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For and about WMU faculty and staff

WMU makes 'Best for Vets' list again

For the third time in as many years, *Military Times Edge* magazine has placed WMU on its "Best for Vets" list of colleges and universities. With a ranking of No. 49 among the 650 schools rated, WMU is the only Michigan four-year school on the publication's list of the top 10 percent of U.S. colleges.



Military Times Edge is a supplement to the widely distributed *Military Times* publications—*Army Times*, *Navy Times*, *Air Force Times* and *Marine Corps Times*. The University also appears again on the list of "military friendly" schools compiled by the publication *Military Advanced Education*. And earlier this year, *G.I. Jobs* magazine included WMU among its top 15 percent of colleges for vets.

Still not too late to get a flu shot

Clinicians at the Sindecuse Health Center are seeing an influx of people with flu-like illnesses. WMU students, retirees, employees and their eligible dependents who are not already sick are encouraged to stop in during Sindecuse's walk-in hours for immunizations and to receive an influenza vaccine. Visit wmich.edu/news/2012/12/3417 for more information or call Sindecuse at (269) 387-3287.

New head football coach announced

P.J. Fleck, wide receivers coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers this season, has been named the 15th coach in the 107-



Fleck

year history of Bronco football. Fleck, a receiver, played at Northern Illinois University from 1999 to 2003, and his name is at or near the top in the NIU record books in several categories.

He went on to sign with the NFL's San Francisco 49ers as a free agent in 2004, spending most of that season on the practice squad, and was placed on the injured reserve roster in 2005. The following year, Fleck began his coaching career. He started at Ohio State University and NIU, then moved to Rutgers University under Greg Schiano and followed Schiano to Tampa Bay earlier last year.

Employee mixers slated for spring

The schedule for monthly Fridays With Friends faculty and staff mixers has been set for the spring semester. The mixers feature complimentary light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar and are held from 4 to 6 p.m. The Jan. 25, Feb. 22 and March 22 mixers will all take place in the Fetzer Center lobby. The end-of-semester party will take place Tuesday, April 30, in the Fetzer Center ballroom.

Gov. appoints two to Board of Trustees

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder has appointed Michelle Crumm of Ann Arbor and Ronald "Ron" Hall of Detroit to the WMU Board of Trustees.

The new trustees will serve eight-year terms that began in 2013, and each replaces a board member whose terms expired at the end of 2012.

Crumm, CEO and owner of Ann Arbor-based Present Value, replaces Larry Tolbert. Previously, she was a co-founder and chief business officer of Adaptive Materials Inc. Her background also includes positions at the Kellogg Co. and at Plante and Moran. Crumm was named one of 2007's Most Influential Women by *Crain's Detroit Business* and one of *Enterprising Women's* Women of the Year in 2008.



Crumm



Hall

Hall, president and CEO of Bridgewater Interiors and chairman and CEO of New Center Stamping, is a 1965 WMU alumnus who replaces Dennis Archer. He also is president and CEO of Renaissance Capital Alliance and CEO of Departure Travel Management. Hall is well known for turning the Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council into one of the premier minority business organizations in the country. In addition, he was assistant vice president of minority business development for New Detroit Inc., the nation's first urban coalition.

East Hall to be renovated, converted to alumni center

With the proposed private development of historic East Campus at an official standstill, WMU officials have decided to focus all preservation efforts on renovating the institution's birthplace, East Hall, for use as an alumni event center.



East Hall

"More than a dozen years ago, we had all of our East Campus buildings assessed," says WMU president John M. Dunn. "We were told then, we needed to 'save something, or lose it all.' We've decided we can wait no longer, and it is of paramount importance

to our campus and community to save the core of East Hall."

The decision means the three other early structures built nearby at the top of Prospect Hill—West Hall, North Hall, and the Speech and Hearing Center—will be razed to avoid the continuing expenditure of WMU dollars for security, utilities and basic maintenance and to open up the area for campus green space and parking for the alumni center. The University will salvage important architectural elements from the buildings that will be razed.

Plans call for East Hall to serve as a gathering place that can be a focal point for alumni efforts and information about University history. The structure would also house part of WMU's development and alumni operations. The reconstructed WMU Trolley that once carried students up Prospect Hill would be permanently displayed nearby, and the entire area would be convenient for alumni tailgaters.

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Numerous activities scheduled for annual MLK celebration

Activities for this year's local Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration begin Thursday, Jan. 17, and continue throughout 2013 to honor the 50th anniversary of King's visit to WMU in 1963.



