

Reporter

The University of Michigan-Dearborn

July 16, 2007

Cam Amin appointed CASL associate dean

Camron Michael Amin, associate professor of history, has been named associate dean of CASL for a two-year term, beginning Aug. 15, 2007. His appointment was approved by the U-M Regents at their meeting last month.

As associate dean, Amin said he will focus on making necessary tasks—such as scheduling, course approval and assessment—more efficient and useful for CASL faculty, staff and students. He will also develop a proposal for an administrative internship program to help prepare interested CASL faculty for leadership positions at the university.

“Besides publishing interesting and important work on Middle East history, Cam Amin has been a leader in the history discipline, in Faculty Senate, and in the college’s First-Year Seminar project,” according to CASL Dean Kathryn Anderson-Levitt.



Amin

“We are delighted and grateful that he is willing to serve CASL in this new role.”

Amin joined the UM-Dearborn faculty in 1997 and was promoted to associate professor, with tenure, in 2003. He received bachelor’s degrees in history and electrical engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1988 and his doctoral degree in Near Eastern languages and civilizations at the University of Chicago in 1996.

Amin is the author of *The Making of the Modern Iranian Woman: Gender, State Policy and Popular Culture, 1865-1946* and is a contributing editor for *The Modern Middle East: A Sourcebook for History*.

DTE supports program for local officials

UM-Dearborn’s Institute for Local Government (IFLG) recently received a grant of \$20,000 from the DTE Energy Foundation “to support our efforts to build the capacity of locally elected officials to govern effectively and address local needs with a regional perspective,” according to Dale Thomson, assistant professor of public administration and director of the Institute.

In cooperation with the Michigan Association of School Boards and Michigan Municipal League, the IFLG offers a number of seminars and workshops to help locally elected school board members and municipal officials in southeastern Michigan master the responsibilities of their new positions.

IFLG seminars cover an array of topics from how to run for office to how neighboring communities can share service delivery.

“With the intensified fiscal constraints and the stagnant economy in southeast Michigan it is more critical than ever to ensure that local governments operate as effectively and efficiently as possible,” Thomson said. “Regional collaboration is a growing necessity, and the IFLG has been working diligently to help make this a reality.”

The recent grant represents the second year of support for the program from the DTE Energy Foundation, reflecting their commitment to regional leadership development. The grant will be used to cover costs of curriculum development and delivery and marketing and outreach for the IFLG.

Recognizing long-term service



Robert Quattro (left), director of laboratories for the Department of Natural Sciences, recently received balloons and congratulations from Staff Recognition Award committee members Patricia Schlaff (second from right) and Vera Kapulak for winning the campus’s Long-term Achievement Award. Quattro has more than 35 years of service at UM-Dearborn.

Quattro and eight other staff members will be honored during the Chancellor’s Staff Recognition Award ceremony at 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 17 in Quad E of the Fairlane Center North Building. For a story on the winners, see page 4.

Campus cited as prime birding site

UM-Dearborn is one of 27 sites featured as a prime birding location on a new “Byways to Flyways” driving tour map of the Detroit-Windsor region.

The campus’s Rouge River Bird Observatory and Environmental Interpretive Center are noted for the 250 species of birds—including some rarities and several first state records—that have been recorded in the Natural Areas, which is one third of the campus’s 196 acres.

The map is a collaboration of the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance, Michigan Sea Grant and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, funded by Wild Birds Unlimited Inc. Pathways to Nature Program, in partnership with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Other sites on the map include Belle Isle, Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge and Humbug Marsh, Lake Erie Metropark and Pelee Island.

Julie Craves, supervisor of avian research at the Rouge River Bird Observatory, got involved in the project at the invitation of UM-Dearborn alumna Mary Bohling, who currently works as southeast Michigan extension educator for Michigan Sea Grant and is a board member with the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Alliance.

