

# INSIDER ONLINE

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# Welcome Back!



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A publication for faculty and staff of the WMU College of Arts and Sciences

## Three scholarships named

Three College of Arts and Sciences' scholarships recently have been established. They are...

### THE JOSEPH P. STOLTMAN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN GEOGRAPHY EDUCATION

The Joseph P. Stoltman Endowed Scholarship in Geography Education endowment was established by Dr. Khan Sharafat and Mary Khan of Canton, Mich.

Khan is a Senior Partner in Deloitte and Touche, an international audit, tax, consulting, and financial advisory services company. Khan was Professor Joseph P. Stoltman's student in geography education and educational evaluation more than 20 years ago.



Douglas L. Daniels

### THE DOUGLAS L. DANIELS SCHOLARSHIP

The Douglas L. Daniels scholarship, is dedicated to providing: a) scholarships for tuition, fees & books - minimum standing of at least an undergrad junior with a declared major in Geology, overall gpa of 2.8+ and GPA of 3.2+ in Geology major courses; b) awards for funding geological research projects; c) awards for designated travel and expenses; awards for authorized geologically related activities; or d) any combination thereof.

### THE GEORGIA E. DOLES-WALKER EMERGENCY STUDENT GRANT

With the passing of Georgia E. Doles-Walker, her husband, Dr. Lewis Walker, chair and professor emeritus, joined with the Kalamazoo area Dulcet Club and the WMU Department of Sociology to acknowledge her dedication and commitment to the students at Western Michigan University. Awards will be given in her name to undergraduate sociology students who are in need of emergency funds to assist with the purchase of books, lab fees and other educational costs while at Western Michigan University.

For additional information, please contact: Dorilee Schieble, Director of Development: dorilee.schieble@wmich.edu or call (269) 387-4399.



Georgia E. Doles-Walker

## Important Semester Dates

- Friday, January 9 – last day of drop/adds for students
- Monday, January 12 – last day departments have access to change student schedules
- Monday, January 12 – census taken at the end of the day
- Tuesday, January 13 – late add fee (\$100) begins for students adding courses who have no courses on their schedule at this time.
- Monday, January 19 – MLK day – no classes
- Friday, February 27 – Spirit day – no classes
- Monday, March 2 – Spring break begins
- Monday, March 9 – classes resume
- Monday, March 16 – last day students can withdraw from Spring classes
- Monday-Friday, April 20-24 – Final exam week
- Saturday April 25 – Commencement
- Tuesday, April 28 – Grades due at noon.

## JANUARY

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Event: Department of Physics Colloquium  
Title: "Discovering Complexity in the Early Stages of Protein Folding" presented by R. C. Lisa Lapidus, MSU  
Location: 1110 Rood Hall  
Time: 4 p.m.

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Event: Department of Physics Colloquium  
Title: "Supernovae, Electron Capture and Gamow-Teller Strength" presented by Arthur Cole, Kalamazoo College  
Location: 1110 Rood Hall  
Time: 4 p.m.

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Event: English Scholarly Speakers Series  
Title: "Deserving of Commendation?: Rediscovering Sukey Vickery, Poet and Novelist of the Early Republic" presented by Scott Slawinski, WMU  
Location: 3025 Brown Hall  
Time: 7 p.m.

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Event: Department of Physics Colloquium  
Title: "Transfer Reactions with Exotic Beams – Everything Old is New Again" presented by Alan Wuosmaa, WMU  
Location: 1110 Rood Hall  
Time: 4 p.m.

## FEBRUARY

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Event: History Lecture Series  
Title: "Built With Faith: Place Making and the Religious Imagination in Italian New York" presented by Dr. Joseph Sciorra, Queen's College  
Location: Waldo Library, Meader Rare Book Room  
Time: 4 p.m.

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Event: English Scholarly Speakers Series  
Title: "Writing Templates for Non-Robots" presented by Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Location: 2028 Brown Hall  
Time: 7 p.m.

