

MARYMOUNT NEWS

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT... Distinguished Visiting Professor Will Discuss Energy Ethics

On Tuesday, March 20, Marymount will host Distinguished Visiting Professor **Dr. William H. Rauckhorst**, professor of Physics at Miami University in Ohio. He will speak about "Energy Ethics in an Era of Global Warming and Peak Oil."

In addition to teaching at Miami University since 1985, Dr. Rauckhorst has held numerous administrative positions there, including senior associate to the provost for science and mathematics education. He was instrumental in creating the statewide Ohio Project to Enhance Undergraduate Science Education and took a leadership role in the state's efforts to improve K-12 education in science and math. Dr. Rauckhorst previously held positions at the National Science Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Energy and its Argonne National Laboratory.

Long passionate about the effects of energy use on the environment, Dr. Rauckhorst has taught a class entitled "Energy and Environment" for three decades; the course is now part of the Miami University Honors Program core curriculum.

FYI Ethics Week To End with Speech on Globalization

Marymount's sixth annual Ethics Awareness Week will conclude with a speech by **Dr. Antonio Marturano**, a research fellow from the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom and a visiting fellow at the Jepson School for Leadership at the University of Richmond. He will discuss "Russell and Theories of Globalization" at noon on Friday, February 9, in the Gerard Dining Hall.

Dr. Marturano is the ethics officer for his university's School of Business and Economics, a member of the Ethics Committee of the Ministry of Defense in Italy, and one of the founding members of the International Society for Ethics and Information Technology.

Teaching Excellence Workshops

The Center for Teaching Excellence will present the third installment of its "Step Away from the Scantron" workshop series on Friday, February 9, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., in the Reinsch Library Graduate Reading Room. This final session will deal with the ethical and practical dilemmas in assigning grades.

Don't miss the upcoming workshop series "Help! There's a Student in my Classroom," which will focus on ways to deal with challenging students. During the course of three sessions, faculty will learn how to increase classroom civility, deal with students who have learning disabilities, and relate to students with emotional issues. The workshops will take place on Wednesdays, February 14, 21, and 28, in the Reinsch Library Graduate Reading Room from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. You may attend one or all sessions; they are not cumulative.

For more information, e-mail the center at teaching@marymount.edu. Faculty may also register for the sessions online at www.marymount.edu/mucte.

Faculty Study Abroad Info Session

Interested in leading a study abroad program? **Victor Betancourt**, director, Study Abroad, will be available to answer all of your questions at a luncheon briefing co-hosted by the Center for Teaching Excellence and the Study Abroad Program on Monday, February 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the Gerard Dining Hall. The event will be useful to any faculty member who's curious about what is required to lead a group, committed to planning a program abroad, or somewhere in between. Everyone is welcome. Please call the Center for Teaching Excellence, ext. 5761, to RSVP.

If you cannot attend this presentation but are interested in Study Abroad opportunities, contact Victor directly at ext. 1677 or studyabroad@marymount.edu.

Blackboard Training

Steve Foerster, director of e-Learning Services, will conduct advanced Blackboard training for faculty this month. Join him on Thursday, February 7, at 10 a.m. in the St. Joseph computer labs for training on Blackboard announcements. He will also offer the training at the Ballston Center 4th-floor computer labs on Friday, February 8, at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

If you cannot attend the sessions, please call ext. 6904 to arrange individual training.

Share This Opportunity with Your Students

Do you know a deserving undergraduate or graduate student in Business who could use a financial leg up?

The William G. McGowan Charitable Fund has granted the School of Business Administration one full scholarship for the 2007-08 academic year. It will cover one year's tuition for an undergraduate or graduate student.

Applicants must be currently enrolled in the School of Business Administration, be a declared major, and have a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA. Completed applications must be submitted by Friday, February 23. Candidates will be selected by a faculty committee and will be required to submit a 1,000-word essay on the contributions of William G. McGowan by Friday, March 16.

For information and an application, tell your students to contact Kristina Hopper, program coordinator, ext. 5916.

MU Summer Camps Available

It's not too soon to start planning your child's summer activities. Marymount will once again run summer basketball camps headed up by MU coaches.

A variety of girls' basketball day and specialty camps will be directed by Coach Bill Finney. One session is for rising 4th to 8th-grade girls. Specialty camps for more advanced players entering grades 6-12 are also available.

Coach Scott McClary will direct two one-week sessions for boys between the ages of 7 and 15.

For more information and an application, choose either the women's or men's basketball link at www.marymount.edu/athletics, or call Coach Finney at ext. 1619 or Coach McClary at ext. 1515.

PLAUDITS

Dr. Virginia Bianco-Mathis, professor of Human Resources, was quoted and featured in an October 2006 *American Financial Professional Journal* article entitled "The Devil Wears Wingtips," which provided tips on dialogue techniques that can be used to deal with difficult bosses. She was also quoted and featured in an article entitled "Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedures Protect Employers and Workers," which appeared in the February 2007 *Health Services E-Newsletter*.

Dr. Bianco-Mathis also recently co-published a tool kit entitled "The Dialogue Card Deck," which assists professionals who must conduct difficult conversations. It will be available at amazon.com in September.

Dr. Zary Mostashari, dean, Library and Learning Services, attended the January American Library Association Midwinter Conference in Seattle, Washington, and led a discussion group on woman administrators.

Dr. Karen Waters, professor of English and currently a Fulbright Scholar in New Delhi, India, moderated a panel and presented "Harems and Cannibals: Images of Nineteenth Century Western Colonial Power" at the Indian

Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies international conference in Varanasi, India, last month. She also joined scholars from India, France, and the UK to reflect on the conference's theme "1857 and After: Colonialism, Violence, and Literature."

Diane White, director, Student Health Center, spoke in January with Alexandria teenagers taking part in a Project Discovery workshop about health issues they might encounter in college. Project Discovery is a college-preparatory program for low-income and first-generation college students at T.C. Williams High School and Minnie Howard School. It offers weekly workshops, college visits, and community service opportunities to help students build their motivation and readiness for college.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Edith Pauline Hols, grandmother of Eric Hols, director, Campus Safety and Transportation.

EVENTS

February 4-9—Ethics Awareness Week

February 10—Men's and women's basketball vs. York, Verizon Sports Arena, women's game – 2 p.m., men's game – 4 p.m.

February 17—Men's and women's basketball vs. Gallaudet, Verizon Sports Arena, women's game – 2 p.m., men's game – 4 p.m.