Four to receive honorary degrees at Winter Commencement

Compiled by Jillian A. Bogater from material submitted by the Office of University and Development Events

One of the nation’s most respected and innovative art museum directors, a renowned leader in the pharmaceutical industry, a legal scholar and education advocate, and an acclaimed operatic tenor are scheduled to receive honorary degrees at Winter Commencement 2015 on the Ann Arbor campus.

Martha Minow, the Morgan and Helen Chu Dean and Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, University of Michigan alumna, author and human rights advocate, will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree and deliver the Winter Commencement address at 2 p.m. Dec. 20 at Crisler Center.

Also receiving honorary degrees are Graham Beal, Doctor of Humane Letters; Dr. Pedro Cuatrecasas, Doctor of Science; and George Shirley, Doctor of Music.

The degrees were approved by the Board of Regents at its meeting Oct. 15.

Beal, recently retired director, president and chief executive officer of the Detroit Institute of Arts and currently the Hannah Visiting Distinguished Professor at Michigan State University, is one of the nation’s most respected and innovative art museum directors.

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Shirley

Graduate students Carl Arendt and Sarah Aarons, and faculty member Sarah Aciego, held one of the ice core samples the team collected on Taylor Glacier in Antarctica in 2013. Aciego and Aarons return to the glacier in November, to collect more samples to support climate change studies.

U-M Antarctic researchers study climate change where penguins roam

By Kevin Brown

U-M researchers will return to Antarctica next month to collect ice samples.

The University Record

Random coffee meet-ups spurring innovation across campus

By Greta Guest

He designs algorithms to optimize ship speeds for competing needs. She studies the science of motivation to understand what makes people stick to their health and fitness goals.

These University of Michigan professors — Nicholas Vlahopoulos, professor of naval architecture and marine engineering, and Michelle Segar, director of the Sport, Health, and Activity Research and Policy Center — appeared to have little in common. But once they connected through Innovate Brew, things got interesting.

Innovate Brew is a first-of-its-kind program that randomly matches U-M faculty for 30-minute coffee meetings once a month to foster more innovative thinking on campus.

More online
- Innovate Brew: innovateblue.umich.edu/research/innovate-brew/
- Innovate Blue: innovateblue.umich.edu/
- Video: https://youtu.be/J7tC_zlOF7A

As soon as Nick said decision-making with competing interests, I realized that’s our sweet spot right there,” Segar said. “I thought the intersection of our work would make a good pilot project, exploring how to create a decision-making tool to help clinicians and patients.”

Last summer, more than 260 U-M faculty took part in the pilot phase of the social networking experiment to spark research innovation. The permanent program kicked off this fall and is open to all U-M faculty.

Kevorkian papers acquired

The Bentley Historical Library has acquired the papers of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, a controversial Detroit-area native best known for his advocacy of physician-assisted suicide and terminal patients “right to die.”

Staff spotlight

“Theatre is important. Art is important. Ballet is important. Music is important. Make some art everybody—it’s important.”

— Beth Sandmaier

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U-M endowment valued at $10 billion in FY 2015

The University of Michigan’s long-term investment strategy continues to provide the university with a steady stream of endowment funding, with fiscal year 2015 distributions increasing to $294.5 million as the total value of the endowment rose to $10 billion.

The return on investment for the university’s endowment was 3.5 percent in fiscal year 2015, increasing the overall value of the endowment to $10 billion as of June 30, 2015, up from $9.7 billion the previous year.

The change in market value from the prior year was primarily due to investment gains and new endowment gifts. The university is on the midst of its Victors for Michigan fundraising campaign, which has a goal of raising $4 billion.

With a 10-year annualized return of 8.4 percent, U-M sits in the top quartile for long-term investment performance among university endowments. The U-M endowment ranks the ninth largest among all U.S. universities and third among public universities after two university systems.

“Last year Lundberg cautioned that lower rates of return could lie ahead, noting that periods of high returns ‘usually beget lower future returns as markets often get ahead of underlying fundamentals,’” Hegarty explains.

Lundberg, who has led the U-M investment office since it was formed in 1999, said the FY ’15 investment performance was tempered by sharply lower energy prices, which affected the performance from the university’s relatively large allocation to natural resources; an appreciating U.S dollar that eroded the returns of the often-well-performing non-U.S based investments; and high starting valuations, which dampened returns from equity and fixed-income investments.

Distributions from the endowment that help fund university operations totaled $294.5 million in fiscal year 2015, up from $284.4 million the previous year, says Kevin Hegarty, the university’s executive vice president and chief financial officer.

“Because of our long-term approach to investments and a conservative approach to distributions, the university’s endowment is able to provide increased funding for university operations throughout the up and downs of the market over time,” Hegarty explains. “Donors appreciate this approach and have confidence the university will invest their donations appropriately.”

The university’s endowment actually is a collection of about 9,100 separate endowment funds that provide support for specific purposes such as scholarships, educational programs or professorships. For example, roughly $2 billion, or 21 percent of the endowment, is restricted for use by the U-M Health System. Another $2 billion is earmarked for student scholarships and fellowships.

To ensure continuing support for future generations, the endowment funds are invested so part of the annual distribution can be used to pay regularly for day-to-day operations. This long-term approach also is designed to protect and grow the endowment corpus in real terms, Hegarty says.

The figures are among those included in the university’s annual investment report, presented Oct. 15 to the Board of Regents during a meeting on the UM-Flint campus. That report also notes that the university’s total cash and investments as of June 30 stood at $11.7 billion.

“Last year the Board of Regents approved a trailing average market value approach to setting the university’s endowment spending rate. It is designed to ensure that overall spending from the endowment will be distributed at a consistent level for decades to come,” Hegarty says. The award is given to transportation leaders “who have provided exemplary leadership in advancing transportation and championing innovation that will benefit our nation’s transportation system for decades to come.”

During the event, Sayer was recognized by U-M Transportation Research Institute and deployment director for the Mobility Transformation Center, as well as 11 people from across the country who received a 2015 Transportation Champions of Change Award.

The award is given to transportation leaders “who have provided exemplary leadership in advancing transportation and championing innovation that will benefit our nation’s transportation system for decades to come.”

Sayer was the principal investigator of the U.S. DOT-funded Connected Vehicle Safety Pilot Model Deployment and served as the principal investigator for the Ann Arbor Connected Vehicle Test Environment.

With support from U-M and the Michigan Department of Transportation, Sayer has overseen the creation, construction and operation of Mcity — the world’s first controlled environment specifically designed to provide safe, rigorous, repeatable testing of connected and automated vehicle technologies before they are tried out in real traffic.

Mcity, part of the Mobility Transformation Center, simulates a broad range of complexities that vehicles and pedestrians encounter in urban and suburban traffic environments. It is located on North Campus in order to ensure student engagement in, and learning from, the development of connected and automated technologies.

“Every year, motor vehicle crashes claim thousands of lives. In fact, the U.S. motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death of people under 35 years old,” Sayer said.

“Last year, alone, there were more than 30,000 fatalities. Connected vehicles could reduce up to 80 percent of unimpaired crashes.”

U-M, along with partners in government and industry, has made significant investments in the advancement of intelligent transportation, including connected and automated vehicle technologies, Sayer said.

Since 2012, U-M has been the test conductor for the Connected Vehicle Safety Pilot Model Deployment, the largest connected vehicle pilot in the world. U-M is expanding on that experiment with the Ann Arbor Connected Vehicle Test Environment.

