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INSIDE MU

Inside MU is a biweekly newsletter for Marymount faculty and staff.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT... University Assembly

The rescheduled spring semester University Assembly will take place on Friday, March 16, at 10:30 a.m. in the Lee Center's recreational gym.

President **James Bundschuh** will update the University community on a number of important topics, including the FY08 budget, the new Reston Center, and the status of the 26th Street project. Faculty members who recently received a promotion and/or tenure will be recognized, and an update will be provided on activities related to the SACS reaffirmation of accreditation process.

The assembly will be followed by lunch in the Gerard Dining Room, to which all faculty and staff are cordially invited.

FYI We Want to Know!

Faculty and staff are encouraged to respond to University Communications' Web Assessment Survey. We need your feedback to help us evaluate the effectiveness of Marymount's Web site as an information and marketing tool.

The survey provides opportunities to share ideas about aspects of the site that you would like to see improved. For those individuals tasked with creating and maintaining Web content for their departments, this is an opportunity to voice your concerns about challenges you face and share ideas for enhancing the existing process. In addition to faculty and staff, current and prospective students, alumni, and other key constituents will be surveyed.

You can access the survey at <https://websurveyor.net/wsb.dll/10846/MUwebfacultystaff.htm>. Your comments are important and your participation will be very much appreciated.

Fair Use and Copyright Workshop

Library and Learning Services will host a workshop on "The Course Web Site and Other Fair Use Issues" on Tuesday, March 20, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Reinsch Library Auditorium.

Rosemary Chase, university copyright officer at George Mason University Libraries, will lead the workshop and cover such topics as the TEACH Act, a copyright law that enables educators to display and show others' work in the classroom; electronic course reserves; and cyber-plagiarism. There will also be a question-and-answer period. This workshop will enlighten and inform both new and experienced faculty. No registration is required.

Before the workshop begins, light refreshments will be served at 1:30 p.m. in the Lee Reception Room.

For more information, contact **Lynn McLaughlin**, reference associate, Library and Learning Services, ext. 6842.

Teaching and Scholarship Innovations Workshop

The Faculty Development Committee and the Center for Teaching Excellence will co-host "Innovations in Teaching and Scholarship" on Wednesday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Ballston Center.

The event will include presentations by MU faculty on their research and works in progress, discussions about innovative classroom techniques, technology presentations by E-Learning Services, and a workshop entitled "Publish and Flourish: Become a Prolific Scholar," conducted by **Dr. Tara Gray**, associate professor of Criminal Justice and director of the Teaching Academy at New Mexico State University. (To learn more about the workshop, go to www.taragray.com.)

Following a coffee and registration period from 9 to 10 a.m., participants may choose to attend a session of Dr. Gray's workshop from 10 a.m. to noon or from 1 to 3 p.m., or attend concurrent faculty and E-Learning Services presentations throughout the day.

Lunch, catered by Lebanese Taverna, will be served from noon to 1 p.m. The event will end with coffee, dessert, and a prize drawing.

Faculty are welcome for all or part of the day, but registration is required. If you register online at www.marymount.edu/mucte, you will receive an extra ticket for the prize drawing. You may also register by calling ext. 5761 or sending an e-mail to teaching@marymount.edu.

Spring Break Hours

Spring Break is March 5-11. Please note the following changes in hours and services:

The **bookstore** will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Monday, March 5, through Thursday, March 8, and from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Friday, March 9. The store will be closed Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11.

The **Gerard Phelan Dining Hall** will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., March 3-11. The **Ballston Cafeteria** will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Bernie's** will be closed.

All **Library and Learning Services** will be closed on Sunday, March 4, and on Saturday, March 10. In addition, the **Ballston Library Extension** will be closed March 4-10.

March 5-9, the **Reinsch Library** will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; the **Learning Resource Center** will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

During Spring Break, staff who normally **park** at off-campus locations may park in the 26th Street lot or the parking garage.

Flexible Spending Account Filing Deadline

If you're eligible to make claims through Marymount's flexible spending account plan, you must file your claim forms by March 31. For forms, account balance information, and tips to avoid filing mistakes, visit www.payflex.com.

If you need additional assistance, contact **Julia Kaiser**, benefits manager, ext. 1554, or julia.kaiser@marymount.edu.

Don't Miss a Second Chance

Were you unable to attend the Center for Teaching Excellence's "Step Away from the Podium" workshop last semester? No worries. The workshop, which teaches active learning techniques, will be offered again.

The three sessions will be held on Mondays, March 12, 19, and 26, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., at the Ballston Center. To register, call ext. 5761, send an e-mail to teaching@marymount.edu, or sign up online at www.marymount.edu/mucte.

PLAUDITS

Dr. Brian Doyle, assistant professor of Theology and Religious Studies, appeared on Fox 5 News on February 26, to discuss claims made in a Discovery Channel documentary that a family burial chamber unearthed in Jerusalem is that of Jesus and Mary Magdalene.

Dr. Kathleen Garces-Foley, assistant professor of Religious Studies, has published a book entitled *Crossing the Ethnic Divide: The Multiethnic Church on a Mission*.

Dr. Teresa Long, professor of Economics, recently chaired a Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Substantive Change Committee at Bryan College in Tennessee. The committee's tasks included a peer review of Bryan's new MBA program

in terms of compliance with accreditation standards and as collegial consultants.

Dr. Behnaz Quigley, professor of Accounting, took a group of students on a field trip to visit the New York Stock Exchange, where they rang the opening bell.

Dr. Pramila Rao, assistant professor of Human Resource Management, has co-authored an article entitled "Human Resource Management Issues in U.S.-Mexican Joint Ventures," which appeared in *HRM Practices: Country Experiences*.

Dr. Rao also co-presented "Recruiting, Retaining and Motivating Knowledge Workers: Experiences from the Indian Software Industry" at the Sixth International Human Resource Conference at the University of Cadiz in Spain.

EVENTS

March 12-13—Meet with an Aflac representative to learn more about this new benefit and enroll on the spot! (Aflac products enable policyholders to direct cash where it is most needed when a life-interrupting medical event causes financial challenges.) Appointments available 9 a.m.-4p.m. Call Julia Kaiser, ext. 1554, to schedule an appointment.

March 16—Community March Madness charity basketball game, Verizon Sports Arena; Marymount faculty and staff vs. Arlington Sheriff's Department - 6:00 p.m.; Arlington police vs. firefighters, 8 p.m.

March 17—Open House for High School Seniors, Rose Benté Lee Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

March 20—Distinguished Visiting Professor William H. Rauckhorst on "Energy in an Era of Global Warming and Peak Oil," Reinsch Library Auditorium, 7 p.m.