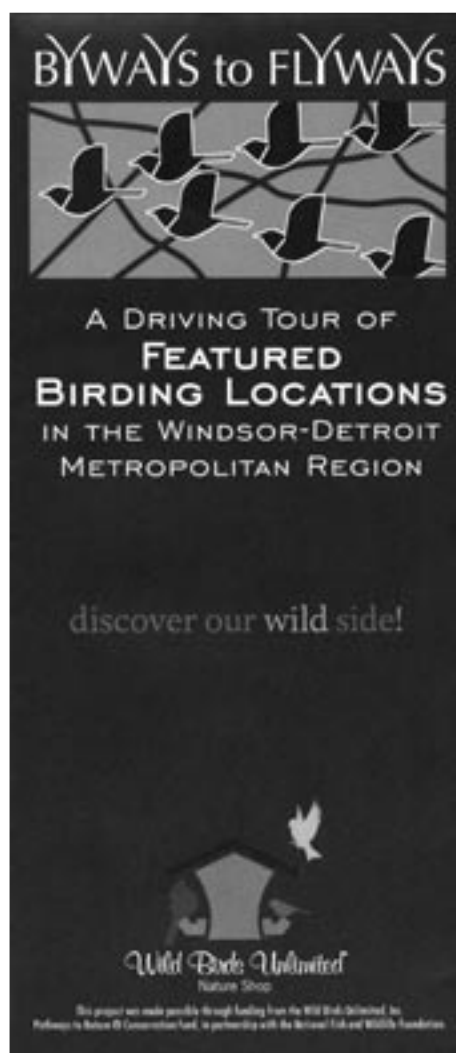
“Mary was a volunteer bird bander with Rouge River Bird Observatory for several years,” Craves said. “She is familiar with my work here and my knowledge of the birds of southeast Michigan, as well as with my work for the Refuge, where I’ve done numerous bird surveys.”

Craves helped choose some of the sites for the project and determined which bird species to include on the grid and which species were found at a number of the sites. She also contributed photographs and wrote descriptions for various categories of birds among other tasks.

The campus’s Natural Areas is open from dawn to dusk. The Environmental

Interpretive Center is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The Byways to Flyways map is available



at the Environmental Interpretive Center, online at <http://www.mac-web.org/Projects/DiscoverOurWildSide/BywaysToFlyways.htm> or by contacting the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance at iwr_alliance@yahoo.com.



Wrobel named chair of behavioral sciences

Nancy Howells Wrobel, associate professor of psychology, has been named chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences for a three-year term, beginning July 1.

Her appointment was approved by the U-M Regents at their meeting last month.

Wrobel joined the UM-Dearborn faculty in 1989 as a visiting assistant professor and was promoted



Wrobel

to assistant professor of psychology in 1990, and to associate professor, with tenure, in 1996.

Wrobel graduated magna cum laude from Hiram College in 1978. She earned a master's degree in clinical psychology at the University of Dayton and her doctoral degree at Wayne State University.

Wrobel's area of research has focused on the field of diagnostic assessment, in particular, the accuracy and validity of assessment across age, gender, diagnostic type and ethnic or cultural background. Recently, she has been involved in the validation of mental health screening tests for elderly Arab-Americans.

Wrobel has served as a member of the behavioral sciences executive committee, the Distance Learning faculty, the Agenda for Women and as CASL's ombudsperson. She has worked on search committees for several campus-wide positions and recently chaired the search for the director of admissions. In addition, she served as a member of the scientific committee for both the ACCESS Annual Symposium on Refugees and Victims of Trauma and Torture, and the International Arab Health Conference.

Emerita

Judith Heady retires after more than 30 years

Judith E. Heady, associate professor of biology, has been named associate professor emerita.

Her appointment to emerita status was approved by the U-M Regents at their June meeting. Heady retired from active faculty status in April.

"Professor Heady's work on women and science, girls in science, women faculty, and classroom learning formed a nucleus of interests focused on the excitement of science," the Regents noted in their memo on Heady's emerita appointment.

Heady joined the UM-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor of biology in 1974 and was promoted to associate professor in 1979. She earned a bachelor's degree at Cornell College, a master's degree at the University of Iowa and a doctoral degree at the University of Colorado.

Her research involved the control of transfer-RNA methylation during life changes particularly in *Rana pipiens*, and she worked with students on a number of projects with *Rana pipiens*.

By 1995, she turned her focus to biology education, teaching embryology/developmental biology, organismal and environmental biology, and comparative anatomy of vertebrates. She also introduced three new courses: general genetics; histology; and gender and science. In addition, she taught specialized seminars on topics like women's health, human reproduction, cancer and nutrition.

Let them eat pie!



Chancellor's annual campus picnic features old-time food and fun

Christopher Tremblay (above, far left), director of admissions and orientation, and David Stephens (above, right), admissions counselor, were among the faculty and staff members chosen to serve as judges for an old-fashioned fruit pie bake-off contest at the Chancellor's Annual Picnic last month.

Seven judges taste-tested nine varieties of pie, which were rated on overall appearance, crust, filling consistency, doneness, flavor and creativity. Lia Simpson, secretary at the Child Development Center, took the first-place blue ribbon for her caramel apple pie. Rima Berry-Hung, human resources consultant, won second place for her apple pie. Kathleen Pepin, director of facilities planning, took third place for her berry pie with a twist.

