

# Millersville University Exchange

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## Relief for Haiti

A variety of relief efforts are underway at Millersville University following the 7.0 earthquake in Haiti on January 12.

Millersville will host a campus-wide rally on Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as part of the Millersville University Haiti Relief Project. The rally, held in the Reighard Multipurpose Room, Student Memorial Center, is an opportunity to reflect on the earthquakes and natural disasters affecting those in Haiti. The campus community is invited to experience Haitian culture through dialogue, film and music.

In addition, Dr. James Cosentino, biology, is coordinating a campus effort. Through his project called "Books for International Development" that ships books to impoverished countries, Cosentino works closely with the United Nations and several non-governmental



Smaller collection boxes (inset) have been placed across campus and will be emptied into the POD.

organizations (NGOs). Through that infrastructure, his shipper, Mallory Group, will fund a shipment of supplies (using a FedEx plane) under the U.N. banner. Cosentino is working with Lancaster Regional Hospital and their clinics to gather medical supplies.

In addition, donations are being collected in bins around campus. All of the donations will eventually be placed in a large pod in the McComsey parking lot. A list of needed supplies is posted to the Millersville website.

More information on Millersville's efforts is available at: [www.millersville.edu/ices/Volunteer%20Central/mu-haiti-relief-project.php](http://www.millersville.edu/ices/Volunteer%20Central/mu-haiti-relief-project.php). To volunteer email Volunteer Central at [volunteer.central@millersville.edu](mailto:volunteer.central@millersville.edu).

## Keeping the Campus Engaged

Two nationally known speakers will be on campus in February to discuss civic engagement.

Author Thomas Ehrlich will present "Educating for Civic Responsibility: An Imperative for 21st Century Higher Education." Ehrlich is a Senior Scholar at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Trisha Thorne, assistant director for community-based learning at Princeton University, will host two Engaged Scholarship Workshops.



Thomas Ehrlich

Ehrlich has previously served as president of Indiana University, provost of the University of Pennsylvania, and dean of Stanford Law School. He was also the first president of the Legal Services Corporation in Washington, D.C., and the first director of the International Development Cooperation Agency, reporting to President Carter. He is author, co-author, or editor of 12 books including *Educating Citizens: Preparing Undergraduates for Lives of Moral and Civic Responsibility* (2003), *Reconnecting Education and*

*Foundations: Turning Good Intentions into Educational Capital* (2007), and *Educating for Democracy: Preparing Undergraduates for Lives of Responsible Political Engagement* (2007). He is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School and holds five honorary degrees.

Thorne facilitates community-based research and learning projects for faculty members, students and community organization leaders. She presents nationally on community-based research and scholarship. Along with several Millersville faculty members she will conduct workshops on creating publishable scholarship from community-based research.



Tricia Thorne

The events will be held on February 18, in the Bolger Conference Center on campus. Ehrlich will speak at 11:30 a.m. in the Lehr Room. Thorne will give two workshops: one at 9:30 a.m., and the other at 1 p.m. in Old Main Room.

For more information contact Cindy McIntyre at ext. 3049.

## Black Maria Film Festival



Still from "The Solitary Life of Cranes," by Eva Weber.

Millersville University's third annual Black Maria Film Festival screenings are set to take place Feb. 13 and 14 in Myers Auditorium, McComsey Hall, at 1 p.m. The purpose of the Black Maria Film Festival is to advocate, exhibit and reward cutting edge works from independent film and video makers.

This year, to respond to those who felt intimidated by some of last year's films, informative presentations will be held prior to the film screenings. "As an educational institution, we should provide people with the tools they need to better understand the materials being presented," explained Ben Cunningham, art. *continued on page 3*

## Staff Activities

**Dr. Thomas P. Bell**, ITEC, was recently elected president of the International Technology Education Association (ITEA). ITEA is the professional organization for technology, innovation, design and engineering educators whose primary mission is to promote technological literacy for all. ITEA represents more than 35,000 secondary technology educators in the U.S. alone who are developers, administrators and university personnel in the field representing all levels of education.

