

# the Update

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## This Week's Events

### Monday March 30

*Athletics...*  
Men's Golf at Buccaneer Invitational Miami Beach, Fla.

*Counseling Center...*  
Workshop: Choosing a Career and Major 7 p.m. Sundance Meeting Room

### Tuesday March 31

*Athletics...*  
Men's Golf at Buccaneer Invitational Miami Beach, Fla.

*MSU Board of Regents...*  
Special Board Meeting 3:30 p.m. J.S. Bridwell Board Room

*University Advancement & Public Affairs...*  
Naming Reception:  
James Hoggard Seminar Room 4 p.m. Bea Wood 226

*Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU...*  
Dr. Norman Horner: "Wildlife Conservation —We Must Be Successful" 6:30 p.m. WFMA

### Wednesday April 1

*Counseling Center...*  
Film: *America the Beautiful* 6 p.m. CSC Shawnee Theater

### Thursday April 2

Easter Holiday Break – No Classes

*Counseling Center...*  
QPR: Suicide Prevention Training Program 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. CSC Kiowa

*Athletics...*  
Men's Tennis vs. St. Mary's 10 a.m. MSU Tennis Center

### Friday April 3

Easter Holiday Break – No Classes

*Athletics...*  
Women's Track at Victor Lopez Classic Houston

*Athletics...*  
MSU Tennis vs. St. Edward's 10 a.m. MSU Tennis Center

*Athletics...*  
Softball vs. Angelo State 5 & 7 p.m. Mustangs Park

### Saturday April 4

*Athletics...*  
Women's Track at Victor Lopez Classic Houston

*MSU Cycling Team...*  
Cycling at Baylor Waco

*Athletics...*  
Softball vs. Angelo State 1 & 3 p.m. Mustangs Park

*Athletics...*  
MSU Tennis at Arkansas – Fort Smith 2 p.m. Fort Smith, Ark.

### Sunday April 5

*MSU Cycling Team...*  
Cycling at Baylor Waco

## Around Campus

### Media Monday: Media Management: Your Next Job

The Department of Mass Communication will present "Media Management: Your Next Job" beginning at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 30, in Fain C111. Thinking beyond one's first entry-level job, even mid-management jobs require knowledge of human resources, hiring/firing, employment law and how to manage people, not things. Panelists will discuss their experiences and how to work with managers to best be prepared for the next job. Panelists will be Deanna Miller Watson, editor, *Times Record News*; Tammy Hollier Bailey, sales representative, Balfour Publishing; and Martin Camacho, Dean, MSU's Fain College of Fine Arts. Pizza will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the discussion will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Bradley Wilson at [bradley.wilson@mwsu.edu](mailto:bradley.wilson@mwsu.edu).

### Naming Reception: James Hoggard Seminar Room

The campus community is invited to attend a reception honoring the naming of the James Hoggard Seminar Room at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, in Bea Wood 226. For more information, call ext. 4782.

### Dr. Norman Horner: Wildlife Conservation – We Must be Successful

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU presents MSU Professor Emeritus Dr. Norman Horner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31. Horner's topic, "Wildlife Conservation – We Must Be Successful," will focus on seven endangered animals included in the exhibit, *An*

*Abundance of Riches, the Woodcuts of Andrea Rich.*  
A question-and-answer session will follow. For more information, contact the WFMA at ext. 8900.

### **Melange Saxophone Quartet**

The Department of Music will present the Melange Saxophone Quartet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, in Akin Auditorium. The group is made up of graduate and doctoral students from the University of North Texas on a national competition circuit. Admission is free. For more information, call ext. 4267.

### **Film: *America the Beautiful***

The MSU Counseling Center will present *America the Beautiful*, a film by Darryl Roberts, at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, in CSC Shawnee Theater. The film explores the beauty and body image in American culture. The film is open to all MSU students, faculty, and staff. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Counseling Center at ext. 4618.

### **Suicide Prevention Training Program**

The university has adopted the QPR Suicide Prevention Training model to assist all faculty, staff, and students in learning ways to communicate with distressed students who are feeling suicidal. QPR stands for question, persuade, and refer, which are the three steps of the QPR model. QPR teaches people how to identify a student, friend, co-worker, or family member who might be depressed or suicidal. The training also provides guidance in asking the person the important question of "Are you feeling suicidal and thinking of killing yourself?" Join other students, faculty, and staff in learning the three-step QPR model by attending one of two training sessions conducted by the professional counselors from the MSU Counseling Center. The one-hour session is available at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in CSC Kiowa. The training is free to faculty, staff and students. For more information, contact the Counseling Center at ext. 4618.

