

## UT highlights research, educational opportunities at global energy summit

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo continues to build global relationships through its expertise in alternative energy and environmental research.

A UT delegation recently returned from the United Arab Emirates, where it participated for the fifth consecutive year in the World Future Energy Summit in Abu Dhabi. The summit convenes world and industry leaders, researchers and others committed to renewable energy and sustainable development. The 2013 event featured 650 companies from 40 countries that showcased products, 165 speakers as part of its International Renewable Energy Conference, and thousands of attendees from 150 countries.

“The University of Toledo is one of few U.S. institutions committed to active participation in this event. It’s a great opportunity to promote the University, interact with other leaders in advanced renewable energy, explore partnerships with industry, and recruit students to attend UT,” said Dr. Frank Calzonetti, vice president for government relations.

Dr. Sammy Spann, assistant provost for international studies and programs, and Dr. Nagi Naganathan, dean of



**ENERGIZED:** Posing for a photo last month at UT’s booth at the World Future Energy Summit in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, were, from left, Margie Traband, incubation outreach manager; Dr. Nagi Naganathan, dean of the College of Engineering; Dr. Frank Calzonetti, vice president for government relations; Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for external affairs; Diane Miller, assistant vice president for federal relations; and Dr. Sammy Spann, assistant provost for international studies and programs.

the College of Engineering, attended the summit as part of the University’s efforts to attract potential students. More than 5,000 school and university students from across the United Arab Emirates attended the energy summit.

The UT delegation also included Diane Miller, assistant vice president for federal relations, and Margie Traband, grant director for the National Science Foundation Renewable Energy Project, both from the Office of Government

Relations, as well as Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for external affairs, and UT trustee Linda Mansour, who was instrumental in a number of introductions and convening meetings with area leaders held during the visit.

All participants were busy at the UT exhibit at the summit that featured the University’s research and educational programs. Many global

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Photo by Daniel Miller

**RECRUITING CLASS SOARS:** Head Football Coach Matt Campbell announced Toledo’s 2013 recruiting class last week in Savage Arena; both Scout.com and Rivals.com rank the class as No. 1 in the Mid-American Conference. It’s the fourth year in a row Toledo has inked a class rated as one of the best in the MAC. UT added 29 new players to the program, 19 of whom are ranked as either four-star or three-star recruits by at least one recruiting service, breaking the previous school record of 14 set in 2010 and 2011. “From top to bottom, this is a class of high-caliber players who have high-caliber character,” Campbell said. “They have really bought into the vision of Toledo football and how they can raise the standards of this football program. We just graduated an outstanding senior class; this class needs to be better than the one that left. That’s how you bring your program to a higher level.”

## UT brings internship matching program to Ohio

By Meghan Cunningham

A unique program that matches college students with internship opportunities is coming to Ohio thanks to The University of Toledo.

Intern in Ohio uses Classroom to Career technology developed by Digerati, a Detroit engineering company that employs an advanced matching algorithm instantly connecting employers and internship-

seekers based on skills, interests and the requirements of the position.

The program is advantageous for both students and employers. Students are exposed to experiential learning opportunities across the state, and the program helps get them in the door with what they know, not who they know. And employers benefit with access to talent and

the reassurance that the internship candidates are suited for the needs of the position.

The University of Toledo has partnered with Digerati to bring the valuable resource to not only UT, but the entire state of Ohio following a successful launch of the Classroom to Career technology in



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Michigan last year through the Intern in Michigan program.

“Experiential learning has never been more important for today’s college students to gain that valuable experience and be

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## Survey offers students chance to share opinions, get shot at prizes

By Cynthia Nowak

College students are full of opinions — just check Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

When universities need to collect, interpret and apply those opinions toward creating the best educational experience, the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), based at the University of Indiana, far outstrips social media — and it's just about as easy to use.

“The NSSE was created as a way of taking the pulse of university students nationwide,” said Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace, senior vice president for the student experience. “The UT Division of Student Affairs uses it to help us understand how students are spending their time in and out of the classroom, and that in turn helps The University of Toledo make decisions in every area of the student experience.”

A representative sampling of both first-year students and seniors received emails last week from Patten Wallace, inviting them to invest 15 minutes in taking the online survey.