The deployment of connected vehicles and infrastructure technologies will soon expand from a small section of Ann Arbor to include the entire city, as well as add several thousand additional vehicles. It is one of three complementary, on-road vehicle deployments that, along with Mcity, will serve as test beds to evaluate the most promising approaches to connected and automated mobility.

“The Ann Arbor Connected Vehicle Test Environment takes us from research to real world deployment,” Sayer said. “Ann Arbor is the world’s first example of how connected vehicle and infrastructure technology can and will be utilized by an entire community in the future.”
Global M-Prize music competition will award $100,000 grand prize

By Marilou Carlin
School of Music, Theatre & Dance
and Sydney Hawkins
Michigan News

In a bid to identify and showcase the highest caliber of chamber music ensembles in the world, U-M has announced M-Prize, a new international competition that will present a grand prize of $100,000 — the largest award of any competition of its kind.

M-Prize will be based at the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, and will take place each May, beginning in 2016. Applications are being accepted online at mprize.umich.edu, with a deadline of March 1, 2016. The competition will include two age divisions: Junior (ages 18 and younger) and Senior (average age 19-35).

The competition, sponsored by Office of the Provost, will be open to ensembles of between three and eight members and will include categories for strings and winds as well as an “open” category for ensembles that can include mixed instrumentation, technology, voice and improvisation.

During its inaugural year, M-Prize will focus on chamber music, but in ensuing years it plans to expand to include the full spectrum of chamber arts.

The M-Prize grand prize winner will be selected from one of three Senior Division Ensemble Finalists during a gala concert May 20 at Hill Auditorium. The concert will be broadcast on Detroit Public Television and made available to PBS stations throughout the country.

In addition to the cash prize, the grand prize-winning ensemble also will be presented by University Musical Society on its chamber music concert series the following season. UMS, which recently received the National Medal of Arts, presents many of the world’s leading performing artists in classical music, jazz, world music, theater and dance.

Aaron Dworkin, who became dean of SMTD in July, is the driving force behind the competition. Founder of the Sphinx Organization, the nation’s leading nonprofit for increasing diversity in the classical music world, Dworkin’s goal for M-Prize is to focus needed attention on chamber music. It is an art form he believes will provide the most vibrant career paths for ensembles comprising conservatory-trained musicians and other performing artists.

“The vast possibilities inherent in chamber music empower it with the unique ability to serve as a catalyst for interdisciplinary exploration and, ultimately, transformational artistic experiences.”

— AARON DWORKIN

The stated goals of the M-Prize competition are to:

- Provide a world-class performance and adjudication platform for chamber arts.
- Launch and advance the careers of chamber ensembles through prizes, visibility and professional development opportunities.
- Evolve the breadth and depth of the chamber arts landscape and associated professional opportunities for exceptional ensembles.

M-Prize adjudicators include top pedagogues and performers in chamber music. The 15-member international jury includes violinist Rachel Barton Pine, saxophonist Timothy McAllister and jazz drummer/composer John Hollenbeck.

The M-Prize advisory board includes a large cross-section of performers and artists along with higher education administrators and professors. The roster features chamber music icons, such as cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han, the Kronos Quartet, violinist Ida Kavafian, pianist Joseph Kalichstein, saxophonist Donald Sinta and jazz pianist Geri Allen.
HIGHER ED BRIEFS

STATE UNIVERSITIES
FSU approves new academic degree programs
Ferris State University’s Board of Trustees have approved two new academic degrees, including a Bachelor of Science in respiratory therapy and a redesigned Insurance and Risk Management degree from the College of Business. The Bachelor of Science in respiratory therapy degree will feature two areas of specialization: advanced clinical practice and leadership. The Insurance and Risk Management program will offer a major, minor, and certificate programs. The university plans to implement the programs in Spring 2016.

Wayne State dedicates new $93M biosciences center
Wayne State University celebrates the Integrative Biosciences Center (IBio). The center is a $93 million research facility that will be dedicated to studying and eliminating the many health disparities that plague Detroit residents. Research teams include environmental sciences, behavioral health, cardiovascular health, metabolic disorders, bio and systems engineering, and systems biology.

MSU researchers receive $4.15M grant to explore cancer risks
Two Michigan State University researchers have received a five-year, $4.15 million grant. Their research will look at how a high-fat diet interacts with BP-3, a chemical found in sunscreen, and what effect it could have on breast cancer risk. They will additionally work to develop effective prevention strategies.

PEER INSTITUTIONS
Wisconsin receives $28M gift for art education
University of Wisconsin-Madison alumni Jerome and Simona Chazen have pledged a $28 million gift to the school’s art program in the form of several valuable pieces of art from their private collection, as well as an additional $5 million gift for the Chazen Museum building and $3 million to establish the Chazen Family Distinguished Chair in Art and the Simona and Jerome Chazen Distinguished Chair in Art History. The Chazens previously made a $20 million donation to support the expansion of the school’s art museum, which was renamed for them.

UT Austin receives $4M for brain imaging and manipulation
Researchers at the University of Texas at Austin have received three grants, totaling $4 million, to develop techniques for imaging and manipulating the activity of neurons in the brain. This research will help scientists explore addiction, obesity, fear, and other brain states and disorders. The funding from the National Institutes of Health is part of the Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies Initiative launched by President Obama.

OLD SCHOOL: U-M IN HISTORY

Caesar and Cleopatra

Confirming the need for a new theater on campus, Eugene and Sadye Power, along with their son Philip, made a major gift to U-M, leading to the construction of the Power Center for the Performing Arts. It formally opened its doors in 1971. The Department of Theatre & Drama subsequently presented its first play there that year, George Bernard Shaw’s “Caesar and Cleopatra.” Priscilla Lindsay (Bachelor of Arts ’71, Master of Arts ’72, seated second from left) co-starred as Cleopatra. Today she is a professor and chair of the Department of Theatre & Dance. Chester Smith (seated left, Master of Arts ’69) co-starred as Caesar. The cast is pictured Oct. 20, 1971.

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ON CAMPUS BRIEFS

Irma Wyman, computer industry pioneer, alumna and longtime friend of CEW, celebrates at CEW Scholarship Awards Ceremony Oct. 4 with Snehalatha Kavuri. Kavuri is earning her Master of Science in computer science and is one of two 2015-16 Irma Wyman Scholars.

Center for the Education of Women awards scholarships to nontraditional students

The Center for the Education of Women at the University of Michigan recently granted more than $350,000 in scholarships and fellowships to 53 recipients for the 2015-16 academic year. It is the only U-M scholarship program devoted to advancing the education and careers of students returning to school after an absence.

The scholarships are funded through donations. CEW has historically served women, but a number of scholarships are open to both women and men. For 2016-17 scholarship application requirements, go to cew.umich.edu/services/scholar or email cew-scholarships@umich.edu.

See president’s remarks live

President Mark Schlissel will outline his vision and priorities for the university in remarks to university leaders Friday, Oct. 23. All faculty, staff and students are able to watch his remarks live on the university gateway website at umich.edu/watch/ starting at 8 a.m. The event is open to invited university leaders in the Michigan Union Ballroom.

$6.7M project aims to improve dialysis care

Helping kidney dialysis patients have healthier treatment sessions and longer lives is the goal of a new $6.7 million project at U-M. Tiffany Venit, associate professor at the School of Information and School of Public Health, will receive funding for the work from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute. Dr. Rajiv Saran, professor of internal medicine and epidemiology at the Medical School and School of Public Health and associate director of the Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center, will co-lead the study. The project will educate patients and their medical teams on how to make dialysis sessions safer for patients.

