

# Reporter

The University of Michigan-Dearborn

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## Archer, Gettelfinger WSJ editor to discuss the case for diversity

The School of Management will host "Agents of Social Change? Exploring the Business Case for Diversity" featuring a three-member panel discussion on Feb. 21 at Fairlane Center South as part of the campus's Difficult Dialogues Initiative.

The event is free and open to the public. A reception will be held from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in Dining Rooms B and C of Fairlane Center South.

Dennis Archer, chairman of the Dickinson Wright law firm and former mayor of the city of Detroit, will join Ron Gettelfinger, president of the United Auto Workers union, and Steve Moore, economics editorial page editor for the Wall Street Journal, in a panel discussion from 6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. to talk about diversity issues in the workplace, how the legal and social environment are influencing policies and practices, and practical implications of new laws addressing affirmative action. Chuck Stokes, editorial/public affairs director of WXYZ-TV, will moderate the discussion.

"The evening's discussion will focus on diversity issues in the workplace, how the legal and social environment are influencing policies and practices, and practical implications of new laws addressing affirmative action," according to Bruce Bublitz, dean of the School of Management at UM-Dearborn.

The event is part of the campus's Difficult Dialogues Initiative, sponsored by the Ford Foundation to promote campus environments where sensitive subjects can be discussed in a spirit of open scholarly inquiry, academic freedom and respect for different viewpoints.

Seating is limited. Please RSVP to Beverly Turowski by e-mail at bturowski@umd.umich.edu or by phone, 593-5248.

For more information about the event, contact Joy Beatty at 583-6524 or Tim Hartge at 593-5336.

## Filmmakers to discuss Mexican documentary

UM-Dearborn will host a free, public screening and discussion of the documentary *Milagros: Made in Mexico* from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19 in Room 1030 of the CASL Building.

Following the screening, there will be a discussion with two of the filmmakers, Martina Guzman and Monique Velasquez.

The film, created by the group 4 Women in Film, looks at the impact on the lives of women in the Bajío region of Guanajuato, Mexico as male family members migrate north into the United States. The film explores the stories of homemakers who form new business cooperatives by using centuries-old traditions like weaving, embroidering and making cajeta, a confection of thickened syrup. Milagros, Spanish for "miracles," are small gold or silver votive offerings to favorite saints in times of need or as thanks for prayers answered.

The film highlights themes such as how micro-enterprise endeavors are being implemented to fight poverty, and the major cultural changes taking place as the role of women in Mexico shifts.

The *Milagros: Made in Mexico* event is sponsored by UM-Dearborn's Women's and Gender Studies Program with the support of a King-Chavez-Parks visiting scholar grant from the Office of the Provost.

For more information, contact Prof. Suzanne Bergeron at 593-1391.

## Saving America's Treasures



Dennis Muck, custodian at the Henry Ford Estate, works on restoring part of the main banister in the building's foyer, one of the unremitting demands of maintaining the national historic landmark that was home to Henry and Clara Ford for more than 30 years. Small ornamental pieces of the banister can become loose as the glue holding them in place dries out over a period of years, according to Muck. Before reattaching the pieces with fresh glue, he removes the previous layer of glue to prevent it from building up over time.

The Estate has just received a prestigious federal grant to support other restoration and preservation projects at the facility.

(This photo was taken by Gary Rodgers, general manager of the Estate.)

## Federal grant supports HFE preservation

The Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane has received a \$350,000 federal grant to support replacement of major infrastructure elements at the facility.

The national historic landmark was the home of the automotive pioneer and his wife, Clara, from when it was built in 1915 until their deaths more than 30 years later. The Ford Motor Company gave the house to the University of Michigan as part of the founding gift that led to the establishment of the Dearborn campus.

Funds from the federal grant will be used to begin repair of the Estate's deteriorating steam-heating system, which threatens preservation of the building and its collections.

The grant, from the government's Save America's Treasures program, was the only one awarded in the state of Michigan and one of the largest in the current round of 42 grants, selected from more than 300 applications.

