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# MONITOR

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## Sharp to chart navigation and the brain

Whether we're doing the familiar, such as taking a child to a music lesson, or trying to locate an obscure bookstore in Greenwich Village, navigation is an incredibly complex task. How do the billions of neurons in our brains communicate with one another to enable us to perform these functions, often with very little thought? What are the basic brain functions involved in moving from here to there?

A highly respected neuroscientist who has a rare ability to explain cutting-edge brain science to lay audiences, Patricia Sharp, psychology, will examine these intriguing questions in the final presentation in this year's Arts & Sciences Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series. Sharp's lecture, entitled "East Side, West Side, It's All About Your Brain," will take place on Thursday (Feb. 13) at 4 p.m. in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater.

Because she is at the forefront of studying the complex brain processes involved in spatial navigation and learning, Sharp is uniquely qualified to address this topic. Her research has been supported by more than \$2 million in funding, principally from the National Institutes of Health, and she has published more than 30 articles and one book that have deepened our understanding of how the brain directs activities that are critical to life.

Highly regarded by neuroscientists around the world, she has received the D.G. Marquis Behavioral Neuroscience Award and been selected to serve on the NIH panel that reviews funding proposals on the neurobiology of memory and cognition.

Sharp taught at Yale University and the University of Illinois-Chicago Medical School before joining BGSU's Department of Psychology and J.P. Scott Center for Neuroscience, Mind, and Behavior in 2001.

A reception in Sharp's honor will follow the lecture.

## Trio of experts—not just one—should lead schools, Judy Alston contends

At a time when public schools—particularly those in urban areas—are struggling to maintain public confidence, Judy Alston, educational administration and supervision, has written a book that proposes multi-leadership in K-12 schools.



Judy Alston

Published by University Press of America Inc., *Multi-leadership in Urban Schools: Shifting Paradigms for Administration and Supervision in the New Millennium* says three principals may sometimes be better than one.

Alston suggests in the book that a triumvirate of school leaders who collaborate with a common goal of improving their school may help to create an enhanced learning community in which students' opportunities

to excel are maximized.

"The bottom line is student achievement," Alston said.

The triumvirate could include a chief operating officer, a chief financial officer and a chief knowledge officer, all experts in their respective areas. Such a

plan would re-conceptualize urban schools as we know them, Alston says in the book, noting that the new paradigm of leadership would promote teamwork, reduce the stress on a single principal and enhance student performance.

"Being a principal is often too much for one person. It's a tough job," she said. "This is not for every school, but for some schools it might be the answer."

Noting the national shortage of teachers who are willing to

step into an administrative role, even when they have the necessary license and certification, Alston said the overwhelming demands of a principalship can discourage prospective administrators from pursuing the role.

"Dividing the position might encourage people to do that," she said, adding that even for the chief financial and chief operating officers, a background in education would be important.

"The business of education is very different from running a company that produces a product," the former high school English teacher cautioned.

Widely published in the field of school administration, Alston joined the BGSU faculty in 1999. She serves as both chair and graduate coordinator for the EDAS master's degree program in the School of Leadership Studies, and teaches in the University's doctoral program in leadership studies.

## PCA grants link BGSU with the community

Partnerships for Community Action (PCA) and the Center for Innovative and Transformative Education (CITE), in conjunction with the Office of the Provost, invites the campus to the fourth annual grant-launch open house and reception. Titled "Forging New Relationships," the event will begin at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday (Feb. 12) in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Altogether, PCA and CITE funded 12 projects for a total of \$44,000. The 2003 projects and their BGSU and community partners are:

- "Action after Stroke: A Physical Activity Program to Improve Health and Wellness for Stroke-Recovering Individuals"—Geoffrey Meek, human movement, sport and leisure studies, and Patty Snyder, Wood County Hospital Rehabilitation Services.

- "Color Me Healthy"—Rebecca Pobocik, family and consumer sciences, and Holly Hoagland-Fojtik, Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio.

- "ESL For Migrant Workers"—Sheri Wells-Jensen, TESL Program and English, and Beatriz Maya, Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC).

- "Giving a Voice to the Voiceless: The Wood County CASA/Friends of Wood County CASA Community Awareness Campaign"—Christine Seiler, marketing, and Carol Fox, Wood County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

- "Sensitivity Training Awareness for Caregivers (STAC)"—Janet Harst, gerontology, and Patrick J. Martin, Fisher-Titus Medical Center; Judy Fegan, Huron County Jobs and Family Services, and Bill Dotson, Gaymont Nursing Home.