Recreational Sports Intramural Sports registration starts Friday

Faculty and staff can sign up for Fall II sports between Friday and Oct. 26. Broomball, flag football, extreme dodge ball or basketball will be available. There are leagues for all groups and levels of play, including graduate, faculty and staff leagues. Registration information is at recsports.umich.edu/intramurals.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

In The University Record of October 11, James Iseler gave a brief summary of my Academic Freedom Lecture of October 8, “Experiencing Exclusion.” He reported my description of how the historian Charles Tinkhaüs, himself in jeopardy during the Red Hunt, had feared to enter into scholarly exchange with me. I hasten to add that I also praised Tinkhaüs’s important contribution to our understanding of the social context of Renaissance philosophy and that his published writing had influenced my own historical understanding. I also said that once the time of troubles ended, Charles Tinkhaüs and I enjoyed scholarly exchange. While recalling the damage done to scholarly bonds by the attacks of the 1950s, it is important to recall the successes we had in repairing them.

Natalie Zemon Davis
Henry Charles Lea Professor of History emerita, Princeton University

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Four biological kingdoms influence disease transmission in monarch butterflies

By Jim Erickson

Experiments with monarch butterfly caterpillars and the milkweed plants on which they feed have shown for the first time that interactions across four biological kingdoms can influence disease transmission.

Monarchs are susceptible to various parasites that can weaken them and shorten their lifespan. It’s been known for some time that toxins produced by milkweed plants can protect monarchs from those parasites.

In a paper scheduled for online publication Oct. 13 in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B, researchers from the University of Michigan and Emory University show that root fungi that form a symbiotic relationship with milkweed plants also play a role in disease transmission.

U-M ecologist Mark Hunter and his colleagues report that representatives from four of the traditional biological kingdoms — plants, animals, fungi and protozoan parasites — are involved. In traditional biological taxonomy schemes, protozoans were included in a kingdom called Protista.

The symbiotic fungi in question are called arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi. In return for sugars, these fungi provide plants with nutrients and water.

“All four of these kingdoms are connected in the ecology of this disease,” said Hunter, a professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. “Mycorrhizal fungi associated with the roots of milkweed plants change the medicinal chemistry of milkweed leaves and therefore the transmission of the monarch parasites.”

Because more than 90 percent of land plants associate with mycorrhizal fungi, the monarch findings likely have important implications for the study of community ecology in general and disease ecology in particular, according to the authors.

And since humans obtain about half of their new pharmaceuticals from plants, mycorrhizal fungi likely affect not only the medicinal quality of plants but the potential for new drug discoveries, as well, Hunter said.

The first author of the paper is Leiling Tao, a former doctoral student in Hunter’s lab who now is a postdoctoral researcher in the laboratory of Emory biologist Jaap de Roode. The other U-M author is Camden Gowler, a doctoral student in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

“It’s well known that these fungi are important to plants and provide a lot of services, such as helping them cope with different types of stress,” Tao said. “What we didn’t know before was that they also affect host-parasite interaction in animals above the ground.”

In their greenhouse experiments, the researchers grew six species of milkweed that produce varying amounts of medicinal toxins called cardenolides. The plants were grown either with no mycorrhizal fungi, with low levels, or with high levels.

The various milkweed plants were fed to monarch caterpillars, which were later exposed to spores from the protozoan parasite Ophryocystis elektroscirrha, a relative of the parasite that causes malaria in humans.

The researchers found that the fungi affected the virulence of the parasite and the ability of monarchs to resist infection and to tolerate the pathogen once infected. The effects varied with the species of milkweed and the density of the mycorrhizal fungi in the plant roots.

“We found that these changes caused by the fungi affect the growth of a protozoan parasite, so that monarchs become sicker on some milkweed plants and healthier on others,” de Roode said.

The researchers conclude that soil organisms may play an under-appreciated role in the ecology of many land-based host-parasite systems.

In 2010, Hunter and de Roode discovered that female monarch butterflies infected with O. elektroscirrha prefer to lay their eggs on species of milkweed that will make their caterpillars less sick. Monarchs appear to have evolved the ability to mediate their offspring by choosing milkweed plants with high levels of cardenolide toxins.

In addition to Tao, Hunter and Gowler, authors of the paper are de Roode and Aamina Ahmad of Emory University. The work was supported by the National Science Foundation.
The increase in new inventions was aided by a partnership between U-M Tech Transfer and a new program, the Fast Forward Medical Innovation (FFMI) program, launched in 2014. This partnership includes programs to encourage and educate faculty researchers, and resources to further develop emerging new ideas.

In the fiscal year that ended in June, Medical School tech transfer activity resulted in:
- 166 new inventions, up from 133 the year before
- 51 new patent applications, up from 45
- 54 patents awarded, up from 39
- 74 new option and license agreements with industry, up from 60
- 10 new startup companies, up from 1.
- $74.8 million in revenues from Medical School tech transfer license agreements. A substantial component of these revenues is from a monetization agreement connected to a previous license for a drug initially developed at U-M to help patients with Gaucher disease.

The school is reinvesting much of its share of these revenues into an effort to improve how new drugs and ideas get tested in patients and healthy people who volunteer for clinical trials. In addition to moving ideas from U-M labs to the market, the Medical School has also worked to increase its partnerships with companies that need to test their new ideas, or develop them further, with independent help from U-M doctors and scientists:
- 13 percent of Medical School research funding now comes from industry, with $63.7M in funding granted by 265 companies in FY14.
- Industry grants for research at the Medical School rose 36 percent in the last four years.
- More than 516 clinical trials sponsored by industry are under way at U-M hospitals and clinics, giving patients access to the latest innovations and provides independent testing of future products.

The long journey from a spark of an idea, to a product that can help patients, has many potential detours and potholes that can keep researchers from reaching their goal. The Medical School now offers training, funding and mentoring that can help keep them on the path. This includes:
- "Tech mining" that actively looks at what’s going on in Medical School labs with an eye toward finding ideas that could become products
- Millions of dollars in pre-seed funding to further develop emerging startups for private investment. The school even held an event based on the popular TV show "Shark Tank" that let teams compete in front of real world investors.
- Commercialization education for faculty and students — more than 500 of whom signed up in the first year
- Other training, online and in person
- An innovation course for young doctors while they are still in training
- A "path of excellence" for medical students who want to start learning about innovation and entrepreneurship as part of their curriculum
- A "speed dating" event to connect those who have ideas for health apps and computer programs with those who have the skills to make them a reality
- An intensive technology development course for teams that provides a pathway to building the business case for their research-based project to generate a product

"It’s been a whirlwind since we launched Fast Forward Medical Innovation, but these results and the incredible pipeline of other ideas we’re building prove that investing in innovation can truly pay off," says Dr. Kevin Ward, executive director of FFMI. "The research we do at this Medical School has an incredible potential to help patients in the near and long term, and we’re working to unleash more of that potential than ever before. Working closely with our innovation partners around campus including the U-M Tech Transfer Office greatly enhances our ability to move those great ideas to impact."

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UM-Flint to expand with purchase of downtown office building

By Marjory Raymer
UM-Flint

The University of Michigan-Flint has been authorized to purchase a portion of FirstMerit’s downtown Flint complex in what would be the first major expansion of the campus since on-campus housing was added in 2008.

