Faculty leadership, service and mentoring honored at luncheon

At a time when academic freedom is being challenged across the country, it is especially important to recognize the efforts of faculty whose efforts bespeak the importance of academic contributions to society, Dr. Bob Boughton, chair of Faculty Senate, said at the annual Faculty Recognition Luncheon April 13.

Three outstanding faculty members were honored at the event:

Faculty Mentor Recognition
Faculty regard for Dr. Dan Madigan becomes clear when reading his many nominations for the Faculty Mentor Recognition. His nominators credit him with improving their teaching and encouraging them in their careers, selflessly stepping into the background on collaborative projects. His manner of taking time to listen, carefully considering each situation and offering wise advice without pressure is highly valued.

Madigan, English, is the former director of the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology (CTLT) and now the interim director of the Scholarship of Engagement office. He has taught at BGSU since 1990.

"Dan's history as an educator, leader and director of the CTLT, combined with his great people-to-people interaction skills, makes him an incredible networking resource," wrote Nina Assimakopoulos, musical arts. "His support in providing access to pertinent written information, organizations and people is generous, far-reaching and incredibly valuable."

At CTLT, he organized workshops for new faculty as well as faculty learning communities. Dr. Hassan Rajaee, computer science, recalls joining a Madigan-led, new-faculty learning community, which he describes as one of his best investments of time at BGSU. But "Dr. Madigan provided special mentorship which went beyond the faculty learning communities. . . . He has provided invaluable consultation, support and guidance which helped me establish my career at BGSU."

Dr. Andrew Hershberger, School of Art, wrote that Madigan not only co-founded and directed a research and teaching faculty learning community, but also helped the group give presentations and submit journal articles on their experience, always crediting the work to the tenure-track faculty instead of himself. "He is the kind of professor and colleague I aspire to be every day: kind, rigorous, thoughtful, funny and inspirational."

Recognition for Chair/School/Director Leadership
From non-tenure-track and junior tenure-track faculty to the interim dean of the College of Business Administration, the word on Dr. Madhu Rao is unanimous: He is a model leader, department chair and University community member.

In the seven years since Rao has been chair of the Department of Applied Statistics and Operations Research, he has moved the department forward while fostering a climate of cooperation and accomplishment, according to his nominators.

"What is striking about Madhu as a leader is that he instills in his department members and others around him the values of citizenship, responsibility, productivity and support of others in achieving department, college and University goals," wrote Dr. Nancy Merritt, interim dean of the college.

Noted for being exceptionally hard working, Rao has led change within the department that has recently resulted in a strongly positive program review, in addition to three successful searches for three tenure-track faculty and three instructors.
"He has been very encouraging to the new faculty and has helped guide them through the various steps necessary to gain tenure and promotion," a group of faculty nominators wrote.

Rao, who has been with BGSU since 1982, also coordinates closely with the department's partner programs in mathematics and statistics and computer science, in addition to maintaining ties between alumni and the department.

Under his guidance, the department has become the first in the college to incorporate the scholarship of engagement in faculty tenure and promotion documents, and he has invited others to share the products of his and the faculty's efforts in that area.

Recognition for Community Involvement
Dr. Laura Landry-Meyer, School of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS), brings absolute commitment and considerable professional expertise to helping community organizations that meet the needs of children and families. She also at times brings her own physical labor, her nominators wrote.

A founding board member, first treasurer and currently vice president/president-elect of the Cocoons Shelter for battered women and their children, Landry-Meyer "has contributed in every way to strengthening the shelter," wrote Michelle Clossick, the shelter director and a former BGSU employee. "She and her family have provided much of the physical labor necessary to get the shelter ready for residents." She also brought an organizational structure, a development plan, fiscal policies and financial stability, "all in the first year," Clossick said. Her service as treasurer has been her single greatest accomplishment, bringing the center into compliance with all local, state and national fiscal requirements and achieving credibility “beyond what would have been possible with such limited staffing,” Clossick wrote.

Landry-Meyer helped found and is still a board member of the Ohio Grandparents Coalition, a grassroots organization dedicated to meeting the needs of grandparents and family members raising grandchildren. She also assisted the statewide Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force with developing policy recommendations, which included the creation of a Kinship Navigators program in each county to help caregivers steer through the social services system. "Currently, she is conducting an evaluation on the (Lucas County) kinship navigation program and is mentoring two undergraduate students with this project," wrote Dr. Deborah Wooldridge, FCS director.