**Roger Bruszewski**, finance and administration, has been invited by NACUBO and EDUCAUSE to participate in a two-day symposium February 8-10 on clouding computing and the possible changes in the context of higher education. And on March 14-16 he will present the "Millersville University Master Plan" to the Society of College and University Planners Mid-Atlantic Conference 2010 in Baltimore.

**Drs. Ximena Catepillan**, mathematics, **Natalia Dushkina**, physics, and **Nazli Hardy**, computer science, had their paper

"Un curso interdisciplinario en matemáticas, ciencias, y los estudios de las mujeres en la Universidad de Millersville," accepted for publication in the Spanish journal of mathematics, *Matematicalia*. The title in English is "An Interdisciplinary Course in Mathematics, Science and Women's Studies at Millersville University of Pennsylvania."

**Patricia Hopson-Shelton**, social equity, was recently appointed by Governor Edward G. Rendell to serve on the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

**Gwyn McVay**, English, had her poems, "Dandelions Arguing Music" and "Your Order is Complete," published in the January 2010 issue of *Poetry Quarterly*.

**Dr. Rich Mehrenberg**, special education, had his article, "A Review of the Book, Working with Troubled Children" published in the January 2010 edition of the *Teaching Exceptional Children Plus* journal.

**Dr. M.P.A. Sheaffer**, English, sang as an alto ringer with the St. Olave's Singers for the annual Carol Service of the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers in St. Olave's Church in London on December 20 and then for the annual Christmas Gathering of the Clothworkers on St. Thomas Eve at Clothworkers' Hall, also in London. In addition, she sang as Cantor for the Christmas Eve services at St. John the Evangelist in New York and as an alto ringer with the St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir for the Christmas Day High Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.



## Millersville Presents Benefit Performances

The Women's Commission at Millersville University presents two performances of Eve Ensler's play "The Vagina Monologues" on February 12 and 13. Both performances begin at 8 p.m. and will be held in the Reighard Multipurpose Room of the Student Memorial Center.

"The Vagina Monologues" has been performed on thousands of college and university campuses worldwide since 1998. Millersville University has been a participant since 2001, and this year's performance will feature dramatic sketches performed by women at Millersville. The performances are designed for both men and women, with the purpose of raising awareness about violence against women and girls.

For the first time, Millersville will be presenting a special preview event, "A Memory, a Monologue, a Rant, and a Prayer" on February 5 in the Club deVille. This event is a performance of pieces by remarkable writers on the subject of violence against women. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$1 or a canned food item.

General admission tickets for "The Vagina Monologues" are \$10. Tickets are available for purchase online at [www.muticketsonline.com](http://www.muticketsonline.com) or by calling the Student Memorial Center Box Office at ext. 3811.

## Congratulations to:

**Lori Leaman**, Civic & Community Engagement & Research, and her husband, Michael, on the birth of their son, Colton Kenneth, on December 17, 2009.

## H1N1 Immunizations

Health Services has recently announced its "last call" for faculty, staff and students to receive their free H1N1 immunizations. The final day to receive the immunization is February 15. After this date all unused vaccine will be sent back to the Pa. State Department of Health. Appointments must be scheduled to receive the immunization and can be made by calling ext. 3250 or by visiting Health Services located in the Witmer building.

## Obituary

Dorothy C. Graves, 87, of Lancaster died January 14. She was retired from Millersville University, where she had been employed as a secretary to the vice president for 20 years.

## Living the Promise



President Francine G. McNairy recognized three students from the MU Choir at a presentation of the Living the Promise award on December 15. Led by A. J. Walker (left), president of the MU Choir in 2008-09, Karen Doughty, choir vice president, and Ben Hallowell, choir treasurer, the 85-member choir sang the national anthem at the April 8 Philadelphia Phillies opening-day game. The Living the Promise award recognizes Millersville students, faculty and staff whose work and life exemplify the University identity, and who live the promise that "Millersville University offers an educational opportunity that is second to none."

