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This Week's Events

Thursday

December 1

Office of Undergraduate Research...
EURECA Proposal Deadline

P.R.I.D.E. ...

World AIDS Day 5K Run/Walk 2-5 p.m. Sikes Lake Trail

Athletics...

Women's Basketball at Tarleton 5:30 p.m. Stephenville, Texas

Spanish Club...

Spanish Conversation 6:30 p.m. Prothro-Yeager 204

Athletics...

Men's Basketball at Tarleton 7:30 p.m. Stephenville, Texas

Department of Theatre...

Production: *A Christmas Carol*
by Charles Dickens 7:30 p.m. Fain Fine Arts Center

Friday

December 2

Red River Reading Series...

Dr. Robert Johnson with students
Ali Ward and Jonathan Henderson 4 p.m. Legacy Hall

Fantasy of Lights...

Musical Performances
Jefferson Elementary Choir 6:30 p.m.
Tower Elementary Choir 7 p.m. Hardin Lawn

Department of Theatre...

Production: *A Christmas Carol*
by Charles Dickens 7:30 p.m. Fain Fine Arts Center

Saturday

December 3

Office of the President...

MSU Pecan Day 9 a.m.-noon Sikes House Pecan Grove

Athletics...

Women's Basketball
at Texas A&M-Commerce 2 p.m. Commerce, Texas

Department of Theatre...

Production: *A Christmas Carol*
by Charles Dickens 2:30 p.m. Fain Fine Arts Center

Department of Music...

Concert: Holiday Gala 3 p.m. Akin Auditorium

Athletics...

Men's Basketball
at Texas A&M-Commerce 4 p.m. Commerce, Texas

Fantasy of Lights...

5K & 1-Mile Fun Run 4:30 p.m. Hardin East Lawn

Department of Theatre...

Production: *A Christmas Carol*
by Charles Dickens 7:30 p.m. Fain Fine Arts Center

Student Development & Orientation...

Movie: *Elf* 7 p.m. Legacy Hall

Department of Music...

Concert: Holiday Gala 7 p.m. Akin Auditorium

Around Campus

World AIDS Day 5K Run/Walk

P.R.I.D.E. will present a World AIDS Day 5K Run/Walk at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 1, at Sikes Lake Trail. This is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate people who have died. For more information, call ext. 4849.

Theatre: *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens

The Department of Theatre will present *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, December 1-3, with a special 2:30 p.m. Saturday performance in the Fain Fine Arts Center Theatre. People of all ages will enjoy this new, light-hearted approach to the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge. This interactive adaptation of the Christmas classic utilizes audience participation to supply sound effects, fill in for missing actors, and join in a Christmas carol sing-a-long. General admission tickets are \$10. Price is \$8 for pre-college students, senior citizens, and military. Free for MSU students, faculty, and staff with valid MSU ID. For more information or for season ticket or group ticket information, call the box office at ext. 4393, the publicity office at ext. 4399, or the Department of Theatre at ext. 4670.

Red River Reading Series

The Red River Reading Series will present Dr. Robert Johnson, Professor of English, with students Ali Ward and Jonathan Henderson at 4 p.m. Friday, December 2,

in the Legacy Hall Multipurpose Room. Admission is free. Contact Dr. John Schulze at john.schulze@mwsu.edu for more information.

MSU Pecan Day

Employees and their family members are invited to gather pecans from 9 a.m.- noon Saturday, December 3, in the Sikes House Pecan Grove. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

Holiday Gala Concert

The Department of Music will present a Holiday Gala concert at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, December 3, in the Akin Auditorium. For more information, call ext. 4267.

Fantasy of Lights Holiday Spectacular

In addition to the multiple holiday events scheduled on December 3, the Fantasy of Lights will sponsor a 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run. Check-in and late registration begin at 4:30 p.m. The run/walk begins at 5 p.m. Registration fee is \$25 for the 5K or \$10 for the 1-mile run with proceeds going to the upkeep of the Fantasy of Lights. Student registration fee is \$10.

