Harvard sociologist William Wilson to visit

One of the country’s foremost experts on the problems of welfare reform and race relations will make a series of visits to BG SU this spring. Noted Harvard sociologist William Julius Wilson has been named the President’s First Visiting Scholar in Ethnic Studies.

“Wilson is at the epicenter of the debate about race relations and welfare reform in America,” according to Michael Martin, chair of the ethnic studies department. “His work has had a palpable bearing on the formation of social policy. Having someone of his stature on campus will stimulate conversations across disciplines, enhance the research of individual faculty and contribute to the work of various departments and centers, including the centers for Family and Demographic Research and Policy Analysis and Public Service, at the University.

Wilson, the Lewis P and Linda L. Geyer University Professor at Harvard University’s Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy, received his master’s degree in sociology from BGSU in 1961. He later joined his Ph.D. from Washington State University in sociology and anthropology. He has taught at Harvard since 1996, where he has also been the Malcolm Wiener Professor

University notes employees who have recently retired

Several administrative and classified staff members retired this fall after many years of service to Bowling Green. A sea in their honor was held on Dec. 6 in Mileti Alumni Center. Following is a list of those who have left and the year they began at BGSU, beginning with classified staff members.

Sylvia Smith, College of Business Administration, retired in August. She joined the University in 1976.


October retirees were Patricia Foster, hired in 1990, and Shirley Shaltz, hired in 1986, both facilities services; Maclie Brumbaugh, public safety, hired in 1983, and Robert Shontz, IT5, hired in 1973.


Administrative staff retiring this fall included Carolyn Agler, medical assistant, Student Health Service, and Suzanne Crawford, special assistant to the executive vice president, Continuing Education, Interna-tional & Summer Programs, both who left in August. Kathy Rollins, assistant to the vice president of student affairs, retired Dec. 31, 2001.

Will they return? Call Sharon Morgart at 2-9223 for more information on any of the events.

Donors to new student union show rock-solid support

Supporters of the new Bowen-Thompson Student Union can see the result of their generosity in stone. As of last week, some 600 of the more than 1,300 commemorative tiles that have been purchased so far were installed in the union. The rest will be in place by the end of this month.

Ralph Wolfe, professor emeritus of film studies, is the project’s largest donor. He has purchased 18 tiles in tribute to friends, former colleagues and students who have gone on to distinguished careers.

“They’re part of the history of BGSU, so I felt their names should be on the union. It’s a way I could show my appreciation,” Wolfe said. “And I may even remember others as well.”

The first group of tiles is being installed on the first floor in the hallway between the Food Court and the Black Swamp Pub. The project could eventually grow to cover the wall adjacent to the theater on the second floor.

“We’ve exceeded our initial goal of $200,000,” said Katie Davis, coordinator of annual giving and director of the tile project. All proceeds go into the union fund, she said.

There is good news for all who wish to purchase tiles: They are still available, and if payment is received by Feb. 28, they will be installed in time for the dedication weekend in April.

The personalized limestone tiles may be inscribed with one’s own name or department, in honor of someone else. The tiles come in two sizes: 4” x 8” and three lines, for $125; and 8” x 8” and six lines, for $300. BGSU seniors may also purchase tiles at a discounted price of $80 up until their graduation date in June, through the Give BG program.

Order forms are available in the union or on line at www.BGSUtile.com.

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Doug Fisher of Wilson Tile and Stone places the first set of commemorative tiles on a first floor wall of the new Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

William Julius Wilson, professor of Social Policy and served as director of the Joblessness and Urban Poverty Research Program.

A recent article in the Chronicle of Higher Education referred to Wilson as a member of Harvard’s “Dream Team,” in the “star-studded socio-American studies department,” which includes Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Cornel West.

Before moving to Harvard, Wilson spent most of his professional career at the University of Chicago.

Wilson proposes a new type of national, multinational coalition that would focus on the shared economic problems of people of all ethnic backgrounds, saying that only by groups working together can these issues begin to be addressed, a stand he detailed in his landmark 1978 book, The Declining Significance of Race: Blacks and Changing American Institutions.


