



UB Highlights

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News & Events for November 15-30, 2016

Executive Speaker Series

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Ernest C. Trefz School of Business presents **Heather LaTorra**, president and CEO of Marrakech, a Connecticut service provider to more than 1,300 individuals and their families, with a staff of more than 900. While a student at Southern Connecticut State University, Ms. LaTorra joined Marrakech, a non-profit providing residential and employment services for people with disabilities, as an entry-level intern – and the rest is history. For information about Marrakech, visit www.marrakechinc.org. In Mandeville Hall, refreshments will be offered from 5:30 to 6 p.m., followed by Ms. LaTorra’s presentation and Q&A. Free and open to all, but RSVP to ezoppi@bridgeport.edu, as space is limited.



Poetry Slam Coffee Hour

Weds., Nov. 16, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

In observance of International Day of Tolerance, UB students will share original poems, short stories, and monologues focusing on their experiences with diversity. Sponsored by International Student Services, the UB English Department, and Residential Life. Everyone is invited to this free event, in the Student Center Social Room.



Job/Internship Workshop

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7-8 p.m.

Learn how to efficiently search for jobs and internships, how the job search process works, the ideal timeline, and opportunities available. In Charles A. Dana Hall, Room 130. Offered by UB’s Center for Career Development. For more info, email careercenter@bridgeport.edu, or call 203-576-4466.



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Thanksgiving Recess

Wednesday-Sunday, November 23-27

No Classes, Offices Closed

Purple Knights

Home Athletic Events

November 15-30, 2016

Women’s Basketball

Nov. 27 (Sun.), 2 p.m., Bentley @ Hubbell Gym

Volleyball

ECC Semifinals, Friday, Nov. 18, details TBA.

ECC Finals, Saturday, Nov. 19, details TBA.

Necessary Voices

Thursday, Nov. 17, 4:30 p.m.

Broadway actor and director **Carole Schweid** (founder of Play with Your Food Dinner Theatre in Westport) will lead a discussion on “The Art of Acting,” a demonstration of how actors bring plays to life on the stage. Professional actors **Kim Squires** and **Allan Zeller** will share and discuss a one-act play they are performing at the Lyric Theatre in New Haven. Free and open to all, in the Littlefield Recital Hall.



UB Music: Senior Recitals

The following recitals by UB students, presented in the Littlefield Recital Hall of the Bernhard Center, are free and open to the UB community and the public.

Thursday, November 17, 6:30 p.m.

Elise Calouri, clarinet

Friday, November 18, 6:30 p.m.

Jacquelyn Sadowsky, soprano

Wednesday, November 30, 7 p.m.

Alitha Krolikowski, mezzo-soprano.



Bachelor of Nursing Info Session

Friday, Nov. 18, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Information on UB’s Bachelor of Nursing program will be presented in an afternoon session at the Nursing Skills and Simulation Center, on the 7th floor of the Health Sciences Center. Prospective students may register online for the session. For more information, contact **Martine Bernadel**, mbernad@bridgeport.edu, or 203-576-2025.

RN-to-BSN Info Session

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Those interested in joining UB's RN to BSN Hybrid Completion Program are invited to meet the faculty and tour the state-of-the-art Nursing Skills and Simulation Center, on the 7th floor of the Health Sciences Center. Register online, and bring your transcripts to get details about transfer credit and program planning. For more information, contact **Martine Bernadel**, mbernad@bridgeport.edu, or 203-576-2025.



Education Info Session

Tuesday, Nov. 22, 6-7 p.m.

Register online for a session on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library providing information about the School of Education's application process and program details on the Bridgeport campus. This session is especially useful for those interested in initial teacher certification. For more information, contact **Leanne Proctor**, lproctor@bridgeport.edu.



CPIA Roundtable

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 12:20-1:20 p.m.

Professor **William Lay** of UB's College of Public and International Affairs will lead a discussion on the reconstruction of tsunami-devastated Rikuzentakata, in Japan. The Japanese government's response to the disaster highlights legal and cultural differences between the U.S. private approach and Japan's "organic socialism." Free and open to all, in Room 214 of Carlson Hall. For more info, write to Professor **Susan Katz** at skatz@bridgeport.edu or call 203-583-00509.



Innovators Series

Weds., Nov. 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

"Women in Manufacturing and Engineering" will be presented in the Schelfhault Gallery of the Bernhard Center. A discussion of the bright future for women in the field and how they got there will be moderated by UB technology management professor **Lesley D. Frame**, with panelists **Kate Donahue**, president and CEO, Hampford Research, Inc.; **Capri Frank**, vice president of sales and marketing, Miller Foods, Inc.; **Kris Lorch**, president, Alloy Engineering; and **Kathy Saint**, President, Schwerdtle Manufacturing. A wine and cheese reception starts at 5:30, followed by the program and Q&A. Free and open to all, but RSVP to lchristi@bridgeport.edu, or 203-576-4151.

Engineering News

Tarek M. Sobh, dean of the School of Engineering and senior vice president for graduate studies and research, has been asked by engineering deans and colleagues at the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) to propose an extension of its Grand Challenges of Engineering program, which identifies ways top experts can address critical issues of national and global concern.