The Board of Regents on Oct. 15 authorized the future purchase of the 160,000-square-foot, 10-story north tower at 328 S. Saginaw St. for $6 million. The building represents a major expansion for the campus, increasing total space by approximately 11 percent. The estimated cost of similar new construction is $64 million.

FirstMerit, a banking and financial services company, will maintain ownership and occupy the remaining two buildings in the complex.

This agreement demonstrates both organizations’ ongoing commitment to the well-being and revitalization of Flint and keeping its downtown vibrant.

“This is an opportunity for us to continue expanding the University of Michigan-Flint’s footprint downtown and to provide the university with much-needed space for academic and administrative programs,” said UM-Flint Chancellor Susan E. Borrego.

“This purchase comes at a fraction of the cost it would take to construct a new building and allows us to more quickly address space constraints across campus.”

The north tower will be separated from the other two buildings as part of the transfer in ownership. Closing on the purchase is expected by March 31, 2016, subject to the completion of due diligence on the property.

The north tower is located directly across Saginaw Street from the University Pavilion and across Union Street from the Riverfront Center, which houses the UM-Flint School of Management and student housing.

The university will begin the process of evaluating space needs and priorities before deciding what will be housed in the building. This is the first addition of academic space since 2002, when the William S. White Building opened.

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By Sydney Hawkins

Michigan News

The University of Michigan Bentley Historical Library has acquired the papers of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, a controver- sial Detroit-area native best known for his advocacy of physician-assisted suicide and terminal patients’ “right to die.”

The collection, donated by Kevorkian’s niece Ava Janus, comprises materials spanning 1911 to 2014.

“Long before Jack Kevorkian was known as ‘Dr. Death,’ he was a child of Armenian immigrants, a successful student, a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, a musician, composer and scientist,” said Terrence McDonald, director of the Bentley Historical Library. “The release of his papers will allow scholars and stu- dents to understand the context of and driving forces in an interesting and provocative life.”

In addition to correspondence, published works, manuscript drafts, photographs, court records, news coverage and interviews, the materials also contain files related to “medicide” — a term Kevorkian used to refer to the assisted suicides of more than 100 terminally ill people that he provided services to between 1990 and 1998. The medicide files, which have been digitized and are now officially open to the public, consist of medical histories, photographs, and video and audio recordings of consultations with patients and their families.

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Two U-M centers collaborating to help struggling democracies

By Rachel Brichta
International Institute

The Weiser Center for Europe and Eurasia and the William Davidson Institute are partnering to sponsor an NGO Leadership Bootcamp for leaders of 20 non-governmental organizations from countries that have recently undergone democratic transitions.

“The program will take place in Bratislava, Slovakia, Oct. 20-23. A Slovak-based NGO, the Pontis Foundation, is serving as the local implementation partner. This marks the inaugural program organized jointly by the Weiser Center and the WDI.

“Given that we are both focused on assisting and studying countries in transition, this is a natural partnership,” said Amy Gillett, vice president of education at WDI. “This program offers training, free of charge, to a group that can make a huge impact in their societies.”

Gillett and Weiser Center Program Manager Marysia Ostafin will travel to Bratislava for the program. Ronald Weiser, founder of the Weiser Center and former U.S. ambassador to Slovakia, will serve as a guest speaker in the program.

“This is the next step for the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies — helping NGOs to navigate the necessary tasks of accounting, publicity, of government relations and strategic planning,” said Anna Grzymala-Busse, academic program director of the Weiser Center, and the Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professor of European and Eurasian Studies. “We’re excited about this collaboration with the WDI and our international partner, the Pontis Foundation.”

The NGO Leadership Bootcamp builds the managerial capacity of leaders of non-governmental civil society organizations so citizens there can advance positive social and political change.

Over four days, participants will gain the tools needed to make their organizations more effective. Sessions will focus on advocacy and public policy building, management skills, marketing, resource mobilization and proposal writing.

The past 30 years have seen the collapse of regimes in Europe and Eurasia, and the attempt to democratize these societies. Civil society organizations are critical to building better and more responsive democratic institutions.

Many NGOs are working across the region to advance and strengthen civil society. These organizations need to be strengthened in order to maximize the effectiveness and ensure their sustainability.

Participants will come from Albania, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Tunisia and Ukraine. These NGOs that focus on democracy, human rights, economic development, youth, and civil society.

The NGO Leadership Bootcamp will be taught by global faculty, including WDI faculty affiliates, and will focus on building strong and sustainable organizations.

U-M Health System projects to improve energy efficiency

By Mary Masson
UMHS Department of Communication

A $3 million project for new occupancy sensors and $1.3 million air handling unit upgrade project will improve energy efficiency at the U-M Health System’s University Hospital.

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Socializing helps older adults modify verbal interactions

By Jared Wadley

Despite the stereotype that older adults often ramble or talk off topic, seniors who regularly socialize are able to adapt their conversations to a listener’s age, a University of Michigan researcher says.

Knowing what the listener will find relevant helps position a speaker as an attentive and sensitive conversational partner, says Deborah Keller-Cohen, professor of education, linguistics and women’s studies.

This is an important skill in many “life” situations, she says. For example, a senior who gives incomplete information or off-topic details to a doctor, rather than provide a succinct narrative about their health, may not receive the level of care needed.

Keller-Cohen analyzed whether older adults with more frequent social interactions also provided more informative explanations, such as the frequency, satisfaction and number of people with whom they interacted. Study participants were asked to describe how to make a grilled cheese or egg salad sandwich to two fictive listeners: a 10-year-old boy and a 30-year-old adult. Their words and phrases were then analyzed.

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In contrast, when an adult was the listener, older adults often used a variety of different words in their explanations.

“This indicates they were sensitive to the diversity of vocabulary their listener was likely to possess,” Keller-Cohen said.

Older adults with more frequent social interactions also provided more information to the child, the study indicated.

The findings appear in the current issue of Research on Aging.

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Scenic artist paints it up at Walgreen Drama Center

By Julia Lefond

Enter the Walgreen Drama Center’s scene and paint shop and Beth Sandmaier will greet you in paint-splattered jeans and a messy ponytail, paintbrush in hand.

A recent Friday afternoon, white, monolithic walls are scattered about the warehouse-sized room as she flits around and puts finishing touches on pieces for “All My Sons,” which concluded Sunday.

Sandmaier is charge scenic artist at the Walgreen Drama Center. When the university produces a play or an opera, the director and designer articulate what they want the set to look like and is one of the people responsible for physically creating it. She has been painting at the university for 10 years.

During the summer, when classes aren’t in session, Sandmaier freelances as a designer as well as a scenic artist. Two summers ago, she worked on her biggest project to date — designing an original “Nutcracker” production for the Fort Wayne Ballet in Indiana.

Her backdrops for “The Nutcracker” are beautifully painted pieces of muslin as wide as 46 feet. The company asked for a traditional interpretation — a fancy house, a snowy landscape and a candy wonderland — and the artist must balance his or her own touch with the demands of the designer.

She says she particularly enjoyed creating the illusion of depth in the snow scene, a drop she is particularly proud of, and she found humor in the candy details. “I just never thought I was going to paint big old ribbon candy for my work.”

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Honorary, from Page 1

Among the DIAs many significant accomplishments during his 16-year tenure were $170 million in capital improvements and the reinstatement and reinterpretation of its collection, making the art accessible to more people and transforming the museum into a cultural nexus for southeast Michigan.

