

Reporter

The University of Michigan-Dearborn

November 5, 2007

Urban, regional studies program revitalized this term

The campus's program in Urban and Regional Studies has been revitalized this fall and is offering a suite of interdisciplinary courses to appeal to undergraduates who can major or minor in the field.

"For several years UM-Dearborn has had an inactive degree program in urban and regional studies," according to economics Prof. Bruce Pietrykowski, director of the program.

"But in light of our characterization of UM-Dearborn as a 'metropolitan university' positioned to meet important social and economic needs of citizens and institutions in southeastern Michigan, I've been working with a number of faculty members, in particular Profs. Julio Borquez in political science and Georgina Hickey in history, to revitalize the urban and regional studies curriculum."

The program also will benefit from the expertise of several recent additions to the CASL faculty and the development of new areas of interdisciplinary research in fields such as GIS (geographic information system) and spatial analysis, gender theory, critical race studies, and public policy, Pietrykowski said.

"The urban and regional studies curriculum is poised to benefit from the active engagement with faculty around these fields of teaching and research interest," he said.

In addition, the program will build on existing strengths in CASL, including the internship program, that connect students to the communities in which they live and work.

"And as the University moves toward developing new initiatives in civic engagement and community leadership, a revitalized urban and regional studies degree is well-positioned to offer enhanced educational opportunities for both current and prospective students," Pietrykowski said.

The program also will use resources including U-M's Detroit Center, as well as the campus's existing relationships in southwestern Detroit. Pietrykowski also cited the campus's engagement in the work of the "One D" coalition of six leading civic organizations in the region, as well as the chancellor's leadership in the work of the Road to Renaissance effort.

The program will offer specializations in three areas: urban problems and policy; community development, culture and history; and environment, design and space. Concentrators will be expected to take a total of 36 credit hours in their specialization area and in the related areas. A new gateway course, "Urban and Regional Studies: Theory and Practice," will be offered for the first time in the Winter term.

Most of the courses to satisfy the degree requirements are already being offered in CASL departments and disciplines, including economics, political science, history, sociology, environmental studies, geography, history and humanities.

All students majoring in urban and regional studies also will be expected to complete a senior capstone course, as well as six hours of community-based research satisfied through any combination of an internship, an independent study or CASL-designated academic-service learning courses. Academic service learning courses are currently being offered and more are being developed under the auspices of the UM-Dearborn civic engagement initiative.

The program is housed in the Department of Social Sciences. For more information about the program in urban and regional studies, see <http://www.casl.umd.umich.edu/urs/>.

Stirton Professor



Chancellor Daniel Little, Sunanda Mallick, Prof. P.K. Mallick and Provost Susan W. Martin

"Materials, Engineering and Interdisciplinarity" was the topic of Prof. P.K. Mallick's lecture marking the beginning of his five-year term as the campus's Stirton Professor last week.

Mallick, professor of mechanical engineering and director of interdisciplinary programs in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, discussed how his work in materials engineering overlaps with other engineering fields, as well as with subjects in the natural sciences.

He also described his work with faculty members in the liberal arts in the work of the Science and Technology Studies program, and offered suggestions on ways to enhance the curriculum for students across campus.

"I am deeply honored and humbled, after 29 years on campus, to be recognized by my colleagues with this great recognition," Mallick said.



'Refusing to be Enemies' documentary on dialogue among Arabs and Jews

UM-Dearborn will host a free public screening of the documentary "Refusing to Be Enemies: The Zeitouna Story" at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6 in the auditorium of the Social Sciences Building as part of the campus's Difficult Dialogues Initiative.

The Laurie White documentary chronicles six Arab and six Jewish women who struggle to overcome their prejudices, fears and anger through dialogue.

"This is an amazing film about a group of women who have a lot to teach us about peace and collaboration, according to Prof. Suzanne Bergeron, director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program. "The work they do to bridge divides on the topic of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict shows the power of engaging in difficult dialogue to create personal and social change."

Established Ann Arbor in 2002, the Zeitouna dialogue group works to embody and promote peaceful and just coexistence of Arab and Jewish people through connection, trust, empathy and actions focused on supporting a sustainable future for Palestine and Israel, according to the group's Web site.