The initiative follows Dr. Sobh's visit in early October, along with other top engineering deans, to the White House, where they briefed officials on the current status of the Grand Challenges. UB's Grand Challenges Scholars Program was launched in 2016 with 5 students, but Dr. Sobh felt the program had much greater potential and has proposed an enhanced scholars program to the NAE. UB has the largest graduate engineering program in Connecticut and the fastest-growing graduate biomedical engineering program in New England.



On October 21, eleven UB undergraduate teams competed against each other in the Connecticut Technology Council (CTC) Engineering and Manufacturing Skills Challenge, providing design solutions to the challenges of safety, mobility, health, communication, and environmental issues faced by the aging population of the United States. Each team was to come up with a conceptual design and a business case for its engineered solution. Similar events were conducted at seven other Connecticut universities during the month.

A CTC panel of judges, including Dr. **Jeongkyu Lee**, UB professor of computer science and engineering, and UB Ph.D. student **Wafa Elmannai**, selected four of the eleven UB teams to go on to the state finals competition, to be decided in a full-day event, November 10, at Pratt & Whitney Stadium in East Hartford. The teams were evaluated on creativity, practicality, depth of understanding and relevance to the data, teamwork, and business case benefit.



Together with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), UB hosted the Connecticut Conference on Industrial Electronics, Technology & Automation (CT-IETA) on campus October 14-15. UB faculty and experts from Endurance Robotics, Rutgers, Yale, University of Rochester, Carnegie Mellon, and other institutions delivered addresses and spoke on panels, and students from 15 international universities and high schools presented their research posters.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

Flo Gamby, a senior, was named the Most Outstanding Player at the end of the ECC Women's Soccer Championship Final November 4. The Purple Knights won the ECC title, and they will go on as #1 seed in the Northeast Region NCAA Div. II Women's Soccer Tournament, which begins Friday, November 11, held on UB's Knights Field.

BUSINESS

Anthony Mirafiore, MBA '16, has published an article in the February 2016 issue of *The Hedge Fund Journal* entitled "Copper Spot Prices and Stock Market Volatility." **Edward M. Jankovic**, professor of finance, advised him in his research.

ENGINEERING

Arafat Abu Mallouh and **Zakariya Qawaqneh**, Ph.D. candidates, and **Buket D. Barkana**, associate professor of electrical engineering, have published an article in *Knowledge-Based Systems, Elsevier*, "Deep Neural Network Framework for Speaker's Age and Gender Classification using I-Vector."

GRANTS AWARDS

Nancy DeJarnette, associate professor of education, has been awarded a \$4,000 grant by the Connecticut Space Grant College Consortium for her project, "Elementary STEAM Project: Helping Teachers Implement in the Classroom."

Melissa Lopez, director of health services, has been awarded a \$1,500 grant by the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling for her project, "HEDGE All Bets."

UB Vice Presidents **Tarek Sobh** and **George Estrada**, Trefz School of Business Dean **Lloyd Gibson**, and the Student Entrepreneur Center's **Elena Cahill**, along with key UB business and engineering faculty, joined forces with the newly formed Bridgeport Innovation Places Planning Grant Team to develop a compelling project that has been funded for \$50,000 by CTNext Innovation Places. The initiative is to help "key places in the state become magnets for talent, supporting entrepreneurship in higher education, and focusing more on growth-stage companies."

FACULTY & STAFF

ARTS & SCIENCES

Ian McDonald, adjunct professor of music and performing arts, has been cast in the off-Broadway debut of Noel Coward's musical "Hoi Polloi," whose script was recently discovered at Coward's Jamaican estate and has never before been produced. At UB, Prof. McDonald teaches stagecraft and is our technical director for major performances.

BUSINESS

Elena Cahill, senior lecturer and founder of the Student Entrepreneur Center, has received the Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce's Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Rep. **Rosa DeLauro** presented her with a certificate of special recognition for her contributions to business. Cahill earned her bachelor's and law degrees from UB, then practiced commercial law, worked as a consultant for entrepreneurs, and is currently president of Globele Energy, LLC, a commercial and industrial energy consulting firm.

CHIROPRACTIC

Paul Sherman, associate dean of academic affairs, attended the Association of New Jersey Chiropractors' fall 2016 Summit, October 22-23, where he represented UBCC at the UB Health Sciences exhibitor booth.

CPIA

Thomas Ward, dean, is currently serving as Visiting Research Fellow at the Academia Sinica Institute of Modern History, in Taiwan. His research focuses on the effects of Japanese colonialism in Taiwan and Korea. The three-month fellowship was conferred based on Dean Ward's proposal following publication of "The Comfort Women Controversy: Not Yet Over," written together with UB Professor **William Lay**, in *East Asia-An International Quarterly*.

SASD

Alex White, associate professor of design and chair of the Master of Professional Studies in Design Management program, has published his ninth book, *Listening to Type: Making Language Visible*, by Allworth Press.

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.