Born in Stratford-upon-Avon, England, Beal earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English (1969) from the University of Manchester, England, and a Master of Arts in art history (1972) from London University’s Courtauld Institute of Art. After commencing his museum career at Sheffield City Art Galleries, he moved to the United States in 1973.

He directed art galleries in Missouri, Minnesota and Norwich, England; served as chief curator at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art from 1984-89; and directed the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha, Nebraska, from 1989-96 and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art from 1996-99 prior to joining the DIA.

In a dramatic break with conventional museum exhibition practices, Beal has engaged traditional and non-traditional visitors in original and lively ways, opening new avenues of conversation for the public and in museum studies. He stabilized the DIAs long-term funding through a 2012 regional millage campaign, and built partnerships with foundations and government entities to protect the collection during Detroit’s bankruptcy in 2013.

Beal has organized more than 40 exhibitions, many of which have toured nationally, and has published many exhibition catalogs, books and articles. He has strengthened relationships with other institutions through loans and programming, resulting in such innovative exhibitions as “Through African Eyes” (2010), “Samurai: Beyond the Sword” (2013), and “Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo in Detroit” (2015), among others.

A popular U-M guest lecturer, Beal has helped train a new generation of museum professionals by fostering experiential learning opportunities for students and faculty and mentoring many intern from U-M’s Museum Studies and Arts of Citizenship programs. He has served on the Federal Advisory Committee on International Exhibitions and on the boards of the Association of Art Museum Directors, the American Alliance of Museums and the Cultural Alliance for Southeast Michigan.

Among other honors, he received the AAMD President’s Award for service to the art museum field and the DIA, and the American Institute of Architects named him an honorary fellow. He and the DIA board of directors also are the first recipients of the AAM Chair’s Leadership Award, which recognizes outstanding leadership and extraordinary accomplishments in the museum field.

Cuatrecasas served as vice president of research and development at Burroughs Wellcome Co. from 1975-86, senior vice president of research and development and director of Glaxo Inc. from 1986-89, vice president of Warner-Lambert Co., and president of the Pharmaceutical Research Division of Parke-Davis Co. from 1989-97. He currently is an adjunct professor of pharmacology and medicine at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine.

Cuatrecasas played a crucial role in the discovery, development and regulatory approval of more than 40 medicines to treat Alzheimer’s disease, bacterial infections, cancer, depression, diabetes mellitus, dyslipidemia and HIV/AIDS. He holds seven patents and has authored more than 400 publications.

While at Parke-Davis, he served as an adjunct professor at U-M and encouraged collaboration between other Parke-Davis and U-M scientists. He also created Michigan’s first Parke-Davis/Warner Lambert Professorships and supported the University Musical Society. He helped found and served as board chair of the Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology, a model for other scientific colloquia. Among many honors, he has been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, American Society of Clinical Investigation, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, and is a Royal Society of Medicine fellow.

He received the John Jacob Abel Award in Pharmacology, Goodman and Gilman Award in Receptor Pharmacology, Washington University School of Medicine Alumni Achievement Award, the Johns Hopkins University Distinguished Alumnus Award, City of Medicine Award and North Carolina Governor’s Medal Award in Science. Minox is an accomplished scholar.
Shirley is the Joseph Edgar Maddy Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Music at the School of Music, Theatre & Dance and a 2014 National Medal of Arts recipient. He is an acclaimed operatic tenor, educator and champion of diversity in the performing arts. Shirley was born in Indianapolis and grew up in Detroit. After earning a Bachelor of Science in Music Education degree (1955) from Wayne University (now Wayne State University), he became Detroit’s first African-American high school music teacher. He also was the first African-American to sing in the U.S. Army Chorus.

Shirley made his professional debut in Woodstock, New York, in 1959 as Eisenstein in Johann Strauss’ “Die Fledermaus.” A year later he won the American Opera Auditions and was offered the Rodolfo role in Giacomo Puccini’s “La Bohème.” He won the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions competition and became the first African-American to sing a leading role at the Metropolitan Opera, where he captivated audiences for 11 seasons. He has performed more than 80 operatic roles in leading opera houses, including the Deutsche Oper in Berlin, the Netherlands Opera in Amsterdam, New York City Opera, Opéra de Monte-Carlo, Royal Opera in London, Scottish Opera and Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires. Additionally, he has sung with the world’s great orchestras, including the Boston, Chicago, Detroit and London symphonies, and New York Philharmonic, and has appeared at the Aspen, Edinburgh, Glyndebourne, Santa Fe and Spoleto festivals.

A recording artist for major labels, he received a Grammy Award in 1968 for his role as Ferrando in the RCA recording of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s “Così fan tutte.” He produced the “Classical Music and the Afro-American” series for WQXR-FM radio in New York, and hosted “Unheard, Unseen,” a four-program series on WETA-FM radio in Washington, D.C. Admired for his dedication to pedagogy as well as his vocal talent, Shirley taught six years at the Marywood University of Minnesota before joining the Michigan faculty in 1987, where he directed the Vocal Arts Division.

Since retiring in 2007, Shirley has maintained a studio in the music school and remains deeply committed to young people. The George Shirley Voice Scholarship was established in his honor in 2008, and the nonprofit Videmus offers a $5,000 prize to the winner of the annual George Shirley African American Art Song and Operatic Art Competition.

He has been recognized with the Dr. Charles H. Wright Legacy Award for Excellence in Fine Arts, U-M School of Music Alumni Citation of Merit (now called School of Music, Theatre & Dance Hall of Fame Award), National Association for the Study and Performance of African American Music Trail Blazer Award, and the Career Achievement Award in the Field of Music from Wayne State University’s College of Fine, Performing, and Communication Arts.
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station. It is on Ross Island, 850 miles available airplane to fly to the main US base in Antarctica, McMurdo. The base also has a cafeteria, a training. They build igloos to build. You Army rations you mix with water," Aarons says. Ross Island also is home to an active, smoking volcano.

The longest plane flight in the world is how the pilot last time described the flight from Detroit to Sydney, Australia (15 1/2 hours). A second flight to Christchurch, New Zealand (four hours) follows. "They put you up in hotel," Aarons says. "You try on your polar gear — red parkas as warm as sleeping bags, with National Science Foundation logo patches. "That's when it really hit me," she says. The next phase of the trip takes five to eight hours. This depends on the available equipment and the main U.S. base in Antarctica, McMurdo Station. It is on Ross Island, 850 miles from the South Pole. Joining them in 2013 was Carli Arendt, a U-M Ph.D. candidate in earth and environmental sciences. She earned her degree in May.

The plane bound for McMurdo has bench seats, and skis for landing. "When someone said you can see Antarctica and mountains and stuff, several people ran over to the window. You could see sea ice. It's crazy to see the expanse of whiteness with him poking through here and there. I got really excited," Aarons says. Upon landing, it was 10 degrees and dry. "I'm from Alaska and used to cold temperatures, but it was bone chilling and a bit of a shock to the lungs," Aarons says. Ross Island also is home to an active, smoking volcano.

Life on a glacier

The first time you get here you can't even believe it. It's just so different. The ice is really, really hard deep blue. And they have these sun cups, maybe 6 to 8 inches in diameter, basically divots in the ice. It's just incredibly beautiful," Aciego says. On Taylor Glacier, you can spot a "sand" — the name for rainbows of ice crystals that circle the sun. It's where silence is broken only by the whooshing of wind gusts that reach 80 mph or more, or the sound of helicopters or machinery. Sometimes one spots stripes in the glacier. This suggests a volcanic ash layer got stuck in the ice and is now exposed. The stripes range in color from black to purple. Because there are no trees, Aciego says, the sense of scale is unusual. "You'll be looking out across the glacier and see a rock and think it's a boulder — and you get there and see it's the size of three houses."

