



# UB Highlights

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News & Events for December 15-31, 2017

## Alignable Angles (Degrees of Points of View)

*Continues through Jan. 20, 2018*

There is still plenty of time to enjoy this exhibition in the Schelfhault Gallery, which features the work of artists who utilize abstract language and formal structure in an unusual vision. The exhibition's title alludes to the idea that "angles" can also reference an artist's point of view. Pieces include sculpture, painting, collage, found objects, and installation by artists including David Borowski, Joseph Fucigna, Elliott Katz, Adam Niklewicz, Amy Vensel, and Etta Yaniv. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., and Saturday, 12pm – 4 p.m. Visit <http://www.schelfhaultgallery.com/> for more information.

## You Might Have Missed...

On Wednesday, November 15, UB's president emeritus, **Dr. Richard Rubenstein**, addressed a crowd of 80 students and faculty members in the duPont Tower Room. His talk, "Nuclear Weapons and the Middle East," proved even more topical given the current tensions between North Korea and the United States.

A theologian and author of numerous books about the Holocaust, Dr. Rubenstein's contributions to public dialogue have drawn both acclaim and controversy. However, his depth of knowledge on the nuclear issue provided context to students who are inundated with troubling news on a daily basis.

Fellow religious scholar, **Provost Stephen Healey** was also on hand to exchange views with Dr. Rubenstein. The evening was moderated by **Dr. Mohammed Al-Azdee**, a former reporter who covered the Iraq War for *USA Today* and *Newsweek*, and currently serves as associate professor at UB's College of Public and International Affairs, which hosted the event.

## Purple Knights Home Athletic Events December 15-31, 2017

### Men's Basketball

Dec. 17 (Sun.), 3 p.m., Daemen @ Hubbell Gym

Dec. 30 (Sat.), 2 p.m., Stonehill @ Hubbell Gym

Dec. 31 (Sun.), 2 p.m., Bentley @ Hubbell Gym

### Women's Basketball

Dec. 17 (Sun.), 1 p.m., Daemen @ Hubbell Gym

Dec. 29 (Fri.), 5 p.m., Adelphi @ Hubbell Gym

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR: GRADUATE/UNDERGRADUATE HEALTH SCIENCES

Monday, December 18, 2017: Grades due

## UNIVERSITY HOLIDAYS (OFFICES CLOSED):

Friday, December 22, 2017: Christmas Eve Day  
Observance

Monday, December 25, 2017: Christmas Day

Monday, January 1, 2018: New Year's Day

Monday, January 15, 2018: Martin Luther King Day

## CLASSES BEGIN:

PAI: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 (New Students);

Monday, January 8, 2018 (Returning Students)

Health Sciences: Monday, January 8, 2018

Undergraduate/Graduate: Tuesday, January 16, 2018

# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI

### NUTRITION INSTITUTE

**Linda Mench**, a new student in the Nutrition Institute, won the American College of Nutrition (ACN) scholarship while at this year's ACN conference in Alexandria, Virginia. Mench was awarded the scholarship after submitting an essay on how she could benefit from the science presented at the conference, along with a recommendation from UB Nutrition faculty and her resume. Mench is currently completing pre-requisite science courses in the UB Nutrition Institute's Master of Science in Nutrition program. As a scholarship winner, she gets to attend next year's ACN conference in Seattle, WA for free, along with a \$200 stipend to help defray her travel expenses.

## Model United Nations

UB's 2017 Model UN Team, represented by student delegates including **Jonathan Stupple**, **Marina Kausar**, **Anastasiia Babenko**, **Gideok Seong**, **Aditya Ozarkar**, **Octavia Cathey**, **Daniel Frndjibachian**, **Christopher Rodriguez**, **Mai Pham**, and **Anita George**, won three of the highest awards at the National Model United Nations (NMUN) DC Conference. The event was held in Washington, D.C. from November 3-5. The students – from CPIA and the School of Engineering—won the Outstanding Delegates, Outstanding Position Paper, and the Outstanding Delegation awards. The delegates represented the position of the Republic of El Salvador on a range of issues, both through the advance submission of position papers and the collaborative development of UN resolutions at conference.

The team was accompanied by UB alumna Bianca Diaz and advised by **Dr. Chunjuan Nancy Wei**, professor of IPED in CPIA, and **Mr. Miguel Arroyo**, assistant director of student admissions and adjunct lecturer of Spanish language in CPIA.

## FACULTY & STAFF

### ENGINEERING

**Lawrence Hmurcik**, professor of electrical engineering, and **Dr. Ricky Mehta-Desai**, a mechanical engineer with Technology Associates, investigated an accident in New York City involving a motorist who was knocked to the ground by overhanging electrical wires, which were pulled down by a truck as it moved down a major boulevard. The motorist was badly burned and nearly killed. Hmurcik and Mehta-Desai, who were hired by the victim's attorney, investigated the science of what happened; in the end, the driver was not charged. Hmurcik plans to publish some of the details of the investigation in the near future.

### FONES SCHOOL OF DENTAL HYGIENE

**Kristin Minihan-Anderson**, assistant professor of dental hygiene, provided an educational methodology course at the Dental Hygienists' Association of the State of New York (DHASNY) Empire Conference on November 3. The course, "Adapting How We Teach to How They Learn," focused on student learning styles and the implementation of a "flipped classroom" and integrative, interactive activities into lectures to create a student-centered learning environment.

**Sandra Stramoski**, assistant professor of dental hygiene, has published the third in a series of articles on cardiovascular conditions and pharmacotherapy. "Managing Patients with Critical Conditions" appeared in the October 2017 issue of the journal, *Dimensions of Dental Hygiene*.

**Marcia Lorentzen**, dean of the Fones School of Dental Hygiene, presented a lecture for the Korean Society of Dental Hygiene Symposium in Daejeon, Republic of Korea, on November 4. The presentation covered the status of dental hygiene education in the United States, focusing on the dental hygiene certification system. **Yoonsun Lee**, a May 2016 graduate of FDH, interpreted the lecture and related professional conversations during the symposium.

**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 Debra Kirouac at [UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu](mailto:UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu).