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Gale named 2009 Featured Faculty Scholar

Dr. Paula Gale, professor of soil science, was recently named the Fall 2009 Featured Faculty Scholar.

Each semester, the university recognizes outstanding faculty for excellence in teaching and scholarship. Gale received a bachelor of science degree in soil science and a doctorate in soil biochemistry from the University of Arkansas.

Gale joined the faculty in 1994 from the University of Florida, Gainesville. Gale teaches in both the Department of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and the Center for Excellence in Experiential Learning in the Agricultural Sciences. She is an adviser to undergraduate students in environmental and agricultural soil sciences. Her work includes teaching courses in soil and wetland sciences, coaching the soil judging team, developing analytical laboratory capabilities for the department and providing leadership in the Tennessee Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences. Gale also has an extensive list of publications and presentations.

Other activities include serving as the UT Martin Agronomy Club and Community Garden faculty adviser and chair of the No Child Left Inside Conference organizational committee. She is an active member of the American Society of Agronomy and Soil Science Society of America and has held several leadership positions with these organizations and currently is serving as chair of Division S-10 Wetland Soils. She is also a member of the Tennessee Academy of Science, Soil and Water Conservation Society and Soil Scientist Association of Tennessee. She has received the Teaching Award of Merit from the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture and was twice named UT Martin

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Dr. Paula Gale, professor of soil science, who recently was named the Fall 2009 Featured Faculty Scholar, is pictured with Dr. Jerald Ogg, vice chancellor for academic affairs, left, and Dr. Jim Byford, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences dean.

Three are Reagan Leave recipients

Three faculty members representing the Department of Chemistry, Dr. Jozsef Devenyi and Dr. Phillip Davis, and the Department of History and Philosophy, Dr. Christopher Brown, have been awarded Reagan Leaves for FY2009/2010.

Devenyi, professor, is conducting research in Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge for the 2009/2010 academic year. Devenyi explained that "there has been significant interest over the past several decades in creating active surfaces that respond to cues from their environment." Through collaborative research, Devenyi and his ORNL colleagues are working on the preparation of novel polymeric brushes where a layer of polymer chains are prepared and then tethered to a surface at one end thus forcing the polymer chains to extend away from the surface to avoid steric crowdedness. In the last phase of his work, Devenyi plans to test the response of the prepared polymeric "brushes" to outside stimuli, such as pH, ionic strength and temperature change.

Davis, professor, will research and revise instructional videos used in introductory chemistry laboratory courses at UT Martin. The revision will include retaping, editing and preparing the videos for delivery in multiple formats. He will also revise procedures for laboratory exercises in introductory chemistry courses at the university, which currently utilize the Calculator Based Laboratory (CBL) data collection interface to make these procedures compatible with the newer Lab Quest interface. "Through the

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Season tickets are on sale

With two new head coaches on board, it's a new era in basketball. Kevin McMillan will lead the Skyhawk women, while former Skyhawk assistant Jason James takes the helm of the men's team.

Season tickets are on sale now at the Skyhawk Ticket Office. This year's ticket package includes 23 home games, seven doubleheaders and two ESPNU games.

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• **Nathan Howard**, assistant professor of history, recently presented a paper titled "A Sacred Eloquence: The Cappadocian Fathers and Medieval Rhetoric" at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Medieval Association at Vanderbilt University. Howard's presentation explored the response of medieval scholars to the fusion of Christian and classical rhetoric in three bishops from the fourth-century Roman province of Cappadocia.

'Guide to Speakers' useful resource for planning meetings

Do you need a speaker for a club or service organization meeting? The "Guide to Speakers and Sources" is an online guide to speakers and topics. This guide is designed to acquaint the public with the wide range of human resources available at UT Martin. A variety of groups may find this guide useful in the selection of speakers or experts for various projects and/or meetings.

The guide, at <http://www.utm.edu/departments/univrel/resources.php>, is prepared in alphabetical order by general topic and divided into subtopics. For assistance in making contacts with the speakers and sources, or for assistance in finding campus experts for topics not listed, call the Office of University Relations at ext. 7615.