"Save America's Treasures competitive awards preserve the nation's most significant endangered intellectual and cultural artifacts, historic structures and historic sites," according to a statement announcing the awards.

Each organization receiving a Save America's Treasures grant is required to provide at least as much matching funding as the grant award from other sources. The Henry Ford Estate is in the process of raising \$4 million to support projects to renovate and modernize the infrastructure of the facility while preserving its historical authenticity.

"The funding will, of course, help get the job done, and it will also serve as a great opportunity to leverage more gifts," according to Mary Lynn Heininger, director of corporate and foundation relations.

"Save America's Treasures awards are prestigious and hard to get and so this endorsement of our project is very important," she said. "The long-term support we've received

in this community from a large number of very dedicated volunteers who are committed to preserving this landmark was one of the important positive factors in our proposal."

Save America's Treasures is a partnership of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, the National Park Service, National Endowment for the Arts, the National



Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

"We congratulate these awardees who have worked tirelessly to preserve and protect the irreplaceable," according to a statement from Dana Gioia, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, in the announcement of the award. "Our artistic and cultural heritage is part of our national identity, and Save America's Treasures exemplifies the vision of building our future by preserving our past."



## Poet and critic Dawes to discuss Bob Marley

Prize-winning poet and literary critic Kwame Dawes will discuss "Bob Marley: Lyrical Genius, World Music Icon" at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 in Room 1030 of the CASL Building.

Prior to Dawes' presentation, the university will screen the reggae music documentary "The Harder They Come..." at noon in Room 1030, CASL Building.

The screening and lecture, which are free and open to the public, are part of the campus's Black History Month series.

Dawes is a professor of English at the University of South Carolina and director of the South Carolina Poetry Initiative, a statewide organization that works with libraries, museums, schools, colleges and community organizations to promote and celebrate the reading, writing and performing of poetry in South Carolina.

In addition to many other publications, Dawes edited an anthology of reggae poetry called *Wheel and Come Again*. He also is author of a critical examination of reggae music and literature titled



Dawes

*Natural Mysticism: Towards a Reggae Aesthetic*. In 2001, he edited a special issue of *Obsidian III* called *Catch A Fire: An Anthology of Contemporary Jamaican Writing*. In December 2002, Dawes published a study titled *Bob Marley: Lyrical Genius*.

Dawes' visit and the film screening are jointly sponsored by UM-Dearborn's African and African American Studies Program, the Center for Arab American Studies, the Student Activities Office and the Black Student Union. For more information, contact Prof. Gloria House, director of the African and African American Studies Program, at 593-5366.

## Event vendor showcase

Dearborn campus staff members who plan events are welcome to attend the sixth annual Vendor Showcase hosted by the U-M University Event Planners group at Washtenaw Community College from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28.

The University Event Planners group is a volunteer professional organization at UM-Ann Arbor that's been active for more than 20 years.

"We don't usually reach out to staff on the Dearborn campus, but this is a big event and we think some people would want to come to Ann Arbor for it," according to Amy Garber, a member of the group and reunion coordinator at the Ross School of Business on the Ann Arbor campus. "There will be dozens of hospitality companies such as florists, caterers and venues for meeting and event planners to see, to get ideas or make connections for future events."

More than 50 vendors from the area's event and hospitality industry are expected to participate, representing the full range of hospitality services, including florists, musicians, equipment rental companies, transportation services, specialty services, accommodation providers, decorators, photographers, and printers.

"This is a great opportunity to meet new vendors and sample delicious food and beverages from caterers, learn about new amenities at local hotels, and network with other event professionals," Garber said.

Admission is free, but advance registration by Feb. 26 is required through the group's Web site, [www.umich.edu/~uep/vendor.htm](http://www.umich.edu/~uep/vendor.htm). The event will be held in WCC's Morris J. Lawrence Building; a map is available at the event planners' Web site.