"I love it so much. Everything makes me go, 'Wow!"' says Sarah Aciego, assistant professor of earth and environmental sciences, LSA, and assis-
tant professor of climate and space sciences. She earned her degree in 2013 was Carli Arendt, a U-M Ph.D. student and research assistant in earth and environmental sciences, will continue the work they started in late fall 2013: Collecting glacial ice core samples from thousands of years past and comparing them to better understand climate change today.

They will return to Taylor Glacier, roughly 2,500 miles south of New Zealand, to collect vastly older ice samples from a different location on the glacier, and from a different glacial period, than they did two years ago. They leave the island on March 31 during Arctic spring and return to Ann Arbor for Thanksgiving.

Aciego is on her fourth research trip to Antarctica. This is Aarons' second trip. "I think this time I am a little less scared because I know what to expect, I know how cold it will be (as low as minus 20 Fahrenheit) and how windy," she says.
Satellite phones allow the researchers to call home from the glacier every few days or so.

Because it is close to sea level, Taylor Glacier is relatively warmer than further inland, where the ice sheet is 2 miles high.

"There were times when it was probably in the 30s. The sun is hitting the ice and reflecting back at you," Aarons says. She once "put a ton of sunscreen on" and hiked more than two miles. "You could walk with a T-shirt," she says.

"The dust in ice can tell us a lot of information about the climate during its depositional period," Aciego says.

For example, dust concentration is inversely proportional to temperature. This means that during colder periods (such as the Last Glacial Maximum), the dust concentration in the atmosphere was higher. This is due to windier conditions and more exposed continental shelves and lakebeds.

"We can look at the dust concentration in ice core records, and infer whether the climate it was deposited in was a glacial or interglacial (warmer, like today) time period," she says.

The purpose of this upcoming trip, Aarons adds, is to collect ice from a part of the glacier formed during the Eemian period (130,000-115,000 years ago), the last interglacial period — and compare it to ice formed in the current interglacial period, the Holocene. It ranges from about 11,700 years ago to today.

Aciego and Aarons collected samples in 2013 from 55,000 years ago to the present day, a period that covered the transition from the last glacial period to the current interglacial period.

"The overarching purpose of this field work is to investigate how local climate changes with retreats in sea ice and ice shelf extent, so that this information can be extended towards predicting changes in local climate in polar coastal regions," Aarons says.

As with the samples collected two years ago, ice cores bundled and suspended below the helicopter will be flown to McMurdo Station, before they are loaded on a container ship bound for Alameda, California. They are constantly kept at minus 20 degrees Celsius or colder.

A freezer truck will bring the 10 new ice core samples to Michigan, and ultimately to the fourth floor of the C.C. Little Building. They will join earlier samples, kept in two freezers.

"It's knowledge that could benefit future populations, and better inform them about the changes they'll experience in their own climate change periods," Aciego says.

Standing near ice core boxes loaded onto a sled are Sarah Aciego, Sarah Aarons and Luca Lanci, a researcher at the University of Urbino, Italy.
By Rita Girardi Information and Technology Services

Information and Technology Services launched the SiteMaker Transition Project in January 2014 and, since then, has been moving, archiving and deleting SiteMaker sites in anticipation of decommissioning the Web hosting service at the end of 2015.

“About two years ago, we examined our service portfolio to identify offerings that were nearing end-of-life,” explains Sean DeMonner, executive director of Teaching and Learning for ITS.

“By transitioning from SiteMaker to more advanced, robust Web hosting technologies, we will be able to better meet the changing needs of the university, reduce costs and advance U-M’s teaching, learning and research activities,”

ITS proposed a two-year project to phase out SiteMaker, a move that was supported by university leadership and IT governance, and is guided by a steering committee made up of a broad cross-section of the campus community.

The project is now in its final phase. On Oct. 30, all remaining SiteMaker sites will be taken offline, and ITS will decommission SiteMaker on Nov. 30. Since the project launch, ITS outreach efforts have included the creation of a comprehensive project site with detailed support documentation, multiple direct messages to SiteMaker site owners and administrators, regular updates to campus IT staff, notices on select U-M websites, and articles in various campus publications.

Thus far, the project team has completed almost 900 site-deletion and archive requests, performed more than 150 consultations, and assisted in approximately 100 site transitions to alternate services.

The U-M Library, Medical School Information Services, and LSA have provided significant additional support to the project by helping their users move their sites to other services.

“SiteMaker was cutting-edge technology when it was created in 1998, and it served us well over the years,” says DeMonner. “But maintaining this legacy system posed potential performance, security and opportunity risks. Retiring SiteMaker supports the mission of the university by allowing us to focus resources on areas that will help build U-M’s future learning environment.”

Visit the SiteMaker Transition Project website for more information: it.umich.edu/projects/sitemaker/.

Brew, from Page 1

“At a large institution like Michigan with so many distinct programs of excellence, it’s not uncommon for disciplinary islands to form,” said Oscar Ybarra, director of Innovative Blue, U-M’s campuswide innovation and entrepreneurship initiative. “Innovate Brew is like a bridge between these islands.”

By creating opportunities for informal encounters with faculty outside their own fields, the program builds on the idea that such random pairings can not only create new connections, but also spark innovation and new research directions. The theory behind this practice is based on innovation as a social, not individual, phenomenon.

The approach was born of an experiment initiated by business professor Bill Lovejoy, when he emailed fellow U-M faculty he didn’t know and invited them out for coffee.

“Why would a business school professor talk to a classics professor, or an economist speak to an art historian? Because that is how innovation really happens,” said Lovejoy, the Raymond T. J. Perring Family Professor of Business Administration, professor of technology and operations, and art and design.

“If everyone at the University of Michigan had a random coffee once a month, within a year we’d have a more innovative organization.”

Vlahopoulos, the engineering professor, was matched with five other faculty, but only met with three. The meeting with Segar was the only one that might lead to a research project, but he doesn’t view the others as a waste of time.

“It’s an opportunity to interact with colleagues, find out what they do and get the bigger picture of the richness of our university,” Vlahopoulos said.

Other interesting pairings and outcomes include:

- A business strategy professor and a professor of mechanical engineering found they were working on common initiatives such as clean technology in China and smart mobility in the auto industry.
- A faculty member in pediatrics endocrinology studying obesity matched with a senior faculty in the anthropology department studying the developmental effects of high blood pressure and low birth weight in Mali. They ended up submitting a joint proposal to extend some of the endocrinologist’s work to this population in Africa.
- An ophthalmology professor matched with an electrical engineering and computer systems professor and found a common interest in artificial vision. Dr. Thomas Gardner, a Kellogg Eye Center ophthalmologist whose research focuses on diabetes retinopathy, said it’s too early to know the outcomes.

“But it doesn’t lead to a project, that’s OK,” said Gardner. “One has to enjoy the social interaction and being part of the Michigan community.”

Lovejoy said that one of the preconceptions the program has to fight is that any one connection is going to be productive immediately for research.

“There are some scholars who see every research interaction through the lens of, ‘Can I write a grant for this?’” Lovejoy said. “If not, it’s not worth their time.”

