

# Reporter

The University of Michigan-Dearborn

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## Henry Ford Estate takes on arts and culture challenge

Beginning Aug. 18, the Henry Ford Estate will reach out to the community and seek financial support and matching funds via an innovative program called the "Community Foundation—Arts and Culture" challenge.

The challenge is hosted by the Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan in partnership with the Cultural Alliance of Southeastern Michigan.

The "Community Foundation—Arts and Culture" program will provide up to \$1 million in matching funds for gifts designated to participating arts and cultural organizations that are made via the Community Foundation Web site, [www.cfsem.org](http://www.cfsem.org).

A national historic landmark and home to the automotive pioneer and his wife, Clara, for more than 30 years, the Henry Ford Estate is listed on [www.cfsem.org](http://www.cfsem.org) under "University of Michigan," alongside U-M's Museum of Art and the Exhibit Museum of Natural History.

A match of \$1 will be provided for every \$2 contributed. The challenge will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18 and will end as soon as the \$1 million of match is exhausted, or no later than Sept. 18, whichever is first.

"This is a terrific opportunity and gesture on the part of the Community Foundation," said Mary Lynn Heining, director of corporate and foundation relations and special projects at UM-Dearborn. "And it's creating a wonderful buzz—part of which is that the challenge funds will be gone very quickly. We urge prospective participants to get online right at 10 a.m. on the 18th!"

Gifts can be made by credit card or e-check and can range from \$25 to \$10,000 per contributor, per organization.

Founded in 1984 as a permanent community endowment, the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan was built with gifts from hundreds of individuals and organizations committed to a strong future for southeast Michigan. Since its founding 25 years ago, the Foundation has distributed more than \$333 million in more than 32,000 grants to charitable projects in southeast Michigan's seven-county area.

For more information about making a gift during the challenge, contact Heining at 313-593-5643 or Breon Moriarty, assistant director of development at the Henry Ford Estate, at 313-593-3889.

## News Brief

### Exhibit on Swiss ceramics

The Alfred Berkowitz Gallery will host "Édouard-Marcel Sandoz: Selections from the Arthur and Karen Levin Collection" from Aug. 31 through Oct. 30.

The exhibition will present a collection of Art Deco functional ceramics and bronze sculptures designed by Swiss sculptor, Sandoz, in the early 1900's for the Haviland ceramics company of Limoges, France. The collection includes works on paper as well.

For more information, contact Ken Gross, director of the Art Museum Project, at 593-5058.

## Plant manager



David Susko, associate professor of biology, pauses in the campus's rain garden as he makes the transition to his new role as director of the Environmental Interpretive Center. He succeeds the center's founding director, biology Prof. Orin Gelderloos. A plant biologist, Susko would like to develop an urban farming program for the center and expand the popular community organic garden program. *Photograph by Rachel Lindley.*

## Biology Prof. David Susko selected as director of campus environmental center

David Susko, associate professor of biology, has been named director of the campus's Environmental Interpretive Center. His appointment will run through June 30, 2012.

"David brings to this position the right combination of scientific expertise, leadership skill and energy along with a clearly articulated vision that will not only strengthen and advance the mission of the EIC, but transform it into the premier environmental education center of its kind in the metropolitan area," said Kate Davy, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, when she announced Susko's appointment to the campus. "I am confident in David's abilities, excited about his vision, and wish him every success in his new administrative role."

Susko, who joined the UM-Dearborn faculty in 2003, plans to build on the foundational leadership of the center's former director, biology Prof. Orin Gelderloos, who helped to establish the EIC in 2001.

"The EIC would not exist as it is today without the efforts of Orin Gelderloos," Susko said. "We will be indebted to him for his service for many years to come."

In his new role, Susko hopes to bring a lot of energy to the center as he works to further its environmental stewardship, conservation efforts, educational outreach and urban ecology research initiatives.

A plant biologist who studies the influence of maternal environmental effects on the structure of weed populations and the reproductive viability of invasive plant species, Susko would like to increase the presence of urban farming at the center during his leadership.

"The community garden has been quite

successful. The garden is always full. There's always a waitlist of participants," he said. "I would love to develop a program in urban farming, expand the garden and encourage other units on campus to participate and collaborate on research using our natural resources."

