

Reporter

The University of Michigan-Dearborn

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Talk set on Detroit's 'progressive pastors'

"Progressive Pastors and Politics: A Detroit Legacy" is on the agenda for a discussion by the Rev. Charles Adams and Prof. Angela Dillard to be held on campus Wednesday, March 7.

The discussion, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 3 p.m. in Room 1030, CASL Building.

Adams has been pastor of Detroit's Hartford Memorial Baptist Church since 1969 and is widely recognized as one of the most influential religious leaders in southeastern Michigan. He has been active in a variety of religious, social and political organizations, including serving as the president of the Detroit chapter of the NAACP and as president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.



Adams

Adams was named one of the country's most influential black leaders. Adams was named alumnus of the year by the Harvard University Divinity School and he has received 10 honorary degrees.

Dillard, associate professor of Afroamerican and African studies at the University of Michigan, is the author of *Faith in the City: Preaching Radical Social Change in Detroit*, to be published by the University of Michigan Press in May.

In her book, Dillard explores the ways religion and politics merged in Detroit's African American community from the 1930s to the 1960s, and examines the ways religious leaders supported and sustained progressive social movements.

"While other religions have mixed politics and creed, *Faith in the City* suggests that this fusion was—and is—particularly vital to African-American clergy and the Black freedom struggle," according to a statement from the book's publisher.



Dillard

Dillard also is the author of *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Now? Multicultural Conservatism in America*, published in 2001 by the New York University Press.

The March 7 presentation is part of the campus's Difficult Dialogues Initiative, an effort funded by the Ford Foundation to promote pluralism on America's campuses.

"The goal of this project is to develop the ability of the university to help students understand and articulate a variety of perspectives in historical and intellectual context, and understand that the differences in these perspectives matter," according to Claude F. Jacobs, associate professor of anthropology and director of the Center for the Study of Religion and Society.

The event is co-sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the Program in African and African American Studies, and the Center for the Study of Religion and Society.

Exploring diversity



A very large and spirited audience attended a panel discussion titled "Agents of Social Change? Exploring the Business Case for Diversity" at the Fairlane Center last week.

The top photo shows members of the panel (from left) United Auto Workers President Ron Gettelfinger; Steve Moore, economics editorial page editor for the *Wall Street Journal*; and former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer. Chuck Stokes (right), editorial and public affairs director of WXYZ-TV, moderated the event.

There were significant differences among the panelists and members of the audience on the persistence and impact of racism in America, and on potential remedies for segregation and discrimination.

The event was sponsored by the School of Management and the campus's Difficult Dialogues Initiative, which is supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation to promote discussions of sensitive topics in a spirit of open scholarly inquiry, academic freedom and respect for different viewpoints.

At a reception before the discussion, Gettelfinger (center in the photo at right) met with School of Management Dean Bruce Bublitz (left) and Chancellor Daniel Little (right).



Undergrad program in special education is 'unique in Michigan,' dean says

The School of Education will launch a new bachelor of education program this fall to prepare students for careers in the special education field.

"This program will be unique in Michigan as it will allow students to be certified in elementary or secondary education and learning disabilities," according to Paul Zionts, dean of the School of Education. "Other universities require two disability endorsements in their undergraduate programs. Our program will allow students to complete their degrees more efficiently and begin serving students with disabilities sooner."

Undergraduate students in the elementary and secondary education programs will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in special education via the new 30-credit hour program, which combines coursework with practical experience to provide students with basic and advanced skills through direct instruction and guided independent practice in simulated and practical settings, according to education Prof. Belinda Davis Lazarus, coordinator of the

campus's program in special education.

"The new program is a direct spin-off from our current master's degree in special education and will extend the current graduate program in learning disabilities to the undergraduate level," Lazarus said.

The new program will begin in the fall when courses on learning disabilities are added to the undergraduate curriculum.

The new degree meets the state Department of Education's standards for certification of teachers in special education.

The School of Education currently offers numerous majors and minors at the undergraduate level. Students will continue to select content-area majors and minors in addition to the special education courses.

