

Reporter

The University of Michigan-Dearborn

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Shridhar and Straub appointed to serve as associate provosts

Profs. Malayappan Shridhar and Richard Straub have been appointed to three-year terms as associate provosts. The appointments were approved by the U-M Regents at their July meeting in Ann Arbor.



Shridhar

"I am looking forward to tapping into the experience and expertise of these two faculty members who have served the campus in leadership positions for many years," Susan W. Martin, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, said. "Their skills and knowledge will be

very valuable in helping us address some of the challenges facing the campus at this point in our history."

Shridhar, professor of electrical and computer engineering, has been the chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering for more than 20 years.

As chair, Shridhar introduced new courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels, doubled the number of faculty and degree programs, and significantly increased the research activity of the department.

Before joining the UM-Dearborn faculty in 1985, Shridhar earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Bombay University, a master's in electrical engineering from the Polytechnic University of New York and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Aston in the United Kingdom. He has consulted extensively and received research grants from a number of industrial partners, and published more than 150 refereed journal articles and conference papers in the fields of controls, machine vision, image processing and pattern recognition.

Straub, professor of psychology, has served 12 years as chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences. He joined the UM-Dearborn faculty in 1979, after receiving his bachelor's degree from Florida Southern College and master's and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University.



Straub

His publications include a leading textbook, titled *Health Psychology*, and he led the campus's development of a master's degree program in that subject. In addition, Straub has worked with teaching hospitals throughout southeast Michigan on medical education programs, and he's published numerous refereed articles.

Straub's outstanding teaching was recognized with the campus's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1982, and he received the Alumni Society's Faculty Member of the Year Award in 2006.

Next generation of tech leaders



Detroit middle school students worked diligently to determine the energy efficiency of some common household appliances during a lab session on campus last month as part of the Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program (DAPCEP). DAPCEP's mission is to increase the number of minority students who pursue careers in science, mathematics, engineering, and technology related fields.

CECS has been a partner with DAPCEP for many years, hosting more than 100 students on campus for Saturday programs during the academic year and during the summer. The four-week summer program at UM-Dearborn is designed to strengthen middle school and high school students' understanding and skills in basic mathematics, general science and computers.

"We are preparing the next generation of technology leaders for the Detroit metropolitan area, for the state of Michigan and the nation," according to DAPCEP executive director Jason Lee. "We do this by engaging students in a high-quality academic program that complements the K-12 curriculum, and UM-Dearborn is a very valuable partner in those efforts. You're a big part of what we do."

P.K. Mallick named Stirton Professor

P.K. Mallick, professor of mechanical engineering and director of interdisciplinary programs in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, has been appointed the campus's William E. Stirton Professor.

The Stirton professorship recognizes a UM-Dearborn faculty member for "truly distinguished scholarship, teaching and professional activity."

The appointment for a five-year non-renewable term, which begins Sept. 1, was approved by the U-M Regents at their July meeting.

William E. Stirton was the first chancellor of UM-Dearborn, and the professorship was established in 1977 "as a tribute to a distinguished educator and administrator who was an inspiration to students and faculty," according to the Regents memo on the appointment.

Mallick joined the UM-Dearborn faculty as assistant professor in 1979, was promoted to associate professor in 1984 and to professor in 1991. He earned his bachelor's degree from Calcutta University and master's and Ph.D. degrees from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

He took on the leadership of CECS interdisciplinary programs in 1997, where "he has been very effective in expanding the college's research and teaching efforts into multidisciplinary areas of great interest to the university's community stakeholders," accord-

ing to Chancellor Daniel Little.

"Professor Mallick is a researcher who understands the impact of automotive manufacturing processes on designing with composites, and he has successfully integrated the educational and industrial expectations to create a



Mallick

knowledge base for energy efficient, environmentally sound and structurally robust vehicles," Little said.

In his career at UM-Dearborn, Mallick has developed and taught 18 undergraduate and graduate courses in several different engineering disciplines, and he has served on many college and campus committees. His research has received major support from industrial partners and government agencies, including major support from the U.S. Department of Energy for the campus's Center for Lightweighting Automotive Materials and Processing.