King speaking at WMU

All activities are free and open to the public, with a jam-packed day scheduled for Monday, Jan. 21, the federal holiday commemorating King's life.

The day will kick off with the

City of Kalamazoo Communitywide Day of Service and feature a convocation in Kalamazoo College's Stetson Chapel with a keynote talk by Harvey Hollins III, director of the Michigan Office of Urban and Metropolitan Initiatives. There also will be a presidential inauguration viewing in WMU's Miller Auditorium and a march to MLK Park that starts at WMU.

Other major events include a WMU visitation day Saturday, Jan. 19, for area public school students and their families; a Black History 101 Mobile Museum exhibit Friday, Jan. 18, in the Hicks Student Center at Kalamazoo College, with a keynote address by Khalid el-Hakim, mobile museum

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Around campus and beyond

Entrepreneurship series resumes

Bridget Lorenz Lemberg, founder and lab director of Forensic Fluids Laboratories, will speak at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, in 2150 Schneider Hall as part of the first Entrepreneurship Forum of 2013. The free event begins with breakfast at 7:30 a.m., and reservations are required at kayla.j.hunt@wmich.edu or (269) 387-6059. Forensic Fluids is a pioneer in the field of oral fluid drug testing.

Tigers pitcher is keynote speaker

Former Detroit Tiger and 1984 World Series champion Dan Petry will be the keynote speaker for WMU's third annual Bronco Baseball Leadoff Dinner Thursday, Jan. 17, in downtown Kalamazoo's Cityscape Event Center. All proceeds go to the Bronco baseball program. Visit wmubroncos.com to register online. For details, contact Stacy Thinnies at stacy.thinnies@wmich.edu or (269) 387-3062.

Registration open for culture courses

The Confucius Institute at WMU is accepting registrations for spring Chinese culture courses that begin Tuesday, Jan. 22. The low-cost courses are taught by

instructors from Beijing Language and Culture University and are open to the public. They meet once a week, are taught in English, and are offered to adults age 18 or older for personal enrichment.

A half-price tuition discount is available to those age 55 and older, WMU part-time faculty and staff members, and WMU students. Full-time faculty and staff members at the University pay no tuition. For more information or to register, visit the Confucius Institute at wmuconfucius.org or contact the institute at wmu-confucius-cc@wmich.edu or (269) 387-3784.

Coach to speak about joy of sport

Kalamazoo College head volleyball coach and newly published author Jeanne Hess will present a Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Speaker Series talk at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, in 2150 Schneider Hall. Hess has written a book focusing on how sporting life reflects our cultural beliefs. She says people can bring the joy of athletics to everyday pursuits. Her free talk begins with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Reservations are required at kayla.j.hunt@wmich.edu or (269) 387-6059.

Sabbatical leaves granted for 33 faculty members

During its Dec. 5 meeting, the WMU Board of Trustees granted sabbatical leaves for 33 faculty members.

Paul V. Engelmann, industrial and manufacturing engineering, was granted a sabbatical leave for the 2013 spring semester. The remaining 32 sabbaticals will take place during the 2013-14 academic year and are for Christine Browning, mathematics; David L. Code, music; James A. Eckert, marketing; Lin Foulk, music; Thomas W. Gorczyca, physics; Chien-Juh Gu, sociology; Tarun Gupta, industrial and manufacturing engineering;

Gunther M. Hegu, political science; Susan Hoffman, political science; Wei-Chiao Huang, economics; Rand H. Johnson, world languages and literatures; Margaret Joyce,

chemical and paper engineering; Richard Katrovas, English; C.R. Krishna-Swamy, finance and commercial law; Ho Sung Lee, mechanical and aeronautical engineering; Nichole A. Maury, art; Casey D. McKittrick, English; Matthew S. Mingus, public affairs and administration; Ilana Nash, gender and women's studies; Michael Nassaney, anthropology; Lynn Nations Johnson, teaching, learning and educational studies;

Sherine O. Obare, chemistry; Cynthia J. Pietras, psychology; Elke Schoffers, chemistry; Helen M. Sharp, speech pathology and audiology; Andrea B. Smith, teaching, learning and educational studies; Paul R. Solomon, art; Benjamin Torres, Spanish; Gregory Veeck, geography; Kristina Wirtz, anthropology; Nicolas S. Witschi, English; and Richard W. Zinser, family and consumer sciences.

New learning community forms

Building on efforts started earlier in 2012, the University is creating a new Sustainability Across Research and Teaching faculty learning community that will begin this month and run through April 2014.

Space is limited, so register at wmich.edu/facdev/Programs/Communities.html by Saturday, Jan. 12. Participants will meet once every three weeks for two hours.