In addition to offering students the chance to influence decision-making at UT, there are more immediate incentives: Students who complete the survey by April 19 are entered in a drawing in which they can win one of several prizes, including an Apple iPad

worth \$400 and Barnes & Noble gift cards in \$250 or \$100 denominations.

“The prizes are great, of course, but the real incentive for taking this survey is to make your voice heard,” Patten Wallace said. “When the students talk, we’ll listen.”

She urged eligible students to check their emails; the first notification went out Feb. 5, with reminders sent weekly until March 12.

More information about NSSE is available at [nsse.iub.edu](http://nsse.iub.edu).



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leaders in renewable energy visited the UT exhibit; these included the director of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, representatives from the International Renewable Energy Agency, the energy minister of Iceland, and the CEO of Masdar.

Burns also connected UT participants with several publications covering the event and facilitated the production of a video by World Action TV — a global media services firm tapped into alternative energy groups and institutions in a number of countries — to be shared with alternative energy organizations and groups to promote the University internationally.

In addition, Dr. Alvin Compaan, UT Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy, was a 2013 World Future Energy Summit speaker and discussed “Solar Energy — The Technologies.”

“When we began participating in this event years ago, it was about introducing The University of Toledo. We are now becoming more of a known entity, and people are inquiring about the work that we do as we explore more potential relationships and collaborations,” Calzonetti said.

In addition to participating in the summit, a team of UT research faculty traveled to the United Arab Emirates for scheduled meetings with the Environment Agency in Abu Dhabi and United Arab Emirates University. The faculty members were:

- Dr. Richard Becker, assistant professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences, who shared his research related to groundwater sustainability and satellite mapping of harmful algal blooms.
- Dr. Jiquan Chen, professor of ecology, who discussed the University’s

ecosystems research and his work with carbon sensors and climate change.

- Dr. Isabel Escobar, professor in the Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering, who talked about her research into the use of membrane filtration to desalinate drinking water.
- Dr. Ashok Kumar, professor and chair of the Department of Civil Engineering, who explained his research related to indoor air pollution and studies involving air quality on TARTA buses.
- Dr. Carol Stepien, professor of ecology and director of the Lake Erie Center, who provided information about the research center and specifically her work related to fish stocks and sustainable fishing, which is of great interest in the Gulf region.

Water resources are one of the main concerns in the United Arab Emirates and throughout the Middle East. The UAE has one of the highest per capita water usage rates in the world, while the country has limited access to drinkable water. Useable groundwater is expected to be fully depleted within 55 years at current rates of use, and the primary processes for desalinating water from the Gulf use great amounts of energy to heat the water, are not sustainable, and are not efficient at removing all of the salt.



**RESEARCH OPTIONS:** Dr. Ali Rashid Al-Noaimi, vice chancellor at United Arab Emirates University, center, met with UT faculty members to discuss shared areas of research interest and potential collaborations. The UT delegation included, from left, Dr. Nagi Naganathan, dean of the College of Engineering; Dr. Carol Stepien, professor of ecology and director of the Lake Erie Center; Dr. Isabel Escobar, associate professor of chemical and environmental engineering; Dr. Frank Calzonetti, vice president for government relations; Dr. Richard Becker, assistant professor of environmental sciences; Dr. Jiquan Chen, professor of ecology; and Dr. Ashok Kumar, professor and chair of civil engineering.

Becker discussed some methods that could be used to help determine what level of certain water resources is sustainable. “They have a similar sense of urgency about water resources as we do about oil and gas,” he said. “The circumstances are remarkably alike. People understand there is limited quantity and there is a lot of talk about sustainable use, but there are a number of solutions that still need to be explored and implemented.”

Escobar offered a more economical and energy efficient way to remove salt from the Gulf by using membranes to filter the water, which cost 46 cents in U.S. dollars per cubic meter of water produced compared to 60 cents for the multi-stage flash distillation process currently used. The membrane desalination process, which is a reverse osmosis technology, also is easier to scale up for larger production value and can meet existing and future water regulations, Escobar said.

“Our research was well received by both the Environment Agency and with

the academics at United Arab Emirates University,” Escobar said. “Our specialties complement a lot of what they do, and we look forward to finding additional ways where we can work together.”