"Professor Mallick exemplifies what a teacher/scholar and leader should be," Little said. "He is genuinely interested in student development and success, and has been a dedicated and inspirational mentor to many students over the years."



Two new students win Jalen Rose Scholarships

Two UM-Dearborn students have received scholarships totaling \$10,000 each from the Jalen Rose Foundation, a non-profit organization established by NBA star and Phoenix Sun's guard Jalen Rose to create opportunities for underserved youth.

Detroit residents Martin Lucaj of Southwestern High School and Brittany Meeks of Mumford High School will begin their studies at UM-Dearborn this fall.

"Having promoted the Jalen Rose Scholarship to our admitted students for two years now, it is extremely exciting to know that two first-year students enrolling at UM-Dearborn are recipients," said Christopher Tremblay, director of admissions and orientation. "This acknowledges the quality of our entering students."

Lucaj and Meeks were among five Detroit high school students to receive the scholarships from the foundation this year. They were chosen for the scholarships based on academic achievement, goals, extracurricular and community activities, and financial need. Students will receive the grants in four installments of \$2,500 per year.

Faculty greeting Sept. 6

Chancellor Daniel Little will open the academic year by welcoming faculty members and offering brief reflections on the academic challenges for the coming year during his annual "Greeting to the Faculty" event on Thursday, Sept. 6. The event will take place from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Music Room of the Henry Ford Estate.

The chancellor also will introduce new faculty members to the campus community at the event. A reception will follow. For more information, call 593-5330.

Emeritus

Prof. Cepuran retires after 33 years service

Joseph Cepuran, associate professor of public administration in the School of Education, has been named associate professor emeritus.

His appointment to emeritus status was approved by the U-M Regents at their July meeting in Ann Arbor. Cepuran will retire from active faculty status at the end of August.

Cepuran joined the UM-Dearborn faculty in 1974 as assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1978. He previously taught at the Institute of Governmental Affairs at the University of Wisconsin from 1972 to 1974.

Active in the field of welfare policy and tax reform, Cepuran has worked with urban governments in Florida, Virginia, Iowa and Michigan. He has been a long-term member of the Michigan Public Management Institute, serving the institute in a number of capacities.

Within the American Society of Public Administration, he has been president and vice president of the Detroit chapter, a member of the executive council and served on numerous committees.

At UM-Dearborn, Cepuran directed the Master of Public Administration Program from 1977 to 1983, from 1992 to 1995 and from 1998 to 2006. He served on the campus Budget Priorities Committee, the Budget Committee and Graduate Committee, as well as served two terms on the School of Education Executive Committee.

Earlier this year, Cepuran was named Faculty Member of the Year by the campus's Alumni Society in a ceremony this spring.

Cepuran earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Omaha in 1961, a master's degree at Florida State University in 1962 and a doctoral degree at the University of Iowa in 1973.

Key to the ballpark



Golden Key International Honour Society members (from left) Alecia Kupser, Fatime Ala, Alexandra Tungol, Nadia Petlakh and Tom Knisley collaborated with the Student Activities Office to organize a campus-wide outing to Comerica Park on July 3.

The students were among 130 members of the campus community at the ballpark that night who saw the Cleveland Indians beat the Detroit Tigers 5-4.

Math student receives state scholarship

Senior Toni Vellmure of Wyandotte has been named one of four recipients statewide of the Miriam Schaefer scholarship from the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

The scholarship assists students enrolled in a teacher education program with a mathematics specialty. Vellmure plans to graduate from UM-Dearborn in May 2008 with bachelor's degrees in mathematics and economics, a minor in statistics, as well as a secondary teaching certificate.

Vellmure can use her \$1,500 award from the council toward tuition, books, labs and fees. After graduation, Vellmure hopes to continue her education by earning a master's degree in mathematics education while teach-

ing at a metropolitan Detroit high school.

She already has spent time student-teaching in algebra and geometry classrooms in Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn, and in pre-algebra classrooms at Lincoln Park Middle School. This summer, Vellmure volunteered for UM-Dearborn's Summer Bridge Program, which provides enrichment in mathematics for incoming freshmen students.

