

Millersville Unites with American Studies Center

Millersville University has accepted the invitation to join the Consortium of the McNeil Center for Early American Studies.

The McNeil Center, formally known as the Philadelphia Center for American Studies, offers 11 dissertation and post-doctoral fellowships that attract scholars from around the world. Millersville University is the only PASSHE and area school to be partners with the center. By becoming a member, Millersville University faculty are now eligible to participate in a summer research fellowship, a center member will speak at the University and meet with students and all faculty members and senior history majors are invited



Dr. Francis Bremer

to the McNeil Center seminars.

“The invitation to become part of this scholarly center is a recognition of the history department’s excellence as providing exciting opportunities for the University’s students and faculty,” explained Dr. Francis Bremer, history.

Weekend workshops, access to the University of Pennsylvania’s library and online databases are available to students and faculty as well. Special programs where McNeil Center members will critique students’ presentations are also available to Millersville University’s history undergraduates.

PRESIDENT’S
COMMISSION ON THE
Status of
Women

20th anniversary
Celebration

PRESIDENT’S
COMMISSION ON
Cultural
Diversity

Excellence and Equity Awards

The President’s Commission on Cultural Diversity and the Commission on the Status of Women invite the campus community to attend their 20th anniversary celebration on Monday, April 6, at 4:30 p.m. in Lehr Room, Gordinier Hall. Four Excellence and Equity Awards will be given to the following:

Dr. Thomas Kruse, professor emeritus, social work—In recognition for distinguished service and outstanding contributions as an executive officer and

cultural diversity commission member.

Robert Slabinski, CEO/General Manager, Student Services, Inc.—In recognition for outstanding support and contributions to the cultural diversity commission’s mission.

Dr. Ruth Benns-Suter, psychology—In recognition for distinguished service and vision as co-chair in establishing the Women’s Center.

Dr. Susan Luek, psychology—In recognition for distinguished service as commission chair and outstanding service and vision in establishing the Women’s Center.



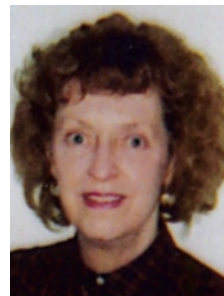
Dr. Thomas Kruse



Robert Slabinski



Dr. Ruth Benns-Suter



Dr. Susan Luek

Reorganization of Business Program

Millersville University’s provost, Dr. Vilas Prabhu, has announced that the University will reorganize its business administration program, effective immediately. “Because of the current severe economic situation and the University’s limited resources, we have decided to devote our time and resources to the undergraduate program, which has 850 students enrolled,” explained Prabhu. “It is the University’s goal to achieve accreditation for the undergraduate program from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), considered the gold standard by business schools,” said Prabhu.

“The limited resources will necessitate the suspension of applications for the master of business administration (MBA) degree program until such time that economic conditions allow us to allocate resources to upgrade the MBA program to achieve AACSB standards,” said Prabhu.

“The University is not accepting new applications to the MBA program,”

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Staff Activities

Lori Austin, judicial affairs, **Wayne Silcox** and **Anthony Floyd**, University Borough police, and John Rochat, Millersville Borough police, gave a presentation on March 6 at the Judicial Affairs Conference that was a part of Law and Society week at the Community College of Philadelphia. The presentation, "Bridging the Gap between Law Enforcement and Judicial Affairs," shared the best practices used at the University.

Dr. Natalia Dushkina, physics, contributed two chapters entitled "Light Sources" and "Propagation of Light" to the *Handbook of Optical Metrology: Principles and Applications*. The book is addressed to researchers and engineers in industrial fields as well as university instructors and graduate students who are dealing with optical techniques for measurement and control.

Dr. Kendra Saunders, counseling and human development, was an invited speaker at the Association for Women in Psychology 34th annual conference in Newport, R.I. March 12-15. Her talk was entitled "The Relationship between Feminist Identity Development and Psychological Well-Being in Women."