- "Making Authors: Inspiring and Involving Children, Their Teachers and Families with an Author Visit"—John Zibbel, Early Childhood Education Program, Vicki Knauerhase and Cindi Baum, Child Development Center, Thomas Chibucos, family and consumer sciences, and Maria Simon and Kathy East, Wood County District Public Library; Warren Fauver, Community Learning Centers of Wood County; Shelen Stevens, Weston Public Library; Priscilla Pixler, Weston Elementary School; Craig Blair, Weston Arts Council, and Laura Sams, Michigan State University's Department of Agriculture and Extension Education.

- "Mentors at Work"—Judy Kiser, social work, and Marlene Ellis, Juvenile Court Programs, Ohio State University Extension.

- "Mingo Language Revitalization and Cultural Exchange Program"—Sheri Wells-Jensen, TESL Program and English, and Mike Adams, Mingo Nation United Remnant Band.

- "Symposium on Media Literacy in Education"—Donald McQuarie, American culture studies, Gregg Brownell, Division of Teaching and Learning, and Jen Angel and Jason Kucsma, Allied Media Projects Inc.

- "Developing Literacy through Cultural Awareness"—Alexander Sidorkin, educational foundations and inquiry; and Janet Murphy, East Toledo Junior High School.

- "For People Who Stutter"—Rodney Gabel, communication disorders, and Ann McVey, Bowling Green City Schools, and Barb Price, Lucas County Office of Education Services.

- "Targeted Tutorial Assistance Program"—Jay R. Stewart and Jenni Teaberry, Rehabilitation Counseling Program, and Martin D. Porter, Toledo School for the Arts.

# campus calendar.....

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## Monday, Feb. 10

Diversity Celebration Lecture, "Family Law: Shaping Lives," with Rob Salem, 1:30 p.m., 115 West Building, BGSU Firelands.

## Tuesday, Feb. 11

Diversity Celebration Concert, "Ulali," a First Nations, all-women, a cappella trio, 12:30 p.m., Central Lounge, North Building, BGSU Firelands.

Guest Presentation, "Arctic Crossing," Jon Waterman, author and environmentalist, 7:30 p.m., 101B Olscamp Hall. Sponsored by the Center for Environmental Programs.

UAO Movie, "Sweet Home Alabama," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.

## Wednesday, Feb. 12

Symposium, "Higher Education Partnering with Indigenous Populations in the Midwest," facilitated by William Armaline, director, Center for Innovative and Transformative Education (CITE), 8:30-11:30 a.m., 201 Union. Sponsored by Partnerships for Community Action and CITE.

Brown Bag Lunch, "Massage Therapy," Cindy Fisher, Purple Crescent Therapeutic Massage, noon-1 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall.

Concert, Ulali, 6:30-7:45 p.m., Kobacker Hall, MMAC.

Faculty Artist Series, Faculty Composers' Forum, works by Burton Eberman, Mikel Kuehn, Elaine Lillios and Marilyn Shrude, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, MMAC.

Guest Lecture, "More Than a Few Good Men: American Manhood and Violence," with Jackson Katz, male violence prevention educator and former football player, 8 p.m., Union Theater.

## Thursday, Feb. 13

Diversity Celebration, "Family Identity," video and discussion with Katherine Dailey, women's studies and English, BGSU Firelands, noon, Library, Foundation Hall, BGSU Firelands; "A Card Party: A Diversity Game," Bettina Shuford, assistant vice president for student affairs and director of multicultural and academic initiatives, 5:30 p.m., 115 West Building, BGSU Firelands.

International Film Series, "L'Emploi du temps (Time Out)" (2001, France), directed by Laurent Cantet, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.

## Friday, Feb. 14

Women's Professional Development Series, International Education, presented by Kristy Foell, director of International Studies Program, 12:30-2 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall.

Guest Artists, Philip Tietze, viola, and Robert Thieme, piano, West Virginia University, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, MMAC.

Valentine's Day Public Skate, 9:45-11:45 p.m., BGSU Ice Arena. Admission: adults, \$3.50; children ages 4-12, \$3; children under 3, \$1, and students with ID, \$2. Skate rental: adults, \$2.50; children ages 4-12, \$2, and children under 3 and students, \$1.

UAO Movie, "Sweet Home Alabama," 11 p.m., Union Theater.