Mansour also helped facilitate a meeting with His Excellency Dr. Anwar Gargash, who holds two cabinet positions in the United Arab Emirates: Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Minister of State for the Federal National Council. Gargash was the keynote speaker at the University’s fall commencement ceremony in December.

UT also hosted a reception for alumni in the country and met with officials from UAE universities. In addition, there was a visit to the Royal Palace to meet the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research Shaikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, as well as a visit to Dubai to meet with the UAE Minister of Health.

## State of banking industry topic of Feb. 14 Heuerman Lecture

By Rachel Phipps

In this year's Heuerman Lecture at The University of Toledo College of Law, Anthony Siciliano, chief counsel for the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions, and Jeffery Smith, a partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, will survey developments in the banking industry in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis.

The free, public lecture titled "State and Federal Bank and Thrift Regulators: Who Are These Guys and What Do They Do?" will be held Thursday, Feb. 14, at noon in the Law Center Auditorium.

From the perspectives of banker and regulator respectively, Smith and Siciliano will provide an overview of the state and federal regulatory agencies that oversee the banking industry. The pair will examine how regulators reacted to the 2008 financial crisis, as well as the current state of regulation under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. They will attempt to answer the question: What's next in banking and regulation?

"We are proud that two of our graduates play such an important role in the banking industry and pleased that they have offered to share their knowledge with our students and the community," said Daniel Steinbock, dean of the College of Law.

Smith has more than 30 years of experience in financial institution regulatory and corporate matters. He is a partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP in the corporate and finance group. Smith is the former co-chair of the Ohio State Bar Association's financial institutions subcommittee and the co-author of a handbook for bank directors. He received his bachelor's degree from The University of Toledo and his law degree from the UT College of Law. This is the second of two presentations by Smith at the College of Law on the financial crisis.

Siciliano was appointed chief counsel of the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Financial Institutions in 2011. Before joining the Division of Financial Institutions seven years ago, Siciliano served as an assistant attorney general and law clerk to Judge Ronald E. Hadley and Judge Robert R. Cupp of the Third District Court of Appeals. Siciliano received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and his law degree from the UT College of Law.

The Heuerman Lecture is made possible by the Heuerman Fund for the Study of Investment Law and Regulations established by Richard and Lois Heuerman to benefit The University of Toledo College of Law.

## Toledo to hold 'Rockets for the Cure' Feb. 16

By Brian DeBenedictis

Toledo will hold its fifth annual "Rockets For the Cure" Saturday, Feb. 16, when the Midnight Blue and Gold will play Kent State at 2 p.m.

The Mid-American Conference cross-division matchup will help benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Northwest Ohio. The team encourages everyone in attendance to wear pink in support of cancer research.

Groups that buy 15 or more tickets may purchase them for \$5. Those purchasing the first 500 group tickets will receive free "Rockets for the Cure" commemorative T-shirts.

Tickets also will be sold for a live raffle throughout the game. Immediately following the contest, guest emcee Chrys Peterson will host a live auction for the UT players' pink game jerseys.

Last season, Toledo raised a record \$18,010 for Susan G. Komen for the Cure, surpassing the previous year's total of \$14,366.



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ready for opportunities after graduation," said Dr. Scott Scarborough, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

"The University of Toledo is proud to bring this program to Ohio to not only connect students to great internship opportunities, but also to do what we can to retain our best and brightest in the Buckeye State and reduce the so-called 'brain drain' of young people moving away after graduation for career opportunities elsewhere."

Research has shown that not only do internships often lead to offers of full-time employment upon graduation, but that students are likely to remain in the area where they completed an internship.

The successful Intern in Michigan pilot program resulted in more than 127,000 matches and introductions between students and employers. There were 4,450 internship opportunities in the system from 1,256 Michigan businesses. On the academic side, there were 1,049 universities, colleges and schools and nearly 17,000 internship-seekers.

"Bringing Intern in Ohio to the state will position the University as a leader in experiential learning as we help facilitate opportunities not only for UT students, but for college students across the state," said Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for external affairs. "We want every UT student to register for this beneficial service to get those opportunities that will really give them a leg up on the competition."