Dr. Ron Umble, mathematics, gave an invited lecture in the University of Pennsylvania's Deformation Theory Seminar on March 18 entitled "On the Pullback of Multiplicative Structure Along a Quasi-Isomorphism." His presentation announced recent results in a collaborative project with Dr. Samson Sanzblidze of the A. Razmadze Mathematical Institute in Tbilisi, Rep. of Georgia.

Retired faculty:

Bruce Kellner, emeritus professor of English, was a guest lecturer at the Marquette University Library in Milwaukee on February 9, marking the centenary of the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. His essay "The Gertrude Stein-Alice B. Toklas Symbiosis" was published in *Life Writing Annual II*.

The Envelope Please...

Millersville was well-represented at the 56th Lancaster County Science & Engineering Fair, which was sponsored by North Museum and held at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster on March 23-25. Dr. Charles Scharnberger, professor emeritus, earth sciences, and Dr. Susan Luek, psychology, served as lead category judges of the senior high earth & planetary science and behavioral & social sciences divisions, respectively, and John Hughes, respiratory therapy, was the lead category judge for the junior high life science division. Dr. Nazli Hardy, computer science and Dr. Jay Mone, biology, were category judges for the senior high divisions of computer science and microbiology, respectively, and Dr. Ryan Wagner, biology, served as a junior high division category judge for plant science. Prior to the category judging, Dr. Susan DiBartolomeis, biology, reviewed submitted category projects as a member of the science review committee.

Congratulations to:

Dr. Jeremiah Mbindyo, chemistry, and his wife Margaret on the birth of their son Nathan Mbindyo Nduva. He was born on February 12.

Jesse Holden, library and his wife Elizabeth on the birth of their daughter Adelaide Margaret on January 26.

Obituaries

M. Jean Breneisen, 90, died on March 4 in Lancaster. She had spent time at Millersville University as an assistant housekeeping supervisor.

Willard O. Havemeier of Lancaster died March 17, at age 89. He studied computer science at Millersville and worked at the University for 28 years, retiring in 2004. He established the Willard O. and Dr. Catherine Gibson Havemeier Scholarships in computer science and football.

Remix the Future, Remake Our World

The Millersville University Theme Committee presents the 2009-2011 theme "Remix the Future, Remake Our World." A different theme is chosen every two years, and this new focus explores and celebrates the new research and practices occurring in the technology, science and creative and performing arts departments on campus.

"The 2009-2011 University Theme invites the campus community—students, faculty, staff, and administration—to join with partners in the broader Lancaster community to remix the future and to 'make our world anew,'" explained Dr. Tracey Weis, history. "Theme programs encourage us all to develop habits of creativity and collaboration and to create sustainable environments in which creativity, innovation, collaboration and entrepreneurship can flourish."

"Remix the Future, Remake Our World" and the onset of a general theme for the University helps serve as a focus for campus events, lectures and activities, and also

encourages conversation and examination on the new topic in which the school is blanketed. The theme encourages students, faculty, staff and the Lancaster community to practice creativity and collaboration within the University campus and community.

MUBA Election

Congratulations to Millersville University Business Association's (MUBA) newly elected officers for 2009 – 2010. Forty-nine members voted and unanimously elected the following:

President - Deb Miller, University Communications & Marketing, Vice President - Lorie Mahoney, University Advancement, Secretary - Kathy Wiley, development, Treasurer - Joan Eby, accounting



Deb Miller

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Science, Technology and Me!

Science Technology and Me! an educational event aimed at middle and high school age girls, will be held at Millersville University this spring. The purpose is to attract young women into several fields where they are under-represented. The event on Saturday, April 25, from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., is open to all girls in middle or high school who are interested in science and technology.

Optional instructional seminars will also be offered for the adults who accompany the girls. The adult program will include topics like Internet safety for teens, college funding and a campus tour. Close to 180 young women are expected to attend from all across the county, including several local



school districts and the Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania.