The School of Education expects to admit 20 students to the new program for the fall and winter semesters, for a total of 40 students per year.

For more information on UM-Dearborn's new bachelor's degree in special education, contact Judy Garfield at 593-5435.



Roundtable on Arab American women's issues

Leading scholars on Arab American women's issues will come together for a roundtable discussion on "Arab/Arab American Women Negotiating Agency and Desire: Intersections of Race, Nation, Religion and Gender" from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 5 in the University Center's Kochoff Hall.

The event is free and open to the public.

UM-Dearborn Prof. Moulouk Berry, interim director of the campus's Center for Arab American Studies, will engage in discussion with Evelyn Alsultany, assistant professor in U-M Ann Arbor's Program in American Culture; Frances Hasso, associate professor of gender and women's studies and sociology at Oberlin College; and Nadine Naber, assistant professor of Arab American studies, American culture and women's studies at U-M Ann Arbor. Suzanne Bergeron, director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program, will moderate the discussion.

The event is co-sponsored by the Center for Arab American Studies and the Women's and Gender Studies Program.

Berry, who has been a member of the UM-Dearborn faculty since 2002, is director of the campus's program in Arabic language and culture and launched a very popular writers' series featuring presentations by Arab, Arab American and Chaldean authors, including poets, short-story writers and essayists.

Alsultany is currently working on a book tentatively titled, *The Changing Profile of Race in the United States: Representing Arab and Muslim Americans in the U.S. Mainstream Media*.

Hasso is the author of *Resistance, Repression and Gender Politics in Occupied Palestine and Jordan*. She has published articles in the *International Journal of Middle East Studies*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *Gender & Society*; *Feminist Review* and *Feminist Studies*. She is currently working on a project titled "Economies of Governance and Desire in/across the United Arab Emirates and Egypt."

Naber, who is writing a book about race, gender and cultural identity among Arab American youth in San Francisco, is studying ways that class, gender, sexuality and religion have intersected within Arab American engagements with anti-Arab racism following Sept. 11. She is co-editor of "Gender, Nation and Belonging," a special issue of the *MIT Electronic Journal of Middle East Studies on Arab American feminisms and From Invisible Citizen to Visible Subject: Arab American Engagements with Race Before and After Sept. 11*.

For more information, contact Berry at 593-5429 or Bergeron at 593-4591.

Child center to host open house March 6

The Early Learning and Child Development Center will host an open house from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6 in Room 104 of the Academic Support Center Building.

The open house is an opportunity for parents to learn about the center's toddler, preschool and kindergarten programs. The CDC is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

The center will be accepting waitlist applications for its toddler and preschool programs and enrollment for its kindergarten program. Kindergarten applicants must be 5 years old by December 1, 2007. All programs offer developmentally appropriate learning in a stimulating environment with an excellent teacher/child ratio.

For more information, call the Child Development Center at 593-5424.

Georgina Hickey honored for service

History Prof. Georgina Hickey was honored by the Michigan Campus Compact for her contributions to service-learning and civic engagement at a ceremony at Schoolcraft Community College earlier this month.

Hickey received the MCC's Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award; she was nominated for the award by Susan W. Martin, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

"This prestigious annual award is the highest honor the MCC bestows on faculty and staff in the state of Michigan," according to a statement from the MCC.



Hickey

Hickey has been director of UM-Dearborn's Civic Engagement Project for the past three years, where she has led efforts to stimulate higher levels of community involvement among students, faculty, and staff.

"As leader of that project, Professor Hickey directed a two-year project to study civic engagement on campus, facilitated several wide-ranging campus discussions on civic engagement and

service-learning, networked with faculty and staff doing similar work at other universities, and engaged with community organizations to hear their ideas about how to build community-university partnerships," according to Martin.

The Civic Engagement Project is UM-Dearborn's connection to the American Democracy Project, a multi-campus initiative at institutions that are members of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). The goal of the project is to produce graduates who understand and are committed to engaging in meaningful actions as citizens in a democracy.