Susko joined the Department of Natural Sciences in 2003 as assistant professor of biology and was promoted to associate professor this year. In addition to publishing 17 papers in prestigious international plant science journals, Susko received UM-Dearborn's Distinguished Teaching Award in the non-tenured category in 2008.

Susko has served on a number of campus committees, including the Faculty Senate, the Faculty Senate Council, the Research Support Committee and the Graduate Board. Within the Department of Natural Sciences, he has served on faculty search committees, the Environmental Science Graduate Program Committee, the Department Grievance Committee and as senate liaison to the Natural Sciences Department Executive Committee.

In addition, Susko has served as a manuscript reviewer for 15 different research publications, including *Annals of Botany*, *Canadian Journal of Forest Research*, *Canadian Journal of Plant Science*, *Evolution*, *International Journal of Plant Sciences*, *Natural Areas Journal*, *Oecologia*, *Plant Ecology* and *Seed Science Research*.

Susko received his Ph.D. at the University of Windsor, and he served as a post-doctoral scholar in the Department of Crop Science at North Carolina State University before moving to the Department of Plant Sciences at the University of Western Ontario as an NSERC research fellow in 2000.



## Macomb partnership in criminal justice studies

A new partnership between UM-Dearborn and Macomb Community College will make it easier for students earning associate degrees in criminal justice at Macomb to seek a bachelor's degree in criminal justice studies at UM-Dearborn.

The agreement allows Macomb students to seamlessly transfer up to 62 credit hours toward a bachelor's degree at UM-Dearborn. Officials from the two institutions signed the agreement in a ceremony at UM-Dearborn in May.

"This new partnership with UM-Dearborn represents an important opportunity for Macomb law enforcement students to pursue an advanced degree and position themselves for a greater breadth of future career prospects," said Michael Metz, director, Public Service Institute, Macomb Community College.

UM-Dearborn's criminal justice studies program has shown dramatic growth since its creation in 2001, according to sociology Prof. Kevin Early, director of criminal justice studies at the campus.

The bachelor's degree program is intended to prepare students for careers in criminal justice and law enforcement-related fields.

"Our new partnership with Macomb will let their students move seamlessly into our Criminal Justice bachelor's degree program. We are ready to serve them well!" according to Kathryn Anderson-Levitt, dean of UM-Dearborn's College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters. "Another full-time Criminal Justice faculty member joined us this year, and yet another is coming in the Fall. Their scholarly expertise and practical experience in law and policy alongside the hands-on expertise of our wonderful part-time faculty will give students from Macomb what they need: the strong Michigan liberal arts background plus practical knowledge in the field."

For more information about the criminal justice studies program at UM-Dearborn, call 583-6404 or e-mail [criminal\\_justice@umd.umich.edu](mailto:criminal_justice@umd.umich.edu).



James Jacobs (left), president of Macomb Community College, and Chancellor Daniel Little sign an agreement that makes it easier for students studying criminal justice studies at Macomb Community College to seek bachelor's degrees at the UM-Dearborn.

## News Brief

### Staff Senate picnic Aug. 12

The Staff Senate will host its 11th annual Staff Appreciation Picnic from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12 in the AB Courtyard. In addition to a picnic lunch in the courtyard, local vendors will be distributing information and offering special membership pricing at the event.

## Scholarships for Dearborn police officers



Celebrating the partnership between UM-Dearborn and the Dearborn Police are (from left, front row, seated) Dearborn Police Chief Ronald Haddad; UM-Dearborn Chancellor Daniel Little; and Lt. Mark Tobias, Lieutenants and Sergeants union president. From left, back row, standing: Kate Davy, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at UM-Dearborn; Kathryn Anderson-Levitt, dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters at UM-Dearborn; Cpl. Gregg Allgeier, union president of Police Officers Association of Dearborn; and Associate Prof. Kevin Early, director of UM-Dearborn's Criminal Justice Studies Program.

Police officers in the city of Dearborn will have the opportunity to further their education at a reduced cost thanks to a new scholarship program at UM-Dearborn.