"I believe that students need a caring classroom environment," said Vellmure in an essay written for her scholarship application. "Having genuine conversations with students and taking an interest in their lives will show students their teacher believes in them and cares about their future."

Metro Detroit Youth Day



Twenty-two UM-Dearborn faculty, staff and students volunteered their time alongside more than 200 community organizations at the 25th annual Metro Detroit Youth Day on Belle Isle July 11.

The event, which began in 1982, attracts 30,000 children ages 8-15 and includes youth guidance, mentoring, anti-substance abuse assistance, entertainment, motivational speakers and scholarships for academic excellence.

As a sponsor of the event, UM-Dearborn provided a hands-on educational display featuring live "giant" millipedes and roaches courtesy of the campus's biology department. Marketing coordinator Renee Lopez (right) painted children's faces, and admissions counselor David Stephens taught children to hula hoop, while the kids waited in line to view the displays. Children received sun visors for visiting the booth.

"MDYD is a wonderful opportunity for bringing together faculty, staff and students to make a difference in the lives of metropolitan Detroit youth and have a little fun at the same time," said Lopez. "Next year, we hope to expand on UM-Dearborn's event participation by including more educational opportunities for the youth."

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Information Technology Services News

ITS launches improved spam e-mail filtering system

On average, more than 50 percent of incoming e-mail is identified as spam. In a continuing effort to control and reduce unwanted messages, ITS completed a major upgrade last month to the campus spam mail filtering system. Software was moved to new equipment and the most current updates and spam-filtering signatures were installed. This should result in more legitimate mail being delivered to in-boxes while unwanted mail will be automatically moved to spam folders. If your e-mail client doesn't show a spam folder, call the Help Desk for assistance in updating folder views that are available. The spam folder also is accessible in Webmail.

How does the spam filtering system work? As new e-mail is delivered to UM-Dearborn, each incoming message is scored against three national databases that are updated continually with the latest spam "signatures" and common exploits. Messages that are clearly spam--Viagra ads and pornography, for instance--are automatically discarded by the system before delivery to in-boxes. Borderline spam messages and common mass mailings may be marked as spam, and then delivered to your spam or junk folder. The campus community should review messages in these folders regularly to ensure that legitimate mail hasn't been inadvertently labeled as spam. If you find that is the case, forward those messages to ham-report@umd.umich.edu. In Webmail, if there are messages in your Spam folder that are legitimate, select them and click on "Report as Innocent" to identify mail that has been mislabeled as spam. Spam-report@umd.umich.edu also can be used to forward spam that hasn't been filtered properly. These steps will help the system more accurately screen spam from actual e-mail. If you have any

special filtering needs, contact the ITS Help Desk at 593-4357 or helpdesk@umd.umich.edu.

The spam filtering system also is configured to block spam from being delivered off campus to other e-mail providers. This typically happens when someone has auto-forwarding set to deliver UM-Dearborn e-mail to an alternate e-mail address. Messages delivered through UM-Dearborn's system and flagged as spam will not be forwarded. This helps prevent other e-mail providers from blocking all campus mail in order to prevent unwanted spam.

ITS Help Desk responds

The ITS Help Desk offers a wide range of technical support services to the campus community. During FY 2006-2007, the Help Desk responded to 3,422 requests for information or assistance. Roughly half the people reached the Help Desk by phone and another 50 percent used e-mail. Two percent were walk-ins. Approximately 25 percent of people who contact the Help Desk are students and 15 percent are faculty and staff in the academic units. The remaining 60 percent are contacts from a variety of business units and centers across the campus.

Many common questions can be answered immediately by phone. A new call enhancement provides an automatic voice message that lets people know if systems are down before their call is transferred to the Help Desk. For other requests and problems, a ticket will be opened and assigned to the next available technician. The Help Desk commonly assists with e-mail, log-in and printing problems, network connectivity issues, Banner, file storage and desktop computer configurations. If you need assistance, contact the Help Desk at 593-4357 or helpdesk@umd.umich.edu Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Libyan scholar visits campus



Idris Shetewi (left), dean of the Faculty of Economics and Commerce at the University of Garyounis in Benghazi, Libya, spoke with Chancellor Daniel Little at a lunch at the Henry Ford Estate during his visit to campus last month.

