



UB Highlights

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News & Events for May 15-31, 2014

Lunch 'n' Learn Series

UB's Global Learning Initiatives is happy to present lunchtime professional development and training sessions during May, June, and July. Each session, held in the Professional Development Classroom on the 5th floor of Wahlstrom Library, starts at 12:20 p.m. and lasts 45 minutes. Attendees may subscribe to the calendar by visiting <http://bit.ly/UBGLI-LNL>. Attendees are invited to bring their own computers and all their questions.

Turnitin Made Easy in Canvas

Wednesday, May 7, 12:20 p.m.

Participants will learn how to use the originality reports generated by this application to detect plagiarism and other issues with student work.

The Art of SpeedGrader

Wednesday, May 14, 12:20 p.m.

This workshop will familiarize you with the ways to use SpeedGrader's tools to mark up and comment on students' work, as well as to speed up your grading process. (To be repeated July 30.)

The Ins & Outs of Canvas Quizzes

Wednesday, May 21, 12:20

Become savvy with the many options available to you in Canvas, and learn just how well they integrate with an overall online assessment strategy for your course, be it on-ground or online.

Canvas Q&A

Wednesday, May 28, 12:20 p.m.

GLI staff invites all your questions, simple to sublime, about Canvas in this informal gathering.



UB Insider Day

Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m-1 p.m.

Prospective students are invited to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity to become acquainted with UB's campus, students, and staff. Meet on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library and enjoy activities including a campus tour, a workshop on "Funding Your UB Education," a student affairs presentation, and lunch with admissions counselors and current UB students. Register online or call 1-800-392-3582.



New Appointments

Carolyn Linsey has been appointed General Counsel and Special Assistant to the President, effective May 12. Attorney Linsey previously served as the University's external counsel and has extensive experience in the areas of education law, employment, health care, and civil litigation. She has represented educational institutions and non-profits, advising on many kinds of issues and serving in litigations.

Khaled Elleithy, associate dean of the School of Engineering, has been appointed Associate Vice President of Graduate Studies and Research in recognition of his outstanding efforts and commitment to the Division of Graduate Studies and Research. He will assist Senior Vice President Tarek Sobh in working collaboratively with faculty, administrators, and industry.

Art McAdams has been appointed to the position of Associate Dean of the Ernest C. Trefz School of Business. Professor McAdams brings his expertise and more than 25 years of industry experience to the School of Business and will assist the dean in the areas of program and curriculum development, faculty development and oversight, accreditation, and strategic planning.

UB's New Power

UB and FuelCell Energy (FCE), a leading provider of highly efficient and virtually pollutant-free fuel cell power plants, reached an agreement on April 28 to generate electricity on campus with a fuel cell that will slash carbon emissions by 7,000 tons a year.

FCE will install and operate a 1.4 MW fuel cell power plant next to Wheeler Recreation Center for 12 years, selling electricity to UB to heat and power campus buildings. UB will save an estimated \$3.5 million in energy costs over that period. The fuel cell will be connected to the campus power grid, and its exhaust heat will generate hot water for Wheeler Recreation Center and its pool, the University Place Apartments, and Schine Hall. For more information, see "News" on www.bridgeport.edu.

IDEAL Academic Awards

At the annual Academic Excellence Awards and Graduation Dinner for 2014 IDEAL graduates, on May 2, the following honors were presented:

Dean's Awards

Associate Degree: **Pamela O. Scott**
Bachelor Degree: **James T. Librandi**

Melissa Wendy Rainville Memorial Award
Mary-Jo Pallotto

IDEAL Instructor of the Year
Robert Parisi

Honors Speaker
James T. Librandi, B.S., Psychology



ASEE Zone 1 Conference

The University of Bridgeport hosted the Zone 1 Conference of the American Society for Engineering Education on April 3-5, with over 90 colleges and universities and 43 other organizations participating, submitting 124 student posters, 73 professional papers, and over 220 student papers, with 147 accepted and invited to the conference. The conference occurs only every 5-6 years, and in 2012 UB was selected as the 2014 host. Zone 1 includes members from the Northeast, St. Lawrence, and Mid-Atlantic sections of ASEE. UB's **Navarun Gupta**, associate professor of electrical engineering, was elected Zone 1 Chair beginning in 2015.

The following were graduate student poster award winners, a UB sweep in this category:

- 1st Place:** **Sarosh Patel, Abdulrahman Alkhodairy**, "Talk Based Design of Serial Manipulators," advisor Dr. **Tarek Sobh**
- 2nd Place:** **Tamer Youssef**, "The Giza Pyramids: A History of Wireless Electricity Transmission Validated by Today's Science," advisor Dr. **Khaled Elleithy**
- 3rd Place:** **Tamer Abukhalil, Madhav Patil**, "Design of Software Environment to Deploy Multiple Decentralized Robots," advisor Dr. **Tarek Sobh**
- Honorable Mention:** **Bhushan V. Dharmadhikari, Yunfeng Jiang**, "MD Simulation of Carbon Nanotube & Pulmonary Surfactant Protein Interactions," advisor Dr. **Prabir Patra**
- Honorable Mention:** **Hamoud Alshammari**, "Hadoop Based Enhanced Cloud Architecture," advisors Dr. **Hassan Bajwa**, Dr. **Jeongkyu Lee**
- Honorable Mention:** **Yang Zhai**, "A Pen Cartridge Assembly Mechanism," advisor Dr. **Zheng Li**