Produced and directed by White, a pioneering member of Zeitouna, which means "olive tree" in Arabic, the film explores the sisterhood of the twelve women who find that their diverse backgrounds have more in common than they originally believed.

The screening is sponsored by UM-Dearborn's Difficult Dialogues Initiative, the campus's Women's and Gender Studies Program and the Office of the Provost.

For more information, contact Prof. Bergeron at sbergero@umd.umich.edu.

HFE to host wreath-making workshop

The Henry Ford Estate will hold a Holiday Wreath-Making Workshop from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 17.

Participants will create a holiday wreath with fresh greens and seasonal decorations. The workshop, which is for adults and children ages 12 and up, will be taught by florists from

Christopher's Personal Touch.

The cost of the workshop is \$35 and includes materials. Advance reservations are required.

For more information, or to make your reservation, call 593-0514 or 593-5580.



Campus supports breast cancer awareness program

The "Komen on the Go" pink educational vehicle made an appearance on campus Oct. 23, parking behind the University Center for the day to raise awareness for early detection and to generate support for finding a cure for breast cancer.

In the photo below, Erin Hayes (left), event execution coordinator for Komen on the Go, helped juniors Lina Khuri (center) and Allison May, both of the Panhellenic Sorority, with some of the interactive learning materials in the trailer.

The pink trailer, one of two vehicles traveling around the country visiting more than 144 U.S. communities, featured an interactive



THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN

Senior Officers

Daniel Little, Ph.D., *Chancellor*; Susan Martin, Ph.D., *Provost & Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*; Edward Bagale, M.B.A., *Vice Chancellor for Government Relations*; Thomas Baird, M.Ed., *Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement*; Robert G. Behrens, M.A., *Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs*; Stanley E. Henderson, M.A., *Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Life*

Academic Deans

Kathryn M. Anderson-Levitt, Ph.D., *College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters*; Kim Schatzel (interim), Ph.D., *School of Management*; Subrata Sengupta, Ph.D., *College of Engineering and Computer Science*; Paul Zions, Ph.D., *School of Education*

Regents of the University

Julia Donovan Darlow, Laurence B. Deitch, Olivia P. Maynard, Rebecca McGowan, Andrea Fischer Newman, Andrew C. Richner, S. Martin Taylor, Katherine E. White, Mary Sue Coleman, ex officio

Citizens Advisory Committee

Stephen Economy, Mark Gaffney, Hassan Jaber, Gail Mee, Patricia Mooradian, Timothy O'Brien, Jon Pepper, Maria Leonhauser, Shirley R. Stancato

Non-Discrimination Policy Notice

The University of Michigan, as an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding nondiscrimination and affirmative action, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The University of Michigan is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity for all persons regardless of race, sex, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, or Vietnam-era veteran status in employment, educational programs and activities, and admissions. Inquiries or complaints may be addressed to the Senior Director for Institutional Equity and Title IX/Section 504 Coordinator, Office for Institutional Equity, 2072 Administrative Services Building, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1432, 734-763-0235, TTY 734-647-1388. For other University of Michigan information call 734-764-1817. University of Michigan-Dearborn inquiries may be addressed to the Dearborn Affirmative Action Coordinator, Office of Human Resources/Affirmative Action, 1020 Administration Building, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, MI 48128-1491, 313-593-5320/5190, TTY 313-593-5430, Fax 313-593-3568.

Publication calendar

The next issue of the *Reporter* will be published on November 19. News items must be delivered to the Office of University Relations, 1040 Administration Building, at least 10 days prior to the publication date.

Terry Gallagher, editor

(tgallagh@umich.edu)

Jennifer Sroka, public relations representative

(jasroka@umich.edu)

Janis Ward Ney, senior graphic designer

The University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn, MI 48128-1491.

The University of Michigan-Dearborn does not necessarily endorse the views of speakers at events listed in the *Reporter*.

learning environment complete with computer stations, breast cancer educational materials, breast self-examination guides, information on how to volunteer locally, registration cards for local Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure events and tips on how to be effective and supportive for loved ones facing breast cancer.

In the photo above, Gail Mee (left), Henry Ford Community College President, and Bonnie Jobe, professor of fine arts and fitness at HFCC, were among the many visitors to stop by the event, which was co-sponsored by UM-Dearborn's Women's Resource Center and the Commission for Women, in conjunction with Henry Ford Community College.