## Forum on sustainability

This week, William McDonough, designer of the Ford Rouge Center and developer of cradle-to-cradle design philosophy, will present "The Ford Rouge Plant: The History and Sustainability of Sustainable Manufacturing" on campus during the second annual Technology and Culture Forum on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Lecture Hall B of the Social Sciences Building.

McDonough is founding principal of William McDonough and Partners, an internationally recognized design firm practicing ecologically, socially and economically intelligent architecture and planning.

McDonough's lecture will be followed by a panel discussion with Lindy Biggs, professor of history and executive director of the Sustainability Initiative at Auburn University,

and author of *The Rational Factory: Architecture, Technology, and Work in America's Age of Mass Production*; Timothy Luke, professor of political science at Virginia Tech and author of *Capitalism, Democracy, and Ecology and Ecocritique: Contesting the Politics of Nature, Economy, and Culture*; and Jay Richardson of Sustainable Business Solutions, which implemented McDonough's design for the Ford Rouge Center.

Richardson will speak to the practical challenges of making sustainable buildings a reality, and Luke will raise questions about the assumptions and goals of the sustainability movement.

The Technology and Culture Forum is sponsored by UM-Dearborn, The Society for the History of Technology, The Henry Ford and The University of Detroit-Mercy.

For more information, contact Jonathan Smith at 593-3608.

## The three provosts



The provosts of the three University of Michigan campuses met last month at UM-Flint during a presentation there by Teresa Sullivan, center, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the Ann Arbor campus. In this photo, Sullivan is flanked by Susan Martin, UM-Dearborn provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, and Jack Kay, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs of the Flint campus.

While in Flint, Martin and three other UM-Dearborn administrators met with officials on the Flint campus to learn more about their plans for student housing. They included Robert Behrens, vice chancellor for business affairs; Stanley Henderson, vice chancellor for enrollment management and student life; and Edward Bagale, vice chancellor for government relations.

## Registration opens for 'On the Move'

Registration is now open for "On the Move," a pair of free, one-day events geared toward introducing socially and economically disadvantaged individuals to post-secondary education at UM-Dearborn.

The first "On the Move" event will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8 at the campus's Fairlane Center-North Building.

A second event will be held Thursday, April 5 at the same time and in the same location.

Accompanied by volunteer mentors, participants will attend a college course; hear a panel discussion by returning students who will share their own college experiences; and receive information about how to apply for college, register for classes and apply for financial aid and scholarships. Representatives from local colleges, universities and service organizations will staff informational tables.

"The goal of this effort is to help participants realize the importance of a college education in their efforts to become financially independent," according to Patricia Schlaff, special events manager. "Many 'On the Move' participants are referred to this event by domestic-violence shelters, social-service agencies and community support groups. However, this event is open to all. If you are considering attending college, but wonder if this is an achievable option, this event is for you."

Early registration is under way. Seating is limited. Deadline to register for the March 8 event is Feb. 28. Registration deadline for the April 5 event is March 30. To register for "On the Move" call 583-6511.

The "On the Move" program also is seeking volunteer mentors. For information on becoming a volunteer mentor, please contact Vera Mical at 593-3960.

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## Publication calendar

The next issue of the *Reporter* will be published on Feb. 26. News items must be delivered to the Office of University Relations, 1040 Administration Building, at least 10 days prior to the publication date.

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## Information Technology Services News

### Dearborn campus to continue dial-in services through June

Merit Network has announced that it is discontinuing all dial-in services as of July 2, 2007. This includes all dial-in numbers throughout Michigan as well as Merit's toll-free dial-in access number and global service. Merit's decision reflects the growth of alternative high-speed Internet access that has greatly reduced the demand for dial-in and reduced its usefulness. The U-M discontinued dial-in services for the Ann Arbor campus on Jan. 2.

