# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES NEWS & UPDATES

## NEWS & RESEARCH

WGSS Professor Elected President, National Conference of Black Political Scientists



Wendy Smooth, associate professor, Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality

Studies, has been elected president of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS). She will serve as NCOBPS president 2013 -2015.

**Communication Professor Selected for President's Panel on Gun Violence** 



Brad Bushman, professor, communication, has been invited by the Institute of Like on

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African American and African Studies Distinguished Lecture Series presents Professor **Francis Abiola Irele**, on *Cultural*  Medicine (IOM) and National Research Council (NRC) committee on Priorities for a Public Health Research Agenda to Reduce the Threat of Firearmrelated Violence, to participate at a workshop on April 23 in response to President Obama's executive orders addressing gun violence. The panel will focus on improving the understanding and impact of violence in video games, the media, and social media on real-life gun violence.

#### Inheritance Behavior in Corn Breaks Accepted Rules of Genetics



Jay Hollick, associate professor, molecular genetics, is lead author of a study

that explains how certain traits can be passed down from one generation to the next – at least in plants – without following the accepted rules of genetics. This Encounters and the African Experience, April 8, 2-4 pm, room 1120, Thompson Library. For more information: 292-3700.

#### IN THE NEWS

**Peter Mansoor**, associate professor, history, on the failure of presidential leadership on the Iraq war, *HNN Op-Ed*, March 25, 2013



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work could have profound implications for both plant breeding and evolution. The study appears online in the journal *The Plant Cell*.

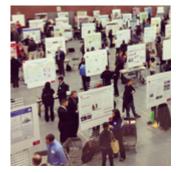
#### **Researchers Uncover Mystery** of Mutations in Antibodies

**Thomas Magliery**, assistant professor, chemistry and biochemistry, is lead author of a study that finds the immune system not only makes changes to antibodies that enhance their ability to bind to foreign substances like viruses, but also optimizes them to be more stable. The discovery could change thinking about how the human immune system protects against foreign substances and might eventually lead to the development of better antibody-based drugs. The research is reported in the online early edition of *Proceedings* of the National Academy of Sciences.

and Sciences Communications Services is supporting the development of over 100 websites.

View Portfolio and Current Work to see what sites will be going live soon.

#### Arts and Sciences Students Shine at the Denman



Thirty-five arts and sciences students **placed** out of the more than 700 students who participated

in the 18th Annual Richard J. and Martha D. Denman Undergraduate Research Forum on March 28.

## AWARDS

Physicist Receives International Optical Society Award



#### Lou DiMauro,

professor, physics, received the 2013 William F. Meggers Award from the Optical

Society (OSA) for outstanding work in spectroscopy. The award recognizes DiMauro's contributions to precision measurements of nonsequential double ionization, exploration of strong field interaction scaling properties from mid-infrared to X-ray, and innovative experiments of time-resolved molecular imaging. OSA has 180,000 members from 175 countries.

#### ASC Faculty Members Receive 2013 Distinguished Mentor Awards

Christopher Callam, associate professor, chemistry and biochemistry; Mathew Coleman, associate professor, geography; and Anil Pradhan, professor, astronomy; received Distinguished **Undergraduate Research Mentor** (DURM) awards from the Office of Undergraduate Research. These awards recognize the leadership and support Ohio State faculty members provide to undergraduate students. Mentors are nominated by undergraduates participating in the Denman Undergraduate Research Forum and are selected by a student committee.

#### ASC Faculty Members Earn Fulbright Scholar Grants

Four Ohio State faculty members received fellowships through the Fulbright Scholar Program, an annual grant competition for U.S. faculty and professionals:

- Lisle Gibbs, professor; evolution, ecology and organismal biology, for Beak of the Snake: Evolutionary Causes and Biomedical Implications of Venom Variation in Brazilian Lanceheaded Vipers (Bothrops atrox) in the Amazon, at Instituto Butantan, São Paulo, Brazil, June – July 2013 and June – July 2014
- Stephen Petrill, professor, psychology, for International Twin Studies Examining Gene-environment Processes in Mathematics Achievement, at Tomsk State University, Tomsk; and Institute of the Russian Academy of Education, Moscow, Russia, August – November 2013

- Anil Pradhan, professor, astronomy, for *Training the Next Generation of STEM Faculty and Radiation Physics from Astronomy to Biomedicine* at the University of Delhi; Delhi, India, December 2013 – June 2014
- Ana Elena Puga, assistant professor, theatre, for Staging Migrant Suffering, at Universidad de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico, September 2013 – May 2014

#### **Engineering Physics Sophomore Named 2013 Goldwater Scholar**



Jonathan Timcheck, a sophomore in engineering physics, has been named a 2013

Barry M. Goldwater Scholar. The Goldwater is the top national award for undergraduate researchers in science, math and engineering. Goldwater Scholars receive an award of up to \$7,500 to cover costs of tuition, fees, books, and room and board. Timcheck joins a class of 271 scholars nationwide.

#### Undergraduate Named 2013 Udall Scholar



Henry Peller, a junior from Roseville, Ohio, is one of 50 students nationwide named a 2013 Udall

Scholar—the only one in Ohio. Peller is working on a degree in sustainable plant systemshorticulture (FAES), along with a self-designed major: ecological design and development, in arts and sciences. Peller received an Honorable Mention in 2012 and is Ohio State's 10th Udall Scholar.