Because The University of Toledo is a presenting sponsor to bring Intern in Ohio to the state, UT students are eligible for early registration before the program is publicly announced next month giving them first access to opportunities posted by Ohio businesses.

UT students are encouraged to visit [interninohio.com](http://interninohio.com) today and enter their email to be alerted when Intern in Ohio is up and running. When the site is live, which is expected Tuesday, Feb. 12, students can complete their profile information. Faculty and advisers also are encouraged to use the system to encourage students to seek experiential learning opportunities.

Intern in Ohio asks a series of questions to both students and employers to create matches about opportunities. There are some 18,000 question sets included in the technology to ensure best matches for any listed internship position.

The employer on average will answer 20 to 30 questions about a position when it is posted, and students are matched to that opportunity based on their answers about their skills and interests. The system identifies the top seven matches for each individual student as well as to the business for each position. When a match is made, both the employer and the student are notified, and both must select they are interested before any contact information is shared.

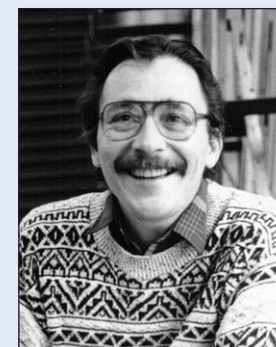
The web-based program is free to both students and employers.

## In memoriam

**Marc Gertner**, Denver, a lecturer in law during the 1960s, died Feb. 2 at age 80.

**Donna Lee Carnicom Hardin**, Gulfport, Miss., died Jan. 29 at age 79. She was director of admitting at MCO from 1977 until her retirement in 1991. She served as president of the union at the hospital.

**John J. Jurack**, Luckey, Ohio, died Feb. 3 at age 60. He worked in the Theatre and Film Department 30 years. He joined the University in 1980 as a stage technician. Jurack served as scene shop manager and later was promoted to assistant technical director and then technical director. He retired in 2010.



Jurack

## Professor edits first book, plans to write another

By Haraz N. Ghanbari

The world's current population is estimated to be more than seven billion, and the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) affords a new way to experience that world.

Dr. Bhuiyan M. Alam, associate professor of urban and regional planning in the Department of Geography and Planning, recently edited his first book, *Application of Geographic Information Systems* — 372 pages, comprised of 18 chapters and 48 different authors.

Through the use of cartography, statistical analysis and database technology, GIS reveals relationships, patterns and trends that provide a platform to understand, interpret, question and visualize the data in a variety of ways, including maps, globes, reports and charts.

"This book is geared to mastering the application of GIS in different fields of social sciences," Alam wrote in the book's preface. "It specifically focuses on the GIS application in the broad spectrum of spatial analysis and modeling, water resources analysis, land use analysis, agricultural potentials, and infrastructure network analysis like transportation and water distribution network ..."

As an urban planner and civil engineer, Alam has focused on transportation planning, modeling and policy analysis, traffic safety, GIS, geospatial analysis and

modeling, environmental planning, and the history of urbanization and city planning in South Asia. Experiential learning is a major focus of Alam's teaching style.

"The most enjoyable part of editing this book was to learn the amazing applications of cutting-edge technology like GIS in different academic disciplines throughout the world," said Alam, who joined the University in 2006. "The readers will be able to take away the phenomenal applications of GIS in the real world, which typically are not taught in academic classroom settings."

His recent research focuses on the relationships among urban form, active transportation and health, and effective and efficient applications of GIS for advanced spatial analysis. He also has been investigating the demand change for public transit in the United States in the last two decades, and whether recent economic downturns have had any impact on such demand change.

Next, Alam plans to write a book on the evolution of "world cities" and their citizens' techniques of adaptation and resiliency to climate change. Primarily, he would like to focus on cities like Dhaka in Bangladesh, Kolkata in India and New Orleans, areas he believes are most vulnerable to climate change; gradually, he then would include other cities in his book.



Alam

Photo by Daniel Miller

## Researcher discusses massacre of indigenous peoples at Cape Town conference

By Casey Cheap

Genocide and massacres of a region's indigenous peoples were the focus of a recent conference in Cape Town, South Africa, that included representation from The University of Toledo.