The picnic included old-fashioned food favorites such as hot dogs, burgers, corn on the cob, potato salad, watermelon wedges and an all-American "Make Your Own Sundae" bar. Classic games like checkers, marbles, pick-up sticks, volleyball, croquet and horseshoes were on hand too.

In addition, the event included an appearance by a working Model T from 1916, presented by the Henry Ford Estate. The vehicle was driven by Edward Hebb (pictured below, wearing hat) who answered questions concerning the technology of the car and the history of its production for staff members like Larry Papin (below, left), HVAC mechanic in facilities management.

"The weather was beautiful," according to Jody Pear, administrative assistant in facilities management, who helped coordinate the picnic. "You could see people strolling along with an ice cream cone, playing board games, participating in one of the many field games that were set up for their enjoyment, or sitting in the Model T. All in all, it was a perfect day and a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new friends."



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Mardigian Library News

Database interface updates

The ERIC, MLA International Bibliography, GeoRef, PsycARTICLES, and PsycINFO databases are now available through the CSA Illumina search interface. They had previously been accessed through FirstSearch. The change to CSA represents a cost saving for the library. CSA also provides additional search features such as search alerts, online thesauruses, limiting to peer-reviewed journals, and sorting of search results. Contact the library research center at ask-a-question@umd.umich.edu if you have questions about the CSA interface.

Voice/Vision goes "Deep"

Testimonies from the Voice/Vision Holocaust Survivor Oral History Archive are being deposited in "Deep Blue," the institutional repository of the University of Michigan. Deep Blue is a permanent, safe and accessible service for the breadth of intellectual resources represented by the University of Michigan. Why should we do this when we have the Voice/Vision archive available online already?

Deep Blue offers a different means to make the survivor testimonies available to the world. More Internet search engines harvest the resources of Deep Blue regularly (it currently houses almost 40,000 digital resources) than the Voice/Vision archive. The premier scholarly search engine for digital resources is OAIster (<http://www.oaister.org>), the service of the Open Archives Initiative. As this is being written, OAIster provides access to almost 12 million resources from 845 resources sites. Material deposited into Deep Blue is automatically made available for search by OAIster. A search for "Holocaust survivor" on OAIster reveals all the resources we have currently placed in Deep Blue.

Another significant reason for placing the testimonies on Deep Blue is that the University of Michigan as a whole stands behind the permanence of these resources. Having the material at two separate sites increases the chances of continued availability, but there is more to it than mere replication. As our testimonies are placed in Deep Blue, they are placed in an archival "best practices" format. This is to ensure

as much as possible the long-term accessibility of the material. When archival best practices change, the University is committed to migrating these resources to the new archival format, enabling both access and survival for generations. How significant is this? Consider that the University has recordings of significant events from the late 1940s in wire format: the wire still exists but no equipment remains to play the recordings. Archival formats have their downside: they tend to be much larger files. Archival format Adobe Acrobat files tend to be twenty-to-thirty times the size of Microsoft Word files.

Some might wonder why we should continue to place the testimonies in our own Voice/Vision site. While the material we place on Deep Blue is the same in content, the display is significantly different. The testimonies on the Voice/Vision site are broken up into smaller portions to make reading and listening easier. File sizes are much smaller, making it easier for users to access, no matter what the speed and capacity of their Internet service. Our site will exclusively focus on the testimonies of Holocaust survivors and will continue to offer enhancements not available through Deep Blue.

Interlibrary loan fines change

Effective July 1, Interlibrary loan and MeLCat fines are 25 cents per day for the first eight days and \$5 per day for each day past that. We rely on other libraries to share their materials. In order for us to continue receiving these resources, please return items on time.

Change in access to SAE papers

The University libraries in Ann Arbor and the Mardigian Library are discontinuing our subscription to the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) Digital Library. SAE's current policies, such as a significantly higher price than last year, continued restrictions on access, a lack of archival rights, and the requirement to implement certain other controls have made us come to this decision.

We are not the first university to make this decision. We are joining forces with our colleagues to provide a distinct message to SAE regarding their

high prices and extensive controls.

SAE technical papers for selected years can now be found in other resources:

- 1994-2006 are available through SAE Technical Papers via Terminal Services on the library Web site;

- 1967-1971 and 1992-1997 are available in microfiche in the Mardigian Library;

- 1946-1970 (incomplete) are available in paper format in the Art, Architecture and Engineering Library on the Ann Arbor campus;

- Papers from 2007 can be purchased from the SAE Web site, <http://www.sae.org>; and

- The SAE Global Mobility Database on the library Web site can also be used to find citations (no full-text) from 1908-present.