## Saturday, Feb. 15

Concert, Symphonic Band, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, MMAC. Part of the Midwest Horn Workshop at BGSU.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, "Knock 'Em Dead," by Tom Oldendick and Will Roberson, 6:30 p.m., 228 Union. \$11.95 for students, \$14.95 for non-students. Call 2-2741 for more information. Co-sponsored by the Department of Theatre, University Dining Services, the Bowen-Thompson Student Union and Theta Alpha Phi.

## Sunday, Feb. 16

Concert, Concert and University Bands, 3 p.m., Kobacker Hall, MMAC.

UAO Movie, "Barbershop," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.

## Monday, Feb. 17

Diversity Celebration, "African Women in the British Colonies," Lillian Ashcraft-Eason, director, Africana studies, 9:30 a.m., East Lounge, Foundation Hall, BGSU Firelands; "African Drum Circle," L. Djisovi Eason, director, Transformative Cultural Arts, noon, Central Lounge, North Building, BGSU Firelands.

## Continuing Events

### Feb. 10-14

Diversity Celebration Art Exhibit, "In Our Family," Library, Foundation Hall, BGSU Firelands. Library hours are 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays.

### Feb. 11-14

Blood Drive, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Union Multi-purpose Room. No appointment needed. Sponsored by American Red Cross Lake Erie Region. Call 419-539-1009 for more information.

### Through Feb. 19

Art Exhibit, "Student Enameling Exhibition," Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

### Through April 25

Planetarium Presentation, "Star-Spangled Banners," showings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$1 donation suggested. Not showing March 8-17.

Key: MMAC- Moore Musical Arts Center.

## Nominate your student employees

The Student Employment unit of the Career Center is accepting nominations for awards that recognize the outstanding student employees of the 2002-03 academic year.

Nominations are open to undergraduate students and will be accepted during the weeks of Feb. 17-March 21. See Monitor online for more information.

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## in brief

### BGSU to host Presidents' Day visitors

High school students from Ohio and surrounding states will become part of the BGSU community for a day during the eighth annual Presidents' Day open house from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17.

"The enthusiasm and spirit that are generated on this day are very important to us," said Kay Gudehus, admissions. "This is our future."

More than 2,000 prospective students came to BGSU last year for Presidents' Day. Counting family members and friends, the total rose to 6,600 visitors, according to Gary Swegan, director of admissions.

In order to handle all of this year's visitors, 140 campus volunteers will check students in and direct them around campus, give tours, help with departmental open houses and the lunch buffet, and accompany visitors on shuttle buses. The event also offers an opportunity for visitors to chat with faculty, staff and students about the University and have questions answered, Gudehus said.

"The importance of this day is that it allows prospective students to pick and choose what they want to see at will," said Swegan.

Some events are tailored for high school juniors who are just beginning to look at colleges, while others are aimed at high school seniors who may be preparing to enroll at BGSU. Swegan said that residence hall tours and academic department open houses are frequently attended by prospective students. Presentations will also be given on the admissions process, financial aid, extracurricular activities and specialized academic programs.

### Correction: NCA Web address

There was an error in the Web address given in last week's Monitor for the University's NCA re-accreditation self-study.

The correct address is [www.bgsu.edu/offices/nca/selfstudy/index.htm](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/nca/selfstudy/index.htm).

## job postings.....

### FACULTY

Women's Studies. Director. Call Jeannie Ludlow, 2-2620. Deadline: Feb. 21.

Graduate College. Associate Dean. Call Deb Smith, 2-0433. Deadline: Feb. 28.

English. Distinguished Visiting Writer. Call Tom Wymer, 2-7543. Deadline: March 17.

Please contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed on the HR Web site at [www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr).

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

### CLASSIFIED

The following positions are advertised on and off campus.

Police Officer 1 (C-2 and 3-Vd)—Department of Public Safety (two full-time positions). \$14.19 per hour. These are collective bargaining positions. Deadline: 1 p.m. Feb. 21.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

Director, Corporate and Foundation Relations (02-117)—Office of Development. Administrative grade 16. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Assistant Director of Residence Life for Educational Initiatives (S-080)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 14. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Assistant Director of Cooperative Education (03-005)—Office of Cooperative Education. Administrative grade 15. Deadline: Feb. 14.

Technical Support Coordinator (03-001)—Department of Telecommunications. Administrative grade 14. Deadline: March 3.

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