Shetewi spent four weeks at UM-Dearborn as part of a three-year, \$300,000 grant the School of Management received from the U.S. Agency for International Development and the state department's Middle East Partnership Initiative to build business and economics education in Libya.

The goal of the three-year program is to modernize business and economics teaching in Libya, which has been cut off from Western ideas and thinking since the mid-1980s, and especially since the United Nations introduced sanctions and the country was effectively isolated in 1992, according to Barbara Peitsch, grant specialist in the SOM and manager of the project.

Aaron Ahuvia, associate professor and director of international programming for Europe and emerging markets in the School of Management, is the primary investigator on the grant.

News Briefs

On-site admissions offered this month

Applicants to UM-Dearborn can complete the application and admissions process for undergraduate degree programs in a single day throughout the month of August.

"On-site admissions provides a one-stop opportunity for future students to apply for admission, learn of their admission decision and take care of most of the enrollment steps," said Christopher W. Tremblay, director of admissions and orientation.

Through Aug. 31, high school graduates and college transfer students can meet with an admissions counselor, have their transcripts reviewed, meet with financial aid staff, tour the campus and receive an on-site admission decision--all in one day. In addition, the regular \$30 application fee will be waived for students taking part in the program.

To participate, students should visit the undergraduate admissions office in Room 1145 of the University Center.

Potential students should bring a copy of their high school and/or college transcripts.

For more information, visit www.umd.umich.edu/onsite/ or call the Office of Admissions and Orientation at 593-5100.

Berkowitz Gallery to show fiber arts

The Alfred Berkowitz Gallery, located on the third floor of the Mardigian Library, will host the 60th anniversary exhibition of the Michigan Weavers Guild Sept. 7 through Oct. 5.

A public reception will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7 in the Gallery.

The exhibition features weaving, tapestry, basketry, paper, fiber jewelry and other fiber-related works by members of the Guild. Functional and non-functional pieces will be shown and a number of the artworks will be available for purchase.

The Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Call 593-3592 for more information.

Freshman Convocation ceremony set for Sept. 4

This fall's new freshman students will be welcomed to campus with a daylong series of events designed to initiate them into the academic life.

The student-success workshops and Freshman Convocation will be held Sept. 4, the day before classes begin, and will include community-building experiences and seminars with faculty and students to learn about strategies for academic success in college.

A formal convocation ceremony in the Fieldhouse will be the centerpiece of the day, followed by an ice cream social for new students, their parents, and participating faculty and staff. The convocation ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. and include a procession of faculty members and new students, and remarks by Chancellor Daniel Little. The chancellor's ice cream social will begin at 2 p.m. on the west side of the University Center.

Staff Senate will host annual picnic Aug. 15

The Staff Senate will host its 9th annual Staff Appreciation Picnic from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15 in the AB Courtyard.

Lunch will include herb turkey burgers, pulled pork, hot dogs, corn on the cob, pasta salad, coleslaw, strawberry shortcake and beverages.

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.



Civic leaders appointed to advisory committee

Four community leaders have been appointed to the UM-Dearborn Citizens Advisory Committee, a group established by the U-M Regents "for the purpose of advising the chancellor, the president and the board on all matters bearing on the effectiveness of the service of the University to that area served by its programs centered in Dearborn, including the long-range educational needs of the area, and the part the University should take in responding to such needs."

The four new members of the CAC are Steve Economy, senior vice president of the Wayne County Airport Authority; Mark Gaffney, president of the Michigan AFL-CIO; Hassan Jaber, chief operating officer of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services; and Gail Mee, president of Henry Ford Community College.

Their four-year appointments, effective Sept. 1, were approved by the Regents at their



Economy

July meeting in Ann Arbor. Four members are stepping down from the committee after serving the maximum eight years.