During and after the run/walk enjoy a variety of food, snack, and drink options from local and area food trucks while listening to a mix of holiday favorites by DJ Maniac. A free viewing of the new holiday classic Elf will follow at 7 p.m. in Legacy Hall.

For more information or to register for the run/walk, visit <https://fol.mwsu.edu/5k-run/> or call ext. 4466.

Mark Your Calendar

Jazz Band and Midwestern Singers Concert

The Department of Music will present the Jazz Band and the Midwestern Singers in concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 8, in Akin Auditorium. For more information, call ext. 4267.

Opening Reception: Senior Exhibitions

The Juanita Harvey Art Gallery at MSU will host an opening reception for Senior Exhibitions from 6-8 p.m. Friday, December 9. Exhibits will feature a variety of media with each student having his/her own individual theme. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 2-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call ext. 4264.

Honors Preview Day

The Office of Admissions will host an Honors Preview Day on Friday, December 9. The event is designed to recognize the hard work and effort students have

demonstrated through their academic excellence. Honors Preview Day is an exclusive event that provides an overview of MSU's academic programs while emphasizing various scholarship opportunities in the Redwine Honors Program and in other departments on campus. In addition, students will have an opportunity to attend a mock lecture, visit with MSU Admissions, tour the campus and housing facilities, visit with current MSU students, and dine with faculty members. For more information, contact Admissions at ext. 4334.

Campus News

Commencement Information for Faculty

Commencement will be Saturday, December 17, at Kay Yeager Coliseum. Please meet at 9:30 a.m. at MPEC in rooms 3 and 4 to line up with your college for the 10 a.m. ceremony. If you need a special seating pass for your spouse to sit in reserved section #5, please ask Jolene Welch for one in Hardin 114C before 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 14.

Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Forum Awards

The following awards were presented at the conclusion of the Fall 2016 Forum:

DILLARD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Best Oral Presentation

First place: William Ash

On the Effect of Remittances on Poverty through Human Capital in Developing Countries: Are Developing Regions Different?

Mentor: Dr. Pablo A. García-Fuentes

Second place: Kevin Thompson

An Instrumental Variable Estimation of the Effect of Remittances and Human Capital on Financial Development in Developing Countries

Mentor: Dr. Pablo A. García-Fuentes

Best Poster Presentation

First place: Wadzanai Dzvurumi and Careisha Whyte

The Challenge of Attracting and Retaining Member-Volunteers at YPWF

Mentors: Dr. Niyati Kataria, Mr. Newman Wong, and Dr. Jeff Stambaugh

Second place: Careisha Whyte and Catherine Stepniak

Creating a Digital Newsletter for a Non-profit Professional Organization

Mentors: Mr. Newman Wong and Dr. Bradley Wilson

GUNN COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES & HUMAN SERVICES

Best Poster Presentation

First place: Michaela Coonce, Emma Davenport, and Sarah Flagg

Gone Too Soon... Exploring Coping Strategies of NICU Therapists

Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Anderson

Second place: Montie Hopper, Emily Jones, LeeAnn Reyes, and Stephanie Omeodu

Effects of Workplace Bullying Among Nurses

Mentor: Dr. Packiaraj Arumugham

Best Oral Presentation

First place (tie): Phillip Carr

The Anatomage® Table: Activities to Enhance Student Learning

Mentor: Dr. Beth L. Vealé

First place (tie): Camille Khan

Imaging Technology in Military Conflict

Mentor: Dr. Robert Comello

PROTHRO-YEAGER COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Best Oral Presentation

First place: Austin Monson

Bridging the Gap: The Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra and the Next Generation of Music Lovers

Mentors: Dr. Todd Giles and Dr. Andrea Button

Second place: Caitlin McNeely

Having the Last Laugh: Humor as a Feminist Rhetorical Tool

Mentor: Dr. Kristen Garrison

Best Poster Presentation

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COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Best Oral Presentation

First place: Romeo Botelua, Trevor Criddle, Xin Hu, Chase Meyer, Michael A. Olaya

Development of a Muon Tomography Imaging System

Mentor: Dr. Yu Guo

Second place: Meaghan Rose

Bacterial Endophytes in Seeds with High and Low Melatonin Content: Survival Implications

Mentors: Dr. Magaly Rincón-Zachary and Dr. James Masuoka

Best Poster Presentation

First place: Chanuka Perera and Suman Bhandari

Sodium and Chlorine Ions Concentration Mapping in Saltwater

Mentor: Dr. Salim Azzouz

Second place: Beth Russell

Mechanisms of Reversion to Erythromycin-Susceptibility in Erythromycin-Resistant Bacteria

Mentor: Dr. James Masuoka

WEST COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Best Oral Presentation

First place: Bridget Alaniz

The Effect of Teaching Strategies on Student Engagement in High School Science

Mentor: Dr. Suzanne Lindt

Second place: Jocelyn Brown and Tamra Woods

The Effect of STEM and STEAM

Units on Pre-service Teachers

Mentor: Dr. Dittika Gupta

Best Poster Presentation

First place: Francine Baron and Laura Sorge

Student Perceptions of Benefits of Learning Communities

Mentor: Dr. Kym Acuña

Second place: Nicole Anderson

The Effects of D2L Literature Circles on Teacher Efficacy

Mentors: Dr. Emily Reeves, Dr. Leann Curry, Dr. Christina McIntyre

LAMAR D. FAIN COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Best Oral Presentation

First place: Emma Griffiths

Constructing an Online Studio Art Class: Transitioning from a Conventionally Taught Drawing I Course to an Online Class using iPads

Mentor: Ms. Elizabeth Yarosz-Ash

Best Poster Presentation

First place: Careisha Whyte and Catherine Stepniak

Creating a Digital Newsletter for a Non-profit Professional Organization

Mentors: Mr. Newman Wong and Dr. Bradley Wilson

MOST CREATIVE & ORIGINAL PRESENTATION

Wadzanai Dzvurumi and Careisha Whyte
The Challenge of Attracting and Retaining Member-Volunteers at YPWF

BEST INTERDISCIPLINARY PRESENTATION

Jocelyn Brown and Tamra Woods
The Effect of STEM and STEAM Units on Pre-service Teachers

In the Spotlight

Charles M. Watson, Associate Professor of Biology, recently published “Interspecific Differences in Metabolic Rate and Metabolic Temperature Sensitivity Create Distinct Thermal Ecological Niches in Lizards (Plestiodon)” in *PLoS ONE* and “Paleosuchus spp. (Dwarf Caiman) and Osteolaemus spp. (Dwarf Crocodile) defense mechanisms” in *Herpetological Review*. Members of The Watson Laboratory also traveled to Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México in Toluca, Mexico, for the Sixth Integrative Biology Workshop where undergraduate biology researchers **Christian Esquivel** and **Tim Torres** presented their work on milkweed physiology; biology graduate student **William Krogman** presented his research on lizard predation avoidance; and Watson presented his work on the evolution of viviparity. Krogman was awarded second best student presentation at the conference.

Whitney Snow, Assistant Professor of History, presented “Samoa: A Precursor to World War I” at the Southern Conference on British Studies held in St. Petersburg, Florida, on November 3-4.

Roberto Fuertes-Manjón, Professor of Spanish, recently presented the paper, “Afirmación del espíritu renacentista e indeterminación cultural en la obra del Inca Garcilaso de la Vega,” at the 43 Simposio Internacional de Literatura held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

From the Bookstore

MSU Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week November 29-December 2

25% off storewide sale (excludes convenience and textbooks). Refreshments and door prize to be given away at end of event!

- Watch for more information on the Two-Day Sale (December 7-8) before Christmas!
- Faculty needing rental regalia for December, contact Jenny at jenny.denning@mwsu.edu.
- MSU Bookstore now a UPS drop off/pickup point.