## Millersville Seniors Prepare for Their Future



Aliese McArthur

Two Millersville seniors, Aliese McArthur and Lydia Hollinger, are attending The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) during the spring of 2010. McArthur, of Orefield, Pa., is an economics major and will be working in the office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Keith McCall, D-Lansford. Hollinger, of Terre Hill, Pa., is a social work major with a minor in government affairs; she will work in the office of Attorney General Tom Corbett. The students are given the chance to work in different areas of state government while earning a full semester's worth of credit. THIS is a 15-week internship sponsored by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).



Lydia Hollinger

## Filtered Memories at Ganser Gallery



Ganser Gallery is hosting Filtered Memories, an exhibition of recent work by Sun Young Kang, through February 25. On Thursday, February 25 at 5 p.m., the artist will present a gallery talk. Both the exhibition and the talk are free and open to the public.

The first part of the exhibition is Filtered Memories, an installation that consists of scrolls hung from the ceiling to create a maze for the viewer. Kang used incense to write/burn excerpts from her father's diaries on to the scrolls. She explains: "Eight years after my father's death, my mother sent me his diaries which he began to write when he was my age. I have reproduced selections from those diaries. . . . This project gives my

father's diary a new birth and lets his voice be heard visually in a silence."

The second part of the exhibition will display an array of the artist's awarding-winning hand-made books.



Sun Young Kang is a native of Korea, where she received a bachelor's degree in Korean painting from Ewha Woman's University. She now lives in Pittsburgh and works as a book conservation technician for the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

For more information about the artist, visit [www.sunyoungkang.com](http://www.sunyoungkang.com).

Free tours of the exhibition may be scheduled by calling Ty Clever, gallery director, ext. 2186 or email [tyler.clever@millersville.edu](mailto:tyler.clever@millersville.edu).

## Film Festival *cont. from pg. 1*

Dr. Jill Craven, English, will lead a discussion at noon on Saturday, Feb. 13. Caroline Savage, former juror for the Black Maria Film Festival and the Philadelphia Independent Film/Video Association, will lead a forum on Sunday, Feb. 14, at noon.

Viewer discretion advised. For information, contact Cunningham at ext. 3488.



Still from "Off-Line" by Tom Gasek.

## Alumni Office Seeks Nominations for Awards

The Millersville University Alumni Association invites the University community to submit nominations for the 2010 alumni awards. The awards include: Distinguished Alumni Award, Honorary Alumni Award and Outstanding Volunteer Service Award. The deadline for nominations is February 19, and all award nominations should include a letter with the name of the nominee, contact information of the nominee and nominator and a detailed description of how the nominee meets the eligibility and purpose of the award. For more details, please contact the alumni services office at ext. 3352.

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## Who Makes Millersville Special

This edition of the Exchange features Aida Ceara, associate professor and director of the AIM for Success program at Millersville. She has been with the University for 25 years.

Q - Describe the AIM for Success program.

A - I see the program as an open door and as a bridge. As an open door, it provides the opportunity of a college education to potential students who otherwise would not have been admitted to Millersville. As a bridge, the program connects students' high school and home experiences and the University's academic and social demands. Through its holistic academic services, the program accompanies students in crossing the bridge successfully.

I have dedicated 25 years of my professional life to the AIM for Success Program/Act 101 because I believe in its mission of providing opportunities and assisting students in becoming college graduates. The students are the reason I have stayed in the program. When I see students graduate, or when, as graduates, I find them in different professional settings, I feel that my work makes sense. I am making a difference in someone's life.

Q - How did you first become involved with the program?

A - The reason I came to Millersville was to work in the AIM program as a counselor. I was living in Baltimore and responded to an ad for a position as a bilingual college counselor in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. I remember having to look on a map to see where Millersville was located.

