Research microbiologist next academic speaker

Dr. John W. Schmidt will be the next speaker in the Academic Speakers Program at UT Martin. Schmidt will speak at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 19, in the Boling University Center’s Watkins Auditorium.

The research microbiologist in the meat safety and quality research unit at the United States Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, Neb., will talk about Bacterial Antibiotic Resistance, Animal Agriculture and Human Health: No Simple Answer at The Interface of Three Complex Systems.

Schmidt received a B.S. in biotechnology from Rutgers University in 1997. In 2004, he received a Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Illinois, where his research focused on Bacteroides conjugative transposons (mobile genetic elements). Following post-doctoral appointments studying Mouse Mammary Tumor Virus at the University of Pennsylvania and antibiotic-resistant Staphylococcus aureus at Duke University, he joined the United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service.

His current research is focused on determining the impact of agricultural antibiotic use on the prevalence of antibiotic-resistant bacteria throughout the beef and pork production continuums.

The Academic Speakers Program is sponsored by the university Honors Programs. The Department of Biological Sciences is co-sponsoring Schmidt’s visit.

Army suspends closure of 13 ROTC programs

The U.S. Army announced this past week that it has suspended the closure of 13 student Reserve Officers’ Training Corps programs, which includes the ROTC program at UT Martin.

Members of Congress were notified along with officials at the affected universities.

According to the notification, the Army will now review the criteria used for the recommended closures.

Once this review is complete, the Army will reassess all student ROTC programs nationwide and “develop a formal 24-month probationary program for schools failing to meet the evaluation criteria.”

Programs demonstrating “no improvement in achieving performance goals or meeting criteria by the end of the first year will receive one year’s notice of intent to close the unit.”

Second Preview Day set for Nov. 23

The second of two Fall Preview Days at UT Martin is set for Nov. 23. Preview Days are opportunities for high school seniors and their families to visit and learn about the university. Each event is designed to enable future college students to become familiar with the Martin campus and to get that all-important first impression of university life.

Representatives of UT Martin will provide information and answers to students’ questions on a variety of topics, including scholarships and financial aid; college and housing costs; and the various university academic programs.

Registration for the Nov. 23 Preview Day will be from 9:30 a.m., in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

Registration will be followed by a welcome and general information session and the university’s academic fair, which will take place in the Elam Center.

UT Martin Faculty Poster Session on Rubrics for Assignment Assessments

The faculty members pictured have submitted posters on rubrics for assignment assessment: (from left) Kathy Stanczyk, department of family and consumer sciences; Dr. Clinton Smith, department of educational studies; Dr. Brian Donavant, department of behavioral sciences; and Dr. Patricia Hewitt, department of educational studies. The event was co-sponsored by the Office of Research, Grants, and Contracts and the Paul Meek Library.
Calendar

Nov. 12 - VTA Faculty Art Exhibition, Fine Arts Building, Art Gallery, (Nov. 12-17)
Nov 12 - Compensation Administration Training for Supervisors: Overview 2014, 10 a.m.
Nov. 12 - Martin Area Toastmasters meeting, Room 211, Bob Carroll Football Building, Noon
Nov. 12 - CPR/AED Training, 2 p.m.
Nov. 12 - Skyhawk volleyball @ Southeast Missouri, 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 12 - UTM Piano Ensemble, Fine Arts Building, Room 122, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 13 - CPR/AED Training, 9 a.m.
Nov. 13 - Roundtable: Blogging and Social Media as a Means of Civil Engagement, Humanities, Room 209, Noon
Nov. 13 - Skyhawk men’s basketball @ Arkansas State, 7:05 p.m.
Nov. 14 - Student Chamber Music Concert, Fine Arts Building, Room 122, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 14 - Skyhawk women’s basketball, WNIT, Opponent and Time TBA
Nov. 14 - Vanguard Theatre Fall Production, “Fools” by Neil Simon, Fine Arts Building, Room 122, 3 p.m.
Nov. 14 - Doug Young, Senior Euphonium, Fine Arts Building, Recital Hall, Room 122, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 15 - NCAA Cross Country Regionals @ Tuscaloosa, Ala., Time TBA
Nov. 15 - Skyhawk equestrian vs. Miami, Ohio, Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex, 10 a.m.
Nov. 15 - Skyhawk men’s basketball vs. Rochester College, Skyhawk Arena, 11 a.m.
Nov. 15 - Vanguard Theatre Fall Production, “Fools” by Neil Simon, Fine Arts Building, Room 167, 8 p.m.
Nov. 16 - Skyhawk football @ Eastern Kentucky, Noon
Nov. 16 - Skyhawk volleyball @ Jacksonville State, 2 p.m.
Nov. 16 - Vanguard Theatre Fall Production, “Fools” by Neil Simon, Fine Arts Building, Room 167, 8 p.m.
Nov. 17 - Skyhawk men’s Basketball vs. Florida State
Nov. 17 - Rachel Pittman, Senior Trombone Recital, Fine Arts Building, Room 122, 3 p.m.
Nov. 17 - Vanguard Theatre Fall Production, “Fools” by Neil Simon, Fine Arts Building, Little Theatre, Room 167, 3 p.m.
Nov. 17 - Noah Friedman, Junior Percussion Recital, Fine Arts Building, Room 122, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 18 - Student Teaching Music: Tips for a successful experience at the National Associated for Music Education (NAfME) national conference, Oct. 29, in Nashville.