For more information, send an email to wmu-sustainability@wmich.edu or call the Office of Sustainability at (269) 387-0742.

Jobs

Current job opportunities at WMU are announced daily on the Human Resources website at wmich.edu/hr/careers-at-wmu.html. Please note that applications must be submitted online by the stated deadline. Complete application procedures are included with each posting.

Emeritus honored in counseling

John S. Geisler, counselor education and counseling psychology, received the first Lifetime Achievement Award bestowed by the Michigan Counseling Association. In addition, the association initiated a scholarship award program in his honor.



Geisler

Geisler, a WMU faculty member from 1976 to 2005, has been an MSA member for 44 years. He is a past president of the organization as well as a long-standing member of its Governing Council and served 20 years as by-laws chair and eight years as licensure committee chair.

He also has been president of several other professional organizations and was instrumental in the writing and passage of the Michigan licensed professional counselor law. Geisler testified 23 times before legislative committees, boards and councils and also served on the Michigan Board of Counseling for eight years, which included two years as chair.

NSF praises innovative math project

Christian R. Hirsch, mathematics, has been leading a mathematics software design and development effort that the National Science Foundation is featuring as a transformative tool that levels the playing field for all students by providing ready access to mathematical and statistical software.



Hirsch

Hirsch was principal investigator for the Core Math Tools Project, which involved almost 10 years of cycles of research, development and classroom testing. The effort wrapped up at the end of 2012 and is being featured as an NSF Highlight, with information about the software distributed to media, other federal agencies and Congress as well as featured in NSF publications and other outlets.

Hirsch's former doctoral student, Brin Keller, now a Michigan State University faculty member, was responsible for coding the project's software and served as the co-principal investigator.

Staffer recognized for job excellence

Ronald H. Uldriks, a power plant power house mechanic apprentice, received the Excellence in Apprenticeship Award from the Michigan Apprentice Steering Committee during an awards ceremony Dec. 13 in Flint, Mich.



Uldriks

The award recognizes individuals who demonstrate excellence in their work and craftsmanship, as well as in such other areas as good attendance and punctuality on the job and in the classroom, safe work practices, teamwork, productivity, competitiveness, and community service.

Nominees for the award come from throughout the state of Michigan and are represented by skilled trade apprenticeship programs. Those programs are for electricians, masons, pipefitters, plumbers and other specialists and are sponsored by schools as well as trade unions and organizations such as the United Auto Workers and Michigan Building and Trades Council.



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Finalists for enrollment manager position to speak on campus

Two finalists for the position of associate provost for enrollment management who have strong track records in growing enrollment will be on campus this week.

The two were identified following a national search and will make public presentations as well as meet with numerous University groups.

- Bryan J. Terry, associate vice president for enrollment management and student academic success at Montclair State University, will give his presentation at 2 p.m. today in 2020 Fetzer Center.

- Christopher W. Tremblay, assistant vice

chancellor for enrollment management at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, will give his presentation at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, also in 2020 Fetzer Center.

Terry has been the enrollment management chief at Montclair State since 2009. He previously served as associate vice president for enrollment management for three years at Seton Hall University.

In addition, Terry also has held enrollment management or financial aid positions at the University of Miami, Florida A&M University, Wayne State University, Illinois State University, Fontbonne College and Lewis

and Clark Community College.

Tremblay, a 1994 and 1999 WMU alumnus, launched his admissions career at WMU. He served at the University as an admissions counselor, assistant director of admissions and orientation coordinator from 1994 to 2003, then became director of admissions at Gannon University.

He has been at U of M-Dearborn since 2006, serving first as director of admissions and orientation, then as executive director of enrollment management and interim director of financial aid before being promoted to his current position in 2011.

Visit wmich.edu/provost for detailed information about both candidates.

Graduate College selects inaugural faculty fellows

Jon Adams, English and gender and women's studies, and Louann Bierlein Palmer, educational leadership, research and technology, were selected as Graduate College Faculty Fellows beginning spring 2013.



Adams

The fellows program is a new WMU initiative that provides an opportunity for faculty members to develop as leaders on campus while making significant contributions to graduate education.

Both of the inaugural fellows have helped coordinate graduate education in their departments or units and serve as Graduate Studies Council members. During this fellowship year, Adams will focus on student and faculty engagement and success while Bierlein Palmer will focus on graduate admissions and enrollment.



Bierlein Palmer

Climate change is series focus

The Lee Honors College's 2013 Lyceum Lecture Series focuses on climate change and will continue through April 17.