But he would suggest the skeptics try a random coffee meeting at least once before deciding if it’s worthwhile.

“Innovate Brew has reminded me how important it is to stay open-minded,” Gardner said. “The investment is low, but the coffee’s good here in Ann Arbor and taking time to meet people who know things you don’t is the most important thing you’ll do all day.”

Anita Gonzalez, professor of theatre and drama, recently met Carlos Mendes de Leon, professor of epidemiology, and said the experience confirms her view that U-M is more interdisciplinary than any place at which she’s taught.

“I’ve learned about the amazing things we do at Michigan. I’ve met people who study airplanes and document oral histories of various communities,” she said. “The cool thing about Michigan is everyone wants to fix the world, but in an idiosyncratic way.”
Ann Arbor cases reported to SAPAC in September

Crime Cases

Sexual Assault 5
Intimate Partner Violence 2
Stalking 2
Sexual Harassment 6

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center supplies reports to inform the University community about incidents of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. The reports are in accordance with the Federal Uniform Crime Reporting Act. The Federal Uniform Crime Reporting Category includes the following: Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, Sexual Offenses, Arson, Attempted Robbery, Stalking, Sexual Offenses Nonforcible, Attempted Burglary, Murder, Armed Robbery, Robbery, Burglary, Sexual Offenses Forcible, and Murder.

For questions about crimes on campus, call U-M Police at 734-763-1131.

Subject arrested in burglaries of leased space

A 21-year-old man was arrested on burglary charges in connection with several burglaries of U-M leased space in the McKinley Towne Center building on Washington Street between Sept. 18 and 22. Food items were taken and computers were accessed during the burglaries. The suspect was charged with four counts of breaking and entering and one count of unauthorized computer usage. He remains in jail.

Sexual assault reported by patient

A patient reported that he had been inappropriately touched by a staff member at University Hospital on two occasions in mid-September. The investigation is pending.

Subject intentionally struck by vehicle

A subject told University Police Sept. 4 that he had been intentionally struck Sept. 2 by a vehicle while riding his skateboard along Huron Parkway. The man reported that around 6:45 p.m., he was approached from behind by a white Ford van. The driver yelled at the man before swerving into the victim and knocking him to the ground. The victim sustained minor injuries.

Moped stolen from outside North Quad

A moped reportedly was stolen from a bike rack outside North Quad between 11:30 p.m. Sept. 9 and 7:45 a.m. Sept. 10. The moped had not been locked to the rack. There are no suspects.

Window screen cut at Baits

An exterior window screen was found cut at a Baits II building on Hubbard Road Sept. 23. Entry to the building was not gained and nothing was taken. There are no suspects.

Join the Purple Run to confront domestic violence

The University of Michigan Police Department in conjunction with the Washtenaw County Prosecutor’s Office will hold the first annual Purple Run in Ann Arbor at 9 a.m. Oct. 24 at Pierpont Commons on U-M North Campus (2101 Bonisteel).

The goal of this 5K run/walk is to raise awareness for domestic violence and to fundraise for the SafeHouse Center, a local organization that works with survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault.

Every 60 seconds, 20 people are victims of intimate violence and every year an average of 54 officers are killed in the line of duty responding to domestic calls.

“We’re pleased to be able to collaborate with our community partners to help raise awareness of this difficult topic,” said U-M Police Chief Robert Neumann.

“The UMPD Special Victims Unit is not only dedicated to helping solve intimate partner crimes, but also to helping our community learn more about these crimes and how all of us can take action. Invite our community to help us raise funds to help those who are surviving these crimes.” Register online or sign up at the event and help raise awareness while also helping strengthen community resources for the local Ann Arbor and greater Washtenaw area.

The cost is $30 or $20 for students. For more information, visit: purplerunnaranbor.org.

Ann Arbor campus crimes reported to UMPD in September

Federal Uniform Crime Reporting Category Sept. Total YTD Total

Attempted Burglary 0 1
Burglary 4 23
Sexual Offenses Forcible 1 33
Sexual Offenses Nonforcible 0 0
Aggravated Assault 0 1
Attempted Robbery 0 1
Robbery 0 6
Motor Vehicle Theft 0 16
Attempted Homicide 0 0
Murder 0 0
Arson 0 8

*Sexual Offenses Forcible: Any sexual act against another person, forcibly and/or against that person’s will, or not forcible or against the person’s will where the victim is incapable of giving consent. Includes forcible rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, forcible fondling.

*Sexual Offenses Nonforcible: Unlawful nonforcible sexual intercourse. Includes incest and statutory rape.

For more information, visit: purplerunnaranbor.org.

Ann Arbor campus crimes reported to UMPD in September

Crimereporting incidents are an accurate indicator of criminal activity on the U-M campus; however, some incidents may be under investigation to substantiate their occurrence. Statistics for the crime map are provided by U-M Police. The markers on the crime map represent only reports of on-campus incidents in the areas featured on the maps.

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Improvements at Lay Auto Lab

A $3.5 million project is planned for an interior renewal of approximately 16,000 gross square feet of space within the Walter J. Lay Automotive Engineering Laboratory. The project will update infrastructure including electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation, and wind and wireless data systems; upgrade the fire alarm system; and renovate public spaces, restrooms, corridors and offices. The College of Engineering will fund the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2017.

New golf course clubhouse to be upgraded

The University Health System, U-M Hospitals and Health Centers will fund the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2016.

University Hospital South air handlers to be upgraded

The air handling equipment serving the University Hospital South complex will be reconditioned to improve environmental control, reliability, and energy efficiency. The $2.3 million project will be funded by UMHHC, with work scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2017.

New golf course clubhouse receives final approval

The Board of Regents authorized issuing bids and awarding construction contract for the Richard L. Postma Family Clubhouse at the U-M Golf Course. The Board of Regents has authorized $2.3 million for the project. The project is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2016.

U-M to sell property on Fuller Road

The university will sell 2.03 acres of land on Fuller Road to the federal government for $54,000 to accommodate the expansion of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Medical Center parking structure.

Antrim College School of Medicine

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A student-community art exhibit at Matthaei Botanical Gardens

Discover, Connect, Create

An exhibit of art created by U-M Geriatrics Mild Memory Loss program Silver Club members and U-M students as part of Memory, Aging & Expressive Arts, a community engagement course offered through U-M Stamps School of Art & Design.

Oct. 23-Nov. 22 (daily), Matthaei, 1800 N. Dixboro
Ann Arbor, Free admission.

To read more about the class visit retainingidentity.com. Sponsored by Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design, Michigan Alzheimer’s Disease Center, U-M Geriatrics Center, and U-M Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum.

Plastics! Ecosystem Health & Plastic Debris in Our Great Lakes

An M Assistant Research Scientist Melissa Duhaime discusses a cross-disciplinary approach to study the holistic ecosystem impact of plastic debris on the Laurentian Great Lakes, to inform policy and management. Sponsored by Sierra Club Huron Valley.

Tuesday, October 20, 7:30 pm, Matthaei, Free.
**MONDAY, OCT. 19**

**CAREERS IN PUBLISHING: FOR PhD ONLINE PANEL DISCUSSION**, all day. Go to connectumich.umd.edu/events/595.

“The Decline of the Ottoman Empire: The Balkan Declaration and the Arab Revolt of 1916,” 12-1 p.m., Honnold Library, Jordan Hall 3100. For more information on this event, call 888-590-3668.