## *Mark Your Calendar*

### **Artist-Lecture Series: Dallas String Quartet**

The Artist-Lecture Series will present the Dallas String Quartet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, in Akin Auditorium. This electric and classical ensemble reaches audiences of all backgrounds. The group's performance includes anything from jazz to tango, classical to classic rock, and a little pop music as well. Using custom-made electric instruments and amplification, one of the essences of the Dallas String Quartet is improvisation. The quartet transcends the avenues of traditional string quartet performances by taking their music to venues such as

NFL stadiums and NBA halftime shows. DSQ performed for former U.S. President George W. Bush and at the 2013 Inauguration Ball for President Barack Obama. Admission is free to students, faculty, and staff with MSU ID. Tickets are available at the Clark Student Center Information Desk two weeks prior to the event. For more information, call ext. 7500.

### **Tenure and Promotion Panel**

The Tenure and Promotion Panel discussion will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, in Dillard 133. This is an opportunity to learn more about successfully completing the tenure and promotion process. The annual event is open to all faculty members and is sponsored by TACT. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Dr. Lynette Watts, TACT president, at ext. 4833.

### **Faculty Forum: Dr. Nathan Jun**

The Faculty Forum Series will present Dr. Nathan Jun, Associate Professor of Philosophy, at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 9, in the CSC Shawnee Theater. Jun's presentation will be a critical exploration of capitalism. For more information, call Dr. Jonathan Price at ext. 4288.

### **Faculty and Guest Artist Recital**

The Department of Music will present Drs. Andrew Allen and Christopher Beaty, saxophonists, in a faculty and guest artist recital at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, in Akin Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information, call ext. 4267.

### **Recreational Sports Golf Tournament**

MSU Recreational Sports is inviting all students, faculty, and staff to participate in this year's Recreational Sports Golf Tournament beginning at 2 p.m. Friday, April 10, at the Wichita Falls Municipal Golf Course (Champions Course). The deadline to register is 5 p.m. Thursday, April 2. The tournament will have single tee times per team (tee off every 7 minutes), please indicate if a specific time is needed at the time of registration. The format for the tournament will be a four-person scramble. This will be an open team format, meaning a team may have as many females or males on a team; females will tee off from their respective tee box. The top three teams in this event will receive prizes and recognition.

The cost is \$35 per person and includes cart fee. This fee is payable to Champions Golf Course. For more information, contact Dr. Joey Greenwood at ext. 4466.

### **Opening Reception: Andrew Gilliatt, Ceramics**

The Juanita Harvey Art Gallery will present an opening reception for resident artist Andrew Gilliatt at 6 p.m.

Friday, April 10, in the art gallery. Gilliatt's ceramics exhibition will be on display through April 24. For more information, call ext. 4264 or visit [www.mwsu.edu/academics/finearts/art/](http://www.mwsu.edu/academics/finearts/art/).

## Campus News

### Department of English, Humanities, and Philosophy Begins Teaching Circles

The Department of English, Humanities, and Philosophy is starting a volunteer peer teaching assessment practice known as Teaching Circles, which consist of small groups of faculty who meet several times each semester to discuss good teaching, advising, and mentoring practices. Under the direction of Todd Giles and Kristen Garrison, these groups, which will rotate members each semester, will evaluate their teaching practices and performance by discussing course syllabi, written assignments, exams, research and creative projects, and student evaluations. Faculty will also read articles on pedagogy, discuss the use of technology in the classroom, and visit one another's classes to offer constructive feedback on their teaching.

## In the Spotlight

**Mike Gillis, Colby Kafer, Jermaine Causey, and Ronnie Wherry** were presented with Facilities Services Star Award. The award recognizes employees from Facilities Services who take pride in their work and give outstanding service to the campus.

Mike and Colby were recognized for their work to keep up with requests from the university while being short a carpenter. They worked together to design, fabricate, and make suggestions to improve machine guards for the engineering department to aid in the accreditation efforts. From the nominator: "Their desire to complete a job done to high standards shows that we are fortunate to have them employed at MSU."

