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• **Dr. Dawood H. Sultan**, assistant professor of Sociology, and **Caroline R. Tippens** (Honors Programs, senior sociology major) presented a research paper, "Eating Disorders Among Young African-American Females: Conversions to Dominant Sexy Body Ideals or Unintended Consequences of Differential Association," at the 2005 annual meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association in Atlanta, Ga. The paper draws from Tippens' Honors Thesis research. Also, Sultan, Jayme D. Crawford and Tammy D. Lauderdale authored a research paper titled "Gross Underutilization of Learning Disability Rights and Accommodation Services by African-American College Students: College Counselor Ineptitude or Condition Disclosure Refusal?" which they presented at the conference. Finally, Dr. Sultan presented a solely authored paper titled "Circumcising Would-be Daughters: A Sociological Discursive on the Likelihood of Mutilative Surgery" at the same conference.

## \$152,000 in grants secured for programs

The University of Tennessee at Martin has been awarded \$152,473 from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) for two grants for its Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) Program. Formerly the Eisenhower Teacher Quality Program, the ITQ is designed to provide funding for professional development for classroom teachers to improve teaching and learning.

Dr. Cahit Erkal, associate professor of physics, will direct the "Activity-based Physics and Astronomy Summer Institute for Middle and Junior-High School Teachers: Year Four." Judy Cleek, instructor for international programs, will serve as project director of the "Technology Enhanced Curriculum for Hispanic (TECH) Students."

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## African-American leaders touted

The Sixth Annual Civil Rights Conference, Feb. 20-25, will examine the impact of African-American leadership that shaped the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s in West Tennessee and the nation.

As part of the conference, there will be an emphasis on cultural contributions, as literary and artistic creativity are important tools to shape leadership. Among participants in the conference will be Dr. Jesse Rhines, the Bantaba dance group and Harriet Ann Buckley. Thursday evening's keynote speaker, the Rhode Island Poet Laureate Michael S. Harper, will present various aspects of leadership through cultural endeavors.

The event will begin with Dr. Rhines, a filmmaker and author, who will speak at 7 p.m., Feb. 20, at Watkins Auditorium in the Boling University Center.

Feb. 21 is Native-American Day. A Native-American exhibit will open at 4 p.m. in the university center lobby. At 4:30 p.m., a Native-American dinner will be hosted in the cafeteria. The Tanasi Thunder Drum group will perform at 6 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium. At 6:30 p.m., also in Watkins Auditorium, J.J. Kent, flutist, will perform. Kent represents the Oglala band of the Lakota Indian

Nation.

At 7 p.m., Suzan Shown Harjo will speak on "Native Americans and the Civil Rights Movement." Harjo is a poet, writer, lecturer, curator and policy advocate who has helped Native Americans recover more than one million acres of land and numerous sacred sites.

Feb. 22 is African-American Heritage Day. An interactive workshop, "But I'm Not Prejudiced," will take a look at how people handle diversity. Part of the UT Martin Wednesday Forum series, it will be in Room 125 of the university center. At 4:30 p.m., in the university center cafeteria, an African-American dinner and program is planned. It will be followed by the Bantaba Dance Company of Memphis that will perform at 8 p.m. in Skyhawk Fieldhouse. The dance company focuses on educating and entertaining audiences about African culture and heritage.

On Feb. 23, the conference will focus on "From West Tennessee to Shining Sea: African-American Leadership." Chancellor Nick Dunagan will provide opening remarks at 9:30 a.m. in Watkins Auditorium. At 10 a.m., Dr. Cynthia Griggs Fleming, University of Tennessee Knoxville professor, will discuss "Black Leadership in the 21st Century."

At 11 a.m., Guy and

Candie Carawan will speak about the Highlander Research and Education Center, a residential education and research organization based on a farm in the foothills of the Great Smokey Mountains. The center has gathered workers, grassroots leaders, community organizers, educators and researchers to address the pressing social, environmental and economic problems facing the people of the South since 1932.

A luncheon will be hosted at 11:45 a.m. in Room 206 of the university center. Theotis Robinson Jr., University of Tennessee vice president for Equity and Diversity, is the keynote speaker. Robinson grew up in Knoxville, where he was active in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. His application to attend the University of Tennessee in 1960 led to integration of UT, when the board voted to change its policy, and he was the first of three African-Americans admitted.

Presentations of 2006 Conference Honorees, 2005 winners of the UT Martin/Jackson Sun competition, the 2006 Helen Imani Beard Award, the National Panhellenic Council Rosa Parks Unity Award and the NPHC Rosa Parks Essay Award will be made at the luncheon.

The afternoon sessions

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## ON THE CALENDAR

# FEB. 13-19

### Monday, Feb. 13

- 5 p.m. - Senior exhibitions - Katie Hausauer, Jordyn Jurdak and Joe Tucker, Fine and Performing Arts Building
- 6 p.m. - Skyhawk women's basketball vs. Morehead State (Morehead)
- 6 p.m. - Photography Club meeting, Room 217, Boling University Center
- 6 p.m. - MED meeting, Room 230BC, Boling University Center
- 7 p.m. - Muriel Tomlinson Lecture, Phi Kappa Phi meeting, Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center

### Tuesday, Feb. 14

- 11 a.m. - TRIO SSS study hall, Room 125, Boling University Center
- 3:15 p.m. - Faculty Senate meeting, Room 111, Boling University Center
- 6 p.m. - R.U.F. meeting, Room 111, Boling University Center
- 6 p.m. - SAC Chocolate Fest, Duncan Ballroom, Boling University Center

