



UB Highlights

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News & Events for April 15-30, 2014

LATE BUT GREAT

This information arrived too late for the last Highlights issue, but there is still time to attend!

Sammis Lecture Series

Wednesday, April 9, 6 p.m.

The College of Public and International Affairs presents "Emerging Africa Responds to Growing Chinese Engagement," with Professor **Steve Hess**, graduate student **Pepe Haba**, and moderator **Lloyd Gibson**, dean of the Trefz School of Business. Free and open to all, on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library. For more information, email Professor Hess, shess@bridgeport.edu.

IDEAL Info Sessions

Wednesday, April 16, 6-7 p.m.

Information will be offered on UB's popular adult degree-completion program at the Bridgeport (Wahlstrom Library, first floor, Discovery Pavilion), Waterbury (84 Progress Lane), and Stamford (5 Riverbend Drive) campuses. To register, or for more information, visit www.bridgeport.edu/ideal, or for Bridgeport and Stamford, call 203-576-4800; for Waterbury, call 203-597-9036. Those who are unable to attend the sessions to learn about IDEAL may arrange an appointment with an admissions counselor by emailing idealinfo@bridgeport.edu or calling 203-576-4800.



Sara Fine Rubenstein Lecture

Wednesday, April 16, 6 p.m.

In the annual event in the Sara Fine Rubenstein Lecture Series in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Dr. **H. Martin Rumscheidt**, professor emeritus of historical theology at the Atlantic School of Theology, will present "White Collar Crimes against Humanity: The I.G. Auschwitz Story," in the duPont Tower Room of the Bernhard Center. I.G. Auschwitz was a chemical plant operated by forced labor from the nearby concentration camp and from all over Europe. The prisoner workforce also built the corporate concentration camp of Buna/Monowitz. I.G. Farben produced the poison gases used to execute prisoners at Auschwitz.

Purple Knights Home Athletic Events April 15-30, 2014



Baseball

Apr. 16 (Wed.), 3 p.m., Southern CT @ Harbor Yard

Apr. 19 (Sat.), 3 & 6 p.m., Queens @ West Haven (see directions online)

Apr. 25 (Fri.), 11 a.m., LIU Post @ Harbor Yard

Apr. 27 (Sun.), 3:30 p.m., LIU Post @ Harbor Yard

Softball

Apr. 19 (Sat.), 12 & 2 p.m., Queens @ Seaside Park Softball Complex

Apr. 21 (Mon.), 3 & 5 p.m., Dowling @ Seaside Park Softball Complex

Note: Due to weather-related field conditions, baseball and softball games may be relocated. Please check for changes at www.ubknights.com.

Innovators Series

Thursday, April 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Enjoy "IncUBating the Next Sultans of Swat," featuring IncUBator partners **Carissa Ganelli**, CEO and founder of LightningBuy, and **Alan Dressler**, CEO and founder of FaceChecks; plus **Derek Koch**, CEO and founder of Independent Software, New Haven, and **Gad Selig**, moderator, associate dean of the Trefz Business School and director of the CTech IncUBator on campus. Come for a reception at 5:30, stay for a panel discussion, Q&A, and networking. Learn how UB's IncUBator is helping Connecticut entrepreneurs hit it out of the park. Free and open to all, in the Schelfhault Gallery of the Bernhard Center, but RSVP to mjfooster@bridgeport.edu, or 203-576-4696.



Graduate Info Session

Wednesday, April 23, 6-7:30 p.m.

Students interested in graduate programs offered on the Bridgeport campus are invited to the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library for information about the application process and details of the following graduate programs: Education, Business, Engineering, Design Management, Counseling, East Asian and Pacific Rim Studies, Global Development and Peace, and Global Media and Communication Studies. Register online or contact Leanne Proctor at lproctor@bridgeport.edu for more information.



Spring Concert

Wednesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.

The UB Chamber Singers, UB Percussion Group, and the University Singers will offer a free concert in the Mertens Theater of the Bernhard Center, including selections from the Schubert Mass in G, the William Byrd "Mass for Three Voices"; music from Senegal, Brazil, and Israel; and minimalist and aleatoric music for percussion ensemble. Directed by Professors **Frank Martignetti** and **Jeff Jones**.



Executive Speakers Series

Thursday, April 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Dr. **Joseph Tracy**, executive vice president and senior advisor to the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will present "The U.S. Economic Outlook," in the Schelfhault Gallery of the Bernhard Center. Free and open to the public.



Juried Voice Exams

Tuesday, April 29, 6 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Juried Examinations in Voice in the Mertens Theater of the Bernhard Center. Come and hear students from the studios of Emilie Roberts Hannon and Richard Weiditch perform arias, art songs, jazz standards, and the music of Broadway. Free and open to all.



Financial Aid Workshop

Tuesday, April 29, 6-7 p.m.

Undergraduate students are invited to the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library for an informative presentation about paying for college. Students will have the opportunity to meet with their financial aid counselor regarding their financial aid packages. Register online or call 203-576-4552. Contact Jessica Crowley, jessicr@bridgeport.edu for more information.

Senior Music Recitals

Everyone is invited to attend the following recitals of senior music students, in the Littlefield Recital Hall of the Bernhard Center:

Maliek Sterrett, tenor: Sunday April 27, 5 p.m.

Zoe Madera, alto: Wednesday, April 30, 7 p.m.

Jackie Yanes, piano: Thursday, May 1, 7 p.m.

Fatumma Loukaka, jazz voice: Friday, May 2, 7 p.m.

For further information, contact the Music Department at x4407, or music@bridgeport.edu.

