Trustees approved changing the name of the **Department of Women's Studies, to the Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**, to better reflect the expanded nature of its scholarship.

### **Personnel Changes**

**Sonya Vanarsdale replaces Erin Selby** as the office associate for the A-Deans. She will continue to serve as the University Hall building coordinator, coordinator of Bucks for Charity, and Operation Feed. Her

new telephone number is 292-4063. Also, **Katherine Margard**, in addition to her duties as executive assistant to Dean Steinmetz, takes over as executive assistant to Brad Harris.

## • **Opportunities**

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### **New Human Rights Working Group**

With support from the Humanities Institute, Wendy Hesford and Amy Shuman, English, will convene a Human Rights Working Group. The Humanities Institute has committed to fund the group for two years, starting Spring, 2011. Faculty interested in joining the group and presenting work at upcoming symposia should contact [hesford.1@osu.edu](mailto:hesford.1@osu.edu).

### **Arts and Humanities Undergraduate Research Small Grants**

All undergraduate Arts and Humanities majors are eligible to compete for up to \$500. Quarterly application deadlines are: 11/23/2010; 2/25/2011; and 4/29/2011. Information, visit the [website](#). Applications should be forwarded by department chairs, and sent to [simcox.13@osu.edu](mailto:simcox.13@osu.edu). Questions: [knowles.1@osu.edu](mailto:knowles.1@osu.edu).

### **Graduate Associates' Teaching Awards**

The GATA award, sponsored by the Graduate School, is Ohio State's highest recognition of exceptional GTA teaching. Award winners receive \$1,500 and are recognized at the annual Graduate School awards reception. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to nominate outstanding GTAs by Wednesday (12/1/2010). Contact: 247-7300 or [mayer.113@osu.edu](mailto:mayer.113@osu.edu)

### **Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship**

Applications are now available [online](#) for the Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship Program, created to train more STEM teachers for Ohio's most-challenged public schools. If you have a bachelor's degree in mathematics, chemistry, physics, and/or earth science and want to try your hand at teaching, click [here](#) for more information.

## • **Upcoming Events**

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**Friday, November 12:** The English Department's annual Kane Lecture, 2:30 p.m., Denney 311. *The Origins of Close Reading: I. A. Richards and the Neurophysiology of Reading*, presented by John Guillory, Silver Professor of English at New York University.

**Friday, November 12 - Sunday, November 14.** Simon Stephens' award-winning play "On the Shore of the World," Drake Theatre. For show times and ticket information, (614) 292-2295 or [theatre-tix@osu.edu](mailto:theatre-tix@osu.edu).

**Friday, November 12:** Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Seminar in Literacy Studies, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Thompson Library, "Creating Written Languages for Speech and Motion" with Deborah Morton (Linguistics) and Rachael Riggs-Leyva (Dance).

**Saturday, November 13:** Black Veterans Day Salute, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., African American and African Studies (AAAS) Community Extension Center. Robert F. Jefferson, associate professor and chair of the African American Studies Program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham is the Keynote speaker. Lunch is provided at this free, public event, but registration is required. Contact Sarah Twitty at [twitty.1@osu.edu](mailto:twitty.1@osu.edu)

**Monday, November 15, 8:00 p.m.** The School of Music's woodwind and brass faculty performs solo, duet, trio, and chamber music. Weigel Auditorium. For more information: 292-6571.

**Wednesday, November 17, 8:00 p.m.,** Weigel Auditorium. The School of Music's Chorale and Symphonic

Choir offers vibrant songs of praise, meditation, and dance, lead by conductors Robert J. Ward and Thomas J. Hart. Tickets at the door.

**Thursday, November 18—Sunday, November 21.** The Theatre Department and CAPA present the Tony Award-winning *Aida*. Southern Theatre, 21 East Main Street. For show times and ticket information, visit [CAPA](#) online.

**Saturday, November 20.** The School of Music and the Theatre Department present a program of ten opera scenes at 8:00 p.m. in Mershon Auditorium. Scenes represent a cross-section of the operatic repertoire, and showcase student acting and vocal talents. For tickets, call 292-3535, or 292-2295.

**Sunday, November 21:** The Center for Cosmology and AstroParticle Physics (CCAPP) hosts its annual Baird Lecture, *The Future of Human Space Exploration: A Panel Discussion with Luminary NASA Astronauts*, at COSI, 2:00-3:30 p.m. The lecture is free; however reservations are required. Visit [PLACEHOLDER-actual site TBD](#) to reserve on-line or call COSI at 614-228-2674. [ccapp.osu.edu](http://ccapp.osu.edu).

**Monday, November 22.** The Department of Dance, in partnership with the Landmark Gateway Theatre, present the documentary, *Gotta Move: Women In Tap*; 8:00 p.m., 1500 North High Street.

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