Economy, who received his bachelor's degree from UM-Dearborn in 1965, has served a dozen years with the airport authority where his responsibilities include human resources, labor relations and government affairs for both Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports.

Previously he served as vice president for external relations and executive assistant to the president of Ameritech/Michigan Bell, where he was responsible for managing the utility's involvement in the educational, political, civic and cultural life of the region. At UM-Dearborn, Economy is a member of the School of Management's Dean's Advisory Council.

As president of the state labor federation, Gaffney represents approximately



Gaffney

750,000 active and retired union members in 48 affiliated unions. He joined the labor movement as an organizer for a Teamsters local in Saginaw after receiving a master's degree in labor relations from Michigan State University.

He went on to work for the Teamster's joint council based in Detroit, where he was legislative and community affairs director and responsible for political action statewide. He was elected to lead the Michigan AFL-CIO in 1999, and re-elected to a second four-year term in 2003.

Jaber became COO of ACCESS last year, after serving many years as the group's associate executive director. He has helped transform ACCESS from a storefront operation into the largest Arab-American organization in the country, providing more than 90 different economic and social service programs. His responsibilities have included

community and government relations, strategic planning and analysis, fundraising and human resources.

Jaber received bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State University and



Jaber

he is a frequently commentator for local, national and international media on issues involving the Arab American community. He serves on the board of a number of corporate and civic organizations, including the Henry Ford Health System, and was a cofounder of the American Arab Chamber of Commerce in 1992.

Mee was appointed the fourth president of Henry Ford Community College in 2006, after serving nine years as vice

president of academic affairs at Mesa Community College in Arizona. She earned her doctorate in education in college teaching and academic leadership from Columbia University, and has bachelors and master's degrees in mathematics.

Mee began her academic career as professor of mathematics and computer education at Orange



Mee

County Community College in New York, and served in several leadership positions there. She also has been a consultant for the Higher Learning Commission and the American Association for Higher Education, and been involved in a number of civic and community organizations, including chairing the United Way campaign in Mesa.

Kudos

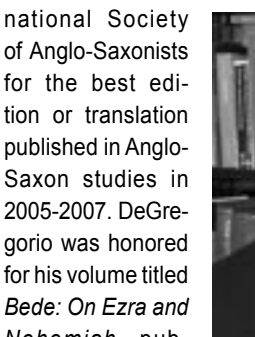
Joy Beatty, assistant professor of organizational behavior at the School of Management, received the 2007 New Educator Award from the Organizational Behavior Teaching Society at a conference in California earlier this year. The national award is presented annually to recognize a professor who has shown promise



Beatty

to make a difference in the field of management education. "These creative individuals demonstrate teaching excellence and scholarship with commitment and service to the profession," according to the association.

Scott DeGregorio, assistant professor of humanities, received an award from the International Society of Anglo-Saxonists for the best edition or translation published in Anglo-Saxon studies in 2005-2007. DeGregorio was honored for his volume titled *Bede: On Ezra and Nehemiah*, published last year by the Liverpool University Press. The award was presented in London earlier this month. DeGregorio's translation of the Venerable Bede's Latin commentary on these Biblical texts, "presents the



DeGregorio

work in a format that will be accessible to the layman and illuminating for the specialist," according to a review.



Irwin

Kathy Irwin, senior associate librarian and head of circulation services

at the Mardigian Library, has been elected vice president and president-elect of the Michigan Library Association. The MLA is a professional organization dedicated to "the promotion of quality library service for all Michigan citizens." Irwin's term as president will begin in fall 2008.

Joseph T. Marks, curator of collections and exhibitions, was elected vice president of the Dearborn Community Arts Council for a two-year term. The Dearborn Community Arts Council, founded in 1969, is an umbrella organization that encourages and supports the growth and development of 50 individual arts and cultural organizations in the Dearborn/Dearborn Heights community.

Illir Miteza, associate professor of economics, has had an article accepted for publication in the *East-West Journal of Economics and Business* on "Exchange Rates and Non-Linear Dynamics in Output: Evidence from Bulgaria."

(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.)