If you have concerns or suggestions please contact the SAE board of directors or the publication board at SAE. If you wish to contact the library about this matter, please contact Joel Seewald, Engineering Librarian, at seewaldj@umd.umich.edu.

Library Web tools

You can now search for books or articles directly from your browser toolbar without going to the library Web site. Just visit the new Web Tools and Gadgets page <http://library.umd.umich.edu/services/tools/> to select and install one of the browser searches. Installing one of these searches will allow you to search the library catalog or selected databases instantly from your Web browser. The browser searches are compatible with Firefox 2 and Internet Explorer 7. Installation is quick and easy and does not require a download.

Other Web tools are available on the library Web site:

- Google Toolbar users can add a Mardigian Library Catalog/News button to their Google Toolbar;

- Subscribe to Library News to keep up to date on library resources and services;

- Google Scholar-set your preferences to include Mardigian Library availability; and

- Worldcat-Add WorldCat search to your iGoogle home page or download the Yahoo toolbar with WorldCat searching.

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:

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- 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.

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The graduate secretaries of the IDP, ME, IMSE, CIS and ECE departments meet several times a year to discuss issues related to engineering graduate programs and to exchange ideas of how they can be improved. For instance, the team met with the staff of the International Office to expedite their applications as well as visa procedures, the discussions they held have created a better understanding



Lewis

of the process and is ultimately helping international students, both before and after they arrive on campus," said one nominator. "Working as a team, the graduate secretaries understand the graduate program better, which has improved the efficiency in the departmental offices."

"They are a very special group of people who are dedicated and work hard for the mere satisfaction of knowing they have helped a student further themselves in an academic career," said another nominator. "We should all be proud of what the secretaries have accomplished and continue to improve upon to make this campus a better community for our students."

Lori Lewis, associate director of admissions operations, received the Exceptional

Performance Award.

"Lori has played an enormous role in taking the office of admissions--and the University--to the next level of operational excellence," said one nominator. "She has such an eye for seeing the whole picture. She is able to discern how actions and procedural changes made today will affect tomorrow."

Nominators noted Lewis' achievement in the creation and implementation of multiple communication plans within the last year, in which she simultaneously manages nine communication plans for high school sophomores, juniors, seniors, admitted students, parents, guidance counselors, scholarship recipients and orientation programs.

Also, under her leadership, the admissions staff is utilizing the Banner system in a much more effective and efficient way, according to nominations.

"Lori possesses an incredible work ethic," said a nominator. "She is an incredible technological resource and the University has benefited greatly from her commitment."

Admissions counselor Farhan Latif received the Outstanding Service to the Metropolitan Community and University Award.

According to nominations, Latif has the ability to develop relationships with students, parents and school counselors/administrators and extend that impact in service to the larger community.

"Through his involvement with various local non-profit organizations, he has helped to connect this community's diverse populations to the campus," said a nominator. "He often represents the campus at various local cultural and religious events, engaging not only the local community in the mission of the University, but also helping the University community to engage better with Dearborn's Arab and Muslim populations."

Henry Ford Community College awarded Latif with its 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award for his contributions to the race/religion dialogue in Dearborn, as well as helping HFCC and UM-Dearborn students in service activities and his role in improving the transfer process from HFCC to UM-Dearborn.

"His compassion is an overarching facet of his character," according to a nominator. "Knowing that the conflict in Lebanon last summer would mean an influx of students who would have fled the war area without scholastic records, Farhan proposed and secured approval for procedures that allowed these students to continue their education at UM-Dearborn until proper credentials were available."



Latif



Staff members recognized for teamwork, service

Nine staff members will be honored for exemplary service during the 2006-2007 Chancellor's Staff Recognition Awards ceremony at 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 17 in Quad E of the Fairlane Center North Building.

Winners of the awards were nominated by faculty, staff, and students, and selected by the staff recognition committee.

Susan Cushnier, academic outreach director, received the Exceptional Service Award for assuming an extraordinary number of leadership roles within the campus community and beyond, according to nominations.

Hired as an admissions counselor in 1985, Cushnier was encouraged to get involved in statewide and national organizations to

and the efforts to increase visibility of our campus is well-deserving of recognition."

Among Cushnier's many achievements, she worked with Elnora Ford to support the Retired Person's Scholarship Program; served for about 15 years as a member of the Registration, Advising, Records and Admissions Committee; served as interim director of the campus SOAR program; was appointed permanent co-chair of the newly formed College Relations Committee; developed the campus's Aviation Management program in conjunction with Schoolcraft College; organized the campus's annual Community College Conference; and has served on the advisory committee for UM-Dearborn's Worldviews program for 6 years.