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Event: English Teaching Workshop  
Title: Presented by Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein, University of Illinois at Chicago  
Location: TBA  
Time: TBA

## MARCH

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Event: Janet Heller speaks and autographs "How the Moon Regained Her Shape" at Michigan Reading Association conference  
Location: DeVos Place Convention Center and Amway Grand Plaza Hotel  
Time: Multiple times

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Event: History Lecture Series  
Title: "Elective Affinities: The Jesuits and China" presented by Dr. Ronnie Po-chia Hsia, Penn State University  
Location: Putney Lecture Hall, Fetzer Center  
Time: 6 p.m.

## APRIL

9

Event: English Scholarly Speakers Series  
Title: "True and False Knowledge in the Teaching and Learning of Literature" presented by Sheridan Blau, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Location: 2028 Brown Hall  
Time: 7 p.m.

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Event: English Department Workshop  
Title: "Dismantling Interpretive Consumerism: Students as Producers of Responsible Interpretations"  
Location: TBA  
Time: Morning

Event: English Department Workshop  
Title: "Writing About Literature in an Authentic Academic Community"  
Location: TBA  
Time: Afternoon

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Eli Rubin (History) “Plastics and Dictatorship in the German Democratic Republic” (University of North Carolina Press, 2008).

## **SABBATICALS**

- Leonard C. Ginsberg, associate vice president for research
- Jon R. Adams, associate professor of English
- Julie Apker, associate professor of communication
- Sisay Asefa, professor of economics;
- Peter Blickle, professor of foreign languages
- James M. Butterfield, professor of political science
- Vincent Desroches, associate professor of foreign languages
- Margaret H. Dupuis, master faculty specialist in English
- Nancy Eimers, professor of English
- G. Michael Grammer, associate professor of geosciences
- Charles R. Henderson, associate professor of physics;
- Sarah Hill, associate professor of anthropology
- Jon D. Holtzman, associate professor of anthropology
- Chiayang James Hueng, associate professor of economics
- Catherine Julien, professor of history
- Steven Kohler, director of environmental studies

- Steven N. Lipkin, professor of communication
- Niloufer Mackey, professor of mathematics
- Stephen B. Malcolm, professor of biological sciences
- Arthur R. McGurn, professor of physics
- Yirong Mo, associate professor of chemistry;
- David W. Rudge, associate professor of biological sciences
- Christopher J. Schmidt, professor of geosciences
- Jeffrey Strom, instructor of mathematics
- Victor Cunrui Xiong, professor of history.

## **PRESENTATION**

“Untangling the Debate: The Ethics of Human Enhancement” by Patrick Lin (Cal Poly, SLO; Dartmouth) and Fritz Allhoff (Western Michigan Univ.; CAPPE)—at the Nanoethics Group symposium of papers focusing on ethical and societal problems arising from human enhancement applications of emerging technologies, especially nanotechnology.

## **DEATHS**

- Grace Marian Perlot, age 79, of Holland. She graduated from Western Michigan University and taught French, Latin and history in Greenville, Berrien Springs and Charlotte, Mich.

## **RETIRING**

- Dr. Elen M.C. Cutrim, professor of geography, 19 years, effective Aug. 9, 2009.

## **PROGRAMS**

The board of trustees has approved master’s degrees in applied economics with a concentration in economic development and applied economics with a concentration in statistics and econometrics. Adding the two concentrations formalizes what many students are currently doing and helps students gain employment and become more marketable. Both concentrations have been approved by the Graduate Studies Council.

Trustees also approved a name change Dec. 12 for a longstanding WMU academic unit. Gender and Women’s Studies is the new name for the unit that was for years known as the Center for Women’s Studies.

The University’s Faculty Senate previously approved the name change because the unit does not operate in a manner consistent with WMU’s definition of a “center.” The term “gender” was added to the name to make the unit name consistent with the expansion of the field of women’s studies to include gender studies.

## **LEAVE**

Matthew Mingus (Public Affairs and Administration) will serve as a Governance Advisor for the U.S. Department of State in Iraq and should be on-the-ground at Camp Taji, Iraq, by mid-February.