"The Michigan Campus Compact promotes the education and commitment of Michigan college students to be civically engaged citizens, through creating and expanding academic, co-curricular and campus-wide opportunities for community service, service-learning and civic engagement," according to a statement from the group.

Hickey is an American historian whose research interests include women, cities, race, and social movements. She is the author of "Hope and Danger in the New South City: Working-Class Women and Urban Development in Atlanta, 1890-1940" published by the University of Georgia Press.

Emeriti

Music Prof. John Constant retires after 30 years

John G. Constant, associate professor in the Department of Humanities, has been appointed associate professor emeritus of music history.

His appointment to emeritus status was approved by the U-M Regents at their February meeting. Constant retired from active faculty status at the end of 2006.

Constant's research has focused on the polychoral practices of Rafino d'Assisi and other Italian artists, and he also studied the music of Mozart and Beethoven.

"A popular teacher, he taught a wide variety of courses in music theory, music history, ethnomusicology and music education," the Regents noted in their memo on Constant's emeritus appointment.

Prof. Neil M. Flax appointed to emeritus status

Neil M. Flax, associate professor of comparative literature and of German in the Department of Humanities, has been named associate professor emeritus.

His appointment to emeritus status was approved by the U-M Regents at their February meeting in Ann Arbor. Flax retired from active faculty status at the end of 2006.

"He published on Goethe and other European romanticists in such journals as the *Proceedings of the Modern Literature Association*, *Comparative Literature and Eighteenth Century Studies*," the Regents noted in their memo on Flax's emeritus appointment.

Flax taught honors seminars on western civilization, introductory courses in the humanities, and a range of courses in German literature. He

"Professor Constant is an accomplished pianist who has presented piano recitals around the state, and a choral conductor who directed the UM-Dearborn vocal chamber ensemble for many years."

Constant also directed the campus's cultural events programs, a series of performances, lectures and exhibitions that attracted a large number of community members to the campus each year.

He joined the UM-Dearborn faculty as a lecturer in 1977, was promoted to assistant professor in 1979 and associate professor in 1985.

Constant earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1967, and his master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1972 and 1975, respectively.

was director of the campus's Honors Program from 1987-1990, and was chair of the Department of Humanities in 2003-2004.

Flax earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester in 1963, a master's degree from the University of California, Berkeley in 1967, and a Ph.D. from Yale University in 1978. Flax also studied at the University of Wurzburg in Germany and the University of Zurich.

He joined the UM-Dearborn faculty as an instructor in 1977, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1978 and associate professor in 1984.

In 1982-1983, he was a visiting assistant professor at the University of North Carolina. In 1984, Flax received a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities to study the rise of professional art criticism in the 19th century.

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Publication calendar

The next issue of the *Reporter* will be published on March 12. 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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News Brief

Interpretive Center is tapping sap tappers March 3

The Environmental Interpretive Center will host a free maple syrup hike and demonstration on Saturday, March 3. Two walks are scheduled that day: the first from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and a second from 1:30

p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participants will learn to identify the proper trees for tapping and see a demonstration of how sap is turned into syrup. All ages are welcome. For more information, call 593-5338.

Sponsored Research News

Grants deadline is now March 16

Applications for the following internal grant programs will be accepted up to the deadline of Friday, March 16:

Faculty Research Initiation and Seed Grants provide funds to full-time faculty for research and other scholarly activities that are of non-commercial intent. Faculty Research Initiation and Seed Grants up to \$6,000 support projects that foster high-quality scholarship and research; relate to the applicant's professional career goals; and will result in a proposal for external funding.

Faculty Research Support and Maintenance Grants provide funds to full-time faculty for research and other scholarly activities that are of non-commercial intent. Faculty Research Support and Maintenance Grants up to \$6,000 support projects that foster high-quality scholarship and research; relate to the applicant's professional career goals; and are in fields where external grant support is unlikely.

