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Weakley County Farmers Co-op establishes veterinary science professorship

The Weakley County Farmers Co-op has established a veterinary science professorship at the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Weakley County Farmers Cooperative Professorship in Veterinary Science will fund an additional veterinary science faculty member whose duties will include a 50% university teaching appointment. The remainder of the professorship will be focused on service to the cooperative and its members. The partnership will promote and develop agriculture education, research and outreach in Weakley County and surrounding communities. Dr. Amber Moore has accepted the professorship appointment and will start work this month. She is a Crockett County native and graduate of both UT Martin and UT College of Veterinary Medicine.

“This position will be a great example of the value of public-private partnerships and the benefits they can have on education and the community,” said Dr. Jason Roberts, professor

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(l to r) Art Sparks, of Union City, UT Martin Advisory Board chair, and Dr. Keith Carver, university chancellor, are pictured during a 2019 advisory board meeting. The board will hold its annual winter meeting at 1 p.m. CDT, Friday, Jan. 21, in Room 206 of the Boling University Center.

ADVISORY BOARD TO MEET JANUARY 21

The UT Martin Advisory Board will hold its annual winter meeting in person at 1 p.m. CDT, Friday, Jan. 21, in Room 206 of the Boling University Center. The meeting will also be available for public viewing via livestream at www.utm.edu/advisory and archived for later viewing. Those attending in person are highly encouraged to wear a face covering.

Agenda items include:

- Economic Forecast
- Government Relations and

Advocacy Overview

- Title IX Update

The full agenda and associated meeting materials are available at www.utm.edu/advisoryboard or by contacting **Bud Grimes**, Office of University Relations, at rgrimes@utm.edu or call 731-881-7615.

Anyone with a disability or otherwise needing assistance in connection with this meeting may contact Grimes to request auxiliary aids or services needed to

facilitate attendance. Contact may be made in person, by writing, by email, by telephone or otherwise and should be received no later than 5 p.m. CDT, Wednesday, Jan. 19.

The University of Tennessee at Martin also distributes this notice to all faculty and staff as part of its compliance with providing adequate public notice.

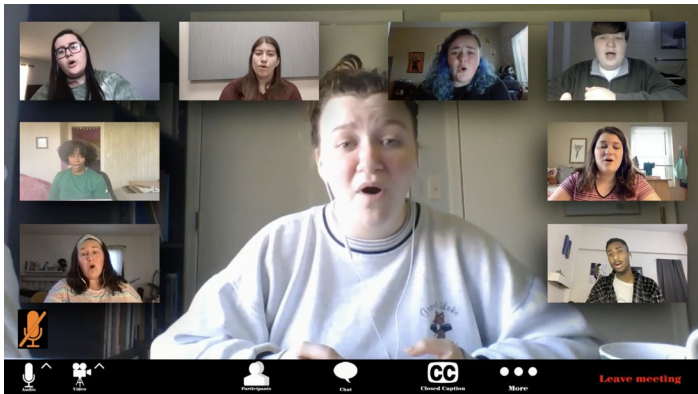
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YoUTMs

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It was announced Dec. 24, 2021, that last year's UT Martin virtual opera production of *The New Normal*, written by UT Martin faculty members, **Dr. Roberto Mancusi**, professor of music, and **Dr. Mark Simmons**, professor of music and director of choral activities, made it to the national semi-final round of [The American Prize in Virtual Performance for artists performing remotely in the](#)

[2021-22 College/University Division](#). The performance was a collaboration between Mancusi and Simmons, **Dr. Amy Yeung**, professor of music, **Dr. Chan Mi Jean**, lecturer of music and collaborative pianist, and nine UT Martin vocal music students. **Dr. Philip Acree Cavalier**, provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs, also has a small speaking role. To watch the performance, [click here](#).



Julie Alexander, assessment coordinator for the Educator Preparation Program, has been selected to serve on

a Tennessee Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (TACTE) task force to draft a completer survey for statewide use. The completer survey will gather feedback from Educator Preparation Programs' recent graduates who are currently working in a P-12 environment by measuring how prepared completers felt by their Educator Preparation Program coursework, program content, and clinical experience. The survey results also serve as evidence for the satisfaction domain of the Tennessee State Board of Education Annual Report Card.