She is also involved with the American Red Cross of Greater Toledo’s Older Adult Outreach Program and is assisting the Adopt America Network from Toledo with two federal grants. Here, too, she is mentoring an undergraduate student in the process, Wooldridge noted.

Landry-Meyer integrates service learning into her course Collaborative Partnerships for Children and Families. Her students have participated in such activities as collecting data for United Way of Toledo’s Community Investment Plan 2006.

"In many ways, Laura's passion for teaching and impacting the lives of students is similar to her passion for service as they are both about bettering the lives of others," Clossick observed.

"Dr. Landry-Meyer embraces the concept of community involvement and models behavior for others to learn from as they engage in community outreach, service and engagement," Wooldridge concluded.

BGSU project among 44 winners of U.S. EPA awards

Project EXCITE, an environmental health education program based at BGSU, is one of 44 recipients of this year's Children's Environmental Health Awards from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
EXCITE, short for Environmental health science eXplorations through Cross-disciplinary and Investigative Team Experiences, is Ohio’s only representative among 30 recognition award winners. Recognition awards go to groups or individuals who, the EPA says, “demonstrate commitment to protecting children from environmental health risks.” Six of the 30 recipients are overseas, in Brussels, Belgium; Dieren, Netherlands; Leningrad, Russia; Geneva, Switzerland; Rome, and Montevideo, Uruguay.

The EPA also presented 14 excellence awards to groups or individuals “who exemplify invaluable leadership” in protection of children from environmental health dangers.

Reviewers of the award applications thought Project EXCITE “was an excellent example of a strong environmental education program,” noted Carolyn Hubbard, awards coordinator in the U.S. EPA’s Office of Children’s Health Protection.

Over the last six years, the project has created interdisciplinary, problem-based learning modules (units) and provided training for northwest Ohio teachers in grades 4-9. Funded by a seven-year, roughly $1.8 million grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, it aims “to advance the awareness of environmental health science issues; increase the range and use of inquiry-based teaching techniques, and generate a sense of social responsibility in middle-grade teachers and their students,” according to EXCITE manager Jennifer Zoffel.

The federal funding is scheduled to end next year, but the project recently received a 27-month grant from the Ohio EPA’s Environmental Education Fund to expand statewide. After receiving training at regional workshops, 120 teachers across Ohio will be able to use any of six of the modules, called Odysseys, in their classrooms.

Those that will be going statewide deal with the issues of family versus “factory” farming; use of household chemicals; indoor air quality, and food safety. In a simulation Odyssey, students try to solve a mystery illness stemming from a field trip to a community zoo, and another covers germs and disease transmission.

The state grant, worth nearly $50,000, will also allow the project to publish and disseminate new Odysseys.

Seeing student participants in EXCITE “light up” and even talk like environmental scientists, using words such as “dose” and “risk,” is rewarding, said project Co-director Dr. Jodi Haney, environmental programs and teaching and learning.

“Every day, our kids remind us of the effect of our work, but it’s nice to have EPA put a stamp on it,” added Haney, who also directs the Center of Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education at Bowling Green.

Other members of the project team are the other co-director, Dr. Charles “Chris” Keil, environmental health; educational consultant Bethany Ash, a BGSU graduate and former science teacher in Findlay City Schools, and six EXCITE “mentor teachers” who have used the materials in their classrooms and are involved in professional development of other teachers. The mentor teachers are Rhonda Simons and Mike Wilson, both from Central Middle School in Findlay; Paula Ritter from Arcadia High School; Katie Smith from North Baltimore High School, and Marcia Reed and Cathie Ujvagi, both from St. Pius X School in Toledo.

Regents to learn why BGSU students are succeeding

The Ohio Board of Regents will learn about student success initiatives at BGSU during a panel discussion with Bowling Green students and faculty at 2 p.m. Wednesday (April 19) in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. The regents will be on campus for two days related to their monthly meeting Thursday (April 20).

The panel discussion will be held in 201A Union and is open to the public as well as the
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Undergraduate and graduate students; the president and vice president of Graduate Student Senate; Dr. John Farver, director of the Office of Undergraduate Research, and Dr. Donna Nelson-Beene, director of General Studies Writing, will participate in the panel, with President Sidney Ribeau joining in the question-and-answer period.

Moderated by Ohio Eminent Scholar Dr. Milt Hakel, psychology, the discussion will demonstrate the methods BGSU uses to enhance student success and how that success can be measured through gains in student retention.

