



UB Highlights

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News & Events for July 2014

Lunch 'n' Learn Series

UB's Global Learning Initiatives is happy to present lunchtime professional development and training sessions for faculty in the Professional Development Classroom on the 5th floor of Wahlstrom Library. Bring your own computer and your questions to the sessions.

Adding Online Evaluation to an On-Ground Course

Wednesday, July 9, 12:20 p.m.

A discussion of the techniques behind and benefits of using the online evaluation – paper submission, quizzes, discussion – to on-ground courses.

Disaster-Proofing On-Ground Courses with Canvas

Wednesday, July 16, 12:20 p.m.

An exploration of supporting an on-ground course with the Canvas LMS to help deal with unpredictable events, including but not limited to campus closures due to weather, or the physical absence of students (or instructor) from the classroom.

Using Blackboard Collaborate within a Canvas Course

Wednesday, July 23, 12:20

An overview of using **Bb Collaborate**, the University of Bridgeport's synchronous conferencing tool built into Canvas. Learn how to set up sessions in your course, and about the basics of getting the application to work right for you and your students.

The Art of SpeedGrader

Wednesday, July 30, 12:20

Grading assignments on paper is familiar. It's also tedious if you want to publish your grades on Canvas for your students. This workshop will familiarize you with the ways to use SpeedGrader's tools to mark up and comment on students' work, as well as speed up your grading process.

Head Volleyball Coach

Jay Moran, Director of Athletics, announced on June 23 the appointment of **Gary Mullin** as head women's volleyball coach. Coach Mullin comes to UB from Trinity College, in Hartford, where he has served as assistant women's volleyball coach for the past five seasons. Mullin played volleyball at Yale, where he earned a B.A. in philosophy in 1974. He won All-American volleyball honors and earned a spot on the U.S. men's volleyball team that played in the 1973 World University Games.

IDEAL Info Sessions

Wednesday, July 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. Those who are unable to attend the information sessions may arrange an appointment with an admissions counselor by emailing idealinfo@bridgeport.edu or calling 203-576-4800.



Undergrad Summer Orientation

Friday, July 18, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Undergraduate students planning to enroll at UB may meet this summer with their academic advisors, register for fall classes, learn about student support services, select their residence hall rooms, and meet future classmates. For a student to participate, UB must have received the student's \$200 tuition deposit, health forms, and high school or (for transfer students) college transcripts. Freshmen may check in at Marina Dining Hall from 8 a.m. to noon; transfers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Register at <https://www.formstack.com/forms/UB-orientation> or call 1-800-392-3582.

Dean of Arts & Sciences

Dr. **Manyul Im** has been appointed Dean of UB's School of Arts and Sciences. He will assume his new position on July 15.

Dr. Im comes to UB from Fairfield University, where he served as associate professor of philosophy, director of Asian Studies, and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; has published on Chinese and comparative philosophy in the field's top journals; and serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*. He is also the founding editor of *Warp, Weft, and Way* (<http://warpweftandway.com>), the premier academic website for international collaboration and information about Chinese and comparative philosophy.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

Oscar Pereiro and *Ruben Gimenez*, Purple Knights swimmers, earned spots on the 2014 Capital One NCAA Division II Academic All-District Men's At-Large Swim Team in May. Pereiro is a computer engineering major with a 3.38 GPA; this year he won his fourth consecutive NCAA Div. II 100-yard backstroke title after setting the NCAA Div. II record for that event in his sophomore year. Gimenez, a computer science major, holds a 3.98 GPA and won first place in the 100-yard breaststroke and the 100-yard freestyle events at the 2014 NCAA Div. II championship meet this year.

In addition, *Ruben Gimenez* was awarded the 2014 Capital One Academic All-America of the Year honor. This is the first time in history that a UB student-athlete has received this prestigious award. *Oscar Pereiro* was named to the national All-America Second Team.

Julia Hansson, UB Women's soccer standout, was named Co-East Coast Conference Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year May 15. She maintains a 3.90 GPA as a Health Sciences major. She was also named to the national First Team Capital One Academic All-America Div. II Women's Soccer Team, also a first-time national honor for the Purple Knights.

ENGINEERING

Five Ph.D. students attended a special session and presented papers on advances in quantum computing at the IEEE LISAT 2014 Long Island Systems, Applications, and Technology meeting in May. They were *Hamoud Alshammari*, *Muneer Alshowkan*, *Varun Pande*, *Abdulrahman Aldhaheeri*, and *Munif Alotaibi*.

Seven other Ph.D. students – *Khalid A. I. Aboalayon*, *Amer Al-Rahayfeh*, *Omar Abuzaghleh*, *Zyad Nossire*, *Tariq Alshugran*, *Askhan Vakil*, *Hamoud Alshammari* – also presented papers discussing various issues in the field, including quantum computing, steganography, antenna design, and cloud architecture.

FACULTY & STAFF

ACUPUNCTURE INSTITUTE

Jennifer Brett, director, served as a session chair and spoke at the BIT High-Tech Acupuncture Conference in Nanjing (China), May 16-19. Her talk focused on Interprofessional Integrative Medicine clinical skills, highlighting the UB Clinic's integrative medicine shift.

ENGINEERING

Electrical Engineering Professors *Xingguo Xiong*, *Hassan Bajwa*, and *Lawrence Hmurcik* recently worked on a real-world problem involving the time it takes for an electronic integrated circuit to stop working properly. Their work has far-reaching effects since the size of computer electronics elements continues to shrink. The major culprit, they found, was electro-migration (the flow of metal atoms in a wire), and they resolved two distinct types of this phenomenon, both internal and external to every electronic component. Although their work is only published so far in a pending lawsuit, it is expected to gain broad attention after the trial later this year.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Brandon LaFavor, Overseas Study coordinator for ELI and CPIA, presented a poster session at the NAFSA (Association of International Educators) 2014 Annual Conference and Expo in May. His poster was "A Successful International Friends Program," explaining the UBuddies program initiated by him in 2013.

Purple Knights Hall of Fame

At a dinner and awards ceremony on June 21, the following were inducted:

Lee Sharkey '04, Men's Soccer
David Sweeting '95, Men's Basketball
Raluca Duma '08, Women's Swimming
Roy Ferreira '72, Football

Cheryl Silva '81 received the third Fran Bacon Award for Lifetime Achievement in Coaching (Field Hockey)

Mark Fries '73 was awarded the Purple Knight Shield of Merit

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.