News Briefs

Hip-hop artist Chuck D for Conversation on Race

Legendary hip-hop artist Chuck D, who co-founded the rap group Public Enemy, will visit UM-Dearborn to talk about "Race, Rap, Reality and Technology" from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9 at Kochoff Hall as part of the campus's Conversation on Race discussion series.

"Chuck D is coming to UM-Dearborn to have a diverse discussion that goes beyond hip-hop," according to Cory Anderson, student activities supervisor. "He'll touch on issues like current politics, Internet file sharing and his view of reality television. He'll offer a jolting combination of intelligence and eloquence."

As the lyricist and main vocalist of Public Enemy, Chuck D was the focal point of three seminal and controversial rap albums: Yo! Bum Rush the Show, It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back and Fear of a Black Planet, according to Wikipedia.

The event is sponsored by the Student Activities Office and the African and African American Studies Program.

For more information, visit http://sao.umich.edu/sao_conversation_on_race/ or call 593-5390.

'SAFE' allies training Nov. 7

The Women's Resource Center will host a Students, Staff, Administrators and Faculty for Equality (S.A.F.E.) Training on Nov. 7 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 1227, UC. In order to become a S.A.F.E. ally, faculty, staff and students must attend a training session that includes information about the S.A.F.E. program, explains what it means to be an ally, and identifies campus and community resources available for LGBT people. To sign up for training, call the WRC at 583-6445.

Emerita

Prof. Emily Spinelli retires after 32 years

Emily Spinelli, professor of Spanish and former chair of the Department of Humanities at UM-Dearborn, was named professor emerita of Spanish by the U-M Regents at their October meeting. Spinelli, who joined the UM-Dearborn faculty in 1975, retired from active faculty status at the end of August.

"Professor Spinelli taught courses at all levels of Spanish language, literature, culture and civilization, as well as foreign language methodology," the Regents noted in their memo regarding Spinelli's emerita appointment.

In addition to serving as department chair from 1992 to 1998, Spinelli also served as coordinator of the campus's Spanish program and the International Studies Program, and chaired numerous campus task forces and committees.

On the national level, Spinelli was president of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

She was the author of several Spanish textbooks, and served six years as editor of the *Foreign Language Annals*, the official journal of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. Under Spinelli's leadership, the publication went

from one of the least cited to the most cited journal in the field of foreign language teaching and learning. She received numerous honors and awards including the Florence Steiner Award for Leadership in Foreign Language Education.

Regarding her term as editor, Spinelli said she worked to keep the focus on teachers on the front lines of foreign language instruction. "I do not believe in research for the sake of research," she said. "It should have some sort of implication for all of us in the classroom."

Spinelli received her bachelor's degree from Indiana University and master's and doctoral degrees from the Ohio State University. She taught at a high school, at Macomb County and Henry Ford community colleges and Wayne State University before joining the UM-Dearborn faculty as adjunct lecturer in 1975. She was promoted to assistant professor in 1982, to associate professor with tenure in 1988 and to professor in 1992.

Although now retired from the classroom, Spinelli continues to be active in promoting effective teaching of foreign languages as the executive director of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

CECS hosts event for prospective students

Students interested in a career in engineering or computer science should attend "Career Night" at UM-Dearborn on Nov. 13 to find out about career opportunities available in those fields.

The event will take place from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the campus's Institute for Advanced Vehicle Systems Building. The program will explore jobs and careers for students interested in attending the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

Students and parents will hear first-hand from engineers and computer scientists about the opportunities, challenges and rewards of pursuing a career and working as professionals, according to

Christopher Tremblay, director of admissions and orientation. In addition, participants can meet with faculty members, current students and alumni.

"Career Night provides a great wealth of information to prospective students and their families," Tremblay said. "By sharing alumni success stories and connecting degrees to jobs in the field, we are able to showcase how a Michigan degree makes the difference."

For more information or to register for the "Career Night" event, contact the Office of Admissions and Orientation at 593-5100 or visit <http://www.umich.edu/visitsandevents>.

Mardigian Library News

Donation of children's books

The Mardigian Library's Juvenile Historic Collection received a significant donation recently when Barbara and Daniel Balbach gave more than 60 children's books in memory of his parents, Clarice and William Balbach. The books were published from the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s and include titles in a number of important children's series such as *Elsie Dinsmore*; the *Bobsey Twins*; *Bunny Brown and his Sister Sue*; *Mildred* (a friend of Elsie Dinsmore); *Ruth Fielding*; and *Nancy Drew*.