Jermaine and Ronnie were recognized for their customer service. From their nominator: "No matter how many work orders they receive each day, and sometimes it is as many as 15, people always comment on what a good job they are doing. The 'pink hang tags' that departments return prove it. Although they both started as temps, we are so glad they have become a permanent part of the Facilities Services department."

**Frank B. Wyatt**, of the Department of Athletic Training & Exercise Physiology, attended and supervised graduate and undergraduate students at the Texas American College of Sports Medicine Conference in Austin, Texas, on February 26-27. Graduate students presenting research posters were Zachary Gillen, Yesha

Shaw, Mihir Dhimar, Hannah Ross, Kenny Onwubuya, Punam Ghadia, Rodney Holmes, Franklen Phares, and Megan Moats. Undergraduate students competing in the Student Bowl, a Jeopardy-type exercise physiology competition against Texas schools, were William Coward, Mary Brady, Nicole Cochran, Kaitlyn Molloy, Carpenter Wyatt, and Destiny Zynda. Dr. Wyatt also acted as a judge for undergraduate research.

**Andrew J. Allen**, Assistant Professor of Music, authored an article titled "Woodwinds on the Field" that appeared in the April issue of *The Instrumentalist*. Additionally, Allen recently attended the College Music Society South Central Chapter Conference in Tahlequah, Okla., where he presented a lightning talk titled "The Saxophone at the Gates of Hell: Sigurd Rascher and the Weimarerera Repertoire." He also presented a performance of Ann Arbor, Michigan-based composer Greg Simon's 27 for tenor saxophone and electronics, which Allen commissioned.

**Betty Bowles**, Associate Professor of Nursing, and **Marty Gibson**, Assistant Professor of Nursing, presented a poster at the Teaching Prevention 2015 conference of the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research in Charleston, S.C. on March 15-17. The title of the poster was "Behavior Change Project: A Student Assignment to Reduce Personal Health Risk."

**SuHua Huang**, Assistant Professor of Reading, **Matthew Capps**, Dean of the West College of Education, and **Jiening Ruan**, Associate Professor at University of Oklahoma, recently published an article titled "What Chinese Cultural Values and Instructional Practices Influence Chinese Middle School Students' Reading Motivation in Taiwan" in the *Quarterly Journal of Chinese Studies*, 3(2), 55-76.

**Nathan Jun**, Associate Professor of Philosophy, presented a paper titled "Anarchism, Philosophy, and Tradition" at the 6th Annual North American Anarchist Studies Network Conference at the California Institute for Integral Studies in San Francisco. Jun co-founded the NAASN with four other scholar-activists in 2008.

**Kirsten Lodge**, Assistant Professor of English, published her article "The Insidious Poison of Degeneration: Vampires in Czech Decadence" in *Slovo a smysl (Word & Sense)* 23 (May 2015). *Slovo a smysl* is published by Charles University Press in Prague and is the premier Czech journal of Czech literature and culture. Additionally, Lodge, has published a translation of the Czech decadent novella *A Gothic Soul* by Jiří Karásek Ze Lvovic with Twisted Spoon Press (March 2015).

Four faculty recently presented papers at the 49th Annual Southwest Council of Latin American Studies

(SCOLAS) Conference in San José, Costa Rica.

**Linda Hollabaugh**, Associate Professor of Spanish, presented “León Gieco y la memoria colectiva argentina” in the “Memoria musical transatlantic” panel.

**Kelly Medellin**, Visiting Professor in Education; **Raquel Oxford**, Adjunct Faculty in Intensive English Language Institute; and **Jeffrey Oxford**, Professor of Spanish, presented a panel on “Immigration and Transnational Identity: An Interdisciplinary Look.” Medellin’s paper was titled “Silenced Voices of Transnational Identities in Early Childhood Education.” Oxford’s paper was titled “History and Politics of the Immigrant Experience.” Oxford’s paper was titled “Literary and Artistic Representations of the Immigrant Experience.”

Three students from the history department presented their research at the West/Central Regional meeting of Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honor Society, held at St. Edward’s University on March 7. **J. Edgar Shockley**, a graduate student, presented his paper “Sacred Transformations: Blurring the Lines of Gender and Species in Norse Religious Practice,” while two undergraduate students, **Laura Galbraith** and **Joseph Hadwal**, presented “Wichita Falls at War: Call Field Pilot Training During the Great War,” research that they are conducting as participants in the COPLAC sponsored “Century America” digital humanities project. **Leland Turner**, Assistant Professor of History, is the MSU “Century America” faculty advisor. **Sharon Arnoult**, Associate Professor of History, chaired a panel on “Challenging Gender Constructs” at the conference as well as acting as MSU faculty sponsor for the event.