The talks, which are being presented by WMU faculty members, are being held from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays in the Lee Honors College building lounge. Those attending are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch.

Visit wmich.edu/news/events for details.

DOZENS OF LONGTIME EMPLOYEES HONORED—

The gamut of employee groups at WMU was well represented Nov. 27 during the 25 Year Club annual gala. The 2012 event featured remarks by President John M. Dunn (center) and the induction of 72 people into the club, all of whom began their service to WMU in 1987. They included, from left: Valerie Armstrong, building custodial and support services; Thomas Knific, music; Linda C. Walker, Extended University Programs; and Brian E. Crandall, public safety. (Photo by Mike Lanka)



Trustees approve 17 faculty, staff retirements

The retirements of three faculty and 14 staff members were approved by the WMU Board of Trustees at its meeting Wednesday, Dec. 5. Trustees also signed off on three faculty resignations as well as one faculty promotion.

All of the faculty members who are retiring are doing so with emeritus status. Their names, positions, years of continuous service and effective dates of retirement are: Robert J. Balik, finance and commercial law, 29 years, effective April 30, 2014; John W. Gesink, electrical and computer engineering, 28 years, effective Dec. 31, 2012; and Christopher M. Korth, finance and commercial law, 23 years, effective Dec. 31, 2017.

The staff members retiring are: Sandra F. Blanchard, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, 43 years, effective Jan. 31; Darrel R. Drummond, information technology, 40 years, effective April 30; George Fierro, diversity and inclusion, 17 years, effective Oct. 31, 2012; David A. Glenn, institutional equity, 23 years, effective Dec. 31, 2012; Gwendolyn Holmes, building

custodial and support services, 19 years, effective March 31; Janet G. Liebendorfer, electrical and computer engineering, 15 years, effective Jan. 31; Marsha A. Mahan, nursing, 24 years, effective Dec. 31, 2012; Thomas A. Myers, university relations, 25 years, effective Dec. 23, 2012; Thomas W. Norton, chemistry, 19 years, effective Jan. 31; Susan E. Oole, Lee Honors College, 28 years, effective Dec. 31, 2012; Maria T. Ruelas, WMU Bookstore, 15 years, effective Jan. 8; Linda S. Stuut, WMU Bookstore, 13 years, effective Jan. 8; Dianne Town, Valley 1 Dining Service, 16 years, effective Jan. 4; and Nancy S. Wilson, public safety, 12 years, effective Nov. 30, 2012.

The faculty members resigning are: Blair H. Auer, comparative religion, effective Dec. 23, 2012; Lee deLisle, human performance and health education, effective Aug. 19, 2012; and Brad Gordon, interdisciplinary health programs, effective Aug. 19, 2012.

The faculty member promoted is Maria E. Gigante, to assistant professor of English, effective Aug. 20, 2012.

Music emeritus to perform

Robert Whaley, emeritus in music, will return to campus for a free tuba recital at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, in the Dalton Center Recital Hall.

The concert will also feature the recently retired director of academic advising for the College of Fine Arts, Margaret Hamilton, on horn; current music faculty member Jacob Cameron on tuba, and former music faculty member Yu-Lien The on piano.

Whaley joined the School of Music faculty in 1966 and is a founding member of the Western Brass Quintet. He retired from WMU in 2001, but continues to be active as a chamber, solo and orchestral performer. Last year, Whaley celebrated his 47th year as principal tubist with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra.

Obituaries

Editor's note: Visit wmich.edu/news/obituaries and search by last name for full obituaries of these members of the University community.

Geraldine J. Bowen, a retired cashier for the WMU Bookstore, died Dec. 5. She was 94.

Janice L. Carlson, a retired first cook in Bernhard Center Dining Service, died May 3. She was 78.

Joe R. Chapel, a retired associate professor of teaching, learning and leadership and director of the McGinnis Reading Center and Clinic, died Dec. 1. He was 73.

Junne G. Martin, a retired student orientation leader supervisor, died June 26. She was 86.



Carlson



Chapel



Nantz

Don W. Nantz, an emeritus in mechanical engineering and an assistant dean emeritus in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, died Dec. 18. He was 92.

Keith Roberts, a retired custodian, died Nov. 29. He was 77.

Robert C. Scherzer, a retired laboratory manager in physics, died Nov. 21. He was 64.

On Campus with Cara Lieurance



IN HARMONY WITH HER JOB
(Photo by Deanne Puca)

WMUK announcer and producer Cara Lieurance has music in her.

