



# UB Highlights

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News & Events for March 1-15, 2014

## Undergrad Open House

**Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Prospective students are invited to the Bernhard Center for an opportunity to become acquainted with UB's campus, students, faculty and staff. Open House events include a continental breakfast reception, admissions and financial aid presentations, faculty "meet and greet," chat with current UB students, and campus and residence hall tours. Register online or call 1-800-392-3582. For more information, contact Jessica Crowley, [jessiccr@bridgeport.edu](mailto:jessiccr@bridgeport.edu).



## Alumni Mardi Gras

**Tuesday, March 4, 6-8 p.m.**

The Fifth Annual Alumni Mardi Gras Celebration will be held as usual, with exuberant music and abundant beads, at Two Boots Restaurant, 281 Fairfield Avenue, in Bridgeport. Free admission, free pizza, free Mardi Gras gifts for all, with a cash bar. Everyone is invited, but RSVP to the Alumni Office at [alumni@bridgeport.edu](mailto:alumni@bridgeport.edu).



## Sammis Lecture Series

**Tuesday, March 4, 6 p.m.**

"Navigating China's New Air Defense Zone" will be discussed by Dr. **Thomas Ward**, dean of CPIA, and **Chunjuan Nancy Wei**, associate professor of East Asian and Pacific Rim Studies. **William Lay**, associate professor of Criminal Justice and Human Security, will moderate. China announced its controversial East Sea Air Defense Identification Zone in November 2013, and the U.S. then sent two unarmed B-52 bombers to the area, which overlaps Japan's defense zone, the airspace of disputed territories, and parts of Korea and Taiwan. Increasing tensions with China in Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and Taiwan have been the result. This Robert Sammis Lecture, to be held on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library, is free and open to all.



## Innovators Series

**Wednesday, Mar. 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

"Why Big Data Is Bigger Than Your Brother: Big Data and Information Analytics – Why, What, and How" will be discussed by a panel including Dr. **Gad Selig**, UB's associate dean for business development; **Rajesh Bhatia**, vice president for product development, Oracle; **Urs Foley**, senior vice president and CIO of X.L. Global Services; and Dr. **Illya Mowerman**, UB professor of analytics and decision support. Wine and cheese reception begins at 5:30 in the Schelfhault Gallery of the Bernhard Center and is followed by the panel and Q&A at 6, with networking from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Free and open to all, but please RSVP to [mjfoster@bridgeport.edu](mailto:mjfoster@bridgeport.edu), or 203-576-4696.



## Purple Knights Home Athletic Events March 1-15, 2014



### Gymnastics (Women's)

**Mar. 6 (Thurs.), 6 p.m., Brown w/ Yale @ Wheeler Recreation Center**

### Lacrosse (Women's)

**Mar. 3 (Mon.), 5 p.m., Franklin Pierce @ Knights Field**

**Mar. 5 (Wed.), 6 p.m., Dowling @ Knights Field**

**Mar. 8 (Sat.), 1 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas @ Knights Field**

**Mar. 15 (Sat.), 1 p.m., Roberts Wesleyan @ Knights Field**

### Men's Basketball

**Mar. 1 (Sat.), 3 p.m., U of D.C. @ Hubbell Gym**  
[Mar. 5-9, East Coast Conference Tournament, times, locations, participants TBD – see

[www.ubnights.com](http://www.ubnights.com) for details]

### Women's Basketball

**Mar. 1 (Sat.), 1 p.m., U of D.C. @ Hubbell Gym**  
[Mar. 4-8, East Coast Conference Tournament, times, locations, participants TBD – see

[www.ubknights.com](http://www.ubknights.com) for details]

## Physician Assistant Info

*Tuesday, March 11, 5:30-7 p.m.*

Students interested in the Master of Science in Physician Assistant are invited to the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library, where they will receive information regarding the application process and program details. Register online or contact Leanne Proctor at [lproctor@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lproctor@bridgeport.edu).



## IDEAL Info Sessions

*Wednesday, March 12, 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](http://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](mailto:idealinfo@bridgeport.edu) or calling 203-576-4800.



## FAFSA Workshop

*Wednesday, March 12, 6-7 p.m.*

The Financial Aid and Admissions Departments will hold a workshop on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library to guide undergraduate students through the FAFSA process. Prospective students should bring their own and their parents' 2013 tax information. Register online or call 203-576-4552. For more information, contact Jessica Crowley, [jessiccr@bridgeport.edu](mailto:jessiccr@bridgeport.edu).