CASL Senior Faculty Grants to Encourage and Reward Scholarship provide up to two awards to tenured CASL faculty under this program—one to an eligible associate professor and one to an eligible full professor. The award consists of one course release (for a 3- or 4-credit course, Fall or Winter term of the academic year following the approval of the application) or a stipend of \$3,000. Stipends will be paid during the term the work is done—Fall, Winter, or Summer term of the academic year following the approval of the application. (The

faculty member's discipline and department must approve the timing of course releases.)

Undergraduate Research Fellowships provide up to eight fellowship stipends of \$2,500 to UM-Dearborn undergraduate students whose academic records demonstrate preparedness and commitment to excellence and who are invited by a UM-Dearborn faculty advisor to conduct research under their direction.

Funds for Exceptional Travel Needs have been committed for the remainder of this fiscal year. Expect some changes to this program for FY 2008.

Guidelines and revised application forms for the above grant programs are available on the Dearborn Research Web site at: http://www.research.umd.umich.edu/campus_grants.htm.

Awards Received

Pravansu Mohanty, associate professor of mechanical engineering, was awarded \$929,576 for phase one of a \$2.1 million award from the U.S. Department of the Navy. He will be working to design and develop new manufacturing technologies for medical implant and prostheses applications. He also received \$83,498 from Midwest Thermal Spray, Inc. for his project "STTR Phase 1: a Novel Hybrid Spray Coating Process for Nanoparticulate Metallic Coatings."

Aaron Ahuvia, director of international programs for Europe in the School of Management, was awarded \$294,586 by the U.S. State Department

for his project "University of Michigan-Dearborn - University of Garyounis Partnership." He and other School of Management faculty members will work with faculty at University of Garyounis in Libya to update and enhance the business and economics education at the University of Garyounis.

Subrata Sengupta, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, received \$80,000 in additional funding from Ford Motor Company to continue the Special American Business Internship Program.

Michael Thomas, director of the Partners Plus Program, has received \$68,285 from Henry Ford Community College to continue the Partners Plus program for an additional year.

Tariq Shamim, associate professor of mechanical engineering, received \$40,000 in additional funding from Ford Motor Company to support year two of his project "Modeling of Integrated SCR-DPF (Selective Catalytic Reduction/Diesel Particle Filter) System for Lean Burn Diesel Engines."

Taehyun Shim, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, was awarded \$30,000 from Ford Motor Company's University Research Program to investigate the effectiveness of trail-breaking for active vehicle safety.

Hong Tae Kang, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, has received \$6,000 from the Auto Steel Partnership for his project to investigate the variability of spot welded "advanced high strength steels."

Mission

The University of Michigan-Dearborn is an interactive, student-centered institution committed to excellence in teaching and learning.

We offer undergraduate, graduate, and professional education to a diverse, highly motivated, and talented student body. Our programs are responsive to the changing needs of society; relevant to the goals of our students and community partners; rich in opportunities for independent and collaborative study, research, and practical application; and reflective of the traditions of excellence, innovation, and leadership that distinguish the University of Michigan.

We accomplish this mission by:

- Providing a strong foundation in the liberal arts and sciences;
- 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.

Education supporters visit ARC



Artoun Hamalian (left), director of the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU) Education Department, visited the Armenian Research Center Feb. 8. The AGBU is a worldwide Armenian philanthropic organization with offices in 22 countries on six continents.

Hamalian oversees 30 Armenian schools worldwide, including the AGBU Alex & Marie Manoogian School in Southfield. Joining Hamalian in the photo above are, from left, Rev. Garabed Kochakian, pastor of St. John Armenian Apostolic Church in Southfield; Ara Sanjian, director of the Armenian Research Center; and Sebouh Avedikian, of the AGBU Alex & Marie Manoogian School.

News Brief

Rain-garden workshop is set for March 13

The Environmental Interpretive Center will host a free Rain Garden Workshop from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 13.

A rain garden is a bowl-shaped garden that is designed to absorb stormwater run-off from imper-

vious surfaces such as roofs and parking lots.

Participants will learn how municipalities use rain gardens in their communities, as well as how to create rain gardens in their own landscapes.

For more information, call 593-5338.