Elsie Dinsmore was a series of 28 titles written between 1867 and 1905 by Martha Finley. The books were immensely popular and some of the titles were recently re-issued. The library now owns a copy of all the Elsie titles except *Elsie and Her Namesakes*, the last in the series.

The *Bobsey Twins* series is the longest running series for children, written by various authors under the pseudonym Laura Lee Hope and published by the Stratemeyer Syndicate in its original series from 1904 until 1979. Many titles in the series have been modernized and are still being published today. Following the exploits of a family with two sets of twins, aged 12 and six, the series is aimed at young readers. As the mystery series *Nancy Drew* and *The Hardy Boys* (also Stratemeyer Syndicate series) became popular in the 1920s and 1930s, the *Bobsey Twins* stories also began including gentle mystery themes. The Balbach donation included six titles in this series, the oldest being *The Bobsey Twins at Snow Lodge* (1913).

Another famous series represented is the *Nancy Drew* series with the titles *The Clue in the Jewel Box* and *The Mystery at the Ski Jump*. Many young girls have avidly read this series that began in 1930 and is still being published today. *Nancy Drew* stories have been modernized and updated over the years. She gradually aged from 16 to 18 during her many exploits and although she does occasionally travel around the world solving crimes, her hometown of River Heights (a fictional town near Chicago) is obviously a hotbed of criminal activity.

Through the Fire was written by George Lose in the late 1800s. It tells the tale of a young woman working as a maid for a well-to-do Chicago family after the great Chicago fire in 1871. In cataloging

the titles, it was discovered that no English editions of *Through the Fire* had been cataloged in the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), a nonprofit, international database of library holdings for 57,000 libraries worldwide containing information for more than 87 million titles. UM-Dearborn librarians were both surprised and pleased to find a title that was truly unique, and it has been cataloged and entered into the database so that it can be located by researchers and readers.

Other titles in the donation include *Wreck and Sinking of the Titanic*, a memorial written immediately after the sinking, containing many photos and drawings created especially for the book. *Pollyanna* was written by Eleanor H. Porter in 1913, and went on to spawn a series of titles, sometimes called "the Glad Books," still popular today. Six titles by Grace Livingston Hill, an author whose first book was published in 1877, also were added. These are the first titles we have by this prolific author who is well known for her inspirational and wholesome romance novels for girls and whose works are still being published today, according to campus librarians.

The addition of the titles donated by Mr. and Mrs. Balbach greatly enhance the Juvenile Historic Collection, which was established in 2001 when the Grand Rapids Public Library donated the May G. Quigley Collection of books to UM-Dearborn. The Juvenile Historic Collection is used extensively by students in the School of Education to research the history of children's literature.

Mardigian Library open 24 hours during finals

The Mardigian Library will be open 24 hours a day for finals study beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12 and ending on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

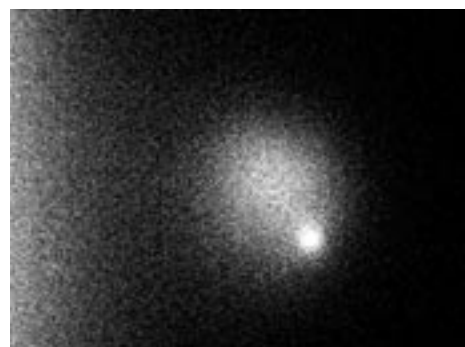
Only UM-Dearborn students can enter the library between 10 p.m. and the library's normal opening time. Students will be required to show their student IDs. Extra security personnel will be hired to monitor activity throughout the building. While the building will remain open, library services will be limited during the extra hours. All four floors of the library and the computers by the Library Research Center will be available for use. It will be possible to check out materials, as well.

Campus observatory open for viewing Comet Holmes

Comet Holmes, which in the past few days has emerged from invisibility to naked-eye visibility, will be monitored by astronomers and guests at the campus observatory in the early evening hours on Monday, Nov. 5 and Tuesday, Nov. 6, weather permitting.

"Comet Holmes just burst on the astronomical scene," according to Donald Bord, professor of physics and astronomy.