The partnership between the university and the Dearborn Police Department seeks to expand community ties, facilitate academic access and promote higher education opportunities for police department employees.

"We're pleased to be working with the University of Michigan-Dearborn to encourage our officers to pursue excellent educational opportunities that ultimately strengthen our department and benefit our residents," said Dearborn Police Chief Ronald Haddad.

Officers who wish to pursue undergraduate or graduate degrees at UM-Dearborn will be eligible for a special scholarship that will provide a credit for 20 percent of their tuition costs and fees each semester.

Prospective students may be admitted to any undergraduate or graduate program the university offers as long as the program's admission and eligibility criteria are met. UM-Dearborn's 20 percent tuition credit will work in conjunction with the Dearborn Police Department's tuition reimbursement program.

"We are delighted to partner with the Dearborn Police Department to provide their officers with an opportunity to earn bachelor's and master's degrees at UM-Dearborn," said Kathryn Anderson-Levitt, dean of the campus's College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters. "This partnership demonstrates the city's strong commitment to community policing, and will benefit everyone living and working in Dearborn. It's a great way for UM-Dearborn to continue making this a great metropolitan environment."

## Metro Detroit Youth Day



Nearly 20 UM-Dearborn faculty, staff and student volunteers converged on Belle Isle last month to participate in the 27th annual Metro Detroit Youth Day.

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. UM-Dearborn volunteers also placed temporary Block M tattoos on children's faces and handed out campus sun visors. In the photo above, Katelyn McDowell, John McDowell, Alexandria Haynes, Joelle Primeau and Megan Gross were among the volunteers to assemble the visors on the bus ride to Belle Isle.

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## Publication calendar

The next issue of the *Reporter* will be published in September. 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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## Mardigian Library News

### Increase learning with clickers

The Mardigian Library now loans interactive learning software and wireless response keypads, commonly known as "clickers," that allow students to respond to questions posed by an instructor. The TurningPoint system works with PowerPoint to add interactive features such as quizzes, polls and surveys into presentations. Students respond to the instructor's multiple choice questions using the credit card-sized clickers. The percentage of responders to each answer is displayed on the screen. Polling is anonymous, so even though students know the percentage of responders who select each answer, they do not know exactly who gave particular answers.

The interactive nature of the presentation is designed to help engage students while the anonymity of the process prevents individuals from being embarrassed by incorrect answers. The system gives instructors immediate feedback on whether or not students are grasping the concepts being presented, so instruction can be adjusted accordingly. Research has shown that engaged or active learning generally results in higher retention of instruction.

The library has one USB-based response receiver with a set of 60 wireless clickers available for checkout by interested faculty members. If sufficient interest exists, a training session for faculty members also may be arranged.

For more information or to express an interest in attending a training session, contact Carla Brooks, head of the Library Research Center, at [ctbrooks@umd.umich.edu](mailto:ctbrooks@umd.umich.edu) or Sally Smith, reference librarian, at [salasm@umd.umich.edu](mailto:salasm@umd.umich.edu).

### For better search, try WorldCat Beta

The Mardigian Library soon will be changing its federated search product interface Central Search to WorldCat Local. Users will be able to search online for books, articles and other materials from the Mardigian Library, the U-M libraries in Ann Arbor, MeLCat (Michigan libraries) and WorldCat (libraries worldwide) using a single search interface. The items in the results list are arranged by relevance, with items from the Mardigian Library appearing first. WorldCat Local also provides "faceted searching", which allows users to narrow the results by author, format, year or topic. To try this new interface, go to the library Web page (<http://library.umd.umich.edu/>) and click on the icon on the upper right-hand side of the page that says, "Try Beta WorldCat Catalog." The option to search just the library's online public catalog (OPAC) will still be available.

### Library news on Facebook and LinkedIn

There are many ways to learn about new services and events at the Mardigian Library,

including visiting the Web site (<http://library.umd.umich.edu/>), subscribing to the library's news blog (<http://library.umd.umich.edu/news/>), or reading the library's e-mail newsletters. Now, users also can stay up-to-date on library news within Facebook and LinkedIn.