Dr. Barbara Alice Mann, assistant professor in UT's Jesup Scott Honors College, spent some time over winter break at the conference.

Titled "Violence and Honour in Settler Societies," the conference focused on massacres perpetrated by colonial societies worldwide. Although the main conference occurred in early December, Mann's extended stay was due to the fact that she was a part of an international group presenting on the subject of such massacres.

Mann's group exists to examine colonial massacres perpetrated against indigenous peoples by European explorers in North America, Tasmania, South Africa and Eastern Europe from 1780 to 1820. She is working with Dr. Philip Dwyer and Dr. Lyndall Ryan, both professors in the School of Humanities and Social Science at the University of Newcastle in Australia, and

Dr. Nigel Penn, professor of historical studies at the University of Cape Town.

Mann focused on North America, while Ryan's research covered Tasmania, Penn looked at South Africa, and Dwyer examined Eastern Europe.

"We have, so far, prepared a dedicated issue of the international *Journal of Genocide Research* to come out this spring," Mann said. "For that journal, I wrote 'Fractal Massacres in the Old Northwest: Destruction of the Miami Peoples,' which looks closely at the methodology of the destruction of the Miami peoples of Indiana from 1788 to 1791."

Noted scholars with international reputations for researching and publishing in their respective disciplines, Mann and her colleagues are working together to see what overarching patterns they can find in the way massacres are perpetrated and rationalized. They are planning one collective work to be published in 2014 or 2015 in which each member of the group is writing three or four chapters.

Mann's chapters for the book will cover the destruction of 4,800 Native American

Creek "Red Sticks" during the Creek War of 1813-1814. Ryan's chapters of the book will include the massacres of the Tasmanian people; Penn will focus on the massacre of the Khoi, San and Khosa people of South Africa; and Dwyer will look at the massacre of Eastern Europeans under Napoleon's invasion of Poland, Russia and eastern European countries.

Mann said that a part of the project has so far included going to the locations of each of the international scholars involved. The group traveled to the University of Newcastle in 2009 and to The University of Toledo in 2011. The most recent meeting congregated at the University of Cape Town.

"We still do not know where we will meet in 2013 to pull together our work in



Dr. Barbara Alice Mann posed for a photo in South Africa with the city of Cape Town in the distance.

the continuous flow of a book," Mann said. "We may well go back to Australia, as being very close to Tasmania, or to Eastern Europe."

## Sexuality, power, diplomacy key aspects of associate lecturer's new book

By Brian Purdue

Investigation into power, sexuality and ancient kingdoms is a critical aspect of *The Queen of Sheba: Legends, Literature and Lore*, the recently released book by Dr. Deborah Coulter-Harris, associate lecturer in the UT Department of English Language and Literature.

Revolving around the Queen of Sheba, the book works to connect ancient struggles of authority, land, gender and sexuality to current national, international and cultural concerns, and does so in a way that can be understood and enjoyed in a classroom.

"Sheba is a mystery, and as I have loved a good mystery since my childhood, I have relished discovering the many tales of her upbringing, her genetic ancestry, linguistic variations in her name, her cross-dressing, the extent of her empire, and her relations with human men," Coulter-Harris said.

Not only does the book look at modern parallels to the ancient historical context of the stories, but it also addresses many rumors and stories connected to the