For the past eight years, the University has focused on the first-year experience to provide students with sufficient attention and direction to ensure further success in their sophomore, junior and senior years.

U.S. News and World Report, as part of its annual rankings issue, predicts graduation rates for campuses based upon the average ACT scores for admitted students. Over the past eight years, BGSU has annually exceeded that predicted rate by 12-15 percent. University officials attribute their ability to graduate a higher percentage of students to their focus on student success and retention.

Regular meeting Thursday
The regents' regular meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. Thursday (April 20) in 308 Union.

A highlight of the meeting will be a presentation titled “Student Learning Measures” by Ribeau and Hakel. The presentation will focus on developing changes in student learning measures.

Hakel and Ribeau have been innovators and leaders in assessing learning and connecting advances in learning to program improvement. One new method for assessing learning is the development of electronic student portfolios, in which students are able to demonstrate over time their increasing comprehension of complex issues. Bowling Green's innovations hold great promise for replication throughout Ohio and the nation, according to a spokesperson for the regents.

Among items scheduled for action by the regents are several academic program authorizations and institutional reauthorizations for Cincinnati Christian University and the University of Findlay.

The campus community and the public are invited to attend the 9 a.m.-to-noon committee meetings, where much of the information-sharing and deliberation of the board occur, as well as the 1:30 p.m. general meeting, where votes on resolutions are taken. All meetings will be in the Union.

The Ohio Board of Regents is the coordinating body for higher education in the state. Created in 1963 by the General Assembly, the 11-member public board has a direct, nongoverning relationship with all of Ohio's colleges and universities.

Addressing everyday life through evolutionary lens is topic of Buchanan Lecture

Noted biologist Dr. David P. Mindell will discuss the relevance of evolution to our everyday lives when he gives the 2006 Jean Pasakarnis Buchanan Lecture on campus next week.

"Applied Evolution: Understanding Domestication, Disease, Crime and Culture" will be the topic of his talk, scheduled for 7 p.m. April 24 in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater.

Mindell is a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology and curator of birds at the University of Michigan. From 2002-05, he was also director of the university's Museum of Zoology.
He has recently written a book, *The Evolving World: Evolution in Everyday Life*, published this year by Harvard University Press, which discusses the many applications of evolution to our everyday lives.

Knowledge of evolution is applied in domestication of wild species for agriculture; in managing our exposure to pathogens to prevent or control epidemics; in promoting human health; in fostering the diversity of species which safeguard functional ecosystems; in the pursuit of justice within the legal system, and in promoting scientific discovery through education and research. The book seeks to show that understanding and application of evolutionary science has become indispensable in modern societies.

Mindell’s primary long-term research interest is in the evolutionary genetics and systematics of birds. His current research projects concern the phylogenetics of hawks, eagles and Old World vultures, genetic distinctiveness and conservation status of the harpy eagle and Cape vultures.

**Playwright Edward Albee to visit BGSU Firelands**

Famed playwright Edward Albee will be at BGSU Firelands Thursday and Friday (April 20 and 21) for a discussion and workshop and a performance of his play “Counting the Ways.”

The Firelands College Theatre will present “Counting the Ways” and Eugene Ionesco’s “The Bald Soprano” at 8 p.m. Thursday and Saturday (April 22) and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday (April 23) in McBride Auditorium.

“Counting the Ways” is a vaudeville play in 21 scenes revealing the story of a marriage. Ionesco describes his absurdist comedy “The Bald Soprano” as an “anti-play.”

Tickets for the performances are $6 for senior citizens and $8 for other adults, $4 for BGSU employees, and $5 for children and high school students. Groups of 15 or more are $6 per person.

The box office will be open from 1-7 p.m. daily through Saturday. To reserve tickets, call 2-0747.

Albee will hold an informal discussion after the Thursday performance; a reception in his honor will follow.

He will also present a workshop on “Improvisation and the Creative Mind” at 2 p.m. Thursday and will speak on “The State of the Theatre and the Arts in America” at 8 p.m. Friday. Both events will be held in the Cedar Point Center.

The celebrated playwright has been awarded three Pulitzer Prizes, three Tony Awards, Kennedy Center honors, the National Medal of the Arts and many other awards throughout his career of over 40 years.

For more information, contact Lesley Ruszkowski at 2-5560 or lesleyr@bgsu.edu.