Lieurance grew up with musicians in her family, and this legacy built her appreciation and love of many kinds of music. Her great-grandfather, Thurlow Lieurance, was a noted composer of classical music. Her father is a musician, bandleader and instrument repair technician. In addition, her sister Barbara is an acclaimed classical pianist and WMU alumna who performed this past October in the Dalton Center.

But Lieurance credits the fact that she listened to CBC Radio every night where she grew up in northern Canada for helping her decide she would become a radio announcer, if not a professional musician herself.

She interned at and joined the staff of campus radio station WMUK while still a student, studying the flute and communication. Twenty years later, she is still the announcer for the station's morning classical music show.

Lieurance enjoys experiencing music, whether interviewing a local musician or a world-renowned one, building WMUK's extensive music library that includes more than 10,000 classical CDs, or organizing an event to feature local talent.

"I feel fortunate to be able to hear for the 800th time a piece by [Johannes] Brahms, and I still enjoy it," she says. "Since it's been my only job, this place is pretty much my family. And everyone is outstanding at what they do. I am grateful to re-experience music and learn so much from the guests I interview."

Over the years, technology has changed from splicing reel-to-reel audio tape to editing her digitally recorded shows on a computer. She also conducts more live interviews and added a second show to her roster.

David Marlatt, an office associate in WMU's Frostic School of Art, introduced her to a wooden flute commonly used in Celtic music. As her interest in Celtic music grew, she and Marlatt, a fiddler, started and today co-host WMUK's Celtic music show, "The Pure Drop." The two also play in an Irish band, "Whiskey Before Breakfast."

She met her husband, Dan Keto, a naturalist at the Kalamazoo Nature Center, on the job when he volunteered to answer phones during a WMUK pledge drive.

Partner community colleges sign new agreements

Four Michigan community college presidents and WMU Provost Timothy Greene met on campus Dec. 4 to formally sign a series of agreements that will make it easier for their students to earn a critical credential that will help them throughout their careers.

The agreements will allow students to begin their studies at the community college level, transfer to WMU and still earn an associate degree using WMU credits to complete their degree requirements.

The presidents participating in the signing along with Greene were Gary Wheeler, Glen Oaks Community College; Dennis Bona, Kellogg Community College; Robert Harrison, Lake Michigan College; and Brent Knight, Lansing Community College.

The agreements are tailored to each institution, but they generally allow students who

earn at least 30 credits at their community colleges to apply as many as 30 WMU credits toward completing an associate degree, which typically requires around 60 credits.

Combined, the four partner community colleges send about 300 transfer students to WMU each fall. Many transfer students have already completed their associate degree requirements, but a lot have not.

The University has been working with its community college partners to find ways to make those transfer transitions more seamless and allow students to derive the maximum benefit of each part of their collegiate experience.

With the Dec. 4 signing, a total of seven community colleges have inked reverse transfer agreements with WMU.

East Hall to be renovated

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The University has searched in vain for decades to fund the \$60-plus million necessary to rehabilitate East Campus' four core buildings.

The most recent effort was for a private developer to use state brownfield redevelopment and historic preservation tax credits not available to nonprofit WMU to renovate the structures for various commercial ventures. The project fell through last year when anticipated Michigan tax credits were eliminated.

To save East Hall, WMU will commit \$15 million in borrowed funds to renovate the building—the limit that can be borrowed to accomplish the renovation given University building priorities for mission-critical purposes. The extent of the renovation and the fate of East Hall's wings would be determined by how much private support could also be garnered.

Numerous activities scheduled

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founder; and the 27th annual Northside Ministerial Alliance Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Sunday, Jan. 20, in Kalamazoo's Chenery Auditorium, with a keynote talk by The Rev. Kenneth Flowers, president of the Michigan Progressive Baptist Convention.

Activities scheduled so far end with an exhibit and lecture on the local Underground Railroad Sunday, Sept. 15, in the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. Visit wmich.edu/mlk for details about these and related activities.

Events slated for first Universitywide common read

Three public events have been set for the common read of "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot, the book chosen for WMU's first Universitywide common read.

- Skloot will speak at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, in the Gilmore Theatre Complex's Shaw Theatre. Seating will be open, and a book signing will follow the author's talk.
- The Center for the Study of Ethics in Society will sponsor a panel of WMU faculty members discussing the book on Henrietta Lacks, as it relates to research writing and ethical choice, at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, in the University Center for the Humanities in Knauss Hall.
- David Lacks, Henrietta's son, and another member of the Lacks family will participate in a question-and-answer session starting at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, in the Fetzer Center's Kirsch Auditorium. Seating will be open, and a book signing will follow until 8 p.m.



Skloot



Lacks