

## Around the Oval from the College of Arts and Sciences

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### This Week in the Media



#### CBS This Morning: Inside new BET docuseries 'Boiling Point'

A new BET docuseries "Boiling Point" examines [moments of injustice throughout Black American history](#) and their commonalities, starting with the Rodney King beating and its fallout. **Hasan Kwame Jeffries**, associate professor of history, was one of the experts interviewed for the series.



#### BBC: Why escapism benefits from a dose of pandemic reality

We're choosing to let [reality seep into the modes of entertainment we usually use to escape](#), and **Matthew Grizzard**, assistant professor of communication, says part of this draw is relatability.



## The Lily: Serena Williams fans are upset with ESPN analyst's commentary

**Treva Lindsey**, associate professor of women's, gender and sexuality studies, describes ESPN analyst Chris Evert's commentary of the recent Naomi Osaka-Serena Williams tennis match as a "thinly veiled" attempt to characterize Williams as a "troublemaker" within the sport.

[See all Arts and Sciences experts in the media on our website.](#)

## This Week in Research and Creativity



### Art alumnus Matthew Failor finds home, family as Iditarod musher in Alaska

Since we last spoke with him in 2013, art alumnus **Matthew Failor** has become a veteran sled dog racer with 53 dogs to his name. The Iditarod brought him a wife and now business partner. Far from his hometown of Mansfield, he's found a new place to call home in Alaska.



## 'Twinkle' satellite to scan for potentially habitable worlds

Are we alone in the universe? Ohio State astronomers are looking to a new satellite telescope, Twinkle, to find the answer. Twinkle, set to launch in late 2023, will look for [biosignatures within the atmospheres of exoplanets](#), or planets outside our solar system.



## Students collaborate with University of Cape Town for cultural exchange project

Assistant professor of dance **Nyama McCarthy-Brown's** students investigated the challenge of collaborating with international peers through their first cultural exchange with students at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. [Learn more about their collaboration and watch their video.](#)



## Taste of Arabic and Russian Cultures: SEELC and NELC partner with Metro Schools

The Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures (SEELC) partnered with the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (NELC) to offer a January term course, [The Taste of Arabic and Russian Cultures](#), for students at Metro Early College Middle and High School.



## Depressed and out of work? Therapy may help you find a job

In a new study co-authored by **Daniel Strunk**, professor of clinical psychology, 41% of unemployed or underemployed people undergoing cognitive behavioral therapy [found a new job or went from part- to full-time work](#) by the end of the 16-week treatment for depression.



## University experts discuss ideas to restore faith in U.S. democracy

In the context of widespread reports that citizens are dissatisfied with democratic cornerstones, experts at Ohio State including history professor **Margaret Ellen Newell** discussed the [causes of this loss of faith and what it will take to restore confidence in our systems](#).



## Listening to the COSMOS with Katherine Borst Jones

School of Music Professor **Katherine Borst Jones** commissions and performs new musical works. She shares with "Voices of Excellence" host **David Staley** how music commissions work, her experience as a performing and teaching musician with her trio, COSMOS, and how Chamber Music Columbus changed her listening habits. Listen to their conversation on [Soundcloud](#) and [iTunes](#).

## This Week in Recognition



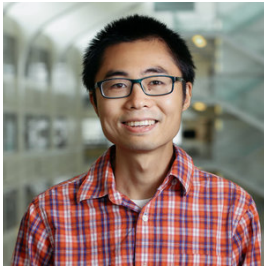
## Baker named deputy director of the Institute for Optical Science

**Robert Baker**, associate professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, has agreed to serve as [deputy director of the Institute of Optical Science](#). Baker has been a member of the institute since its inception in 2018 and is co-director of the NSF NeXUS facility.



## Nahar organizes first US and Bangladesh physics conference

**Sultana Nahar**, astronomy research professor, helped organize the first U.S. and Bangladesh conference on physics held virtually from Feb. 5-7. She represented the U.S.-based collaborative Frontiers of Physics for advancing science and education in Bangladesh.



## Yuan-Ming Lu wins OCPA Outstanding Young Researcher Award

Yuan-Ming Lu, associate professor of physics, received the [2020 OCPA Outstanding Young Researcher Award](#). Presented by the International Organization of Chinese Physicists and Astronomers (OCPA), the award is given to recognize the contributions of physicists or astronomers of Chinese ethnicity working outside Asia.

## Upcoming Events



### Feb. 25: Sports and Society Initiative's 'Intersectionality of Change'

Please join the Sports and Society Initiative for the first event of "[Intersectionality of Change](#)," a four-part series looking at how sports can empower people to use their voices and become change agents for social justice.

### TDAI Speaker Series: Cecile Viboud

Feb. 25 | [Learn more](#)

### Creative Pathfinders: Barnett Center for Integrated Arts and Enterprise

March 3 | [Learn more](#)

### Religion, Healing and the Movement for Black Lives

Feb. 25 | [Learn more](#)

### Book Club: The Office of Historical Corrections

March 3 | [Learn more](#)

### Christian Kingdoms within the Umayyad Caliphate?

Feb. 26 | [Learn more](#)

### Performances of Suffering in Latin American Migration: Heroes, Martyrs and Saints

March 4 | [Learn more](#)

### Director Iqbal Khan: 'The Problematic Privilege of Interpreting the Bard'

Feb. 26 | [Learn more](#)

### The Black Athlete: Politics and Protest in the Era of Black Lives Matter

March 5 | [Learn more](#)

### The Current State of



## Democracy in Europe

Feb. 26 | [Learn more](#)

## Do YOU accept it? A conversation with visual artist Moisés Patrício

Feb. 26 | [Learn more](#)

## 19ChoreOVIDS

Through Feb. 28 | [Learn more](#)

## Latinx-Appalachian Migration Narratives, Borders and Belonging in the Blue Ridge

March 1 | [Learn more](#)

## Smart and Resilient Communities: Facilitating urban cooling technology innovation and adoption

March 3 | [Learn more](#)

## CMRS Lecture: Making and Knowing in 16th century Europe

March 5 | [Learn more](#)

## Translation and the lived geographies of the Black Mediterranean

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## an untitled digital performance from home

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## Here We Go

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