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**College of Arts and Sciences celebrates Earth Week**

The College of Arts and Sciences will commemorate Earth Week with two special events in honor of the upcoming retirement of Justine Magsig, assistant director of Environmental Programs.
Brent Blackwelder, Friends of the Earth president, will speak on “Healthy Rivers: A Vision for the Future” at the Arts and Sciences Forum from noon to 1:15 p.m. Wednesday (April 19) in 2028 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Blackwelder will discuss the destruction of our rivers within the past 200 years, as well as the turnaround in the 20th century as the result of positive action by citizens. He will also address the issue of maintaining healthy rivers and ecosystems in the 21st century.

There will be a pasta primavera lunch at noon for $7.65 (plus tax). Lunch can be paid with cash, check or BiG charge. The free lecture will begin at 12:30 p.m. for those who do not wish to have lunch.

Reservations should be made by 3 p.m. today (April 17). Contact the College of Arts and Sciences at 2-2340 or mjhit@bgsu.edu to make reservations or for more information.

At 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater, Blackwelder will speak on “Looking to a Clean Energy Future” in a discussion of how we as a society must enact change to combat global warming. He will explore the evidence of the earth’s climate change and show how individuals will determine the future of the planet. He will also look at the past, present and future of our energy choices, as well as the consequences we face as a result of society’s inaction.

A reception will follow the lecture.

Symposium to highlight undergraduate student research

The campus is invited to the second annual Symposium on Undergraduate Research Thursday (April 20). About 50 student researchers will offer poster presentations on their scholarly work in the social and physical sciences.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. A dessert reception will be held from 2-4 p.m., when students will be on hand to share their work with visitors, including representatives from the Ohio Board of Regents, who will be meeting on campus that day.

CALENDAR

Monday, April 17

Digital Arts Concert Series, with Mark Applebaum, electroacoustic music, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Tuesday, April 18

Civil Rights Days, open forum hosted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, part of a nationwide outreach and information campaign to educate youth about their employment rights and responsibilities, 10-11:30 a.m., 228 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Communication for Learners Workshop, “Guiding Authentic Learning Experiences,” 5:30-7 p.m., 201 University Hall. Hosted by the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology.

Philosophy Great Debate, “Should Intelligent Design Be Taught in Science Classes in Public Schools?” by Dr. Jodi Haney, environmental programs and teaching and learning, and John Milliken, philosophy graduate student, 6-8:30 p.m., 308 Union.

Concert, by the Percussion Ensemble, directed by Roger Schupp, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Movie, “The Producers,” 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.

Wednesday, April 19

Improvathon, by Theta Alpha Phi Theatre Honorary, a fund-raiser for Equity Actors Fight AIDS, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in front of the Union. Raffle tickets can be purchased now to help the organization and its philanthropy, 1 for $1 and 6 for $5. Prizes include a por-
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article DVD player, CDs, DVDs and more. Classified Staff Council, 9 a.m.-noon, 316 Union.
Civil Rights Days, open forum by Michael Payton, Ohio Civil Rights Commission (OCRC) executive director, on the role and work of the commission, 10-11:30 a.m., 228 Union.
Brown Bag Luncheon, “Everything You Want to Know About Gynecology But Are Afraid to Ask!” by Elayne Jacoby, Student Health Services, noon-1 p.m., Women’s Center, 107 Hanna Hall.
College of Arts and Sciences Forum, “Healthy Rivers: A Vision for the Future,” by Brent Blackwelder, president of Friends of the Earth, noon-1:15 p.m., 2028 Union. There will be a pasta primavera lunch at noon for $7.65 (plus tax). Lunch reservations are due by 3 p.m. today (April 17) and may be made by emailing mjhitt@bgsu.edu. The free lecture will begin at 12:30 p.m.
Arts and Sciences Speaker, “Looking to a Clean Energy Future,” with Brent Blackwelder, 3 p.m., Union Theater.
Concert, an evening of Swedish music performed by the University Women’s Chorus, directed by Lena Ekman Frisk, visiting faculty, and the A Cappella Choir, directed by Sandra Frey Stegman, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are $5 for students and senior citizens and $8 for other adults. To order, call 2-8171.