Q - Tell us about your service work at the University.

A - I have served on a variety of campus-wide committees like being the department senator and APSCUF representative, member of several search committees, including Dr. McNairy's presidential search committee and departmental five-year reviews and academic policies committees. When I came to Millersville in 1984, I discovered that the Latino culture was missing on campus. In 1986, I formed the Latino Celebration Committee, which I chaired until 2006. In 1992, I realized that Latino students needed a student organization of their own and with a group of interested Latino students, I founded the Society of Latino Affairs and was their faculty advisor until 2004.

Q - Where do you call home?

A - Because I have moved around several times, I call home where I am at the moment. I have been lucky. Everywhere I go I developed great friendships, which I still have today. They have helped me feel at home wherever I am. Here, I have "my Lancaster family."

Q - When you get home after a long week, what is the first thing you do?



Dr. Aida Ceara

A - The first thing I do is change from work to weekend clothes. The change is a signal that the weekend has started and is time to leave work behind and have fun.

Q - What kind of music do you listen to?

A - It depends on my mood. I like Brazilian music: Caetano Veloso, Jobim, Bethania, and jazz: Miles Davis, Errol Garner, and old female singers like Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday. I also love to dance my Dominican meringues, especially Juan Luis Guerra y los 4-40.

Q - What is your favorite kind of restaurant?

A - Seafood is my favorite food. Any restaurant that provides a variety of seafood, which is not breaded and fried, is good for me. In Lancaster, I like Gibraltar. Sometimes, I get what I call "a Dominican attack" and I need to eat rice, beans and fried plantains.

Q - Tell us about your travels.

A - Traveling is one of my favorite hobbies. Being exposed to and leaning about different cultures is very important to me. I acquired this value from my father. He used to say that "we are citizens of the world." When I was eight years old, I did my first foreign travel coming to the United States as a tourist with my parents. I have visited Spain, Italy, France, Switzerland, Mexico, Canada, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, Colombia, Curacao, Aruba, Bonaire, Trinidad and Tobago and Puerto Rico.

My favorite places were Spain and Brazil: Spain for its people, food and general attitude about life; and Brazil for its music, culture, and natural beauties. My dream is to spend a carnival in Rio dancing samba on Copacabana beach.

Q - What is one thing about Millersville University that you think is unique?

A - Its people (faculty, administrators, and students) make Millersville unique.

They bring an appealing blend of ideas, points of view, and life experiences that makes the interaction with them interesting and rewarding. I feel that I am always learning.

Q - Where did you go to school and what was your major?

A - I came to the United States on a Fulbright Scholarship to St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri, where I earned a master's degree in counseling. I had received my bachelor's degree in education with a concentration in social studies in my country from the Universidad Madre y Maestra. I attained my doctoral degree in developmental education from Grambling State University.

Q - What was your favorite college class?

A - I encountered my most memorable classes and professors in the Universidad Madre y Maestra in the Dominican Republic. The majority of the professors were Jesuit priests, who were expelled from Cuba and came to my country to teach. They were the most intelligent, knowledgeable, and challenging professors I have ever encountered. They were free thinkers, who questioned the social ideas and status quo.

## Realigning Career Services

The Department of Career Services has been merged with the Department of Internships and Civic Engagement Services (ICES) to more closely align career services with academic affairs. The announcement was made jointly by Dr. Vilas Prabhu, provost and vice president of academic affairs, and Dr. Aminta Breaux, vice president of student affairs. Previously, career services had been under the purview of student affairs.

"This organizational restructuring brings together two units that philosophically overlap in their missions that are designed to enhance the career and personal development of our students," said Prabhu. "Our goal is to streamline the operations and more effectively manage these similar operations."

The merger was announced in January and was effective immediately. Margo Sassaman, career services director, and her staff will continue to be housed in Lyle Hall. "Services to students and businesses will not be impacted with this merger," said Prabhu, "and in fact, will be enhanced with the new synergy with ICES."