Dr. Mahmoud Haddad, professor of finance, presented his paper titled "The Current Status of Fintech in the MENA Region" at the American Social Sciences Association and American Middle East Economic Association's 2022 virtual annual meeting, Jan. 7-9, 2022. He also presented his second coauthored paper titled "Relationship between external indebtedness and growth when interest rates are falling, Evidence from highly indebted Arab Countries" at the American Social Sciences Association and American Middle East Economic Association 2022's virtual



annual meeting, January 7-9, 2022. The paper was co-authored with Shawkat Hammudeh, Sam Hakim and Refk Selmi.

In Memory

Mr. Jerry Ray Brown died Dec. 23, 2021, in Whitesboro, Texas. He was a 2013 retired lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. His obituary appeared in the Dec. 28 edition of the Weakley County Press. Based on additional information provided by a longtime friend and colleague, Mr. Brown once said that "he had 30 years of teaching in Texas, 30 years of teaching at UTM, and 26 years at Walmart that accounted for all 86 years of his life." In addition to the



students he taught, Mr. Brown was a familiar face for many years at the Martin Walmart.



Erica Bell, director of Regional Centers and Online Programs, recently presented on "High School to College Transition" at the GEAR UP TN Development Conference in Nashville. GEAR UP TN is a college access program that aims to expand the college-going culture in Tennessee and empower students to succeed and is administered by THEC.

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The Weakley County Farmers Co-op has established a veterinary science professorship at UT Martin. Attending the professorship announcement were (l, r) Paul Wilson, Weakley County Farmers Co-op general manager; Dr. Wes Totten, chair, UT Martin Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources; Dr. Keith Carver, UT Martin chancellor; Dr. Todd Winters, dean, UT Martin College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences; Chris Fowler, Fowler Farms, and member, Weakley County Farmers Cooperative board; and Kenny Caldwell, farmer and president, Weakley County Farmers Cooperative board.

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of animal science and veterinary technology program director. “Weakley County Farmers Co-op is committed to supporting UT Martin not only through this professorship, but also through internships and scholarships.”

Paul Wilson, Weakley County Farmers Co-op general manager, said that the partnership, approved by the Co-op board, is “a very good opportunity to help the community, help the members of Weakley Farmers Co-op and help the university.” He also noted that while the Co-op is

often known for its service to row-crop production, this partnership shows a commitment to the livestock community as well. “I think this is a huge step in showing our members and the community that we’re invested in all types of agriculture,” he said.

Co-op board member Chris Fowler, of Fowler Farms, sees a mutually beneficial relationship growing from Co-op’s investment. “I just think that any time the university gets an opportunity to partner with a local business, like Co-op, that’s a great opportunity, and on our end – the producer end – anytime we can get access to

that kind of expertise, I think that really improves our operations as individuals, so I think it’s going to be a great partnership.”

Roberts said the addition of Moore brings to five the total number of veterinarians teaching in the university’s Veterinary Science and Technology Program. “It (the addition of Moore) will be a great benefit to UT Martin and all of our students in agriculture and specifically majors in veterinary science and technology,” Roberts said. “This partnership will provide great opportunities for students to gain hands-on, real-world experience while providing

service and consulting to Weakley County Farmers Co-op members.”

Moore credits her UT Martin experience for success in veterinary school and private practice. She looks forward to both working with university students and engaging with the Weakley County community through the Co-op portion of the professorship. “Large-animal medicine and management is my favorite part of the veterinary medicine,” she said. “This position was perfect for me because it allows me to still use my veterinary knowledge to teach students and help producers at the same time.”

Childhood brain injury focus of UT Martin research series

Dr. Saman Sargolzaei, UT Martin assistant professor of engineering, will discuss current research into pediatric brain injuries during a presentation at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 25, in the north reading room of the Paul Meek Library. The event is co-sponsored by the Division of Academic Affairs and the Meek Library and is part of the UT Martin Research Series, which highlights research from campus faculty, staff and students.