Student Leadership Awards

The following awards were given at the 2014 Student Leadership Recognition Banquet on April 24:

- Campus Program of the Year: **Emmett Till event**
Excellence in Community Service: **UB Alternative Spring Break**
Most Improved Club: **Global Affairs Society**
Outstanding Greek Organization: **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority**
Outstanding Cultural Club of the Year: **National Society of Black Engineers**
Outstanding Club of the Year: **Saudi Students Club**
Advisor of the Year: **Jennifer Turner**
Outstanding Involvement by a First-Year Student: **Khrystian Pereira**
Outstanding Involvement by a Sophomore Student: **Simon Arias**
Outstanding Involvement by a Senior Student: **Crystal McKoy, Nicole Thiessen**
Outstanding Involvement by a Graduate Student: **Elena Cela**
Graduate Intern Student Award: **Mike Ingui**
Community Service Award: **Samantha Gerber**
Scholar Citizen Award: **Virginia Orman**
Purple Knight Partnership Award: **Yverose Romulus**
Greek Female of the Year: **Tara Drinks**
Dean's Award: **Darren Ganesh**
President's Award: **Shuang Liu**
Rookie of the Year: **Craig Lennon**
Student Employee of the Year: **Taylor Gofstein**
Shining Knight Spirit Award: **Rui Jiang**
Residence Assistant of the Year: **Alana Peinaud**
Community Assistant of the Year: **Lesly Valbrun**
Residential Life Student Worker Award: **Catherine Powlett**
Keeping the Flame Alive Award: **Edmund "Eddie" Mensah**
Graduate Assistant of the Year: **Mariah Dookie**
Certificates of Appreciation to Student Ambassadors,
Purple Knight Society: **Tara Gerson, Maliek Sterrett, Mathew Rosario, LaSaisha McFadden, Brianna Fisher**

Lifetime Achievement Award

At SASD's annual Design Alumni Reception and Awards Presentations on May 3, **Lubomir Tomaszewski**, fondly known at UB as "Lubek," received a Lifetime Achievement Award, with a UB presentation chair. Lubek, a sculptor, emigrated from Hungary in 1966 and was professor of design at UB from 1967 to 1993. Now 91, he will exhibit his work, "Emotions by Tomaszewski," next month at the UN Palace of Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

Purple Knights Baseball advanced to the 2014 East Coast Conference Championship Tournament as number-four seed on Sunday, May 4. The team will open play on Thursday, May 8, against number-one seed Dowling College at Dowling. The tournament ends on Sunday, May 10, and the winner will receive an automatic bid to the 2014 NCAA Div. II championship tournament beginning the following week. Information will be posted on www.ubknights.com as it becomes available.

CPIA

Christina Gunther, M.A. candidate in Global Development & Peace, presented "The Cost of Gender Based Violence: An Economic Development View of the Effects of Gender Based Violence in Lebanon," on the issues in Public Safety and Security Panel at the 2014 Annual Conference of the New York State Political Science Association, on April 25.

Rebecca Witherington, M.A. candidate in Global Development & Peace, presented "The Oceans Compact: the United Nations and Global Environmental Governance," on the Economic and Environmental Issues Panel, also at the 2014 Annual Conference of the New York State Political Science Association.

Kristine LeBlanc, M.A. candidate in Global Development & Peace, presented "Port Infrastructure and Security Risks in West Africa's Maritime Shipping Industry," on the Assessing Challenges to Maritime Security Panel at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, on April 25, in Woodstock, VT.

NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

Cindy Anderson '05, who teaches the gynecology and obstetrics classes in UB's Naturopathic Medicine program, will present at the National Midwifery Convention, May 15, in Denver, on natural options for menopause.

SASD

Vanessa Strubbe has won a \$1,200 prize, the fifth place award, for her Interactive Safety Guide presented at the World Traffic Safety Symposium at the 2014 International Auto Show in New York, on April 25.

FACULTY & STAFF

ARTS & SCIENCES

David W. Kraft, professor of mathematics and physics, attended briefings at Penn State by the dean of the graduate school and by the vice-president for research. Prof. Kraft serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the graduate school's alumni society concerned with development of graduate academic programs and research.

CPIA

Susan Katz, senior lecturer in mass communication, has been named, for the second consecutive year, a finalist in the 2014 Reed Awards. The competition, sponsored by *Campaigns & Elections* magazine, recognizes "excellence in campaign management, political consulting and political design." Prof. Katz's award was for a Best Literature Piece, a book featuring Trumbull First Selectman Tim Herbst.

Dave Benjamin, associate professor of global development, served as International Relations Section head at the 68th Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association in Woodstock, VT, on April 25-26, where he was reappointed for the 2015 annual meeting, to be held in New Haven.

Connecticut Dream Team

The Connecticut State Department of Education has announced that 97 teachers from 86 schools across the state will take part in TeachFest Connecticut, an intensive professional learning session on the Common Core State Standards. Among those teachers named are the following alumni of UB's School of Education:

Andrew Deacon, Colebrook Consolidated School

Steven Gionfriddo, John C. Mead School, Ansonia

Andrew Hill, Brookfield High School

Monica Lloyd, Toquam Magnet Elementary School, Stamford

Courtney Warner, Cook Hill Elementary School, Wallingford

Mary Lou Woods, Meriden Elementary Schools

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.