### Wednesday, Feb. 15

- 5:30 p.m. - LEAD Level I, Room 206A, LEAD Level II, Room 206C, LEAD Level III, Room 230AB, Boling University Center
- 6:30 p.m. - JARS meeting, Room 229, Boling University Center

### Thursday, Feb. 16

- Feb. 14 - Faculty Senate meeting
- Feb. 16 - IAAP luncheon

- 8 a.m. - NCAA Accreditation Review Committee meeting, Room 229, Boling University Center
- Noon - IAAP luncheon, Room 125, Boling University Center
- 5 p.m. - College Democrats, Room 217, Boling University Center
- 5:30 p.m. - Skyhawk women's basketball vs. Tennessee Tech (Cookeville)
- 5:30 p.m. - Delta Kappa Gamma dinner, Room 230AB, Boling University Center
- 6:30 p.m. - Childcare training, Room 206A, Boling University Center
- 7 p.m. - Collegiate LDSSA, Room 217, Boling University Center
- 7:30 p.m. - Skyhawk men's basketball vs. Tennessee Tech (Cookeville)
- 9 p.m. - SGA Freshmen Council meeting, Room 111, Boling University Center

### Friday, Feb. 17

- Skyhawk baseball at Northwestern State (Nov. 17-19)
- 8 a.m. - WestStar Women's Conference, Duncan Ballroom, Boling University Center
- 8 a.m. - NCAA Accreditation Review Committee meeting, Room 229, Boling University Center
- 7 p.m. - SAC Movie, Dinner and a Movie Chick Flick Marathon, "Just Like Heaven" and "Elizabethtown"
- 10 p.m. - Midnight Basketball Association, Elam

Center

### Saturday, Feb. 18

- OVC Championship, Skyhawk rifle team (Martin), Feb. 18-19
- Skyhawk softball, UT Martin Hospitality House Classic, Feb. 18-19
- 8 a.m. - NCAA Accreditation Review Committee meeting, Room 229, Boling University Center
- 10 a.m. - Alpha Kappa Alpha meeting, Room 111, Boling University Center
- 4 p.m. - Skyhawk women's basketball vs. Southeast Missouri (Martin)
- 7:05 p.m. - Skyhawk men's basketball, Roberts Stadium, Evansville
- midnight - Midnight Basketball Association, Elam Center

### Sunday, Feb. 19

- 8 a.m. - NCAA Accreditation Review Committee meeting, Room 229, Boling University Center
- 3 p.m. - Amber Summers Senior Recital, Recital Hall, Fine and Performing Arts Building
- 5:30 p.m. - Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center
- 8 p.m. - Sigma Chi meeting, Room 229, Boling University Center
- 8 p.m. - Gamma Kappa Pi meeting, Room 231, Boling University Center
- 9 p.m. - Omega Psi Phi meeting, Room 209, Boling University Center

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on Feb. 23 will resume at 1 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium with two panels of speakers. The first panel will address the "Impact of the Civil Rights Leadership on West Tennessee." Jocelyn Wurzburg and Rita Geier will speak. The second panel will speak on "The Douglas Community: A Leader in West Tennessee." Dr. Cynthia Bond Hopson will moderate, and Carrie Darnell Powell and Betty R. Douglas will participate.

A literary workshop by Harriet Ann Buckley is planned at 6 p.m. in Union City at the Obion County Public Library, sponsor of the event. Buckley is an artist and storyteller.

Michael S. Harper, a Brown University professor and author of 15 books, will be the featured speaker at 7:30 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium. He will focus on using African-American poetry to teach African-American history. The session will feature "Use Trouble" as its basis.

On Friday, at 7 p.m., "Crash" will be shown in Watkins Auditorium. An opening discussion will be moderated by Dr. David Barber, UT Martin assistant professor of history.

Capping the week of events, a field trip is planned from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Feb. 25, to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis.

At 1 p.m., at the Obion County Public Library, "Anansi Does the Impossible," will be presented by Showagon of Theatre

Memphis. Students in grades K-6 and adults are encouraged to attend.

For information about the conference, contact Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls, conference coordinator, at 731-881-7472 or accarls@utm.edu. Visit the conference Web site at

<http://www.utm.edu/staff/accarls/civil-rights>.

Sponsors include UT Martin, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., The Jackson Sun and the Obion County Public Library.

## Research subjects sought for Gathers' autism study

Dr. Ann Gathers, assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, has begun a research study investigating potential developmental differences in visual processing between individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and typically developing individuals. The study involves two short experimental sessions including a general screening of language skills and a computer activity.

Dr. Gathers is currently recruiting typically developing and ASD subjects ages 5-18 years. For more information about this research, call ext. 7178 or email agathers@utm.edu.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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Erkal will provide a series of workshops over a five-day period that will focus on physics, astronomy and earth science. The objectives of the Year Four institute are to provide support for science education in the form of hands-on and technology-based teacher training, to model a teaching practice that integrates mathematical skills with science and to establish an informal forum to exchange ideas and share experiences among West Tennessee middle school and junior high science teachers.

Cleek will direct the activities of the TECH Project to deliver intensive professional opportunities for K-8 teachers from rural West Tennessee. These opportunities will incorporate training in the integration of technology into instructional methods that will improve the learning and academic achievement of the limited-English-proficient Hispanic student.

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