After review, UM-Dearborn has elected to continue providing dial-in access through June 2007 when it will be permanently disconnected. People who use the current Merit dial-in service don't need to make any changes in setup or processes. Users can continue to use the same phone number and login under the University domain user@umich.edu. Because Ann Arbor has discontinued dial-in, some UM-AA online resources will no longer be available through UM-Dearborn's dial-in service. By extending dial-in service until July, the UM-Dearborn community will have more time to arrange for alternative connectivity through a commercial Internet service provider (ISP). There is a wide range of ISPs available in most areas, including dial-in, DSL and cable options. Information on these options can be found at <http://www.itcom.itd.umich.edu/internet/broadbandoptions.html>. Most ISPs offer free e-mail services to subscribers, but you also can continue to use your University e-mail account from home. More information about retirement of UM-Ann Arbor's dial-in service is available at: <http://www.itd.umich.edu/internet/dial-in/>.

### Changes in daylight-saving time may affect your computer

Since 1966, most of the United States has observed daylight-saving time from the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October. However, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 mandated that daylight-saving time be extended, beginning this year.

This spring, daylight-saving time will begin on the second Sunday in March and will not revert back to standard time until the first Sunday in November. This change will affect some computers and devices that were originally programmed for the traditional daylight-saving time. Some computers may not display the proper time when daylight-saving time goes into effect on March 11. Any machine that handles time-sensitive data (calendar, scheduling applications, MS Outlook, etc.) needs to be updated to prevent unwanted scheduling errors. Microsoft has released patches for computers that are running most versions of the Windows XP operating system. Anyone using automatic updates—or the WSUS service offered on the Dearborn campus—should be unaffected by the change. Since Microsoft no longer supports Windows 2000, they are not automatically releasing DST patches for Win2000 machines, but the patch is available for download at the Microsoft Web site: <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/timezone/dst2007.msp>.

Other devices that may be affected are Windows Mobile smartphones, PDAs and Blackberries. Be sure to check the carrier's or manufacturer's Web site to get the latest information about whether or not the software on your device needs to be updated. Apple has developed a patch to correct daylight-saving time on Mac computers running OS X (10.4.x). The patch is included with the latest versions (10.4.6+) and should be included in the software updates for other versions. Anyone running 10.3.x or earlier may need to make changes manually. More information is available at <http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=303410>.

If you are unsure whether your device has been updated to accommodate the change in daylight-saving time, check the time on the device on March 12. If it shows the incorrect time, install the patch or perform the change manually. Machines that are not changed will continue to function normally for most applications that are not time sensitive. Campus-wide systems at UM-Dearborn will be updated throughout February to accommodate the change in daylight-saving time.

### Changes to Meridian voice mail

The legacy Meridian voice mail system, used by many staff and faculty at UM-Dearborn, will be replaced by a new voice mail service. This change is required because Meridian is no longer supported by the vendor. The replacement is scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 17-18 with availability on the new service beginning on Monday, Feb. 19. This date may change. More information on the cutover date and features are available at <http://www.itcom.itcs.umich.edu/UMvoicemail.html>.

People using Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phones and message center users (users who dial 6-5000 to access their mailbox) will not be affected by this change. The new service, called U-M Voice Mail, is much like Meridian since it uses the same access numbers and phone commands. These similarities should make the transition a smooth one, but there are a few steps that customers must take to access and begin using the new mailboxes on Feb. 19:

1. Dial the voice mail access number: 3-5312 on the Dearborn Campus (6-2500 in Ann Arbor or 2-3323 in Flint)
2. After "Mailbox?" prompt, press #. (If you are not at your office phone, enter your 10-digit office phone number, then press #)
3. After "Password?" prompt, enter your temporary password, then press # (Your temporary password is 1-2 and your 10-digit phone number)
4. Press 8-4 and follow the prompts to change your temporary password to another sequence of at least 6 digits. (It cannot be your phone number or other common numerical sequence.) You will need to enter your new password twice, followed by #
5. Press 8-2 and follow prompts to set up a new greeting
6. Options (such as Custom Operator) also will need to be set up if they were part of your Meridian mailbox.

