Department News

Share Your News with the College

everythingcas@unl.edu is the email you can use to send stories and events – anything happening in your area – to college-level communicators to find the best place for publication.

News writer Deann Gayman, Web Specialist Mike O’Connor, Recruiter Jodi Holt, and the incoming Director of Marketing and Communications (TBD) will receive these emails and help decide how best to use them to promote our areas within the college.

Please encourage those with your area’s happenings to use this email so we know what’s going on and can help you get the word out!

Russian Undergraduate Advisor

Mila Saskova-Pierce will be taking over as Russian undergraduate advisor for the Spring semester while Radha Balasubramanian is on leave.

Help Keep Our Department Looking Nice

We all love when people share food or use office materials to host guests, but please be sure you clean up after yourself. Wash and put away dishes, store leftovers, wipe surfaces, etc. Additionally please help in keeping the fridge and microwave clean, if you spill clean it before it is stuck on, and if you have food in the fridge that is expired please throw it away!

Important Dates

FEBRUARY
19th- Dr. Edward Ahearn Lecture
25th- Dr. Jonathan Dettman Lecture

MARCH
11th- Dr. Tom Beebee Lecture

Please send your announcements, Bravos and events for the weekly newsletter to Casandra (csiefkes2@unl.edu) by 5 pm on Thursdays.
**Snow Day Procedure**

New process to lock buildings when a snow day is announced for the University. In years past, locking all campus buildings was a time consuming task. The building access staff worked with the card access vendor to make this process more efficient. Should the University declare a snow day and the University is closed departments may expect the following:

- All card access spaces will be locked. This includes all electrified entrances on the card access system. Faculty, staff, students, and affiliates who have been given card access rights will be able to use their NCards to access buildings.

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**Human Resources Update**

**Women Focus on Yourself**

The Women’s Group will meet at the Nebraska City Union on February 25 from noon to 1:00 p.m. The discussion topic will be the weight loss process. The group will provide a supportive atmosphere for those that have a desire to lose weight and would like to establish some accountability. Food plans and exercise plans are welcome. Everyone should expect to share a helpful dieting strategy and receive strategies from others. The meeting is open to all faculty and staff and new participation is encouraged at any time. Questions may be directed to the EAP at 472-3107.

**Caregiver Support Group**

The Caregiver Support Group will meet on Wednesday, February 26 from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the City Campus Union. This support group, facilitated by the UNL Employee Assistance Program is open to all UNL employees. This meeting will feature Ed Rivera, Manager of Lincoln Memorial Park, who will speak about preparing for a funeral, what questions to ask and what you need to know about pre-planning for any funeral. Questions may be be directed to the EAP at 472-3107.

**TIAA-CREF Feb 2014 Free 1-On-1 Counseling Schedule for Faculty and Staff**

TIAA-CREF sessions will be held at the Nebraska City Union February 18 and 19 and at the East Campus Union (rooms posted) February 20 and 27. Sign up by calling 1-800-732-8353 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. After hour messages can be left at 1-866-842-2908, ext. 0.

**Fidelity Feb 2014 Free 1-On-1 Counseling Schedule for Faculty and Staff**

A Fidelity consultant will be at the Nebraska City Union February 20 and the East Campus Union February 26 (rooms posted). Sign up by calling 1-800-642-7131.

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**Lunch and presentation on Ethical Challenges in Human Subjects Research**

UNL faculty, staff and students are invited to a presentation about the ethical challenges of conducting research using online and mobile technologies at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, February 27 in the Nebraska Union Heritage Room. A buffet lunch is included.

Professor Elizabeth Buchanan, endowed chair and director of the Center for Applied Ethics at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, will present “Ethical Challenges and Opportunities in Human Subjects Research Using Mobile and Online Technologies.” A nationally recognized research ethics expert, Dr. Buchanan’s talk will focus on online privacy and confidentiality, participant consent and data integrity.