“Despite subjective variances, regularity exists in healthy brain development,” Sargolzaei said. “Yet, the concept of brain development introduces

uncertainty and further complexity to the studies of traumatic brain injury in the pediatric population.”

To unravel these complexities, Sargolzaei’s research uses brain network modeling to better understand brain dynamics after such injuries. The event will also highlight other research projects at UT Martin’s Brain Autonomy and Resiliency (BAR) Research Lab, including Tennessee corn promotion through the lens of virtual reality, robotic-based approaches for positive reinforcement of mask use during the COVID-19 pandemic and a neuroimaging



Dr. Saman Sargolzaei

study of human anxiety induced by the introduction

of autonomous vehicles into transportation systems.

Light refreshments will be served, and attendees are welcome to bring their lunch for the event. Parking for the reception will be in the Paul Meek Library parking lot on Wayne Fisher Drive off Mt. Pelia Road. Parking permits are available online at www.utm.edu/departments/publicsafety by selecting the “Online Visitor Parking Permit” link.

For more information, contact Dr. Erik Nordberg, dean of the Paul Meek Library, at 731-881-7070.



UNIVERSITY ROAD TO BE NAMED AFTER JERRY D. GRESHAM – The University of Tennessee at Martin has named Farm Road, which connects University Street to Hyndsver-Gardner Road, Jerry D. Gresham Road in memory of Dr. Jerry D. Gresham, professor emeritus of animal science. Gresham came to UT Martin in 1973 and served for 39 years until his retirement in spring 2013. He served as the dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences until his retirement, and his strong ability to manage his budgets with what he liked to call “aggie math” allowed the university to further fund experiential opportunities for agricultural students, such as the UT Martin Teaching and Demonstration Farm. Gresham also received the Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar award in 2003 and was named the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Distinguished Service Professor in 2005. For more information, contact Jeanna Curtis-Swofford, associate vice chancellor for development and planned giving, at jcurtis@utm.edu.

Oracle Selected for UT System ERP Solution

The UT System has selected Oracle to provide the new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution, soon to be known as DASH (Dynamic Administrative System for Higher Ed). Oracle was selected using a publicly competitive process. During the past year, UT staff from across the system have been working to identify a replacement for IRIS, which has been in place for almost 20 years and provided financial, human resources, payroll, procurement and budgeting functionality across all UT campuses and institutes.

“We look forward to working with Oracle as we move into the future for our business functions,” UT System President Randy Boyd said. “We know DASH will improve our users’ experiences and allow us to be more agile and dynamic in our business functions.”

DASH, a cloud-based computing solution for finance, human resources and payroll, will launch in the summer of 2024.

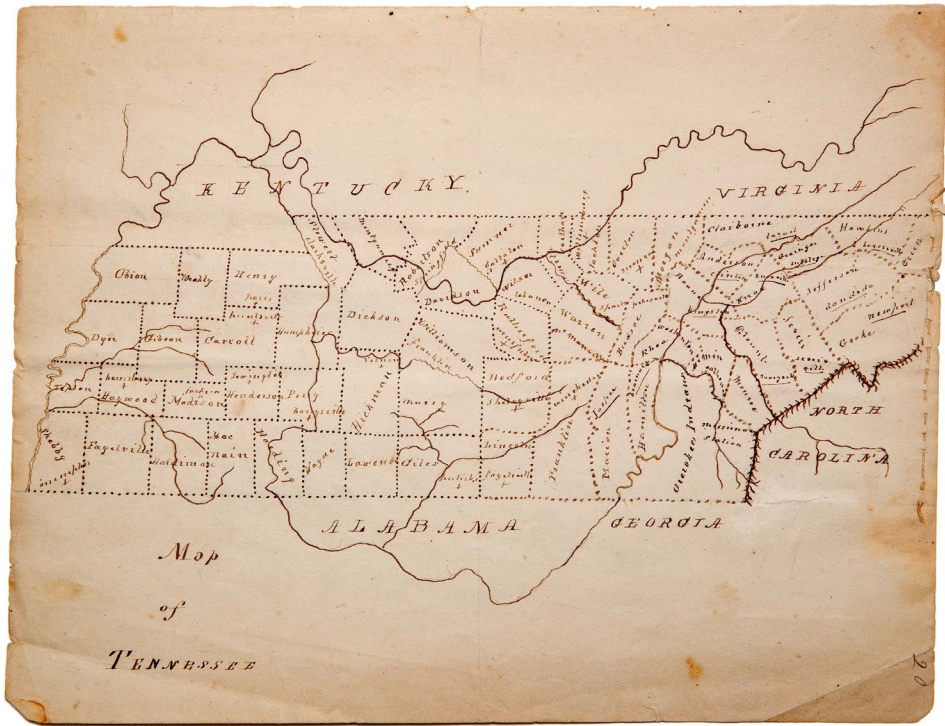
For more information, please visit <https://dash-erp.tennessee.edu/>.