## Naturopathic Student Day

*Friday, March 14, 9:30 a.m.  
-1:30 p.m.*

To gain an insider's perspective on UB's College of Naturopathic Medicine, prospective students are invited to the Wahlstrom Library, 6th floor, for an admissions presentation, campus tour, class observation, and lunch with faculty members and current students. Register online or contact Leanne Proctor at [lproctor@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lproctor@bridgeport.edu).

## FACULTY RESEARCH DAY Registration and Poster Submission Deadline: March 7, 2014

Faculty Research Day 2014 will be held on Friday, March 28. UB faculty and students are invited to submit research presentations. The purpose of the poster session is to present findings for completed and ongoing research, as well as research ideas in the development stage. A poster template, information, and instructions may be found on the UB Portal under Academics> Graduate Studies and Research> far-left tab to "Faculty Research Day Documents." Email your questions about registration and submissions to [research@bridgeport.edu](mailto:research@bridgeport.edu), and your poster design questions to [mfaezipo@bridgeport.edu](mailto:mfaezipo@bridgeport.edu).

## AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR ENGINEERING EDUCATION Zone 1 Conference April 3-5, 2014 University of Bridgeport

The theme of this year's three-day conference for engineering faculty and students, to be held at UB, is "Engineering Education: Industry Involvement and Interdisciplinary Trends." Papers and posters may be submitted electronically at <http://www.asee2014.org/>, where participants may also register and obtain information. Email any further questions to [info@asee2014.org](mailto:info@asee2014.org).

### *Professional Papers*

February 14: Submission deadline  
February 28: Notification of acceptance  
March 14: Final manuscript and registration deadline

### *Student Papers*

February 28: Submission deadline  
March 12: Notification of acceptance  
March 19: Final manuscript and registration deadline

### *Student Posters*

March 7: Poster abstract submission deadline  
March 13: Notification of acceptance  
March 21: Final poster and student registration deadline  
April 4: Poster presentation

# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## FACULTY & STAFF

### CPIA

**William Lay**, associate professor and chair of the Criminal Justice and Human Security program, has been requested by Oxford University Press to undertake the updating of the website for the second edition of Stephen Owen's *Foundations of Criminal Justice* text.

### ENGINEERING

**Prabir Patra**, program director and assistant professor of biomedical engineering, delivered invited seminar presentations on his biomedical nanotechnology specialty in January and February at the University of Texas, Dallas; Kansas State University; and Central Michigan University, all of which are leading institutions in the field. He was also invited to serve as session chair and speaker for the Materials Research Society meeting.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### SPRING 2014 SEMESTER

**Monday-Friday, March 3-7:** Mid-Semester Examination Week for undergraduate and graduate students

**Friday, March 14:** Last day to apply for May graduation and to participate in commencement ceremonies

## Announcements

On February 21, in recognition of his representation of the University to industry and public officials and his work on campus, Dr. **Tarek Sobh**, dean of the School of Engineering, was appointed by President Neil Salonen to be Senior Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research.



The National Science Foundation has awarded UB \$192,347 to recruit and train science teachers for high-need urban schools throughout southwestern Connecticut, it was announced February 10. The yearlong project, "Planning for a Teacher Fellowship/Master Teacher Fellowship Program to Serve High-Need Schools in Urban Southwestern Connecticut," will be led by UB School of Education professor **Ioana Badara**, in collaboration with colleagues **Nelson Ngoh**, associate professor of science education; **Buket Barkana**, assistant professor of electrical engineering; **Navarun Gupta**, associate professor of electrical engineering; and **Maria Gherasimova**, assistant professor of physics. Professor Badara said that the program "will have a huge impact on STEM education in the area, placing UB as leader."



The Graduate and Research Resource Center (GRRC) has announced that it will offer assistance to graduate students in developing writing skills for research reports, publications, and other scholarly material. Tutoring for mechanical engineering, technology management, and computer science and engineering courses is also available. Graduate students may arrange appointments with tutors by emailing [GRRC@bridgeport.edu](mailto:GRRC@bridgeport.edu). Workshops on presentation skills and research methods will also be offered in the next few months. For more information, contact Roxie Ray at [roxieray@bridgeport.edu](mailto:roxieray@bridgeport.edu) or 203-576-4292.

**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](mailto:UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu), or call x4988.