This Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Faculty Forum: Dr. Bradley Wilson
7 p.m. Legacy Multipurpose Room

Percussion Ensemble
7:30 p.m. Akin Auditorium

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Moffett Movie Madness: Don’t Look Back
7 p.m. Moffett Library

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Speakers & Issues Series: Towana Spivey
7 p.m. WFMA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Annual Book Plating Ceremony & Reception
3 p.m. Moffett Library

Mark Your Calendar

Dinner Table & Coffee Chats
The MSU chapter of Sigma Tau Delta will present a public talk by Dr. Hillary Coenen, Prothro-Yeager’s Visiting Assistant Professor of English, at 4 p.m. Monday, November 18, in Prothro-Yeager 201. In her presentation, Dinner Table & Coffee Chats: Strategies for Interpersonal Activism, Coenen will present challenging conversations as sites for activism. For more information, contact Dr. Peter Fields, Faculty Advisor for Beta Xi, the MSU chapter of Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, at ext. 4246.

Counseling Center Workshops
The Counseling Center will present the following workshops during November. Professors are welcome to announce these dates and times in class. Proof of student attendance will be verified through the Corq app.

Monday, November 18:
Time Management for Finals
Tuesday, November 19:
Test Anxiety: Finals Edition
Wednesday, November 20:
Keep the Grades You Have/Get the Grades You Want
All sessions will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the Legacy Multipurpose Room. For more information, contact the Counseling Center at ext. 4618.

Dillard Energy Center Distinguished Speaker Series
Jason Churchill, CEO of PetroLegacy, will be the visiting guest for the Dillard Energy Center Distinguished Speaker Series at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. November 19. Churchill knows life can be a roller coaster. After finishing his chemical engineering degree at the University of Kansas, he planned to work for ExxonMobil in the safe and predictable refinery business. He instead changed to the much more dynamic business of drilling wells. After quickly rising through the ranks, he left the relative safety of ExxonMobil to become the vice president of operations for a small oil and gas company focused on the boom in southern Texas. Things were going great, until oil prices plummeted in 2014, taking his company down with them. He rebounded and is now the CEO of PetroLegacy Energy, a company focused on operations in western Texas. Along the way, he’s learned about how to spot opportunities, how to deal with investors when things go (very) badly, how to bounce back, and the personal qualities that make all that possible. For more information, contact Dr. Jeff Stambaugh at ext. 6343 or email jeff.stambaugh@msutexas.edu.

Conchas & Hot Chocolate Sale
Sigma Lambda Alpha Sorority Inc. will sell conchas and hot chocolate from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, November 20, in Clark Student Center. The prices are half concha $0.50, whole concha $1, and hot chocolate $1.50. For more information, contact the sorority at 940-642-6065 or email slamsutreasurer@gmail.com.

Moffett Library Q&A: We Answer Your Questions
Join the Moffett librarians for a question-and-answer session at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 20, or at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 21. The sessions will be located in the second floor computer lab. For more information, contact Allison Breen at ext. 4171 or email allison.breen@msutexas.edu.

Turkey Trot
Recreational Sports and the Bruce and Graciela Redwine Student Wellness Center will host the 2019 Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run/Walk from 4:30-6 p.m. Wednesday, November 20, beginning at Sikes Lake Trail behind the Wellness Center. Registration is free with one food item for the Mustangs Pantry. For more information, contact the Wellness Center at ext. 4466 or email angie.reay@msutexas.edu.

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International Film Series: *Girlhood*

The International Film Series will present *Girlhood/Bande de Filles* (France) at 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 20, in Bea Wood 127. The film will be introduced by Dr. Eric Lynch. Light snacks will be provided, and the event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Kirsten Lodge at ext. 4363 or email kirsten.lodge@msutexas.edu.

In the News

WFMA receives highest national recognition

The Wichita Falls Museum of Art has achieved accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), the highest national recognition afforded the nation’s museums. Accreditation signifies excellence to the museum community, to governments, funders, outside agencies, and to the museum-going public.

“Strides toward accreditation began almost a decade ago, and the achievement is a credit to the dedicated and thoughtful work and guidance of many people at MSU Texas, on the Museum Advisory Board and staff, and in our community,” WFMA Director Tracee Robertson said. “We are poised to carry this work forward as we continue to pursue excellence in the service of our audiences. As a new arrival to the Museum and community, I couldn’t ask for a greater vote of confidence in the Museum’s value and mission. I’m grateful for the opportunities this prestigious recognition affords – we aim to capture them all!”

Read the full accreditation news release at the MSU Texas news webpage.

Account established at Credit Union for Cindy Loveless

An account has been established at the MSU Credit Union to assist Cindy Loveless and her family as they begin the recovery process from a fire that destroyed their home and claimed the lives of their beloved pets. Those desiring to donate to Cindy may contribute to the Cindy Loveless Special account at the MSU Credit Union through electronic transactions, walk-in deposits, or mail. For more information, contact the credit union at ext. 4622.

In the Spotlight

Five English undergraduate students presented their scholarship with faculty mentor Todd Giles at the 63rd annual American Studies Association of Texas
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Conference at Sam Houston State University on November 8. Robert Johnson and John Schulze of the Department of English, Humanities, and Philosophy also presented their work. Ryan Samuelson of Moffett Library also attended in support of the students. The presentations were titled:

- “Fear, Media and Mayhem in Don DeLillo’s White Noise” by Lauren Ordner
- “Media Mayhem and Simulation in Don DeLillo’s White Noise” by Alex Rios
- “Mayhem in the Bedroom: Gender Roles and Family Structures in Don DeLillo’s White Noise” by Grace Tsichlis
- “Prison of Flesh: Body/Tech Mayhem in William Gibson’s Neuromancer” by Gracie Glebe
- “Science, Technology and Humanity’s Annihilation in Margaret Atwood’s Oryx and Crake” by Jasmine Phillips
- “I Shop Therefore I Am: 1980s American Art & Artists, Commodities All” by Todd Giles
- “Harry Bosch Enters the Flow” by Robert Johnson
- “Cleansing the Hurt: Issues of PTSD in three Native American Novels” by John Schulze

Fred Stangl, Professor Emeritus of Biology, had two papers published by the Museum of Texas Tech University, in a book titled “From Field to Laboratory: A Memorial Volume in Honor of Robert J. Baker.” The late Dr. Baker was professor emeritus of biology at TTU, and was Stangl’s PhD mentor. The volume was comprised of more than 40 original contributions in mammalogy from colleagues and former students of Dr. Baker from across North and South America.

- “Ecological niche modeling identifies environmental factors influencing hybridization in ground squirrels (Genus Ictidomys)” was coauthored with colleagues from Texas Tech and the University of Michigan. This was the last in a series of five papers initiated at MSU, investigating the hybridization of two species of ground squirrels from Texas and across the Great Plains.

- “Systematic review of Botta’s pocket gopher (Thomomys bottae) from Texas and southeastern New Mexico, with description of a new taxon” was coauthored with TTU colleagues and former MSU graduate student Staci Martin, and highlighted in this paper was the naming of the previously undescribed race of gophers from central Texas after Dr. Baker—Thomomys bottae robertbakeri. This paper was an extension of Martin’s MSU biology thesis.

Free

The following printer cartridges are available for campus use: HP 96 (black) and HP 97 (tri-color) cartridges. For more information, contact Mitzi Lewis at mitzi.lewis@msutexas.edu.

2019-20 Faculty/Staff Campaign Update

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