FACULTY/STAFF COVID-19 TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Jan. 21 at 4:30 p.m. March 29 at 2 p.m.
Feb. 18 at 3 p.m. April 28 at 10 a.m.

Join Chancellor Carver in these Zoom meetings for the latest pandemic-related information for UT Martin.

TO VIEW AND PURCHASE UT MARTIN PHOTOGRAPHY, VISIT UTM.EDU/PHOTOS.



UTM receives \$126K grant for records survey

The University of Tennessee at Martin will receive a \$126,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency supporting research, education, preservation and public programs in the humanities. The grant money will support a survey of West Tennessee historical records collections.

The project, titled “Surveying the Impact of COVID-19 on Cultural Collections in Western Tennessee,” will be led by Sam Richardson, chief archivist and curator of the J. Houston Gordon Museum, as well as numerous other UT Martin faculty and staff members. Work for the survey, which will begin in January, will continue through the year. The project assesses the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on heritage collections in 21 counties across the historic Western Grand Division of the state, a geographic area stretching east from the Mississippi River to the Tennessee River and from the

Kentucky border south to the state of Mississippi.

Often overlooked as a rural and agricultural region with little cultural significance, West Tennessee is rooted in key aspects of American history, including Native American pre-settlement activity; the colonial and early settlement period; tobacco and cotton production during the antebellum, Civil War, and post-war periods; significant clay mining; river and rail transportation, and important pathways in the country, rockabilly, and R&B music industries. Large portions of the region’s cultural collections are held by smaller nonprofit organizations with minimal budgets, volunteer staff, and aging structures. The coronavirus pandemic has adversely impacted this sector, and it is unclear which agencies will emerge from a sustained period of closure and lost revenue.

In support of the survey work, a workshop on basic preservation techniques and

disaster preparedness will be repeated in three UT Martin regional centers in spring 2022. A concluding one-day conference in fall 2022 will share results of the survey project and highlight the rich heritage of West Tennessee. These events will assist in identifying and engaging with survey respondents and provide learning and networking opportunities for employees and volunteers at these institutions.

“We want to thank the NEH for supporting this project. It will allow us to build a directory of local historical associations, their contact information, and a list of their collections for use by historians, genealogists, and other interested users,” Richardson said. “This project will highlight the important work done by many agencies to preserve local records. These organizations continue to protect these vital parts of our heritage.”

For more information, contact Richardson at sricha12@utm.edu or 731-881-7094

Public notice of upcoming accreditation review visit by the ACEN



The UT Martin Department of Nursing announces that it will host a site visit for continuing accreditation of its baccalaureate nursing program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