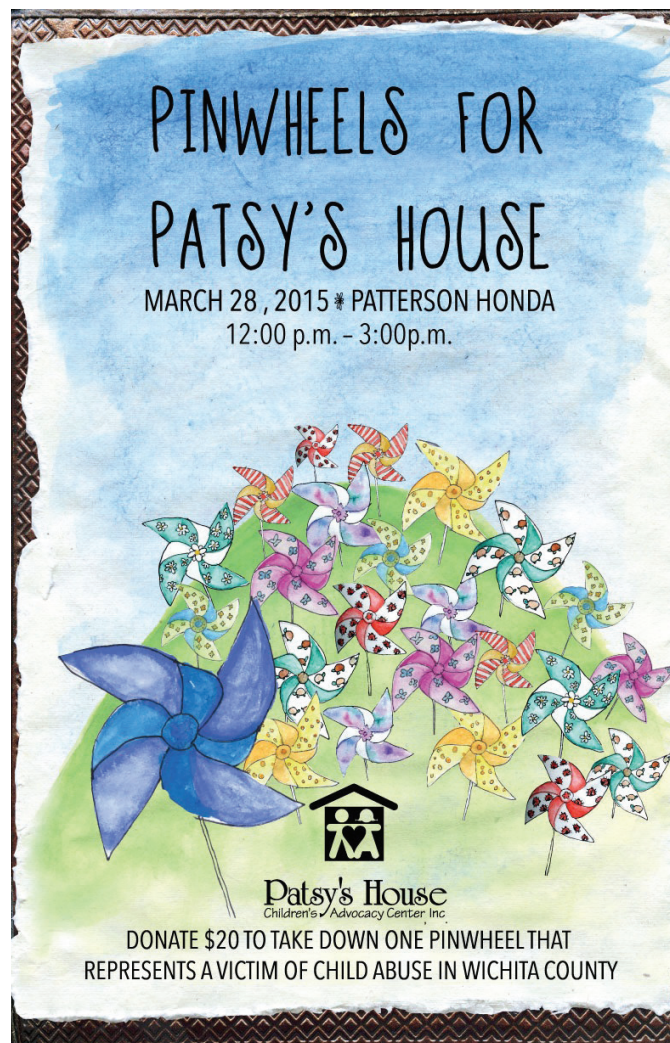
Additionally, **Galbraith** and **Hadwal** presented “Wichita Falls at War: Call Field Pilot Training during the Great War” at the Alpha Chi National Conference in Chicago on March 20. The paper won the Chapter Award for Alpha Gamma Region One. Students of the COPLAC course *Century America: Digital Humanities*, Galbraith and Hadwal are in the process of creating a website devoted to Wichita Falls during World War I. Their project mentor is Dr. Leland Turner, Assistant Professor of History.

**Leland Turner**, Assistant Professor of History, presented his paper “King Ranch, International” at the Texas State Historical Association’s 119th Annual Meeting at Corpus Christi, Texas, March 5-7.

**Debbie Barrow**, Director of Board and Government Relations, and her husband Bob were inducted into Backdoor Theatre’s 2015 Hall of Fame during the organization’s 2015 Gala celebration.

**Jim Sernoe**, Chair and Associate Professor of Mass Communication, was inducted into Backdoor Theatre’s 2015 Hall of Fame during the organization’s 2015 Gala celebration.

**Todd Giles**, Assistant Professor of English, published his article “‘Another Old Buddhist Monastery Thing’: The Misguided Zen of *Fight Club*” in *Popular Culture Review* 26.1 (Winter 2015): 5-17.



MSU students **Emily Allen** and **Lauren Hamlin** designed the winning poster for the inaugural Design-a-Thon. All student participants’ work will be displayed in the Office of Student Development.

## From the Bookstore

New arrivals of brightly colored spring tees for only \$7.95. The next Flash Sale will be April 21-22. Select Burt’s Bees products are 30% off. All chocolate candy is ½ off.

Like us on our Facebook page: Midwestern State University Bookstore. This will ensure you hear about our sales and new arrivals first!

Faculty: If you are in need of either rental or custom regalia from Herff Jones, please contact Jenny Denning at ext. 4384.