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Friedman named Distinguished University Professor by trustees

A faculty member recognized nationally as a leading social and cultural historian has received one of the University’s highest honors. Dr. Lawrence J. Friedman, history and American culture studies, was named a Distinguished University Professor by the Board of Trustees Friday (June 28). Friedman is the 11th individual in the University’s history to receive the honor. Only faculty who hold the rank of professor and whose creative professional achievements have won national distinction and recognition are eligible for selection as a Distinguished University Professor.

Since gaining the University’s highest honor in 1981, Friedman has been a productive scholar whose work has reflected wide-ranging interdisciplinary interests. He has authored four books that have been noted for their quality, range of topics explored and the breadth of scholarship. Friedman has spent most of a decade conducting scholarly research for his most recent work, Menninger: The Family and the Clinic. The 472-page book tells how the Menningers, known as the first family of psychiatry, pioneered their treatment of mental illness and founded their now-famous clinic. Friedman is the first writer ever to be given access to the clinic archives and the family’s private papers.

In The White Savage: Racial Fantasies in the Postbellum South Friedman dealt with the social and intellectual foundations of racist thought. In inventors of the Promised Land he explored the roots of American nationalist ideology. Then in Guggenheim Saints: Self and Community in American Abolitionism, 1830-1870 he provided a fresh perspective on abolitionism by focusing on the social and psychological dimensions of the major abolitionist groups.

In addition to his books, he has written 12 articles in major scholarly journals, six review essays and six essays in anthologies and encyclopedias. His research has been supported by three fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities as well as by grants from the American Historical Association and the American Council of Learned Societies.

In the classroom, Friedman has been recognized as a teacher who has continually sought to broaden the perspectives of students beyond narrow disciplinary lines. In addition to his courses and seminars in American Social History, he has regularly taught a required course in American culture studies and the honors program interdisciplinary course in the social sciences.

He was instrumental in securing a grant from the Edward Lamb Foundation to support the annual Lamb Peace Lecture which during the past four years has brought to the campus distinguished scholars representing various disciplines.

More recently, Friedman is credited with playing a major role in laying the groundwork for a "space-bridge" program to take place between the University and the D.I. Mendeleev Institute of Chemical Technology in Moscow. In the fall of 1990, he traveled with a University delegation to the Soviet Union to discuss the possibility of the exchange. He also aided in gaining a grant from the Lamont Foundation to support the program which is "a saved Bowling Green and Russian students to travel April 20.

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Marks honored with highest teaching award

Virginia Marks, music, was named the University’s third Distinguished Teaching Professor by the Board of Trustees at its June 28 meeting. The honor recognizes outstanding performance in the classroom. Previous recipients of the award have been Dr. Chan K. Hahn, management, and Dr. M. Neil Browne, economics.

Widely known as a master teacher of piano, Marks is regarded as a "teacher’s teacher" by colleagues for her abilities in performance and teaching. In her 18 years at the University, 16 of her students have been named winners in the annual College of Musical Arts Concert Competition.

In addition to graduate and undergraduate courses, she also has taught in the Creative Arts Program and Summer Keyboard Institute, which has provided her with the opportunity to work with younger students.

“Professor Marks’ dedication to the profession is unquestionable and her presence at this institution is of inestimable value,” said Richard Collin, chair of performance studies.

Marks’ personal performance accomplishments include appearances as solo pianist, chamber musician and accompanist. She has also performed as a featured pianist with several professional groups.

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Ferrari to be speaker at Aug. 10 graduation

Dr. Michael Ferrari, president of Drake University, will be the speaker at the University’s Aug. 10 commencement ceremonies. Ferrari is a former interim president, provost, executive vice president and vice president of resource planning at Bowling Green.

Prior to taking his post at Drake, he served as provost at Wright State University in Dayton.

As 10th president of Drake, he is leading a $115 million fundraising campaign, considered the largest in the university’s history. It is currently underway to strengthen the University’s endowment, capital facilities and annual support.

A published author, Ferrari’s research and speaking engagements have focused on higher education and industry cooperation, planning and marketing and economic development partnerships. He has written Profiles of American College Presidents and published...
Act requires payment into a retirement system

A section of the federal Omnibus Budget
Reconciliation Act of 1990 passed by Congress
and signed by President Bush mandates Social
Security and Medicare coverage for all state and
local employees, other than student employees
employed by emergency employees, not partipating
in an applicable public retirement system as of

If an employee participates in the University's
teaching, the following financial forms have been
changed: requisitions, budget transfer, travel
expense and report and consultant form (now
called non-employee compensation form).

New versions are available through office services
(University Hall or Administration Building).
A new pay order form takes the place of the
former "confirming requisition" and is also
available through office services.

Departmental purchase orders are now available
only to departments with on-line access to
CUFS. The former paper DP forms are no longer
valid and should be returned to purchasing.

As of now, budget and cost numbers are used
only for the remainder of this fiscal year
(e.g., time sheets). Area and org numbers have replaced
budget and cost numbers for all other purposes.

Another change effective 9/1/89 is the
purchase orders and for payment orders increases
to $500 for all new employees of $500 or more must
go through purchasing.

Beginning Monday, all requisitions and
departmental purchase orders must contain a commodi-
ity code for each item being purchased. A list
of these codes was mailed to each department
on campus. If an office has not received a
copy, one may be obtained by calling purchasing.

Offices with on-line access to CUFS should have
received a copy of the CUFS Error Messages Manual or can request a copy from
Project 90 by calling 372-9090.

CSC scholarship
applications available

Application forms for the annual Classified Staff
Council Scholarship are now available to
classified employees and their dependents.
The scholarships are awarded at the annual
classified staff convocation held in the fall.

For more information about scholarship criteria
and how to obtain an application, contact Nancy White
Lee at 372-8914.

Weight program offered

The next six-week Weight Watchers Program
will be held starting July 18 and will run
through August 22. Each session will be held at
noon in Room 1, College Park Office Building.

If the minimum enrollment of 12 is not met,
the program will be canceled. To register, please call
Karen Hedeman, 372-2225, or Ruth Milliron, 372-
2237.

Obituary

Gertrude L. Kaetzl

Gertrude L. Kaetzl, 64, a former University employee,
died June 22 in Wood County Hospital.

Kaetzl retired from food service in the Univer-
sity Union in 1976. She had worked at the Uni-
versity for 10 years, between 1964 and 1976.
She was a member of American Legion Post 45 Auxiliary
and the United States Daughters of America.

Memorials may be made to the Cardiology De-
partment at Medical College of Ohio.

Faculty/Staff positions

The following faculty positions are available:

EDAS: Assistant/associate professor. Contact chair, EDAS Search Committee (2-7377). Deadline: July 1 or until filled.