News Brief

Exhibition features glass artworks from campus's collection

The Alfred Berkowitz Gallery will host "Collecting Glass: The Early Years at UM-Dearborn" March 16 through May 11. A public reception will be held from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 20.

The exhibition will showcase some of the more than 800 works in UM-Dearborn's studio glass art collection. Early pieces, produced by some of the first artists to revive the traditional art of glass blowing in the early 1960s, will be on display.

"It is generally agreed that two glassblowing seminars held at the Toledo Museum of Art in 1962 launched the contemporary studio glass art movement," according to Kenneth Gross, director of the Art Museum Project.

Those seminars featured Harvey Littleton, a ceramics instructor at the University of Wisconsin, and Dominick Labino, a technical expert in glass production from Toledo.

Works by Littleton and Labino will be featured in the exhibition, as well as works by their students and other early practitioners, including Dale Chihuly, Paul Stankard, Joel Philip Meyers, Howard Ben Tre, Herb Babcock, Sylvia Vigiletti, Richard Ritter, Mark Peiser, Jon Kuhn, Flora Mace and Joey Kirkpatrick.

In addition, the gallery will showcase paperweights, pate de verre (paste of glass), sculptures by Salvador Dali and work by famed manufacturers Baccarat, Daum, Lalique and Steuben.

The Alfred Berkowitz Gallery, which is located on the third floor of the Mardigian Library, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Gross at 593-3592.



Susan B. Anthony Award ceremony set for March 29

Roma Heaney, director of institutional research at UM-Dearborn since 1986 and former chair of the campus's Commission for Women, will receive the campus's 29th annual Susan B. Anthony Award at a dinner and ceremony beginning at 5 p.m. March 29 at the Fairlane Center.

Judge Anna Diggs Taylor will receive the campus's fourth annual Susan B. Anthony Award for Community Service at the same event.



Heaney

The campus's Susan B. Anthony Award recognizes a member of the campus community who has made significant contributions to gender equality.

The Susan B. Anthony Community Award was created in 2004 to recognize individuals who advance the cause of women's equality in southeastern Michigan.

The evening's guest speaker will be Maria-Elena Rodriguez, president of the Mexicantown Community Development Corporation. Founded in 1989, the MCDC works to foster economic development in the Hispanic community of southwest Detroit. One of the group's major efforts, the Mexicantown International Welcome Center and Mercado, which is scheduled to open this spring, is a landmark project that will provide a permanent venue for economic and cultural development in the community at the foot of the Ambassador Bridge.

Heaney has been a member of the

Commission for Women since joining the campus staff, and also been involved in the Agenda for Women, a committee appointed by the provost to advise on climate and issues affecting women on campus. She has served on numerous other campus committees to advance women's issues on campus, and serves as chair of the CASL Women's Soar program, which helps women referred by social service agencies return to college.

A native of Scotland, Heaney received her undergraduate degree from the University of Glasgow, and master's degree in history at the University of Pennsylvania.

"Roma is emblematic of the sound and spirit of the Susan B. Anthony Award," according to sociology Prof. Lora Lempert, a former winner of the Susan B. Anthony Award and one of the faculty members who nominated Heaney this year. "She's involved in every woman's initiative on campus – most often in the 'invisible' positions that rarely receive recognition. She's smart, funny, and she moves equity agendas forward. She is one of the strongest and most consistent voices for staff members, male and female, on campus."

Anna Diggs Taylor is currently senior judge in the U.S. District Court of Eastern Michigan where she has served since 1976. Appointed to the bench by President Jimmy Carter, Taylor was chief judge of the court 1996 to 1998, and



Taylor

became senior judge in 1999.

Most recently, Taylor attracted wide attention as the first federal judge to rule against the government in a case involving domestic wiretapping by the National Security Agency. In her 2006 decision Taylor held that warrantless surveillance conducted by the government is unconstitutional.

Before her appointment to the bench, Taylor served as an assistant prosecutor at both the county and federal levels, and in the 1960s, she spent a summer in Mississippi as part of the National Lawyers Guild civil rights program to provide legal services for civil rights activists.