Monday, Nov. 2

- 5 p.m. - Dade Roberts, Jennifer Fergie and Brittany Branum, senior art exhibitions, Paul Meek Library (Nov. 2-13)
 - 6 p.m. - External faculty and staff awards dinner, Chancellors' Suite, Alumni Center

Tuesday, Nov. 3

- 7:30 p.m. - Student chamber ensemble, Watkins Auditorium, Boling University Center
 - 8 p.m. - President's Roundtable meeting, Room 229, university center

Wednesday, Nov. 4

- 10 a.m. - Career/Major Fair, downstairs hallway, university center

Thursday, Nov. 5

- Skyhawk soccer, OVC tournament @ Morehead, Ky. (Nov. 5-7)
 - 7 p.m. - Skyhawk volleyball vs. Murray State, Skyhawk Fieldhouse

Friday, Nov. 6

- 7 p.m. - Skyhawk volleyball vs. SIU Edwardsville, Skyhawk Fieldhouse
 - 10 p.m. - Campus Recreation's Midnight Basketball Association (MBA)

Saturday, Nov. 7

- 5 p.m. - Skyhawk football @ Tennessee State

Sunday, Nov. 8

- 10:30 a.m. - Fall Sunday brunch, Skyhawk Cafe', university center

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building process that will put UTM women at the next level," McMillan said. Come join us for every step of the journey."

Practices for both teams opened recently and their respective seasons open the week of Nov. 9. The Skyhawk men will open their season on Nov. 9 with an exhibition game against Rhodes College. Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m. The Skyhawk women will host Tougaloo in an exhibition at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 13.

For more information about season tickets call ext. 7207. Chair seats are \$102 each, for UT Martin employees while general admission season tickets are \$90 each.

Individual game tickets are \$14 each for chair seats and \$10 each for general admission. General admission tickets for youths ages 5-18 are \$5 each.

The nucleus from last year's men's Ohio Valley Conference championship team is still in place and going strong.

"I cannot guarantee a victory every night but I will guarantee you three things for this upcoming basketball season," James said. "First I guarantee you we will play as hard or harder than any of our opponents. Second I promise that we will play defense every game, and third I guarantee you we will be fun to watch."



Presenting the Fall 2009 Beth Maloan Outstanding UT Martin Student Employee Award to Benita Evans, left, of Dresden, is Phil Dane, intercollegiate athletics director, and Jennifer Stroh, right, daughter of the Beth Maloan.

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Reagan Leave, I will have opportunities to tie together the various strands of course development currently in progress, which would be a source of considerable personal satisfaction to me and, ultimately, a benefit to UT Martin and its students," said Davis.

Brown, associate professor, will conduct research that will focus on the 13th century philosophical theologian, St. Thomas Aquinas, and his views on the nature of objective happiness. Where subjective happiness refers to the experience of an overall positive feeling or mood, objective happiness refers to the satisfaction of those conditions necessary for living a human life that is good in all respects. Brown plans to make progress on a book project that puts the views of Aquinas into conversation with contemporary philosophical discussions of the nature of objective happiness. "The nature of human happiness is a subject getting a lot of attention from philosophers nowadays," said Brown, and "a book-length treatment of Aquinas's views on human happiness would make a real contribution to contemporary discussions of that topic."

The Hal and Alma Reagan Faculty Leave Program is designed to enable participants to become more effective teachers and scholars by engaging in a variety of academic/renewal experiences. Tenured faculty members with six or more years of full-time service can apply for either a one-year leave or a one-semester leave. The Faculty Research and Development Committee reviews completed application packages and determines the awardees based on an intensive rubric. More information about the Reagan Leave Program can be found at www.utm.edu/rgc, Faculty Research and Development.

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Outstanding Educator, among other honors. A sample of Gale's publications and accomplishments is on display in the Paul Meek Library.

Evans receives Beth Maloan award for fall

The Fall 2009 Beth Maloan Outstanding Student Employee Award recently was presented to Benita Evans, the news director for WUTM, FM 90.3 "The Hawk." Evans is a communications-broadcasting major and has been employed at the radio station for two years. The award was presented Oct. 22 prior to an Academic Speaker Series presentation.

Among many tasks, Evans, of Dresden, gathers and writes stories, supervises radio practicum students and trains students in several communication classes to operate studio equipment. According to her supervisor, "Ms. Evans has performed her duties at WUTM with efficiency and dedication that go far beyond the call of duty. She is simply an outstanding individual, who deserves to be recognized for her hard work and dedication to this campus and for her commitment to the betterment of UT Martin."

This award, given every fall and spring semester, is a memorial for Beth Maloan, longtime director of budgeting and payroll, who, during her years of service, was a strong advocate for student employment. Maloan had a vision that more positions would be developed on campus to challenge students and make them significant contributors to the university's mission. Recipients receive a \$1,000 cash award, an engraved plaque and a nameplate on the perpetual plaque in a place of honor in Boling University Center.

Contributions to this award may be made through payroll deduction by employees or by sending a contribution to the Office of Development at UT Martin.

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