"Last year close to 170 young women, 40 chaperones and over 50 volunteers all attended and helped with the event. This is the third year for this event and I look forward to many more," stated Dr. Sharon Brusic, director and coordinator of the event.

Brusic is continually working toward making every year's program better than the previous. This year there will be 13 different sessions ranging from engineering, where participants will design and build their own ping-pong ball launcher, electronics and circuitry, digital photography, film making, aviation, biodiversity and geology.

For questions about the program contact Brusic at ext. 5548 or email Sharon.Brusic@millersville.edu.

Calendar of Events

April 2 - 19, 2009

Now-Apr. 24

Greg Kline, sculptor, exhibit, "Bronze, Iron, Steel and the Kitchen Sink at Times," Ganser Gallery, Ganser Library

2, 3, 4 Millersville University Theatre, *The Shape of Things* by Neil LaBute. 8 p.m., tickets at the SMC Ticket Office, ext. 3811.

3 Single Reed Symposium Concert Dr. Christy Banks and guest artists Dr. Michelle Kiec and Jessica Lindsey. Noon in the Ford Atrium, McComsey Hall. Free and open to the public.

Music from Millersville- World-renowned bass clarinetist Michael Lowenstern, 7:30 p.m. St. James Episcopal Church, Lancaster

4 & 5 Annual Tuba/Euphonium Symposium, 2:30 p.m. Lyte Auditorium, Alumni Hall

5 Millersville University Theatre, *The Shape of Things* by Neil LaBute, 2 p.m. tickets at the SMC Ticket Office, ext. 3811.

8 Biology Colloquium, "Put Your Best Foot Forward," by Jeff Dunkerley, DPM. 4 p.m., Caputo 210.

African-Americans in Film, "African Americans in Hollywood: Images, Actors, Actresses, Films, Filmmakers, from 1903 to the Present," lecture by Donald Bogle. 7:30 p.m., Lyte Auditorium, Alumni Hall

14 One Woman Show - *A Play of One's Own*, performed by Laura Korach Howell. 7 p.m., Rafters Theatre, Dutcher Hall

15 Biology Colloquium "Let's Talk Dirty," by Shannon Brockmeir, VMD. 4 p.m., Caputo 210.

16 Distinguished Civic Leadership Dinner and Awards; keynote presentation at 7:30 p.m. by Jerry Greenfield, co-founder of Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc. Lecture free, tickets required

UAB Spring Concert, rapper T-Pain. 7 p.m., Pucillo Gymnasium

17 Student Research and Visual & Performing Arts Conference, 4:30 p.m. Guest speaker Dr. Donald Thomas. 6 p.m., Myers Auditorium, McComsey Hall

Concert Band/Wind Ensemble Concert, Guest Composer, Jonathan Newman. 7:30 p.m., Lyte Auditorium, Alumni Hall

18 & 19 Alumni Weekend

Ben and Jerry's Cofounder to Speak



Where can you have free Ben & Jerry's ice cream AND learn something? The answer: Millersville University. The Civic and Community Engagement Research (CCERP) project at

Millersville will feature Jerry Greenfield, co-founder of Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc., on April 16 at Lyte Auditorium.

Greenfield and his co-founder and friend since junior high school, Ben Cohen, built a store-front venture into a \$300 million ice cream empire. With a pre-med degree from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, Greenfield quit his lab technician job in 1977, took a Penn State correspondence course in ice

cream making, and opened Ben & Jerry's Homemade ice cream parlor in Burlington, Vermont, in 1978.

Greenfield and his partner were awarded the Corporate Giving Award in 1988 for donating 7.5 percent of their profits to nonprofit organizations by the Council of Economic Priorities and were named the U.S. Small Business Persons of the Year in 1988 in a White House ceremony hosted by President Reagan.