The public is welcome to attend the observa-



tion sessions. Viewing will begin around 8 p.m. EDT on Friday, and around 7 p.m. EST on Monday and Tuesday. The observatory is located on the top floor of the Science Learning and Research Center.

Comet Holmes has been known since 1892, and makes return visits to the inner part of the solar

system every 6.88 years. In the sky, the comet is located in the constellation of Perseus, near the bright star Mirfak, well above the horizon for viewers facing the northeast in our region.

"On Oct. 24, Comet Holmes puffed out a large cloud of gas and dust and brightened dramatically going from well below naked-eye visibility to a point rivaling that of the brightest stars in the sky," according to Bord. "Initially, the object looked 'star-like' to the unaided eye and even in telescopes with small apertures, but within days, it began to take on a more extended, fuzzy, 'comet-like' appearance."

Because Comet Holmes is nearly opposite the Sun in the sky and because comet dust tails always point away from the Sun, Earth-bound observers are looking generally along a direction parallel to that of the comet's tail, Bord said.

"Consequently, the apparition presented by Comet Holmes does not precisely match the one we commonly attach to these objects," he said. "Instead, Comet Holmes reveals only a largely spherical, diffuse halo of yellowish light attributable to reflected sunlight from the expanding cloud of dust particles released by the comet head."

It is expected that Comet Holmes will remain visible to the naked eye for the next couple of weeks before fading from sight.

Financial transactions and research assistance will not be available during extended hours.

'General Business File ASAP'

"General Business File ASAP," a new online resource, contains a wealth of company information that can be searched within four components of the database. Locate business articles through Business Index ASAP, search company profile reports through Company ProFile, access standard industrial classification (SIC) codes with SIC description, and obtain industry reports through Investext.

• Searches of Business Index ASAP for business articles can be limited by year of publication, to refereed publications, or within a specific journal. Users looking for articles in a specific journal should use the "Journal Search" link, or can use the "Browse" journal feature for a broader search. Each article can be linked to additional and related articles, to SIC codes found within articles, and in some cases, to a profile of the company. Articles are full text or text with graphics.

• Company ProFile contains basic profiles of companies, including address, type of business, parent company and subsidiaries, as well as estimates of annual sales for private companies. Links are included for a company's Web site and contact e-mail address, as well as to additional articles and SICs for the company.

• SIC Descriptions includes parent division, parent major and industry groups. For users unsure of the correct name of the industry, a subject search feature will be helpful. For example, a subject search on "keys" includes an industry profile. Click on the industry profile link and you will find keys are classified in "3429 Hardware, Not Elsewhere Classified," with 3429 as the SIC code. A further click will give you a definition of that SIC code and category, including its parent division, parent major and industry groups. There are also additional links to company profiles, articles and investment reports for that industry.

• Investext can be used to find industry reports and in-depth analysis of more than 10,000 publicly traded companies. Search selections include specific company, subject or industry. Reports are available in their original published format (graphs, charts, photos, etc.).

News Brief

HFE holiday events planned

The Henry Ford Estate will host its annual holiday season spectacular beginning Dec. 1.

Kicking off the events will be "Clara's Holiday Luncheon," scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates: Dec. 4, Dec. 6, Dec. 11, Dec. 13, Dec. 18 and Dec. 20.

The cost is \$30 per person, which includes a lunch. After lunch, participants will receive a special behind-the-scenes tour of the mansion.

On Dec. 7, the Estate will host "Santa's Workshop" from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Participants will make a holiday keepsake then follow a lighted path to Santa's workshop, where Santa and Mrs. Claus will be waiting. Cost is \$9 per child (no cost for accompanying adult).

On Dec. 19, the Estate will host "Clara's Holiday Tea" from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Traditional tea sandwiches and gourmet teas will be served while participants interact with a docent playing Clara Ford. A behind-the-scenes holiday tour of the mansion will be offered following the tea.

Call 593-5590 to make a reservation for the above events, or for more information. To view the full schedule of holiday events, visit <http://www.henryfordestate.org/>.

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.



'Sustainability Day' includes tour of rain garden

Michael Perrin, program manager at the Environmental Interpretive Center, led a group of faculty, staff and students on a tour

nationwide event held on more than 250 college and university campuses with the goal of increasing knowledge of sustainable principles and practices in higher educational institutions and their surrounding communities.