During his initial visit to Bowling Green Feb. 7-8, he will deliver a public lecture titled “The Ruts of Racial Tension: Urban Ethnic Neighborhoods.” Hosted by the sociology department, the talk will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. Feb. 7 in 2028 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Wilson will also give a graduate seminar and meet with the Task Force on Diversity and sociology faculty.

For a full listing of Wilson’s activities and public events in which he will participate, see Monitor online.

Wilson’s visits are sponsored by the Office of the President and the ethnic studies department, in conjunction with the sociology department and the American culture studies program, and the Office of Equity, Diversity and Immigration Services.
Alzheimer's disease is focus of forum

Animal research into Alzheimer's disease has suggested some promising new avenues of treatment. Kevin Pang, psychology, will discuss the role this type of research is playing in developing new ways of dealing with the disease in the next College of Arts & Sciences Forum, on Feb. 7. His talk will include a slide presentation.

Pangia, 12-30 p.m. talk is free; the noon-1 p.m. lunch is $6.95. Reservations must be made by Friday (Feb. 1). Call 2-2340 or email mjui@bgsu.edu. Bursar cards may be used.

The forum will be held in 201A Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Office items offered for sale

For sale to University departments or offices:

- Guenter Copy Printer Digital Duplication, $50. Contact Tammy at 2-2294 for more information.
- Forty no. 12640 toner cartridges for Apple LaserWriter printers, $50 each or $45 each for three or more. Call Cheryl at 2-0295.

A faculty reminder from the health center

The Student Health Service does not routinely issue "sick slips." Faculty and staff are urged not to advise students to visit the Health Center for the purpose of verifying illness.

In special cases, the health service staff will attempt to provide verification of illness if a written request is made and signed by a faculty or staff member. The written request should include the student's name and identification number, and the dates for which verification is requested.

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**campus calendar**

- **Monday, Jan. 28**
  - Musical Meaning in Beethoven: Further Extensions of the Theory, by Robert Hamer, music-theory faculty at Indiana University, 8 p.m., Kennedy Green Room, Moore Musical Arts Center.

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**job postings**

- **FACULTY**
  - No openings posted this week.

- **Contact Human Resources**
  - At 372-8421 for information regarding the following:
    - CLASSIFIED
      - (Employees wishing to apply for these positions may request a "Request for Transfer" form.)
      - The deadline to apply is 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28.
      - Secretary 1 (C-S-Sc)—Counseling Center. Pay grade 6 (grant funded).

  The following position is listed on and off campus. The deadline to apply is 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6.

  - Cafeteria I (C-S-Sc)—University Dining Services. Academic year, part time. Pay grade 3.

  **ADMINISTRATIVE**
  - Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs. Pay grade 17. Review of applications will begin Jan. 25 and continue until the position is filled.

**East/West gender, religion and empire in the 19th century is focus of talk**

The Provost Lecture Series 2002 begins Tuesday (Feb. 5) with speaker Lydia Liu of the University of California at Los Angeles. The theme of this year's series, presented by the Institute for the Study of Culture and Society (ICS), is "Collaborations across Disciplines."

Liu will speak on "Women and Sovereignty in the 19th Century: Her Lecture begins at 4 p.m. in 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union. A reception will follow at 5:30 p.m., sponsored by the Chinese Students and Scholars Association.

Liu's talk will focus on an interesting moment of gift exchange between China, Europe and North America that provides fascinating insight into the relationship between gender, religion, and empire in the 19th century.

Liu currently teaches at UC Berkeley, but will be taking a Distinguished Professorship at the University of Michigan this fall. She is widely published in the areas of Chinese literature, gender studies, cultural theory and popular culture. Her books include "Translingual Practice: Literature, National Culture, and Translated Modernity—China, 1900-1937," published by Stanford University Press.

For more information on Liu's talk or the series, call 2-0585.

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**The 2002 President's Lecture Series Values, Civic Responsibility and the Future of Higher Education**

First in the series: "Common Fire: Lives of Commitment in a Complex World," presented by Cheryl and James Kern, Antioch College. The lecture takes place at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theatre.