FACULTY RESEARCH DAY 2014

Tarek Sobh, senior vice president for graduate studies and research, reports that this year's event was a great success, with 124 posters submitted in four categories. Of those, 77 were submitted by students. The posters were displayed in the Schelfhault Gallery of the Bernhard Center, with their creators on hand in the morning to explain their work.

The School of Engineering produced 1 undergraduate and 50 graduate posters; Arts & Sciences, 8 undergraduate; Chiropractic College, 1 graduate; CPIA, 4 undergraduate and 5 graduate; and SASD, 4 undergraduate and 4 graduate. Faculty submitted 33 non-competitive and 13 competitive posters, with the Trefz School of Business offering the most, 12 non-competitive and 2 competitive.

Breakout sessions during lunch included "Human Subjects Research and the IRB Process," by **Christine Hempowicz**, director of the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs (OSRP); a discussion of how to get published by **Maria Gherasimova**, assistant professor of physics, and **Mohammed Al-Azdee**, assistant professor of mass communication; and a tutorial on how to use the infoEd funding database SPIN, by **Constance Vickers**, assistant director of OSRP. Afternoon poster talks by selected faculty and other authors followed, and an awards reception in the Schelfhault Gallery closed the day's activities.



Graduate Student Poster Winners

First Place: **Wei Zhan, Chengsi Li**, advisors **Xingguo Xiong, Prabir Patra**, "COMSOL Simulation of MEMS Piezoelectrically Actuated Micropump"

Second Place: **Kristine LeBlanc**, advisor **Dave Benjamin**, "Maritime Security: Risk Mitigation Strategies in West Africa"

Third Place: **Madhav Patil, Tamer Abukhalil**, advisor **Tarek Sobh**, "UB Robot Swarm System: Design and Implementation"

Honorable Mention: **Christina Gunther**, advisor **Dave Benjamin**, "Peacebuilding in Lebanon Using a 'Serious' Game Intervention"; **Mohammed Ali Eltaher**, advisor **Jeongkyu Lee**, "Social User Mining"

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

Adam Thayer was named ECC Baseball Rookie of the Week on February 24, *Dakota Edwards* was Baseball Rookie of the Week on March 10, and *Mike Perry* was listed on the ECC Baseball Honor Roll on March 17.

Kaitlyn Lajoie and *Tiffany Irrera* were the ECC Softball Pitchers of the Week on March 10 and March 31, respectively; *Jade Blair* and *Karlyn Wall* joined the ECC Softball Honor Roll on March 10 and March 31, respectively; and *Meghan O'Leary* was ECC Softball Rookie of the Week on March 31.

JoJo Swift was named to the First Team All-ECC Basketball at the end of the season and was the ECC Tournament's Most Outstanding Player. *Sean Berry* was awarded All-ECC Basketball Honorable Mention and was named to the ECC Championship All-Tournament Team, as was his teammate *Ivan Simic*.

RESEARCH DAY AWARDS

Undergraduate Student Posters

First Place: *Marija Elkins, Elenna Krstevska*, advisor *Kathleen Engelmann*, "Should the Antibiotic Resistance of Group B Streptococcus Be Tested or Is It Just an Extra Expense?"

Second Place: *Mackenzie Day*, advisor *Richard Yelle*, "Dove Soap for Poverty in India"

Third Place: *William Omdahl, Bessie Abrego, Kayla Simmons*, advisor *Kathleen Engelmann*, "The Growth of Arabidopsis thaliana Facilitated by Microbe Interaction"

Honorable Mention: *Pedro Ramos, Abdul Razanque*, advisor *Kathleen Engelmann*, "The Human Brain Thermo Receptors: The Best Indicator for Reflecting the Feelings"; *Shelanda Pascal*, advisor *John Kandalajt*, "Sephora Design"

FACULTY & STAFF

BUSINESS

James Sagner, associate professor of finance, with co-author *Herbert Jacobs*, New York University, have published a revised edition of their popular 2011 book, *Handbook of Corporate Lending*, which is used in a semi-annual webinar.

CHIROPRACTIC

Matthew F. Funk, associate professor of clinical services, presented a paper, "A Survey of 4th Year Chiropractic Students' Experiences Learning and Using an Electronic Health Record System," at the Association of Chiropractic Colleges' Research Agenda Conference, March 20-22.

CPIA

Dave Benjamin, associate professor of global development, presented "Fighting Political Corruption: The Roles of International Conventions" on the International Law and Human Rights panel at the International Studies Association's annual convention in February. He also chaired 3 other panels at the meeting.

Mohammed Al-Azdee, assistant professor of mass communication, presented "Cross-Cultural Opinions on Media, Freedoms, Regulations, and Responsibilities: A Comparative Survey in Three Countries," with *Yanmin Yu*, professor of mass communication; and "Beyond Hopeful Media Effects: Estimating Origins of the 'Arab Spring,'" with *Emily Metzgar*, Indiana University, at the 72nd Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association April 3-6.

RESEARCH DAY AWARDS

Faculty Competitive Posters

Miad Faezipour, Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering, "A Patient-Adaptive Profiling Scheme for ECG Beat Classification"

Sharen McKay, Ph.D., Psychology, "Stria Vascularis Dysfunction in a Mouse Model of Mitochondrial Hearing Loss"

David Oberleitner, Ph.D., Psychology, "Upright and Left Out: Poster Moderates the Effects of Social Exclusion on Mood and Threats to Basic Needs"

Congsheng Wu, Ph.D., Finance, "Underpricing of Homecoming A-Shape IPOs by Chinese Firms Already Listed Abroad"

Did we miss something? *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Rebecca Salonen, UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu, or call x4988.