#### **Researcher Receives Award from Cairo University**

**Sultana Nahar**, research scientist, astronomy, received the

"Shield of Faculty of Science" award from the Dean of Science, Cairo University, in February, at the Festival of Thanks award ceremony. Nahar taught a postgraduate level course at the university.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Lecture: Chadwick Allen**



Chadwick Allen, professor, English, is featured at the 2012-2013 Arts and Humanities Inaugural Lecture

Tuesday, April 9, 5 pm in the Faculty Club. Allen presents *Re-scripting Ohio: Earthworks, Native Writing, and the (Im)possibilities of Indigenous Studies at Ohio State*. Free. **RSVP** online.

#### Science Sundays Concludes April 14



**Ron Graham**, aka The



Mathemagician, Department of Mathematics,

University of California-San Diego, spills the secrets of *Magic and Math*, Sunday, April 14, 3-4 pm, Ohio Union, U.S. Bank Conference Theater. Reception: 4-5 pm, Ohio Staters Traditions Room. Both are free and open to the public. Science Sundays, presented by ASC science centers to engage the public on important timely topics, returns September 8, with Aydogan Ozcan, UCLA.

# Faculty call for Outreach and Engagement proposals

Funding is available to support faculty with regular appointments interested in working with the Office of Outreach and Engagement during May and/or Summer terms. There are \$2,500 stipends available for May term projects and \$6,000 for Summer term. Proposals should target defining and designing ways in which the university can better support outreach and engagement scholarship. Interested faculty should complete by April 15 the brief application form online.

#### **Staff Professional Development Grants**

ASC staff may apply for professional development through ASC Staff Professional Development Grants. Deadline: April 30. Information and application online.

#### **Staff Advisory Council (SAC) Call for Applications**

The Arts and Sciences Advisory Council is accepting applications from ASC staff to serve on the council for the term July 2013 to June 2015. Apply to be a member and voice your opinion on critical issues for staff. Deadline: Monday, May 13.

### **EVENTS**

**April 4** 

Fighting Cancer with Nanoparticle Medicines: The Nanoscale Matters; 11:30 am-12:30 pm, E0001 Scott Lab

Appalachians Re-Shaping the Academy; 4 pm, George Wells Knight House, 104 E. 15th Ave.

The Epistemology of Metaphors, Literature and Knowledge after Paul de Man; 4 pm, 062 Hagerty Hall

12th Franklin M. Ludden Lecture in Art History and Criticism; 4:30 pm, 0001 Jennings Hall

Foreign Language Center Career Night; 5-7:30 pm, Crane Cafe, Hagerty Hall

Jazz Festival: Kris Johnson Group; 6 pm, Weigel Auditorium

The Long-Term Consequences of Distinctively Black Names:Evidence from the American Past; 6-7 pm, African American and African Studies Community Extension Center, 905 Mt. Vernon Ave.

Dance@30fps: A Screening of Contemporary Dance Films; 7 pm, Gateway Film Center

51st Annual Smith Lecture with Nobel Laureate, David Wineland; 8 pm, Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Rd.

#### **Through April 4**

Undergraduate Juried Exhibition; Hopkins Hall Gallery

#### April 4-14

aPOEtheosis: A Fantasy Based on the Life and Work of Edgar Allan Poe; Roy Bowen Theatre, Drake Performance and Event Center

#### April 5

Re-Reading Appalachia: Literacies of Resistance; 12-1:30 pm, 311 Denney Hall Biotrash: The Urban Metabolism of Medical Garbage in India; 3-4:30 pm, 168 Dulles

Department of Geography Robinson Cartography Colloquium: Laurence C. Smith; 3:30-5 pm, 165 Thompson Library

Lecture: The Private Life of William Shakespeare; 5 pm, U.S. Bank Conference Theater, Ohio Union

Jazz Festival: Ohio State Jazz Ensemble with Shawn "Thunder" Wallace; 8 pm, Weigel Auditorium

#### April 5-6

Shifting Boundaries/Crossing Cultures: the Politics, Process, and Performance of Collaboration; Drake Performance and Event Center

April 6

Jazz Festival: College Jazz Band Day; 11 am-4 pm, Weigel Auditorium

Jazz Headliner Concert: Pharez Whitted Sextet; 8 pm, Weigel Auditorium

#### April 7

Jazz Festival: High School Jazz Band Day; 10 am-6 pm, Weigel Auditorium

#### April 8

Sound Demos and the Politics of Protest in Post-3.11 Japan; 205 18th Avenue Library

AAAS Lecture Series Features Francis Abiola Irele; 2-4 pm, 1120 Thompson Library

Percussion Ensemble; 8 pm, Weigel Auditorium

#### April 9

Arts and Humanities Inaugural Lecture Series: Professor Chadwick Allen, English; 5 pm, Faculty Club Grand Lounge

Gospel and Spiritual Choir; 8 pm, Weigel Auditorium

April 9-17

Department of Art Bachelor of Fine Arts Senior Projects Exhibition; Urban Arts Space, 50 W. Town St.

#### April 10

Trumpets! Trumpets! Trumpets!; 8 pm, Weigel Auditorium

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