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IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

Distinguished Visiting Professor James Axtell To Discuss Native American History

On Tuesday, October 16, Marymount will host Distinguished Visiting Professor Dr. James Axtell, Kenan Professor of Humanities at the College of William and Mary, in the Reinsch Library Auditorium at 7 p.m. He will speak about "Fact and Fiction in Native American History," in celebration of Virginia's 400th anniversary. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to hear Dr. Axtell speak and to attend the reception that will follow his presentation.

In addition to teaching at William and Mary since 1978, Dr. Axtell has held fellowships from the Social Science Research Council, the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the John S. Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, the Newberry Library, and the Princeton University Library. His fields of expertise include Indian-European relations in the colonial Americas, the Age of Exploration, and the history of American higher education and its European antecedents. Dr. Axtell is the author of 12 books and more than 70 articles.

FYI

Join the Family Weekend Fun!

The entire Marymount community is invited to attend Family Weekend 2007, to be held October 19-21. A list of activities can be found at www.marymount.edu/studentlife/family_weekend_2007.pdf.

The weekend will kick off Friday night in Bernie's with a performance by Razor & Tie recording artist Kelly Sweet and special guest comedian Dan Cummings. This free concert is in support of the YWCA USA's "Week Without Violence" campaign.

In addition, each of Marymount's Schools will host a Saturday luncheon; and on Saturday evening there will be a

"Cirque du Soir" party, featuring Marymount students, special guest performers, casino games, prizes, food, music, and dancing. Tickets for the party and the Sunday morning Jazz Buffet Brunch that wraps up the weekend are \$10 each, and available from Student Activities in the Lodge.

New CTE Workshops

The Center for Teaching Excellence will present the workshop series "Step Away from the Podium: Active Learning Techniques" on Wednesdays, October 17 and 24 and November 7, from 3 to 5 p.m., in the Reinsch Library Graduate Reading Room. Back by popular demand, these workshops will focus on how faculty can incorporate active learning techniques in their classes.

In the first session, participants will define "active learning" and identify some easy first steps to "activate" their lectures. The subsequent sessions will focus on student-driven techniques, using groups, cases, and problems.

There is still time to register for the workshop "Help! There's a Student in My Office," which will focus on understanding the developmental needs of graduate students and how to advise them more effectively. The session will be held on Monday, October 15, from noon to 2 p.m., in room 407 at the Ballston Center. Please RSVP soon to ensure that there will be enough pizza to go around!

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

Support the Campus Fund

It's not too early to start thinking about making a gift to the 2007-08 Campus Fund. Last year, your generosity helped to raise more than \$45,000 to support Marymount's Faculty/Staff Scholarship and other projects.

Inside MU is a biweekly newsletter for Marymount faculty and staff.

To submit items for consideration in *Inside MU*, e-mail: insidemu@marymount.edu or send via campus mail to University Communications, Rowley Hall, Room 89.

The Office of Development hopes to break new ground this year by surpassing the 2006-07 record. And, if you contribute to the Campus Fund before December 14, your name will automatically be entered in the Christmas party prize drawing.

You can make a one-time or recurring donation securely online at www.marymount.edu/support. Faculty and staff also can contribute through payroll deduction, using the form included in the mailing you recently received from the Office of Development. For more information, contact **Erin Bain**, senior associate director, Marymount Fund, ext. 1522.

Don't forget to share your pride in supporting MU by displaying your Marymount Campus Fund decal!

Pilgrimage Yard Sale

Marymount students planning to travel to Australia to participate in World Youth Day 2008 will raise funds for their spiritual and cultural journey by holding a yard sale on Saturday, October 27, in Falls Church.

Campus Ministry is collecting donations from the MU community to be sold at the event. Baby clothes, household items, games and toys, etc., will be accepted through Thursday, October 25. On Friday, October 26, Campus Ministry will also accept baked goods to sell the following day. For more information, contact **Meg Dalmut**, assistant director, Campus Ministry, ext. 1604.

Get Ready for HalloweenFest!

Is it that time already? MU's 11th annual HalloweenFest will be held on Friday, October 26. Sponsored by Campus Ministry and Spirit of Service, the event brings disadvantaged children to campus to trick or treat through decorated residence halls and participate in games and scary fun in the Lee Center.

You can donate candy at various Marymount locations, including the Campus Ministry office in the Lodge, the Main Campus Security Station, and the Ballston Center security/information desk. Please include your name with the donation.

Faculty and staff members are also needed to serve as volunteer judges for the HalloweenFest residence-hall decorating contest. To sign up, call ext. 1604. Since this event will take place during routine work hours, please check with your supervisor before volunteering for this activity.

Plaudits

Dr. Nina McGarry, assistant professor of Information Management, presented "Using Cross Tabulation in an Effort to Understand Gender Issues of Socio-Technical Systems Development of a Healthcare Informatics Application" at America's Conference on Information Systems (AMCIS). It was nominated for best paper. AMCIS is the premier forum for information systems research, with a triple-blind review and a 40 percent acceptance rate.

PEOPLE

Welcome

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Transitions

Rebekah Salcedo has been promoted from administrative assistant to academic advisor, Academic Success Center, ext. 6927.

EVENTS

October 9 — Women's soccer vs. Salisbury, Quincy Field, 3 p.m.

October 11 — Reston Center Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, 8 a.m.

October 13 — Men's soccer vs. Villa Julie at Quincy Field, 6 p.m.

October 16 — Women's Volleyball vs. Catholic, Verizon Sports Arena, 8 p.m.

September 29 — Women's soccer vs. Meredith College, Washington-Lee High School, 4:30 p.m.

October 13 — Men's soccer vs. Villa Julie, Quincy Field, 5 p.m.

October 16 — Distinguished Visiting Professor Lecture, Reinsch Library Auditorium, 7 p.m.

October 16 — Women's volleyball vs. Catholic, Verizon Sports Arena, 8 p.m.

October 17 — Ethics Education Program at the Virginia Hospital Center, 8 to 10:30 a.m.

October 17 — Men's soccer vs. Mary Washington, Quincy Field, 6 p.m.

October 19-21 — Family Weekend