The EIC rain garden, located to the right of the center's entrance, helps to control stormwater runoff by collecting rainwater from the EIC's roof in a low area that contains more than 40 species of plants native to southeastern Michigan. The garden reduces the amount of stormwater flowing into storm drains, which also improves water quality in surrounding rivers and streams, like the Rouge River.

The EIC's garden is one of several steps UM-Dearborn has taken toward improving sustainability on campus, including a landscape project currently under way at the campus's main center entrance which will remove invasive buckthorn from the area.

"While this project will enhance the visual appeal of our streetscape, the primary considerations were maintainability, use of na-

tive plant materials and maintaining some of the wildlife food source that the buckthorn currently provides," according to Kathleen Pepin, director of facilities planning. "We've been able to accomplish this with evergreens, additional hawthorn trees, which are commonly found in southeast Michigan, and cornus racemosa 'huron,' a low, informal plant that will continue to provide a minimal food source for the urban wildlife without adding to the traffic hazard."

Despite these measures, the UM-Dearborn campus can learn from what other campuses nationwide are doing to bestow the environment, according to Debra Rowe, president of the U.S. Partnership for Education and Sustainable Development. Rowe appeared on campus Oct. 24 to lead an interactive brainstorming session titled "Education and Action for a Sustainable Future: Next Steps" with faculty, staff and students.

Rowe stressed that student involvement is key to making things happen on university campuses nationwide. Some of the ideas discussed at Rowe's brainstorming session included renovating the campus's older buildings to be more energy efficient, incorporating classes on sustainability into the curriculum and creating a sustainability task force to help move the campus forward on the issue.



of the EIC's rain garden as part of the Campus Sustainability Day events on Oct. 24.

Campus Sustainability Day is a na-

Semi-tropical dragonfly a new record for Michigan

Campus ornithologist Julie Craves recently collected and photographed a new species of dragonfly for Michigan, the band-winged dragonlet, *Erythrodiplax umbrata*, at the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Humbug Marsh Unit, a 410-acre natural area located in the cities of Trenton and Gibraltar off Jefferson Avenue.

Craves, supervisor of avian research at the Rouge River Bird Observatory, received a grant to do a baseline Odonata (dragonflies and damselflies) survey there for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Band-winged dragonlets are semi-tropical species most common in the U.S. in Texas and south Florida, with a range that extends to Argentina," Craves said. "There are records from other southeastern states, but every so often this species wanders farther afield. There have been four records for Ohio, where several have been found in the last

month. This Michigan record is the northernmost record ever for this species."

Craves and her husband, Darrin O'Brien, have been documenting dragonflies and damselflies in Wayne County for six years. The discovery of the band-winged dragonlet is the fifth state record they have found.

"I think we've also found around 45 county records for Wayne, and the Wayne County checklist is now at 94 species," Craves said. "The discovery was a great way to end a field season."



Kudos



Bagale

ment, a variety of activities which bring humanities scholars and the public together to examine culture."

Judith Flowers, associate research scientist in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, presented a talk titled "Taking the Lead: Developing



Flowers

Instructional Leadership Skills for Michigan's Educators," along with Ann Arbor campus colleague Steve Best, at the Michigan Mathematics Education Leadership Conference in Ann Arbor in October. At the same meeting **Roger Verhey**, director of the Center for Mathematics Education and professor emeritus, presented a talk



Verhey

on "A University and Intermediate School District Professional Development Collaborative Impacting Teacher Practice and Student Achievement." Verhey collaborated on the project with Carolyn Siebers of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and **Betsy Ardisana** and **Shelly Gabriel**, Taylor Public School teachers and adjunct instructors at UM-Dearborn.

Chancellor Daniel Little was elected to the board of trustees of the Citizens Research Council of Michigan at the organization's annual meeting in



Little

October. The Citizens Research Council, now more than 90 years old, provides factual, unbiased independent information on significant issues concerning state and local government organization and finance.

Two students working with biology Prof. **Sonia Tiquia** won first place in the poster competition at the fall meeting of the Michigan chapter of the American Society for Microbiology in Traverse City in October. Students **Sarah Plecha** and **Danielle Hall** were honored for their project titled "Screening and Characterization of Soil Microbes Capable of Degrading Cellulose from Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*)."



Tiquia