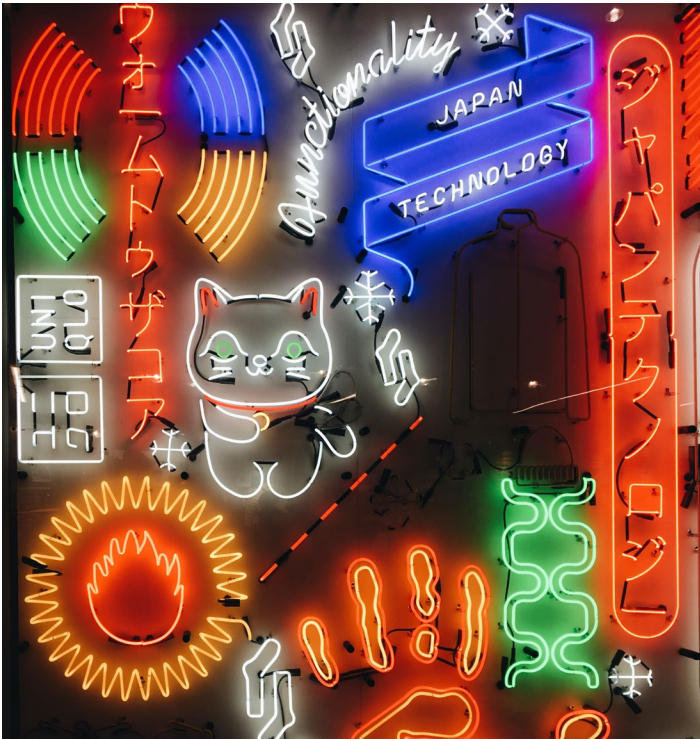
You are invited to meet with the site visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, in Room 132 of the Gooch Hall located at 538 University Street, Martin, TN, 38238.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to:

Dr. Marsal Stoll, Chief Executive Officer, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, 3390 Peachtree Road Northeast, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, or email: mstoll@acenursing.org.

All written comments should be received by the ACEN by January 31st, 2022.





Hammond to Serve as Phi Kappa Phi Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture Keynote

Kyoko Hammond, lecturer of Japanese, will present Phi Kappa Phi's 2022 Muriel Tomlinson Memorial Lecture at 7 p.m., Tuesday,

Feb. 1, in the Boling University Center's Watkins Auditorium. Her presentation, entitled "Isn't Google Translate Enough? Teaching

Foreign Language in the Digital Age," will explore the benefits and challenges of language adoption in the 21st century. Through drawing upon her own personal journey learning English and teaching Japanese, she will explore the impact of digital translation tools on global communications.

A native of Japan, Hammond completed her undergraduate degree in English Literature at Hosei University in Tokyo and a master's degree in Japanese Pedagogy and Culture at the University of California, Long Beach. She has previously taught Japanese at the middle and high school levels, at advanced levels at the University of California, Irvine. Hammond is the faculty adviser to the Japanese Language and Culture Club, has led study abroad tours and coordinates student placements for full-semester study programs at several universities in Japan.

The event is part of a series celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi on the UT Martin campus. Established on May 21, 1971, Chapter 127 was an early example of the society's presence at a regional comprehensive university. As the

nation's oldest and most selective multidisciplinary collegiate honor society, Phi Kappa Phi initiates more than 25,000 students, graduate students, faculty and staff each year on more than 325 campuses across the United States, its territories, and the Philippines.

The Muriel D. Tomlinson lecture is presented every spring by a distinguished faculty in the humanities. This lecture is in honor of Dr. Muriel Tomlinson, a faculty member and chairperson of the Department of Modern and Foreign Languages from 1959-1976. Tomlinson created the language laboratory on UT Martin campus and was a staunch supporter of the ideals of Phi Kappa Phi.

The event is open to the public and light refreshments will be served. Free parking is available in the Boling University Center parking lot on Wayne Fisher Drive off Mt. Pelia Road. Parking permits are available online at www.utm.edu/departments/publicsafety by selecting the "Online Visitor Parking Permit" link.

For more information, contact Dr. Daniel Pigg, president of Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 127, at 731-881-7284.

You Tell Me

• **Question** – How can I decide whether to report to work if I'm having respiratory issues?

• **Answer** – The best advice from Shannon Deal, director of Student Health and Counseling, is to always stay home when the following are present: A temperature of 100.4 or greater (should remain home until fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication before returning). Cold or flu-like symptoms AND have been exposed to someone with the flu or COVID-19.

Beyond this, there isn't a clear-cut answer. This is an individualized decision based on the situation and circumstances. The best advice is to practice good hygiene measures (i.e., covering your cough and frequent handwashing) and wearing a mask when unable to socially distance.

Submit your questions anonymously to the Suggestion Box link at www.utm.edu/suggestionbox.

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