Greenfield will speak at Millersville as part of CCERP's Second Annual Distinguished Civic Leadership Awards at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are free, but are required. The presentation will be followed by an ice cream social. For more information, call the CCERP office at call ext. 3049 or go online to www.millersville.edu/~ccerp. For tickets, call or stop by the Student Memorial Center Ticket Window at 717-872-3811.

Who Makes Millersville Special?

This edition of “Who Makes Millersville Special” features Frances M. Corse, the director of Millersville University’s migrant education program. Corse has been working with the University for over 26 years.

Q- What exactly is the Migrant Education program, and what does Millersville University do to help meet the needs of migrant students?

A- Pennsylvania Migrant Education is a federal grant program funded under No Child Left Behind (formerly the Elementary and Secondary School Act) that serves the children of migratory workers in Lancaster, Berks, Lehigh and Northampton Counties. We provide instructional and support services for children and youth ages 3 to 21. We work primarily with school districts and function as a University/community outreach program. Millersville has administered a migrant program since 1968.

Q- What countries does our migrant education plan support?

A- Our families can move from Puerto Rico, Mexico, or from another state in the U.S. or from another school district within Pennsylvania. Most are Latino but that is not part of eligibility.

Q- What does your job as the director of the Migrant Education program entail?

A- It is my responsibility to make sure that we are providing appropriate services for our students, that the program is fiscally sound, that we are following federal guidelines in providing services, that we are coordinating appropriately with school districts and that we provide quality programming for our students.



Frances Corse

Q- Has your work ever required you to visit these surrounding countries?

A- I have visited Mexico several times representing Pennsylvania in the Binational Migrant Education Program and have participated in visits to Puerto Rico to visit the schools there. We administer the Binational Program for the State Office of Migrant Education at the Pa. Department of Education and I have attended several Binational Forums between the Departments of Education in Mexico and the U.S.

Q- What do you personally hope to accomplish with such a job?

A- Students who would otherwise get lost in the system, graduate from high school and go on to college, with our help.

Q- Where did you go to school?

A- IUP – have graduate work at Temple.

Q- What was your major?

A- Spanish.

Q- How did you first become involved with migrant education?

A- I began with migrant education in 1982 as instructional coordinator for Lancaster County. I had experience teaching English as a foreign language from a five-year stay in Spain. The ad called for someone who spoke Spanish and had experience teaching ESL.

Q- What was your very first job?

A- Teaching EFL in Madrid, then teaching ESL in adult education, then Migrant Education at Millersville as coordinator, and became director in 1989.

Q- What would you do if you had the opportunity to take a paid year off?

A- Learn Italian – travel in Europe - go back to Spain.

Q- Name one thing that never fails to make you happy, no matter where you are or what you’re doing.

A- Speaking a foreign language.

Q- If you could have any food in the world, what would it be?

A- Tortilla Española – just about anything from Spain.

Q- When you become frustrated with a task, what do you do to calm down?

A- Stop working on it and give myself some time to process and analyze – The solution usually comes by itself.

Q- What is your favorite city in the U.S?

A- Don’t know that I have a favorite. Sante Fe is beautiful with its adobe and I love the Outer Banks in the fall after all of the tourists go home.

Banquet & Lecture



Dr. Diane Umble



Hermann Bontrager

The Friends of Ganser Library Spring Banquet & Lecture will be held Tuesday, April 7. The presentation, “The Amish and the Media: Lessons from the Nickel Mines Tragedy,” will be given by Dr. Diane Umble, communication & theatre, and Hermann Bontrager of Goodville Insurance.

For more information contact Lin Carvell ext. 3602.

Business Program *continued from page 1*

said Dr. Victor DeSantis, dean of graduate studies. “However, we are committed to serving the 45 students currently enrolled in the MBA program. We will work with them to make sure they are able to finish their studies.”

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) has mandated that all business programs at PASSHE schools, which includes Millersville, must

be accredited by AACSB. Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral degrees in business and accounting. Millersville’s business administration programs are currently accredited by The Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).