The library's Facebook page can be viewed whether or not users have a Facebook account. Users do not need to have a LinkedIn account to view the library's LinkedIn group. Connect to the Mardigian Library's Facebook page or LinkedIn group by clicking on the icons on the library's Web site, or by searching for the Mardigian Library within these services.

Students use these social networking tools to keep in touch with friends, family and to express their viewpoints. Many faculty members also have created accounts to keep in touch with students.

### Library information for course syllabi

Faculty guidance and encouragement is crucial in motivating students to use the library's resources for research projects. The Mardigian Library encourages faculty members to include a brief description about library services in course syllabi and other course materials.

The statement is available on the library's Faculty Services Web page in both text and HTML formats (for pasting into a word processing document or course Web page) at <http://library.umd.umich.edu/services/faculty/syllabus.html>.

### New Resources at the Library

#### E-Books

*International Handbook of Higher Education*, edited by James J.F. Forest, and Philip G. Altbach.

This e-book from SpringerLink examines trends and issues such as globalization, finance and accountability as they relate to higher education. Profiles of the higher education systems of a number of different countries also are included.

*Buying In or Selling Out? The Commercialization of the American Research University*, edited by Donald G. Stein

This e-book from NetLibrary examines the benefits and drawbacks of the commercialization of academia. Topics include the commercialization of college sports, the proprietary nature of biomedical research in universities, and the conflicting values of the marketplace and higher education.

#### Database updates

#### E&E Publishing

E&E Publishing provides searchable access to a group of sites specializing in different

aspects about the environment and energy. Climate Wire covers news related to the politics and business of climate change. E&E Daily reports on daily congressional action taken on issues related to the environment and energy, while Greenwire provides coverage of policy issues. E&E News PM provides late-breaking news of congressional action and voting on environmental issues, while E&E TV provides video footage related to these issues. Land Letter focuses on issues related to mining, drilling and other processes affecting the land. Finally, E&E Reports provides coverage of news, information and voting records compiled by topic on such issues as the U.S. climate debate, sustainable design, how the financial meltdown affects energy and the environment, and many others.

#### LexisNexis Congressional

LexisNexis Congressional provides information on the actions of both houses of Congress, as well as access to reports, statistics and analyses authored by and for legislators. This database includes indexing and abstracts of House and Senate reports, committee hearings, laws and bills, voting records, etc. as well as information about the legislative process. Users can trace legislative histories and monitor public policy on almost any topic. Full-text coverage of documents dating back as far as the 18th century is provided, along with biographies and financial data about members of Congress.

#### Cabell's Directories

To help researchers identify publications most likely to accept their manuscripts, Cabell's Directories provides information on journals published in the fields of education, educational technology, library science, psychology, psychiatry and related subjects. Information on the topic areas emphasized by each journal, the type of review process, acceptance rate and number of internal and external reviewers is included. Cabell's Directories also include extensive information on manuscript guidelines for each journal and/or indicates the use of a standard set of publication guidelines (such as MLA or APA style) by a journal.

#### Michigan Online Resources for Educators, <http://more.mel.org/>

This site, maintained by the Michigan Electronic Library, includes links to Web resources for all topics related to education, as well as links to Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations and educator job listings. Users can search by keyword or browse resources by subject.

## 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.

## New Student Convocation to celebrate campus's 50th year

UM-Dearborn's incoming class of freshmen, transfer and graduate students will begin the campus's 50th anniversary year with the New Student Convocation on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

The convocation is a daylong series of events designed to initiate new students into academic life. Student-success workshops and the New Student Convocation will be held Sept. 8, 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 Transfer Success Seminar for new transfer students will include a faculty speaker and a current student panel. A Student Success Seminar for new graduate students will include a welcome from a faculty speaker.

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 members. The convocation ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. and include a procession of faculty and staff members and new students, and remarks by Chancellor Daniel Little and Provost Kate Davy. The Chancellor's Ice Cream Social will begin immediately after the ceremony ends.

For more information call 593-5100 or visit <http://www.umd.umich.edu/convocation/>.



## Staff members recognized for teamwork, service

Thirteen staff members were honored for exemplary service at the 2008-2009 Chancellor's Staff Recognition Awards ceremony last month.

