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Around the Oval

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Welcoming new college leaders



Piazza named senior director of Arts and Sciences marketing and communications

Shantay Piazza, who currently serves as the marketing and communications manager for the Moritz College of Law, will join the College of Arts and Sciences [as the senior director of marketing and communications](#), effective July 12. A dedicated higher education communicator and marketer, Piazza has extensive Ohio State work experience, including roles in the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Office of Government Affairs.



Carstens appointed chair of Department of Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology

Bryan Carstens, professor in the Department of Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology, has been [appointed chair of the department](#) for a four-year term, effective July 1, 2022. Carstens, who has been with Ohio State since 2012 and was vice chair of administration and research for the department from 2017-2021, is an expert in species delimitation and systematic biology.



Samuels appointed chair of Department of Philosophy

Richard Samuels, professor in the Department of Philosophy, has been [appointed chair of the department](#) for a four-year term, effective July 1, 2022. Samuels, also a member of the Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences at Ohio State, studies philosophy of the mind, and his research focuses primarily on topics at the intersection of philosophy and the cognitive sciences.

Faculty Research Initiative video series



Laura Dugan, professor of sociology and Ralph D. Mershon Professor of Human Security, [studies governments' responses to extremist violence](#). Her research shows that treating it as we do crime — by imposing harsh penalties and deterrents — is actually counter-productive. Using a multidisciplinary approach, she hopes to determine which governmental policies are most effective in curbing terrorist violence over the long term.

The [Faculty Research Initiative](#) invites Arts and Sciences scholars and scientists engaged in impactful research and creative innovation to summarize their work, promote engagement and break down disciplinary barriers.

This week in the media



Cincinnati Magazine: Climate change is just getting warmed up

Bryan Mark, Ohio's state climatologist and professor of geography, tells *Cincinnati Magazine* that [climate change is already a "365-day phenomenon."](#) He warns of the trouble that warmer winters will pose for Ohio's \$93 billion farming industry with killing frosts arriving late and an increased chance of pest and fungi survival.



Athens Banner-Herald: Celebrating Black Music Month this June

Jessica Johnson, a lecturer in the Department of English at Ohio State Lima, writes a column about [celebrating the legacy of Black music](#) in the United States. She shares memories of listening to inspiring gospel music as a child and her thoughts on more recent Christian music, namely the contemporary worship music collective Maverick City.



Town & Country Magazine: A Love Letter to Venice and Its People

A feature in *Town & Country Magazine* proves that it's possible for tourists to get the same experience out of Venice as local residents. **Robert Davis**, professor emeritus in the Department of History, says it was [much more likely to see gondolas](#) in Venice's numerous canals in the 18th century compared to today. But there's still much to explore from that low vantage point.

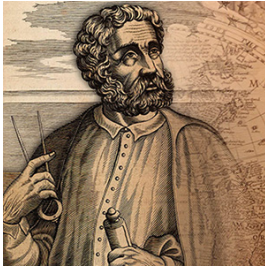
This week in research and creativity



Alumnus creates national foundation to support military-

connected students

Jim Miller '83, a communication alumnus, took [his passion for supporting military-connected students](#) to new levels when he created the National Veterans Leadership Foundation in 2021. He started helping this underserved population during more than three decades as an Ohio State staff member, and now his foundation's services benefit thousands of students across the country.



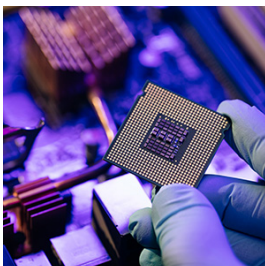
Magellan and Elcano: The First Circumnavigation of the Earth

In 1519, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan departed from the Spanish port of Sanlúcar de Barrameda with a fleet of ships aiming to open a new trading route by sailing west. Instead, the crew unknowingly made the [first recorded trip around the globe](#), which led to the rise in global trade and globalization while increasing scientific knowledge. History PhD graduate **Dani Anthony** breaks down the voyage for the Department of History's *Origins*.



Project Narrative Podcast: Jim Phelan & Brian McHale — 'Chicxulub' by T. C. Boyle

In [this month's episode](#) of the Project Narrative Podcast, Professors **Jim Phelan** and **Brian McHale** in the Department of English give a reading of "Chicxulub" by prolific American author T.C. Boyle followed by a discussion. The short story involves a father's fear after learning that his daughter has been taken to the ER and opens up an engaging conversation about fictionality and nonfictionality, temporality, progression, affect and ethics.



As Intel expands into central Ohio, communities must increase housing, planners say

The four-part discussion series "The Impacts of Intel," hosted by the **Center for Urban and Regional Analysis**, kicked off on June 3. The panelists [focused on specific steps](#) central Ohio communities should take to prepare for the projected population growth brought on by Intel's planned construction of two leading-edge chip factories in Licking County.



How ‘viral dark matter’ may help mitigate climate change

Professor **Matthew Sullivan** and research scientist **Ahmed Zayed** in the Department of Microbiology [published additional research](#) about the 5,500 marine RNA virus species they identified recently. Now, they have discovered that several RNA virus species may help drive carbon absorbed from the atmosphere to permanent storage on the ocean floor, which slows the effects of climate change.



Voices of Excellence: How to be curious, with Doug Alsdorf

Doug Alsdorf, professor in the School of Earth Sciences, researches satellite hydrology, large tropical wetlands and geophysics. He’s driven by curiosity, asking "Why is that there?" or "What is that over there?" Join Alsdorf as he discusses the value of scientific curiosity and more with David Staley on this week's Voices of Excellence on [SoundCloud](#) and [iTunes](#).

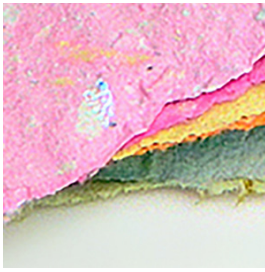
This week in recognition



Nahar shows that international teaching can transform physics

Sultana Nahar, research professor in the Department of Astronomy, wrote about the [significance of her global online course](#) on astrophysics and spectroscopy for international students in the American Physical Society’s (APS) June 2022 newsletter. In October 2021, more than 100 students from nearly a dozen countries had the opportunity to learn about physics no matter the time zone, personal circumstances or previous knowledge on the subject.

This week in events



Let's Make Paper! Free Workshop

In this two-part Ohio State Print Shop class, participants will learn how to make handmade paper using recycled paper pulp and fabric. The Summer 2022 Ohio State Print Shop Workshops are free and open to the public thanks to generous funding from the Ohio State Arts and Humanities Dean's Discretionary Funds.

Monday, June 20 - Tuesday, June 21 | [Register now](#)

Information Literacy in the Disciplinary Context

Thursday, June 16 | [Learn more](#)

Religious Soundscapes

Through Saturday, July 16 | [Learn more](#)

ASC Distance Education GE Course Design Institute

Tuesday, June 21 - Friday, July 29 |

[Learn more](#)

Submit to Around the Oval

Around the Oval is the weekly newsletter of the Ohio State College of Arts and Sciences that shares the latest news, recognition and impact from around the college. We accept submissions of faculty, student, staff, and alumni news and recognition, as well as college events, for consideration.

The deadline for submissions is Monday at noon for potential inclusion in that week's newsletter.

[Submit news and events](#)





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