Thursday, April 20
Conference, “The Social Contexts of Adolescence,” with Dr. Peggy Giordano, sociology, and guest speakers Dr. Jacquelyn Eccles, psychology, University of Michigan; Dr. Ronald Simons, distinguished research professor, University of Georgia, and Dr. Robert Crosnoe, sociology, University of Texas at Austin, 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m., 206 Union. For more information, visit http://www.bgsu.edu/organizations/cfdr/adolescence/index.htm.
Symposium on Undergraduate Research, featuring poster presentations by student researchers in the social and physical sciences, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Union. A dessert reception will be held from 2-4 p.m.
Classified Staff Awards Ceremony, 9:30 a.m., 101 Olscamp Hall.
Civil Rights Days, public meeting of the OCRC, 10 a.m.-noon, 228 Union.
Service-Learning Roundtable, “Building Collaborative Partnerships within the Context of a Large Classroom: Creating the Service-Learning Experience for New Instructors,” by Dr. Jacquelyn Walters, family and consumer sciences, noon-1 p.m., Women’s Center, 107 Hanna Hall.
Reading by Creative Writing Program undergraduate students Maureen O’Connor, Tristan Palmgren and Sarah Norman, 7:30 p.m., Prout Chapel.
World Percussion Night, featuring the Kusuma Sari Gamelan and the Afro-Caribbean Ensemble, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Friday, April 21
Iron Pour, 12-6 p.m., sculpture yard, Fine Arts Center.
Women’s Professional Development Series, “Out (or Not) in the Workplace,” by Dr. Rob Salem, Amanda Monyak and Kathy Juhasz, 12:30-2 p.m., Women’s Center, 107 Hanna Hall.
Movie, “The Producers,” 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.
Concert, by the Wind Symphony, directed by Bruce Moss, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Saturday, April 22
Concert, by the Concert and University bands, directed by Carol Hayward and Kenneth Thompson, respectively, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.
Opening Reception, second Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition, 7-9 p.m., Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankelman galleries, Fine Arts Center. The exhibit runs through May 6.

Sunday, April 23
Planetarium Kid Show, “The Little Star That Could,” for ages 5-7, 2 p.m., BGSU Planetarium, 112 Physical Sciences Lab Building. S1 donation suggested.
Spring Concert, by the Bowling Green Philharmonia and University Choral Society, 3 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are $5 for students and senior citizens and $8 for other adults. To order, call 2-8171.
Planetarium Show, “Life Beyond Earth: Search for Extraterrestrials,” 7:30 p.m., BGSU Planetarium, 112 Physical Sciences Building.
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Lab Building. $1 donation suggested. Stargazing follows planetarium show if weather permits.

Movie, "The Producers," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater.

Monday, April 24


Family and Demographic Research Speaker Series, "Gender, Marital Life Course and Cardiovascular Morbidity in Late Midlife," by Dr. Zhenmei Zhang, sociology, noon-1 p.m., 208 Union.

Communication for Learners Workshop, "Collaborative Visual Narratives," 1-2:30 p.m., 201 University Hall. Hosted by the CTLT.


Continuing Events

Through April 19

Art Exhibition, "Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition," Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankelman galleries, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Through April 21

Planetarium Show, "Worlds in Your Wallet: How the World's Money Tells the Story of Science," 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, BGSU Planetarium, 112 Physical Sciences Lab Building. $1 donation suggested. Stargazing follows planetarium show on Fridays and Sundays if weather permits.

April 20-23

Treehouse Troupe Theatre Production, "Puss in Boots" and "Quixote!" adapted by Dr. F. Scott Regan, theatre. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. April 20-22, and 2 p.m. April 23, Joe E. Brown Theatre, University Hall. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children. To order, call 2-2719.

April 20, 22, 23

BGSU Firelands Theatre Production, "Counting the Ways" by Edward Albee and "The Bald Soprano" by Eugene Ionesco, 8 p.m. Thursday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, McBride Auditorium, BGSU Firelands. An informal discussion by Edward Albee will follow Thursday's performance. Tickets are $6 for senior citizens, $4 for BGSU employees, $8 for other adults and $5 for children and high school students. To order, call 2-0747.

April 21-22

2006 BGSU Student Film and Media Festival, organized by the University Film Organization, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall.

April 23-May 6

Art Exhibition, second Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition, opening reception 7-9 p.m. April 22, Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankelman galleries, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

Through May 2

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

Through May 6

Art Exhibition, "Best of Visual Communication Technology Student Showcase 2006," Union Art Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays.

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visiting the HR Web site at http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/.

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OBITUARY

Erma Marie (Sue) Schwarz, 79, died April 7 in Bowling Green. She worked in the former Education Department as a clerk-stenographer from 1955-58 and as a technical typist from 1977-78.

William Strausbaugh, 80, died April 7 in Toledo. He was a former stationary engineer with the University.