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EXHIBIT EXPLORES TENNESSEE'S 'FREEDOM SUMMER'

An exhibit in the J. Houston Gordon Museum at UT Martin explores Tennessee's role in voter registration drives of the 1964 Freedom Summer campaign. Featuring photographs from Nick Lawrence, "The Other Freedom Summer" documents the work of New York college students to register voters in Fayette County. The installation opens Feb. 7 as part of UT Martin's Civil Rights Conference and continues through April 29.

In 1964, over 68% of Fayette County's population was African-American, but this majority population accounted for less than 7% of its registered voters. Between May and August, several dozen students and graduates from Cornell University traveled to rural Fayette County to conduct an independent voter registration and education drive. Activists were paired off and assigned one of the county's 15 election districts and were housed with local families. During the month of June activists walked or rode between rural farms and smallholdings, encouraging adults to register as voters.

One of these young college students was 24-year-old amateur



Activist Danny Watt (left) encourages a resident to register, June 1964. Photo by Nick Lawrence

photographer Nick Lawrence. He used his camera to record the routines of voter registration and the sights in the rural world that surrounded him. "Living in the North," he recalled, "I could participate in the struggle for racial equality by attending demonstrations like the March on Washington and many local showings of support. When the opportunity arose to join the Cornell project, go to the

South and directly participate in the movement, I jumped on it." The resulting photographs document the resolve and strength of hard-working rural residents in advancing their right to vote.

The J. Houston Gordon Museum is located within the Paul Meek Library and open to the public from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with no admission fee.

Visitors are encouraged to wear cloth face coverings inside the library. Parking is available 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 **Sam Richardson**, head of special collections and archives, at 731-881-7094.

GOV. BILL LEE'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

Monday, Jan. 31, 6 p.m.

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In Memory

Dr. Margrethe Ahlschwede died Jan. 22, 2022, in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was a 2007 retired professor in the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages. Ahlschwede and her husband, Bill, joined the UT Martin English faculty in 1992 after she received her Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska. While at UT Martin she founded the West Tennessee Writing Project (WTWP), a part of the National Writing Project. Through WTWP, Ahlschwede worked extensively with area high school teachers to improve the ways writing is taught. As an outgrowth of WTWP, she also began Voice Lessons: A Faculty Writing Project for UT Martin faculty interested in improving both their students' skills and their



own. The Interdisciplinary Student Writing Conference was started by faculty involved in Voice Lessons. She was named a Hardy Graham Distinguished Professor in 1999.

Her [obituary](#) appeared in the Lincoln Journal Star.

FACULTY/STAFF COVID-19 VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Feb. 18, 3 p.m.

March 29, 2 p.m.

April 28, 10 a.m.

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

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Current and former Skyhawks gathered at the Southern Section American Society of Animal Science awards banquet. Pictured (l-r) are Abigail Ellis, Allyson DeNote, Dr. Emalee Buttrey, Sarah Montgomery and Erin Mahoney.

Buttrey and students present at Southern Section of ASAS

Dr. Emalee Buttrey, along with Abigail Ellis, a junior University Scholar and veterinary science major, and Allyson DeNote, a December 2021 animal science graduate, attended the Southern Section American Society of Animal Science meetings in Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 22-25.

Buttrey wrapped up her term serving as chair of the teaching and undergraduate education and undergraduate student competition committees. Her abstract, titled "Keeping Animal Science Courses 'Experiential' in an Online Classroom," was peer-reviewed and accepted, and she gave a presentation during the teaching and undergraduate education session.

Ellis, a junior University Scholar and veterinary science major, also submitted an abstract for peer review. Her abstract, titled "Evaluating Proactive versus Therapeutic Use of a Theraplate on English-disciplined Horses and the Effects on Lameness," was accepted. She presented her University Scholars research project in the nonruminant session of the meeting and participated in the undergraduate research competition. Ellis placed first in the competition, receiving a plaque and \$200 award.

DeNote, a December 2021 UT

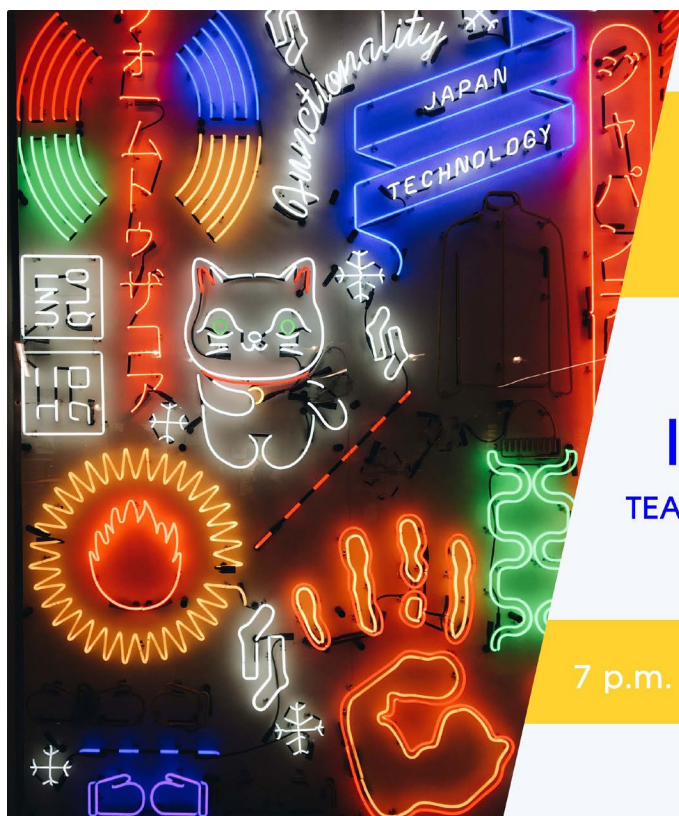
Martin graduate, hopes to pursue a master's degree in animal science. She was able to network with scientists and educators from the southern region and listen to cutting-edge research presentations.

Two former UTM Skyhawks were also in attendance at the meeting:

Erin Mahoney, a 2020 UT Martin graduate, is currently working on her master's degree in reproductive physiology at Auburn University. She presented her thesis research titled "Free amino acids at Weaning in the Blood Plasma of Beef Heifers with Differing Reproductive Outcomes Following Estrus Synchronization and Artificial Insemination".

Sarah Montgomery, a 2016 UT Martin graduate, is a Ph.D. student at Mississippi State University. She presented her doctoral research titled "Comparison of Vegetative Indices Using an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) and Satellite Imagery in Heifers Grazing Annual Ryegrass."

"I have had the pleasure of teaching all four of these ladies. I always knew that they were great students but it is truly rewarding to watch them develop academically and professionally," Buttrey said.



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MURIEL TOMLINSON
MEMORIAL LECTURE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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ISN'T GOOGLE-TRANSLATE ENOUGH?
TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 Watkins Auditorium

The submission deadline for Addenda content is noon on Thursdays.
Submissions can be sent to addenda@utm.edu

You Tell Me

- **Question** – What is the name change process for university units?
- **Answer** – Proposals for university unit name changes shall be electronically submitted for approval in accordance with the university administrative reporting channels, through the appropriate member of the Chancellor’s Cabinet. Positive endorsements will be forwarded to the chancellor for review with the cabinet, and if approved, they will be forwarded to the UT System for other necessary approvals. Approved name changes, unless otherwise permitted, will become effective with the next academic year to coincide with fiscal year planning for updating publications, signage and budget reporting.” To view the policy in full, visit <https://policy.tennessee.edu/>.

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