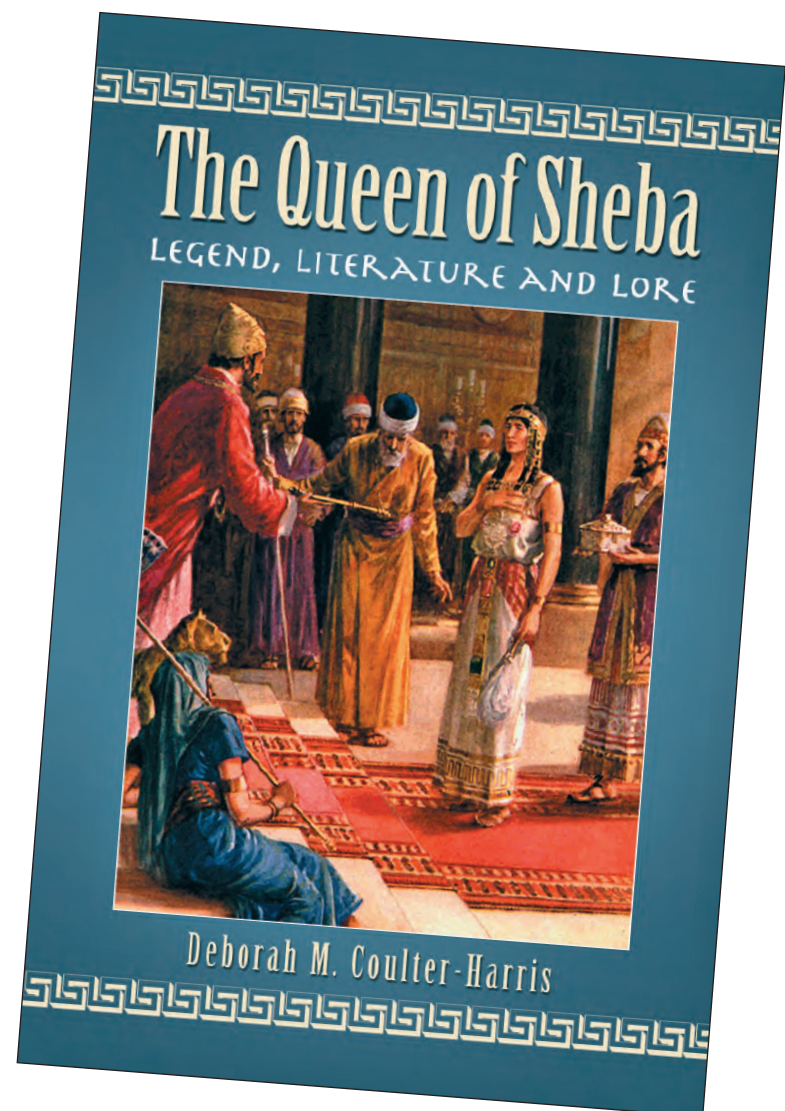
Queen of Sheba. These include possible love relationships; familial and business connections; and her many possible identities such as the intriguing likelihood that Sheba and the Pharaoh Hatshepsut were one and the same.

Coulter-Harris hopes the book will allow anyone who is interested in history, religion, international politics, women and gender studies, or Middle Eastern and African studies, to look at literary and historical religious texts from a slightly less conventional perspective.

She will read from her new book and sign copies Friday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble bookstore at UT's Gateway.

"I wanted to do my first public reading of the book on campus because it is at The University of Toledo where I have thrived as a teacher and writer," Coulter Harris said.

*The Queen of Sheba: Legends, Literature and Lore* also is sold on amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.



## Shapiro Revision Essay Contest to take place Feb. 18-21

By Casey Cheap

Good writers are not confined to English majors.

Starting Monday, Feb. 18, undergraduates across campus will have the chance to prove just that by competing for a \$500 award in the annual Shapiro Essay Revision Contest.

"This has become a really popular contest and students look forward to it," said Dr. Deborah Coulter-Harris, associate lecturer of English. "This year we would like to see more medical and engineering students, students in the sciences."

Coulter-Harris said there was a conscious effort to accommodate the schedules of students by holding the event over four days.

"All students have to do is bring a pen, dictionary and thesaurus, and arrive with their student ID," Coulter-Harris said.

There will be five judges evaluating the work of students who have two hours to complete the 750- to 800-word essay. In addition to the \$500 grand prize, there will be \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100 and 10 \$75 cash awards.

The contest is open to all majors and classes of students, although three awards are guaranteed to freshmen and three to sophomores. Students from nearly all academic departments have won the contest in recent years.

Coulter-Harris said that when she started overseeing the contest six years ago, there were only about 10 entries, but in recent years, there have been close to 200 participants.

Listed by date, the Shapiro Essay Revision Contest will take place:

- Monday, Feb. 18, from 3 to 5 p.m.;

- Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.;
- Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.;
- Thursday, Feb. 21, from noon to 2 p.m., 5 to 7 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

All sessions will be held in Memorial Field House Room 2420.

"The Shapiro Essay Revision Contest has been going on for many years," said Dr. Sara Lundquist, associate professor and chair of the Department of English Language and Literature. "I hope a lot of people will come out and participate in it."

