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This week in media



Kraft quoted in article discussing reporting on politics

An associate professor in the School of Communication, **Nicole Kraft** was recently quoted in an article by *The Australian Independent Media Network*, titled "[Can More Critical and Comprehensive News Reporting Assist in Delivering Political Miracles?](#)" Kraft discussed her teaching techniques in the article, which also featured a quote from **Jayla Van Horn**, a third-year journalism student at Ohio State.



Abby Z and the New Utility's "Radioactive Practice" London, UK performance earns 5-star review from *The Guardian*

Associate Professor **Abby Zbikowski's** company "Abby Z and the New Utility" earned a [five-star review](#) from *The Guardian* for her work "Radioactive Practice" presented in

association with Dance Umbrella UK, a cutting-edge dance production house in London at Sadler's Wells Theatre. The performance featured three Ohio State Dance alumni, Fiona Lundie '12 MFA, Jennifer Meckley '13 MFA, Ishmael Konney '23 MFA and current second-year MFA candidate Ben Roach.

Welcoming new chairs and directors



Schuler appointed chair of Linguistics

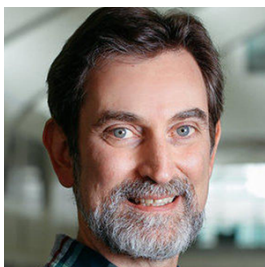
William Schuler, a professor in the Department of Linguistics, was elevated from interim chair to full-time chair of the department, with a term that started July 1, 2024. Schuler's areas of interest are in building and evaluating computational models of cognitive processes involved in parsing and interpreting speech and text. He earned a BA in English Literature and a BS in Computer Science from the University of Michigan before completing his MS and PhD in Computer and Information Science from the University of Pennsylvania.



Cole appointed chair of Molecular Genetics

Susan Cole, a professor in the Department of Molecular Genetics, was appointed chair of the department for a term that started July 1, 2024. Cole's research is broadly interested in how cells communicate during embryonic development, how post-transcriptional regulation controls this communication and how changes in cell signaling pathways influence congenital defects and diseases such as cancer.

This week in awards and achievements



Furnstahl awarded APS Herman Feshbach Prize in theoretical nuclear physics

Department of Physics Professor **Richard Furnstahl** was recently awarded the American Physical Society 2025 Herman Feshbach Prize in Theoretical Nuclear Physics. Furnstahl was chosen for his "foundational contributions to calculations of nuclei, including applying the Similarity Renormalization Group to the nuclear force, grounding

nuclear density functional theory in those forces, and using Bayesian methods to quantify the uncertainties in effective field theory predictions of nuclear observables."



Alston recognized for Best Dissertation Award

The American Sociological Association recently honored **Brandon Alston**, an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology, with its [Best Dissertation Award](#) (Honorable Mention). Alston was recognized in Montreal, Canada.



2024-2025 Civil Discourse Fellows

The Center for Ethics and Human Values recently announced its [2024-25 Civil Discourse Fellows](#), including a number of students in Arts and Sciences. **Elise Brown** (Philosophy, Politics and Economics; Theater), **Izza Haq** (Journalism; Public Affairs), **Laney King** (PPE; Spanish), **Kandace McConnell** (English), **Camden-Sinclair Miller** (PPE; Journalism), **Jack Williams** (PPE; Data Analytics) and **Annie Zhang** (Psychology; Public Management, Leadership and Policy), were among the students honored.



\$3 million NIH award funds new research on language and cognitive development

Vladimir Sloutsky, a professor of developmental psychology in the Department of Psychology, [has received a \\$3 million award](#) from the National Institutes of Health to conduct new research about the role of language in conceptual organization, a key part of cognitive development.

This week in research and creativity



Ohio State astronomy researcher unveils the sun's secrets with OSC support

Sultana Nahar [reveals new details](#) about the sun's opacity and iron processes, advancing understanding of solar physics and its potential impact on technological and medical advancements. Nahar, a senior research professor in the Department of Astronomy at Ohio State, has

dedicated decades to the study of the sun's composition and evolution, with significant support from the Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC). "I started working with OSC because these initiatives are largely computational and need high performance, powerful computers," Nahar said.



Radical accounting visualizations open at the Whitney Museum of American Art

Ohio State Associate Professor of Dance **Harmony Bench** and collaborator Kate Elswit, Professor of Performance and Technology at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama (University of London), [have been commissioned](#) by the Whitney Museum of American Art to produce the Radical Accounting series of historical dance data visualizations as part of the Edges of Ailey exhibition, which opened in September 2024 and will run through February 2025.

This week in events



2024 Arts and Sciences Homecoming celebration

[Join us for the Arts and Sciences Homecoming Celebration](#) on **Oct. 26**. This family-friendly event will take place at **9 a.m.** before the Buckeyes take on the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers at noon. The family-friendly celebration will include a food buffet, music, games, a silent auction of unique Buckeye experiences and more! There will be performances from both the Men's and Women's Glee Clubs, interactive displays from college departments, and Brutus Buckeye and the Spirit Squad will make an appearance! Buckeyes past, present and future are invited to enjoy this high-energy and family-friendly Homecoming event.

[Peter Megert \(1937-2022\) Exhibit](#)
Through Nov. 8

[with Ohio State Design Faculty Show](#)
Through Nov. 17

["The Colonial Nursery," Sucharita Sen,](#)
[The Ohio State University](#)
Oct. 25, 12 p.m.

[Brutus Calavera Coloring Contest](#)
[Deadline](#)

[Tolls, Turnpikes and Transportation:
Career Guidance from the Experts](#)

Oct. 24, 12:30 p.m.

[Blacksound Book Talk with Matthew
Morrison](#)

Oct. 24, 3 p.m.

[Nicholas Idier - "Why Was I Chinese?"](#)

Oct. 24, 4 p.m.

[Stigma, Then and Now: Historical
Perspectives on Disease Meanings and
Their Impacts](#)

Oct. 24, 4 p.m.

[Artist Commune: Critique Costume
Party](#)

Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m.

[Center for Medieval and Renaissance
Studies Film Series](#)

Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.

[Magic & Mayhem Film Series: The
Crucible](#)

Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 25

[Presentation of James Beard Award
Winning Book Resilient Kitchens at
WOSU](#)

Oct. 25, 7 p.m.

[HalleBOOia!](#)

Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m.

[Aurorae, Eclipses, and Comets, Oh My!](#)

Oct. 27, 1 p.m.

[CARE Panel: The Ethics of
Xenotransplantation Research](#)

Oct. 28, 12 p.m.

[Lectures in Musicology: Peter Graff,
Denison University](#)

Oct. 28, 4 p.m.

[Villa Albertine French Film Festival
Series](#)

Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m.

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The deadline for submissions is Friday at noon for potential inclusion in a future newsletter.

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