

the Update

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This Week's Events

Monday

April 18

Athletics...

MSU Golf at LSC Championships All Day Amarillo, Texas

Athletics...

Women's Tennis vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville Noon MSU Tennis Center

Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences...

Retirement Reception:

Dr. Tom Hoffman & Dr. Linda Hollabaugh 2:30 p.m. PY Atrium

Athletics...

Men's Tennis vs. Southeastern Oklahoma 3 p.m. MSU Tennis Center

Department of Music...

MSU Percussion Ensemble 7 p.m. Akin Auditorium

Speakers and Issues Series...

Orville Vernon Burton 7 p.m. WFMA

Tuesday

April 19

Athletics...

MSU Golf at LSC Championships All Day Amarillo, Texas

Wednesday

April 20

Small Business Development Center...

Back to Business Wednesdays:

Tech to Look Out For 11:45 a.m. Dillard 189

Athletics...

Men's Tennis vs. Cameron 2 p.m. MSU Tennis Center

Career Management Center...

Summer Employment Fair 3 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

Thursday

April 21

Department of Music...

Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, and Midwestern Singers 7 p.m. Akin Auditorium

Department of Athletics...

Student Athlete Award Dinner 6 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

Friday

April 22

Athletics...

Women's Tennis vs. Arkansas-Fort Smith 10 a.m. MSU Tennis Center

Athletics...

Men's Tennis vs. Arkansas-Fort Smith 2 p.m. MSU Tennis Center

Athletics...

Softball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville 4 & 6 p.m. Mustangs Park

Office of Student Affairs...

Honors Recognition Banquet 6 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

Department of Theatre...

2016 Festival of Student-Produced One-Act Plays 7:30 p.m. Bea Wood Theatre

Saturday

April 23

Athletics...

Women's Track at Michael Johnson Classic All Day Waco, Texas

Athletics...

Women's Tennis at Northeastern State Noon Tahlequah, Okla.

Athletics...

Softball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville 1 & 3 p.m. Mustangs Park

WF Campus Crime Stoppers...

Moonlight Walk Against Drugs 7 p.m. Ligon Coliseum

Department of Theatre...

2016 Festival of Student-Produced One-Act Plays 7:30 p.m. Bea Wood Theatre

Around Campus

Speakers and Issues Series: Orville Vernon Burton

The Speakers & Issues Series will present author Orville Vernon Burton at 7 p.m. Monday, April 18, at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU. Burton is the author of *The Age of Lincoln* and *In My Father's House Are Many Mansions: Family and Community in Edgefield, South Carolina*. He was nominated twice for a Pulitzer Prize and was the recipient of the American Historical Association's Eugene Asher Distinguished Teaching Prize. The series is supported by Elizabeth Bourland Hawley, the Libra Foundation, MSU's Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Wichita Falls *Times Record News*, KCCU-FM NPR Radio, and KFDX-TV3. Admission is free. For more information, call Dr. Greg Giddings at ext. 4476.

Mark Your Calendar

Black Leadership Summit

The Office of Student Development and Orientation will present the Black Leadership Summit at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26, in CSC Comanche. The purpose of the event is to promote the engagement, belonging, and academic success of black students at Midwestern State University. The event will include noted guest speakers and dinner. This event is free for MSU students. For more information, call Dr. Tiffany Stewart at ext. 4134.

Moffett Movie Madness: *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*

Moffett Library will present a film screening of *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, in the library's first floor reading area. Dr. B.T. Coxe, Assistant Professor of English, will introduce the film, and free popcorn will be available. For more information, call ext. 4696.

Celebration of Scholarship

The Celebration of Scholarship, a display of student research projects, will begin at noon Wednesday, April 27, in Clark Student Center with a panel presentation kickoff. Faculty and graduate presentations will take place from 1-5 p.m. The Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Forum will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, April 28, in Clark Student Center. An award ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. in Akin Auditorium in conjunction with the Wind Ensemble concert. For more information, call ext. 6274.

Campus News

Midwestern Club Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016-17 Midwestern Club Scholarship. The recipient must be a full-time faculty, staff or administration member at MSU or an immediate family member (husband, wife, son or daughter) of a full-time employee of MSU. The recipient must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours. The scholarship is for one year and is equally divided between the fall and spring semesters. Applications are available on the Donor Services and Scholarships website: www.mwsu.edu/scholarships. The deadline to apply is June 1.

Spring 2016 Commencement

To the faculty: Commencement will be Saturday, May 14, at the Kay Yeager Coliseum. Please meet at 9:30 a.m. in MPEC rooms 3 and 4 to line up with your college for the 10 a.m. commencement ceremony. If you need a special seating pass for your spouse to sit in the reserved section #5, contact Jolene Welch in Hardin 114C before 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 11.