A graduate of Barnard College and Yale Law School, Taylor has been involved in leadership roles in a variety of civic and cultural organizations, including United Way Community Services, the Detroit Institute of Arts and Henry Ford Health System.

"Throughout her career, Judge Taylor has used her positions to advance civil rights throughout the United States," according to Lempert. "We have many reasons to be grateful for her leadership, and we can learn a great deal from her example."

To register to attend the dinner, or for more information, contact Vera Mical at 593-3961, or by e-mail to vmical@umd.umich.edu.



Rodriguez

Teachers can learn to turn 'no' into 'yes'

Administrators, teachers, parents, students and caregivers can learn how to change behaviors to reduce resistance during a workshop at the School of Education on either Friday, March 30 or Saturday, March 31.

John W. Maag, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor specializing in the education and treatment of children with emotional and behavioral disorders, will present "Managing Resistance: Turning No into Yes" as part of the Teacher Academy workshop series at the School of Education.

The workshops will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fairlane Center.

The March 30 session is geared toward educational administrators and leaders, while the March 31 session will be aimed at education students, teachers, parents and caregivers.

Maag will explore how to identify, analyze and manipulate contexts to obtain desired outcomes; determine the functions behaviors serve and teach replacement behaviors; determine the frames of reference out of which individuals operate to develop rapport; and use resistant behavior to obtain compliance.

The deadline to register for the workshop is March 15. Workshop cost is \$100 for the general public and \$60 for UM-Dearborn alumni and students. A boxed lunch is available for an additional \$5 per day.

The workshop also may be taken for one undergraduate or graduate credit. Please contact Judy Garfield, academic services secretary, at 593-5285 for more information on tuition and registration procedures for academic credit.

For more information on the workshop, contact Yvonne DeCarlo at 593-1181.

Lecture on 'human dignity' movement

Physicist Robert Fuller, former president of Oberlin College and former science policy advisor to Indira Gandhi, will present "Liberty, Justice and Dignity for All: Democracy's Next Step" from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will take place in Room 1030 of the campus's CASL Building.

Fuller will talk about his efforts to create a "Human Dignity" movement as a response to the prevalence of "rankism" -- the abuse of the power inherent in rank -- in science, education and society. He is the author of *Somebodies and Nobodies: Overcoming the Abuse of Rank* and its follow-up, *All Rise: Somebodies, Nobodies, and the Politics of Dignity*.

After earning his Ph.D. in physics at Princeton University in 1961, Fuller taught at Columbia University. In 1970, he was ap-

pointed president of Oberlin College -- his alma mater -- at the age of 33.

Fuller then traveled to India as a consultant to Indira Gandhi. He began a campaign to end world hunger during the 1970s met with Jimmy Carter in 1977, an encounter that led to the establishment of the Presidential Commission on World Hunger.

Fuller traveled to the USSR in the 1980s, working as a citizen-scientist to improve the Cold War relationship. His work led to the creation of the non-profit global corporation Internews, which promotes democracy via free and independent media. Fuller served as its chairman for many years.

Fuller's talk is co-sponsored by the CASL dean's office, the Science and Technology Studies Program and the philosophy discipline.

For more information, contact Prof. Maureen Linker at mlinker@umd.umich.edu.

Kudos

Hani Bawardi, visiting research investigator in the Center for Arab American Studies, was an invited participant in a symposium titled "Communities and Identities after September 11" at Texas A&M University earlier this month. The event was sponsored by the Bush School of Government & Public Service, the Race and Ethnic Studies Institute and the International Center at Texas A&M University. Bawardi is completing a dissertation at Wayne State University on the history of Arab American political organizations.

Lawrence I. Berkove, professor emeritus of English, was interviewed earlier this month for a nationally distributed radio program produced by the Modern Language Association called *What's the Word?* Berkove was interviewed on the topic of political satire and Mark Twain's novel *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*. Berkove has published numerous articles on Twain and is president of the Mark Twain Circle of America.

(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.)