### Banner report form

ITS is developing a new online form for requesting Banner reports. Since Banner was first implemented on campus, users have e-mailed requests to [telstarreq@umd.umich.edu](mailto:telstarreq@umd.umich.edu). The new system will replace that and make it easier for people to define report parameters and output by using check boxes. It also will streamline the process by automatically entering requests into the Help Desk queue for quicker assignment and response. New reports and changes to existing reports will be requested through the new online system.

## News Brief

### Prof. Rahman to sign new book on Feb. 13

Ahmad Rahman, assistant professor of history, will celebrate the release of his new book *The Regime Change of Kwame Nkrumah: Epic Heroism in Africa and the Diaspora* at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 in Kochoff Hall.

Rahman will summarize his research on the first leader of independent Ghana, as well as answer questions about his research and autograph copies of his books.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is part of the campus's Black History Month series. The program will feature Ghanaian music and refreshments. The event is co-sponsored by UM-Dearborn's African and African American Studies Program, the Student Activities Office and the Black Student Union.

For more information, contact Prof. Gloria House at 593-5366.

## Mission

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- Providing the knowledge and skills essential for career and personal success;
- Integrating teaching, research and service in ways that enhance the learning experience;
- Promoting internships and cooperative education;
- Providing a dynamic environment where innovation, openness, and creativity are fostered;
- Using advanced technologies to meet changing educational needs and establish links with the global community; and
- Forging partnerships with business, industry, educational institutions, and government agencies.

We strive to be the institution of choice in southeastern Michigan for individuals and organizations that value accessibility, flexibility, affordability, diversity, and preeminence in education.

## Stylish start to Active U



The campus's second annual Active U! program got off to a stylish start Feb. 2 when faculty and staff members donned red attire in support of a fashion show and luncheon event to benefit the American Heart Association.

Lead human resources consultant Ginny Zarras, pictured above, was one of 11 faculty and staff members who modeled red casual, business and evening apparel provided by Lord & Taylor of Novi. The event also featured talks by a doctor and cardiac coach through Oakwood Healthcare System, with funding from the Ford Motor Company Fund, and free health screenings. The program raised \$544 for charity.

Active U! is an eight-week physical activity challenge that encourages faculty, staff and students to increase their activity levels while raising funds for charity. The program, which runs through April 3, is part of a larger U-M initiative called Michigan Healthy Community.



## 'Botanist effect' leads to collection bias



Moerman

It seems that there are more flowering plants near university campuses than in other places around the country.

Two University of Michigan scholars, including Daniel E. Moerman, professor emeritus of anthropology at UM-Dearborn, found that counties with universities in them were far more likely to have more botanical species reported in them than adjacent counties do.

The researchers compared data from more than 30 areas of the country with major universities, measuring the botanical richness of the county housing the university with that of its neighboring counties.

The study, which was published last year in the *Journal of Biogeography*, was conducted by Moerman and George F. Estabrook, professor of botany at the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus.

"In almost every case, there were more species reported in the university county than in its neighbors," according to Moerman and Estabrook.

They considered a range of possible explanations, including the notion "that somehow, universities were situated in counties particularly well-endowed with botanical resources."

The data were drawn from universities across the country, established over more than 200 years, and almost certainly located where they are because of political and economic pressures, which made that explanation unlikely.

Other possible explanations were also considered, including the idea that university communities attract more visitors from other regions who might bring plant material with them, but there were not enough data to make the case.

The explanation preferred by Moerman and Estabrook is that university counties have high species diversity because they have a disproportionate share of botanists, who are likely to pay more attention to the plants in their local environment.

"We provide evidence over a substantial area of the North American continent, suggesting that botanical diversity increases with the presence of botanists, a phenomenon we call the 'botanist effect,'" according to Moerman and Estabrook.

In one test of their theory, Moerman and Estabrook looked at the data for Michigan's Cheboygan County, which "does not have a university, but is the site of the University of Michigan Biological Station, where students

have taken field biology courses, and collected plants, for a century."