Jobs

An EEO/ADAAA Compliance Employer

Program Specialist ASC

Department: Academic Success Center

Starting Date: As soon as possible

Starting Salary: \$3,974 monthly, plus benefits

Assistant Coach, Football

Department: Athletics/Football

Starting Date: April 18

Starting Salary: \$3,333-\$3,750 monthly, plus benefits, commensurate with experience

In the Spotlight

Ranette Halverson, Chair and Professor of Computer Science, and **Cerise Wuthrich**, Instructor of Computer Science, attended the Third Annual Women in Cybersecurity Conference in Dallas on April 1-2. Halverson served in the Resume Workshop, reviewing student resumes. Two computer science graduate students also attended the conference.

The MSU **Computer Science Simulation Team**, led by Assistant Professor **Bingyang Wei**, participated virtually via VSEE in the 2016 Simulation Exploration Experience, hosted by NASA. The event took place March 23 in Liverpool, England. MSU was one of 16 collegiate teams participating in the event. During the SEE event, a simulated asteroid attack took place on Moon Base Alpha. Our communication satellites received an alert message from the Command Center and relayed that message to the Liverpool team's Lunar Buggy. Student team members were **Amy Knowles**, **Chris Silva**, **Christine Mounce**, and **Anthony Enem**.

MSU history students **Alexander Van Allen**, senior, and **Philip Chisum**, graduate student, presented original research at the West Texas Historical Association's 93rd annual meeting. The session "Researching Texas History at Midwestern State University" was chaired by **Leland Turner**, Assistant Professor of History, and featured Van Allen's paper "Two Decades in Still Images: the Photographs of Charles A. Fuhs" and Chisum's paper "Professional Baseball is Through in Wichita Falls: the 1957 Spudders Baseball Season." Also presented at the conference was senior history major **Kristen Johnson's** paper "Fort Hood Free Grazers: Government Grasslands and the Central Texas Cattlemen's Association." Johnson's work is sponsored by the EURECA program and Van Allen's research is the result of an internship at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art at MSU. Turner also presented his paper "Murdo Mackenzie: The Brazil Years" at the meeting held in Abilene, Texas, April 8-9.

Dawn Slavens, Terry McDonald, and Marcos Lopez, attended the 96th Annual Meeting of the Texas Section of the Mathematical Association of American (MAA) at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches March 31-April 2. MSU students **Andres Sotelo, Dareem Antoine, Kizelle Williams** and **Zhiqi Mao** also attended.

Kevin Clark, Assistant Professor of Radiologic Science, presented a lecture to the 70th Annual Seminar of the Oklahoma Society of Radiologic Technologists March 31-April 1. Clark's lecture was "Crime Scene Investigation: All About Forensic Radiography." The two-hour lecture discussed radiography's role in a variety of forensic cases including gunshot wounds, drownings, hangings, strangulation incidents, child abuse cases, victim identification scenarios, and mass fatalities. The current and future state of forensic radiography in the United States was also discussed.

Whitney Snow, Assistant Professor of History, published "A Great Dream for This Valley: Louis Bromfield and Wichita Falls Malabar Farm, 1949-1954," by the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* vol. cxix, no. 4 (April 2016): 379-405.

On April 2, four Phi Alpha Theta members, accompanied by **Everett Kindig** and **Whitney Snow**, attended the North Central Texas Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference at Texas Wesleyan University. **Joel Gipson**, graduate student, presented "Mortal Supremacy"; **Cheyenne Cannedy**, graduate student, presented "Female Intelligence and Mythology in World War I"; **Alexander Van Allen**, undergraduate student, presented "A net of policies accepted and rejected: British policy toward American Indians and its influences on America's Indian policies"; and **Kristen Johnson**, undergraduate student, presented "Fort Hood Free Grazers: Central Texas Cattlemen and the Federal Government's Post War Economic Intervention."

Catherine Stringfellow, Tina Johnson, Eduardo Colmenares, Bingyang Wei, and Richard Simpson of MSU Computer Science attended the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges Conference on April 8 in Austin. Graduate student **Kessia Eugene** presented "The Usefulness of Rubrics in Computer Science" co-authored with **Stringfellow** and **Halverson**. Graduate student **Amy Knowles** and undergraduate students **Cavaughn Browne** and **Chris Silva** presented a poster on "Oculus Rift: A Virtual Tour of Bolin Science Hall" with their faculty sponsors **Johnson** and **Wei**.

Bingyang Wei, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, presented a paper "A Conceptual Graphs Framework for Teaching UML Model-based Requirements Acquisition" coauthored by **Catherine Stringfellow, Eduardo Colmenares**, and Harry

Delugach, a colleague from University of Alabama-Huntsville, at the IEEE Conference on Software Engineering Education and Training (CSEET 2016), April 5-6 in Dallas.

From The Bookstore

Faculty needing rental regalia for May graduation must contact Jenny Denning at jenny.denning@mwsu.edu by April 22.