I strongly encourage faculty and graduate students who are currently engaged (or plan to be) in research using new technologies, as well as administrators, to take advantage of this important opportunity, intended to facilitate innovative human-subjects related research at UNL. You will have an opportunity to engage with the speaker, ask questions and receive information that you can share with your faculty colleagues, students and staff.

**Please click here to RSVP by February 20 as space is limited.**

I hope you can attend and encourage you to share this invitation with others who may benefit from learning about ethical challenges of conducting research using various technologies.
Calls for Papers
See Bulletin Board in 1107 for more information

- Cultural Studies Graduate Student Conference; University of New Mexico; Albuquerque; DUE: Feb. 20
- Hispanic studies graduate Conference; Texas A&M; DUE: Feb 28
- Céfiro; Texas Tech University; DUE: Mar 14
- Sakarya; Paris, France; DUE: June 13

Dear colleagues,
I am searching for volunteers to help with the selection for finalists for the Best Great Plains Book Award in 2014. The members of the subcommittee need to read about four books and rank them justifying in two sentences the reasons for their choice. If there is any book that is unworthy of being a finalist, it needs to be indicated. The ranking is confidential. Let me know if you would be willing to help. -Mila

Spanish Workshop
How to write an abstract
By the Spanish Tutoring & Writing Center
Wednesday, Feb 5th at 3:00 in the Language Resource Room (1126 OLDH)

Preparing Future Faculty
Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 class of the Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) program at UNL. PFF is a professional development opportunity for advanced doctoral students interested in pursuing a faculty position. Once selected, Fellows are enrolled in GRDC 900A, 900B and 900D, earning 2 credit hours for participation in the summer seminar and one credit hour in Fall for participating in a structured mentoring experience at a partner campus with a faculty member in the Fellow’s own discipline.

The summer seminar is held during the summer Pre-Session, (May 19–June 6), from 1–4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

To nominated an advanced doctoral student, simply email his or her name and contact information to Hollie Swanson (hswanson5@unl.edu) and we’ll follow up with specifics regarding the PFF program.
The Kawasaki Reading Room Presents:

Of Japan: Warriors' Art Artist's Medium Gentleman's Symbol

A Presentation on Japanese Swords

by

Professor Peter Bleed

Friday, February 28th, 2014

Pewter Room, Union

3:00PM-4:00PM

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University of Nebraska
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UNL JEWISH STUDIES COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Monthly lunchtime talks (occasionally evenings) featuring Nebraska colleagues and international scholars.

All events in 316 Seaton Hall, unless otherwise indicated.

Lunch will be provided for those who rsvp.

Upcoming Talks

Feb. 20, 12:30pm – 1:30pm
Jean Cahan, Director of Harris Center for Judaic Studies
"Theorizing Nationalism and Zionism: reflections on Benedict Anderson’s Imagined Communities.

Mar. 13, time TBA
Benjamin Frommer, Director of the Holocaust Educational Foundation of Northwestern University and Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence
"Unmixing Marriage: Czecho-German and Jewish-Gentile Intermarried Families in Bohemia and Moravia, 1938-1948"

Friday, April 18, 12:30-1:30
Professor Waitman Beorn, Louis and Frances Blumkin Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

** RSVP by phone (402)472-9561 or by email hcjs@unl.edu **
The American Exchange Center (AEC) is the University of Nebraska's outpost in the historic heart of China – in the city of Xi'an, at Xi'an Jiaotong University.

The AEC serves all campuses of the University of Nebraska system and consists of a library, teaching space, an American kitchen and offices. The AEC is staffed with a full-time University of Nebraska staff person, part-time University of Nebraska student interns, and Chinese staff and XJTU student volunteers.

The AEC is a cooperative initiative between the University of Nebraska and Xi'an Jiaotong University and is dedicated to supporting the development of relationships between our two institutions.

The enclosed brochure is a brief overview of the American Exchange Center. Would you please pass this brochure on to members of your faculty and students who may be interested in opportunities for research, teaching and learning in Xi'an—a location that now has a strong University of Nebraska connection.

Please encourage anyone interested to contact us with questions or requests for more information. We welcome opportunities to promote the relationships between our two universities.

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