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

**Noel Hornbacher**, assistant controller in the Office of Financial and Budget Services, received the Exceptional Service Award for serving as an outstanding resource in providing financial assistance to the campus community in a way that is understandable and simple to implement,



*Hornbacher*

according to nominations.

As the University transfers its daily financial processes in a more complex Web-based technical direction, Hornbacher has been instrumental in presenting solutions to staff member problems and teaching methods and practices to work through the University's new financial systems and processes, one nominator said.

"Noel is an exceptional person and continues to make a huge difference at the University of Michigan-Dearborn," a nominator said. "We have all benefited from his expertise and our campus is a better place because of his many contributions. Noel is a role model, team player and leader."

The staff recognition committee voted **Mary Howard**, director of graduate programs for the College of Business, the winner of the Long-Term Achievement Award.



*Howard*

Nominators said Howard is the epitome of integrity and fairness and continuously sets an example of dedication, service and professionalism.

"If our students went out into the corporate world demonstrating the levels of integrity,

ethics, motivation and pride in their work that Mary does, the scandals and corporate failures surrounding us today would cease to exist," one nominator said.

Staff members of the **Early Childhood Education Center** received the Exemplary Team Award for successfully relocating the facility to its new site on Rotunda Drive, according to nominations. The team includes **Tammy Daigneau, Caryn Finkelstein, Andrea Frendo, Debbie Jones, Catie Kurtjian, Linda Lapansee, Kelly Lennihan, Cindi McAuliffe** and **Lia Simpson**.



*Early Childhood Education Center staff*

According to nominations, the ECEC team successfully kept its program running in the cottages while packing up and moving classrooms and offices to its new location a few miles away while experiencing uncertain move deadlines and construction delays.

"When the final approvals came there was barely a day left before the new center opened their doors for business in early September," said a nominator. "For parents and children alike, the move was almost transparent and today the ECEC continues to stand out as a shining example of superior UM-Dearborn service and education thanks to the dedication of a great team."

**Diane Sigler**, administrative assistant in the office of alumni relations, received the Exceptional Performance Award.



*Sigler*

Among her accomplishments within the last year, Sigler almost single-handedly ran the 11th annual UM-Dearborn Alumni Society Legacy

Scholarship Golf Outing and trained new Legacy Golf Outing Committee Chairman Brad Leidal on how to organize, plan and execute the event in a way that benefits both the society and the University, according to nominations.

"Diane epitomizes the concept of exceptional performance," said one nominator. "Her memory for golfers, sponsors, alumni and campus employees is amazing. She knows off the top of her head who is golfing with whom, who the sponsors are and how to appropriately and effectively communicate with each and every one of them in a way that will maximize their day, give them a good feeling about donating their money and make them want to attend the Legacy Golf Outing and other University events in the future."

**Timothy Davis**, director of iLabs, received the Outstanding Service to the Metropolitan Community and University Award.



*Davis*

According to nominations, Davis has re-invigorated existing relationships between the University and southeastern Michigan's business community. He also has established relationships with several key local governmental organizations including the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, Wayne County Office of Economic Development and SEMCOG, the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments.

"These new and re-vitalized relationships have resulted in significant growth for iLabs," said one nominator. "In the past three years, under Tim's leadership, iLabs has conducted research in partnership with Automation Alley, Ann Arbor Spark, the Detroit Regional Chamber, Michigan Works and more than 35 metropolitan Detroit communities including Southfield, Warren, Auburn Hills, Ann Arbor, Troy and Plymouth Township."

*Photographs by Laura Freeman.*

## Vehicle center shows off new digs at open house



The Connected Vehicle Proving Center (CVPC), which recently moved to UM-Dearborn's IAVS building from its original home at Ann Arbor's Center for Automotive Research, welcomed guests to its new home during an open house on July 27.

In the photo at left, taken by Tom Laundroche, CVPC project director and principal investigator Steve Underwood (second from left) discusses the center's Michigan International Speedway partnership with Ragiermia Amato (left) of Delphi Corporation, Richard Beubien (second from right) of Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. and an unidentified guest.

The CVPC is a state-launched, independent initiative to advance and attract to the state industries engaged with development of safer, more efficient vehicles and roads.