## FACULTY DUO LAUNCHES SUMMER STUDY ABROAD COURSE

The role of geology in the civilization and culture of ancient and modern Egyptians is the focus of a new short-term study abroad program at Western Michigan University planned for May 1-16, 2009.

The departments of Geosciences and Foreign Languages, in collaboration with the Haenicke Institute, have developed the innovative multidisciplinary program. Called Civilization and Geology in Egypt, it meets WMU's requirements for General Education Area IV and will be offered for three credits.

The course is being team taught by **Dr. Robb Gillespie**, assistant professor of geosciences, and **Dr. Mustafa Mughazy**, associate professor of foreign languages. Geology faculty from South Valley University in Qena, Egypt, will participate in conducting portions of an included field trip, giving WMU students exposure to scientists from other cultures.

Gillespie visited several Egyptian universities with Brett Berquist, WMU executive director of international programs, to discuss collaboration on the project. Supported by a faculty grant from the Haenicke Institute, he also participated in a popular Arabic summer program led by Mughazy to learn the ins and outs of leading a study abroad program.

This fall, WMU became the first Michigan university to offer a minor in Arabic. Mughazy, the University's Arabic advisor, developed and has led a popular intensive Arabic language and culture summer program in Alexandria. His innovative teaching approach--combining standard and colloquial Arabic from the beginning level--has brought national recognition to WMU's foreign languages department, and a textbook he wrote is the most-used book in the United States for colloquial Arabic.

Gillespie's academic unit, the Department of Geosciences, is heavily involved in research activities in Egypt and ranks as the third most active among United States' universities conducting research in Egypt. The department plans to expand this research activity into a "Western Michigan University Center of Excellence in Egyptian and Middle Eastern Scientific Studies."

Faculty members interested in learning more about developing study abroad programs may contact Brett Berquist at [brett.berquist@wmich.edu](mailto:brett.berquist@wmich.edu) or (269) 387-5890. Visit [wmich.edu/studyabroad](http://wmich.edu/studyabroad) for comprehensive information about the Civilization and Geology in Egypt course.



Western Michigan University  
**Academics**

## Tentative Enrollment Numbers from Academics

*Jim Gilchrist*

*Vice Provost for Academics*

As of Monday morning, Jan. 5, enrollment is down 94 students on the main campus compared to the first day of class for spring 2008. We are down 44 students on the branch campuses. Fortunately, increases in on-line courses mean that we are up overall by 105 students. Some of this difference may be due to the difference in calendar. Last year, we started spring term on January 7 (rather than the January 5) and we were open for processing on the Thursday and Friday before the 7th.

Nevertheless, the decline is a subject of some concern.

Credit hours, fortunately, look better. We are up 130 credit hours on the main campus. However, the budget assumed that the main campus would be up about 2600 hours. Maybe we'll get there, but it is going to take some concerted effort this week to come close.

ATIS credit hours are up 1,325, with the result that our overall credit hours are up 1,436. The ATIS credit hours don't help much, however, since the university budget is set on the basis of the main campus credit hours. As with head count, this may be a consequence of the university calendar, but if it holds, the explanation won't matter to the budget.

We need to work with advising offices and academic departments to serve students as best we can. We need to do that all the time, but especially now, given these registration numbers for spring.

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(269) 387-2745

## SPRING DROP-IN CAREER ADVISING FOR ARTS & SCIENCES

Where:

Career & Student Employment  
Ellsworth Hall, First Floor  
(next to Bernhard Center)

When:

Tuesdays, noon–2:30p.m.

Wednesdays, 2:00–4:30

## WMU Writing Tip

Academic degrees are capitalized only when the full name of the degree is used, such as Bachelor of Arts or Master of Social Work. General references, such as bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree, are not capitalized.

When possible, use generic references such as bachelor's, master's, doctoral degree or doctorate, rather than specific degrees or abbreviations for degrees.

Write "She earned a doctoral degree in physics," not "She earned a Ph.D. in physics." If identifying specific degrees (Master of Fine Arts versus Master of Arts) is essential, do not use abbreviations.

Write "He holds a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing," not "He holds an M.F.A. in creative writing."

More writing tips <http://www.wmich.edu/writing/>

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