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- Beth Walker, Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages and the Hortense Parrish Writing Center, represented UT Martin at the Tennessee Writing Center Collaborative Directors’ Day held recently at Lipscomb University in Nashville.

- Dr. Scott Roberts, professor of music theory, participated as a fellow in the Melodious Accord Composers Workshop in Hawley, Mass. The host and instructor for the annual weeklong event was noted composer Alice Parker.

- Dr. Johnathan Vest, assistant professor of music, presented “Student Teaching Music: Tips for a successful experience” at the National Associated for Music Education (NAfME) national conference, Oct. 29, in Nashville.

- Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor and chair of music, attended the executive board meeting of the Tennessee Music Teachers Association, Nov. 1, at Tennessee Tech.

- Dr. Jessie Thoman, assistant professor of horn and music history, recently toured the New England area with her chamber group, the Mirari Brass Quintet. They worked with high school and college students in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire presenting masterclasses, performances and side-by-side concerts.

- Dr. Becky Cox, associate professor of educational studies, and Dr. Betty Cox, educational studies interim department chair, accompanied pre-service teachers from UT Martin in a field trip at the newly opened Discovery Park of America. Students were excited about the variety of exhibits and the way the experience could support classroom learning.

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- Kathy Stanczyk, family and consumer sciences didactic program director, will present on the topic of nutrition from 12:20-12:50 p.m. in the Mary Rachel Armstrong Room (Room 343) in Gooch Hall, on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

- The program is titled “Understanding Nutrition Labels and Portions.”

- The east side of the Humanities Parking Lot (Lot 12) is closed to vehicular and more importantly PEDESTRIAN traffic as work is done on the power lines. Please do not walk through the area that is roped off. This is for safety purposes. The lot will remained closed through tomorrow and into Wednesday (Nov. 11-13).
Travel study programs let students experience the world

UT Martin students are invited to tour China, Kenya, London, Japan, Germany, Paris and other locations with the UT Martin Travel Study Program.

University professors will lead 16 travel study programs, both foreign and domestic, now through December 2014.

The first, a trip to Colorado, will be led by Stan Dunagan and Benjamin Hooks, associate geography professors, and Eleanor Gardner, laboratory instructor of geography.

Sandy Mehlhorn, assistant professor of agricultural engineering, will lead a trip to Guatemala in December 2013. There is also a trip scheduled for Paris in March 2014, led by Sue Byrd, professor of textiles, clothing and fashion design merchandising, and David McBeth, professor of visual and theatre arts.

There are several trips scheduled throughout the month of May; destinations are as follows: Germany, led by Kate Stumpo, assistant professor of chemistry, and Margaret Lewis, assistant professor of history; England and Scotland, led by Lionel Crews, associate professor of physics, and Jeff Longacre, assistant professor of English; Germany, led by Charles Hammond, associate professor of German; Washington, D.C., led by Malcolm Koch, lecturer of political science; Brazil, led by Julie Hill, associate professor of music; Atlanta, led by Sarah McCormick, assistant professor of dance; Germany, led by Alice-Catherine Carls, distinguished professor of history; Turkey and Dubai, led by Mahmoud Haddad, professor of finance; Kenya, led by Darshak Patel, assistant professor of economics, and Sandra Koch, lecturer of political science.

“Many of our students do not have any international experience, and we feel our travel study programs, especially our international ones, offer them that opportunity. The hope would be that studying abroad builds on this experience to help them in their career planning and development,” said Malcolm Koch, the executive director for the Center for International Education.

In the summer of 2014, Kyoko Hammond, lecturer of Japanese, will lead a trip to Japan, followed by a trip to Ecuador in August 2014, led by Sue Byrd, professor of fashion and textiles, Craig Darroch, professor of geosciences, and Dawn Wilkins, professor of biology.

Daisy Wang, assistant professor of management, will lead a trip to China in December 2014.

For more information, contact Lorrie Jackson, UT Martin travel coordinator, at 731-881-3582, Mike Sudzum, travel consultant, at 731-881-3581, or visit the travel study website at http://www.utm.edu/departments/cie/.

Candle lighting, pinning ceremony set for Nov. 18

Student Health and Counseling Services’ Suicide Prevention program at UT Martin is sponsoring “Hope is Where the Heart Is,” a candle lighting and pinning celebration from 7-8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 18, Room 112 of the Boiling University Center.

If you or someone you know has lost someone to suicide, you can reserve a heart of hope pin for the pinning celebration. Even those who have not been affected by suicide are invited to support others who have been affected.

For more information or to reserve your pin for you and a loved one, please call John’Na Webster, program coordinator, at (731) 881-7869 or email her at jcosby4@utm.edu.

History and Philosophy fall colloquium set

Lewis to talk about corpse as evidence in infanticide

Dr. Margaret Lewis, assistant professor of history at UT Martin, will present “The Corpse as Evidence in Infanticide Trials in Early Modern Germany” at 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 14, in the Boling University Center’s Room 229 on the UT Martin campus.

Lewis’ presentation is part of the Department of History and Philosophy’s fall colloquium.