It turns out that Cheboygan County has more plant species recorded than adjacent counties, and one particular plant, *Symphytum asperum* Lepichin, is reported in only two Michigan counties, Cheboygan and Washtenaw, the location of the University of Michigan.

The results have wider implications for other sciences, according to Moerman and Estabrook.

"We believe that the principles underlying this rather different case of collection bias may have widespread applicability, and should serve as a cautionary tale for those doing broad-scale comparative research in a number of areas of science, particularly ecology," they said.

"Ecologists must be aware that numerical data that appear very solid, collected over many decades, may represent not only the qualities of 'nature' but also something of the collectors of the data," according to Moerman and Estabrook. "This situation may exist elsewhere in science and all ecologists should be aware of the issue and attempt to control for it in analysis."



Estabrook

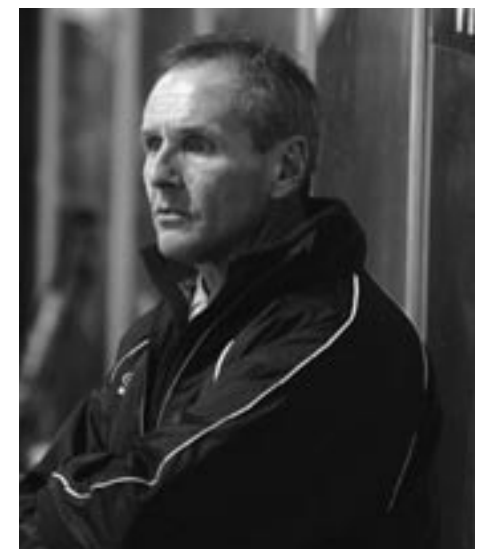
## Ambassadors of hockey



Two UM-Dearborn student athletes and the head coach of the campus's hockey team competed as members of Team USA at the Winter World University Games held in Turin, Italy in January.

Hockey players Joel Kuehn and Stephen Yu were selected for the team based on tryouts with other players from the American Collegiate Hockey Association last August. Kuehn, a veteran of international competition, was selected as assistant captain of the team and Yu was the backup goaltender.

UM-Dearborn's head ice hockey coach Dave Debol (above) was assistant coach of the U.S. team at the competition in Italy. In his third season as head coach, Debol has led UM-Dearborn's hockey team to the ACHA national tournament twice, and they won 20 games in each of his first two seasons. Kuehn (bottom left), a senior, is finishing his fourth season on the UM-Dearborn hockey team, and is currently captain of the Wolves. Junior Stephen Yu (top left) has spent the last two seasons as the team's starting goaltender.



The World University Games, which include both winter and summer versions, are held every two years for student-athletes between the ages of 17 and 28. Eligible athletes must be registered for a full course of study at a university or have obtained their degrees within a year of the Games. "The World University Games bring together the best collegiate athletes from around the world for 11 days of competition in a multi-sport Olympic style event," according to a statement from the U.S. Olympic Committee.

(These photos were taken by athletic director Steve Rotta.)

## Kudos

**Farhan Latif**, counselor in the Office of Admissions and Orientation, is featured in *Mecca and Main Street: Muslim Life in America After 9/11*. In a chapter titled "The Future of the Faith," Latif describes some of his experiences as a student at UM-Dearborn, including his service as a leader of the Muslim Student Association. The book by Geneive Abdo was published by the Oxford University Press and is available at the Mardigian Library.

**Chris Mi**, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, recently received two

awards for service to IEEE (the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers). In January, Mi received the IEEE Region 4 Outstanding Engineer Award at a meeting in Chicago. Later this month, he will accept the IEEE Southeastern Michigan Outstanding Professional Award at an Engineering Society of Detroit banquet in Dearborn.

(If you know of accomplishments by UM-Dearborn faculty and staff members that should be included in this column, please send information to [tgallagh@umich.edu](mailto:tgallagh@umich.edu).)