In addition to the Shapiro Essay Revision Contest, there will be a Shapiro II Contest, which allows students currently enrolled in an English Department class to submit an essay of their choosing for a prize up to \$300.

Students can submit hard copies of their essays for the Shapiro II Contest in Memorial Field House Room 1500 until Friday, March 15.

"I want to thank all of the people who made this happen," Coulter-Harris said. "I am surrounded by wonderful friends and colleagues who all work together for a common goal, and that is the success of our students."

The contests are named after Dr. Edward Shapiro, professor emeritus of economics, who retired from UT in 1989. Shapiro donated funds in order to recognize students for good writing.

Anyone with questions regarding the Shapiro Essay Revision Contest or the Shapiro II Contest can contact Coulter-Harris at 419.530.4416 or [deborah.coulter-harris@utoledo.edu](mailto:deborah.coulter-harris@utoledo.edu).



## ASPECTS OF HINDUISM: ORIGINS, DEVELOPMENT AND COMPARISON WITH THE ABRAHAMIC TRADITIONS

By Ramakrishna Puligandla, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus,  
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# UT-BGSU student nurse chapter recognized as Ohio's best

By Casey Cheap

The Ohio Nursing Students' Association has again recognized The University of Toledo for outstanding achievement and overall leadership as a top chapter in the state.

The UT chapter is held in conjunction with Bowling Green State University and has won the outstanding chapter of the year award three years in a row.

The honor is from the Ohio Nursing Students' Association, which is the state chapter of the National Student Nurses Association.

Outstanding chapter criteria include strong leadership as well as active involvement in the community and research.

According to Kathleen Mitchell, instructor and assistant dean of student services in the UT College of Nursing, the UT-BGSU chapter is one of the more active and vibrant chapters in Ohio.

"In 2011, UT hosted the state convention and had 19 students attend the national convention," Mitchell said. "Community service initiatives for the chapter include the annual adopt a family, hosting dinner at Ronald McDonald House, Friday night packing party for the homeless in Toledo, and a community garden of which harvests are donated to the Cherry Street Mission."

Additionally, UT won the 2012 Brain Bowl challenge and has elected multiple students to state office to the Ohio Nursing Students' Association.

The Brain Bowl includes student teams from nursing programs that compete annually at the Ohio Nursing Students' Association convention, which was held Oct. 26-27 at Ohio State University. The

UT-BGSU chapter also has won the Brain Bowl three of the last five years. Last year, UT competed with eight other Ohio schools, including Case Western, OSU and Akron University.

The 2012 Brain Bowl winning team members were Haley Johnson, Heather Gallagher, Betsy Hayes and Joshua Conklin.

Mitchell said that nursing students regularly have been elected to state office from UT-BGSU, and 2013 will be no exception as four students hold Ohio Nursing Students' Association office this year. The students are Joshua Conklin, vice president; Leslie Puchala, secretary; Ashante' O'Dell, breakthrough to nursing director; and Jacob Hunter, membership director.

"Conklin and the other Ohio Nursing Students' Association members will attend the National State Nurses Association convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, this April," Mitchell said. "Conklin plans to run for national office as the Nomination and Elections Committee representative for the North Election area."



Dr. Jeffrey Gold, chancellor and executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, left, and Dr. Timothy Gaspar, dean of the College of Nursing, posed for a photo with members of the 2012 Brain Bowl winning team, from left, Haley Johnson, Heather Gallagher, Betsy Hayes and Joshua Conklin.

The Ohio Nursing Students' Association represents 1,500 members throughout the state and helps nursing students enhance their learning and education.

"One of my favorite aspects of being an adviser for the student nurse association is witnessing the transformation our students go through, especially when they are involved at the state and national level,"

said Denise Oancea, instructor of nursing and a faculty adviser for the Ohio Nursing Students' Association. "These are our future nurses that will be leading the profession of nursing, policy development and the world in health care."

## UT NEWS

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Dr. Jeffrey Gold, chancellor and executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, left, and Dr. Timothy Gaspar, dean of the College of Nursing, posed for a photo with students who were elected to offices in the Ohio Nursing Students' Association, from left, Joshua Conklin, vice president, Ashante' O'Dell, breakthrough to nursing director; and Leslie Puchala, secretary. Jacob Hunter, membership director, was not at the photo shoot.