**In Medicine seminar**, noon-1 p.m., Medical Science Unit II, South Lecture Hall, Room 369. For more information about this seminar, call 734-763-0977.

**Permitting**. This event is presented Oct. 25-Dec. 15 in the U-M Museum of Natural History. Visit the website for more information. Call 734-936-3240.

**Apple in Medicine seminar**, noon-1 p.m., Medical Science Unit II, South Lecture Hall, Room 369. For more information about this seminar, call 734-763-0977.

**Social, Behavioral and Experimental Economics seminar**, 1-5 p.m., North Quad Enrichment Room 3100.

**White House Astronomy Night at the Detroit Observatory in Ann Arbor**, 8-9 p.m., Tournau barn, Michigan Union, Anderson Room. To learn more about this event, go to eventbrite.com.

**DON’T MISS**

**Symposium explores role of Soviet Jewish combatants in WWII**

They were not what one might consider to be typical Holocaust victims. Soviet Jewish solders had experienced Nazism first-hand. They were determined to fight.

Their story of perseverance will be explored through events organized by the University of Michigan’s Jean & Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies. They begin with a symposium from 1:30-5 p.m. Oct. 25: “Resistance in Red: Soviet Jewish Combatants in World War II.”

“They knew what they were fighting for, and they understood the consequences of failure,” says Jeffrey Veidlinger, director of the Frankel Center. The symposium will examine the approximately 500,000 Soviet Jews who fought in the Red Army during the war, of whom only 300,000 survived.


**Parkinson’s disease research symposium presented Thursday**

The inaugural Udall Center for Parkinson’s Disease Research Symposium will be presented from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Kehoe Auditorium, Biomedical Science Research Building. It is headlined by Parkinson’s researcher Eliezer Hirsch. He is director of the Neuroscience, Cognitive Science, Neurology and Psychiatry.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21**

**“The Detroit Grand Bargey,” Policy Talk at the Ford School 4 p.m., Weil Aminoff Auditorium.**

**Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar**, Silva Roberts, Harvard University, 8-10 a.m., Weil Hall, Room 3140.

**Hanging and Lunch GriffLIT event**, noon-1 p.m., Room 3074 Bow Building. Bring lunch and chat with other members.

**Macroeconomics Seminar**, 4-6 p.m., 202 S. Thayer, Room 2022.

**THE ROYAL GARDEN**

The University of Michigan’s Jean & Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies presents “Exercising, Competing and Having Fun: Sports in Late Ottoman Belk,” American Studies Program Lecture, 4-5 p.m., School of Social Work Building, Room 5105.

**“A General Approach to Recovering Market Expectations from Futures Prices with an Application to Crude OIL”** Interdisciplinary Seminar in Quantitative Methods, 8:45 a.m., Haven Hall, Lurie Auditorium Room 5640.

**Marineconferences Seminar**, 4-5 p.m., Lorch Hall, Room 301.

**“Architecture, Image and Living Body in Jewish and Classical Traditions,”** 1-4 p.m., 3105 S. Thayer, Room 3222.

**Global Health Career Panel**, 5-7 p.m., Michigan Union, Anderson Room.


**Science Cafe**, 5-7 p.m., Connor 072, 318 S. Main St.

**Teaching & Volunteering Abroad**, 7-9 p.m., Michigan Union, Panel Room. Hosted by the International Center.

**Birding Jamaica**, 7-9 p.m, Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

**PIT Seminar with film composer Bill Wandel**, 7-9 p.m., Centennial Center Auditorium, Room 1308.

**Wednesday Night Swing Dancing**, 8:15 p.m., Yonderberg Room, Michigan League. All welcome.

**Porcussion Ensemble**, 8-9 p.m., More Building, Hankens Rehearsal Hall.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 22**


**Strategies for New Faculty Success**, 9-10 a.m., Lurie Engineering Center, Johnenon Room. For new College of Engineering faculty.

**U sidelined University Center for Parkinson’s Disease Research Symposium with Eliezer Hirsch. See Don’t Miss, this page.**

**“Songs, Drums, Reconciliation and Magic: In Central Java,”** 10:30 a.m., Mead Theatre, 4500 Carpenter Road. For more information, go to url.umich.org.

**Global Health Career Panel**, 1-3 p.m., Lorch Hall, Room 201.

**Gifts of Art presents Vintage Swing: The Royal Garden**

This event is presented Oct. 25-Dec. 15 in the U-M Museum of Natural History. Visit the website for more information. Call 734-936-3240.

**Zubin Mehta and Andras Schiff, soloists**

**Soviet-Jewish World-the New IT Paradigm,** 10-11 a.m., Rave Theatre, 4100 Carpenter Road. For more information, go to self employing.umich.edu/events/.

**“Making Good Policies with Bad Causal Inference: The Role of Prediction and Machine Learning,”** Social, Behavioral and Experimental Economics, noon-1 p.m., North Quad Enrichment Room 3100.

**Brown Bag Organ Recital Series**, 12-1 p.m., Baroque Chamber Music Ensemble, noon, School of Public Health.

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EVENTS

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The Partisan Divide: Congress in Crisis

Congressman Martin Frost (D-TX)
Congressman Tom Davis (R-VA)
Tuesday, October 27, 2015
7:30 PM

During their combined 40 years in Congress, Martin Frost and Tom Davis were the field generals for their respective parties, each serving two terms as chair of the Democratic and Republican House campaign committees. Now they have joined forces in an effort to save Congress from itself.

According to the authors, Congress is incapable of reforming itself without a good kick in the seat from the American public. Frost and Davis, with great insight and skill, along with a wealth of anecdotes and photos, dissect the causes of legislative gridlock and offer a common sense, bipartisan plan for making our Congress function again.

**EVENTS**

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum is at 1000 Beal Ave. on North Campus.

Gifts of Art sponsors art exhibits and music performances at U-M Health System facilities.

“Jem Cohen: Life Drawing” is presented through Nov. 29 in the U-M Museum of Art.


“Passionate Curiosities: Collecting in Egypt & the Near East, 1880s-1950s,” through Nov. 29, Kelsey Museum of Archaeology.


The Stearns Collection of musical instruments is presented in the Vesta Mills Gallery and in various exhibition areas throughout the Moore Building, North Campus.

“Tappan’s Vision” at the Bentley Historical Library celebrates the impact of President Henry Tappan on U-M.

“Tell the Story of Your Life in Detroit” at tinyurl.com/mmsvulz is sponsored by the Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design and others.

U-M Detroit Observatory, 1398 E. Ann St., houses exhibits and collections that recall the observatory’s role beginning in the Victorian era.

“Wearing Life in the Andes” is a photo exhibit presented through Nov. 29 in the Michigan Union Lobby.


**Museum of Natural History**

**tours and children’s programs**

Free Dinosaur Tours are available at 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays at the Museum of Natural History. The tours are 30 minutes; limit 15 people. For more information, call 734-764-0480.

**Planetarium shows**

Tickets for all shows at the Museum of Natural History are $5 for adults, seniors and children.

**Workshops/support**

MHealthy’s Alcohol Management Program is designed to help people with mild to moderate alcohol problems enjoy life more and drink less or not at all. For more information, call 734-988-3037 or go to mhealthy.umich.edu/alcohol.

The Faculty and Staff Assistance Program is offering three educational and support programs this fall: Support for Dealing with Divorce and Breakups, Stress Relief for the Caregiver, and Parenting of Teenagers. More information is at myumi.ch/aMAQz (look for the Training and Education Services header).

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