Cushnier has been chair and long-time member of the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers; served on Henry Ford Community College's Pre-Education Advisory Board; is a founding member of Southeast Michigan Transfer Data Consortium; is an active member of the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Association; served as a folk and tap dancing instructor at HFCC; and is a charter member of the newest Soroptimist chapter covering western Wayne County.

The staff recognition committee voted **Robert Quattro**, director of laboratories for the Department of Natural Sciences, the winner of the Long-Term Achievement Award.

Quattro received the award for his more than 35 years as 'Mr. Laboratory Service' to UM-Dearborn, supervising all aspects of the operations of the natural sciences laboratories, including overseeing the purchase of equipment and supplies; maintaining the equipment;

properly disposing of chemical and biological hazardous waste; and handling inspections by radiation and animal control officers.

Nominators said Quattro has taken on major responsibility over the decades for all science laboratory renovations on campus, including the addition of the Computing Wing in 1989, and the design and building of the new Science Learning and Research Center.

"In each case, during the long process of turning faculty ideas for new space into construction blueprints for actual rooms, the department replied heavily on Bob's good judgment, resourcefulness, integrity and forthrightness to guide it through the design and construction process," one nominator said. "Architects and construction managers associated with both projects expressed how impressed they were with Bob's incredible attention to detail, from site selection and floor layout to the locations of electrical outlets and the placements of floor drains. His particular concern that safety features be designed and installed properly is legend.

"Bob Quattro has been held in high esteem by students, faculty and staff alike for his entire career," a nominator noted. "After more than three decades of outstanding service to our University and community, it is fitting to honor Bob with the long-term achievement award, which will not only recognize him for his stellar accomplishments and enormous contributions but will acknowledge him as a proper role model for others in our community to emulate."

The Engineering Graduate Support Staff received the Exemplary Team Award for developing innovative ideas and solutions that contribute to the improvement and efficiency of their jobs, according to nominations. The team includes **Sherry Boyd, Rebekah Dewberry, Shelly Harris, Mariann Nader** and **Kate Markotan**.

According to nominations, this team understands the necessity of working together with cooperation and teamwork to help make the admission process for graduate students seamless.

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Engineering graduate support staff

network and keep abreast of emerging trends, one nominator said.

"Susan took the advice to heart, and in the process has helped to bring UM-Dearborn to the attention of many stakeholders in our community as well as helped to support programs and improve procedures within UM-Dearborn," a nominator said. "She represents an ideal of staff members providing service to the campus and external communities that go far beyond their job. This level of commitment

Kudos

Terry Gallagher, director of public relations, has been elected to serve a one-year term as a trustee of Leadership Detroit, a year-long regional community leadership program founded in 1979 and sponsored by the Detroit Regional Chamber. One member of each class is elected to serve as a trustee the following year. Gallagher was a member



Gallagher of the class for 2006-2007.

Karen Holland, special events coordinator in the chancellor's office, has been elected to a one-year term as District Governor, the top local office, for Toastmasters International. Toastmasters is the world's foremost non-profit organization dedicated to helping people develop communication and leadership skills, according to Holland. District 28 comprises almost 100 clubs in southeast



Holland

Michigan, southwest Ontario, and northwest Ohio. Holland joined Toastmasters nine years ago, and is a charter member of the community club that meets at UM-Dearborn.

Patricia Jones, director of co-op programs in CASL, has been appointed chair of the education committee for the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce. The committee is responsible for the Chamber's Teacher of the Year Awards, as well as its speakers bureau. In May, Jones presented at the National Association for Colleges and Employers annual conference in New York City. Her session, a primer on the employer benefits of hiring co-op and internship students, was given on behalf of the National Academy for Work-Integrated Learning.



Jones



Lempert

Lora Lempert, professor of behavioral sciences, has been elected to the editorial and publication committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. The group is the second largest organization of sociologists and it publishes *Social Problems*, one of the top five journals in sociology.

Susan Rowe, executive secretary in the Office of Government Relations, received the Regional Ambassador Award from SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. The award is the group's highest honor, "given to individuals for their contributions to making Southeast Michigan a better place to live, work and raise a family," according to a SEMCOG publication. A member of the Wayne City Council, Rowe chairs SEMCOG's community and economic development advisory council, and is a member of the executive committee, the education advisory council and the workforce development task force.



Rowe

(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.)