## Student doesn't let height hold her back, auditions for 'America's Next Top Model'

By Samantha Watson

At 5 feet 3 inches tall, Lauren LaFerriere is well below even the shortest height of most female models. But that isn't stopping her from auditioning for "America's Next Top Model."

LaFerriere, a 21-year-old junior majoring in communication at The University of Toledo, has modeled for countless photo shoots and fashion shows since her freshman year of high school. Now she aims to become a contestant on "America's Next Top Model," a reality TV series on the CW where women compete to begin their professional modeling career.

"I want to be on the show so that I can learn from the best and so that I can win," LaFerriere said in her audition video. "But the main reason why I really want to be on the show is so that I can someday make a difference."

In America and Canada, the average height for women is 5 feet 3 inches tall, while in South America the average height is even shorter — only 5 feet 1 inch. LaFerriere said she wants to make it onto the show to

show that beauty comes in all shapes and sizes.

"You don't have to be this certain type, certain figure, certain anything to be a model," LaFerriere said. "I'm going to try and make that stance no matter what happens, even if I don't make it on the show."

LaFerriere's audition video can be seen at [utoledo.edu/utnexttopmodel](http://utoledo.edu/utnexttopmodel). The first callback for the show is in the third week of February, and the video already has garnered more than 7,000 views.

"Some people just do it because it's fun or some people will do it because they like the end product," LaFerriere said. "I do it because I'm an artist ... The ultimate form of art to me is modeling because I'm not just using my hands and I'm not just using my eyes; I'm using my entire body."



LaFerriere

Photo by Abby Bonasch at Vanity Charm Photography

## UT Juried Student Exhibition to open Feb. 15

By Angela Riddel

The 2013 UT Juried Student Exhibition will open Friday, Feb. 15, at 5 p.m. at the Center for the Visual Arts Gallery on the Toledo Museum of Art Campus.

Works by current University students will be featured in the exhibition, which will be juried by artist Derek Coté, assistant professor of art at Wayne State University.

Coté is a Canadian artist who recently moved to Detroit from Nashville. Many of his exhibitions include illuminated objects that cast striking shadows on gallery walls. Coté is a recipient of a grant from the Pollock Krasner Foundation.

His recent trip to the Arctic Circle resulted in art displayed during "Septentrion: Exploring the Arctic Circle," a group exhibition in Milwaukee. Another recent project is "22 Hideouts," in which Coté revisited his previous residences to document them, comparing his memories of the spaces to their actual spatial dimensions.

Coté will speak primarily about his own work and then make a few comments about the UT Juried Student Exhibition.

Some of the awards to be presented at the opening of the exhibition will be the Inga Reynolds Award for Work on Paper

of \$100, sponsored by Associate Professor Arturo Rodriguez; the Helen Fitzpatrick Fredricks Award of \$250, sponsored by Associate Professor Barbara Miner; and the President's Award of \$250, sponsored by UT President Lloyd Jacobs. Also the Raphael Award for Excellence in Drawing of \$100 is sponsored by Professor Emeritus Diana Attie, and the College of Visual and Performing Arts Installation Prize of \$300 is sponsored by the Dean's Office.

In addition, the UT Department of Art sponsors a Best of Show Award of \$350, a First-Place Award of \$275, a Second-Place

Award of \$200, a Third-Place Award of \$100 and two Honorable Mention Awards of \$50.

The free, public exhibit will be on display through Friday, March 15. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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**STRIKING ART:** "Double Jeopardy," a 3-D digital photograph by Larry Low, enterprise health application administrator in Information Technology, is one of the works featured in the eighth annual Health Science Campus Artist Showcase on display through Monday, March 18, on the fourth floor of Mulford Library. Nearly 30 artists affiliated with the health sciences — students, faculty and staff on Health Science and Main campuses — have pieces showcased this year. Media include painting, drawing, photography and digital art. The free, public exhibit can be seen during regular library hours: Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to midnight; Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday from 9 a.m. to midnight.

Photo by Larry Low