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Olscamp Research Award goes to Pavel Anzenbacher

When the University named Dr. Pavel Anzenbacher, photochemical sciences, the “Outstanding Young Scholar” in 2003, its faith in his potential was well placed. Anzenbacher had been with BGSU for barely three years but had already secured more than $1 million in external grant funding as principal investigator—a remarkable achievement for any faculty member, let alone one so relatively new to his position, noted Dr. Michael Ogawa, chemistry department chair, in his nomination.

BGSU has again recognized Anzenbacher’s extraordinary productivity by presenting him the Olscamp Research Award, which is given annually to a faculty member who has had outstanding scholarly or creative accomplishments during the last three years. The honor was bestowed at the BGSU Research Conference luncheon Nov. 6, and included $2,000 and a reserved parking spot for a year.

Anzenbacher thanked everyone who helped him get to where he is now and who contribute to his work. He also spoke about the importance of research, saying, “Research is an integral part of what we are doing here at the University. There will be no high-powered education without connecting what goes on in the classroom with practical, hands-on research.

“We are trying to produce members of society who have not just intelligence but also the understanding of how things work—how the world works, how nature works. If you know how things work, then you can make educated decisions. So we hope to create a future generation of people, of society, who are well-rounded, educated and mindful of the planet.”

Ogawa nominated his colleague for the Olscamp Award, describing him as an “internationally recognized supramolecular photochemist who has made creative contributions in such diverse areas as the design of electroluminescent materials and the development of new types of chemical sensors.”

Anzenbacher is also “helping to transform northwest Ohio into a leading force in alternative energy research through his participation in the University of Toledo’s Center for Photovoltaics Innovation and Commercialization, funded by the state of Ohio,” Ogawa said.

Anzenbacher’s potential was also seen in 2003 by the Sloan Foundation, which gave him an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship, a highly competitive national award designed to identify those who show the most promise of making fundamental contributions to the development of new knowledge in the sciences. Many Sloan Fellows have won the Nobel Prize later in their careers.

Anzenbacher’s research group has gone on to receive nearly $6 million in external funding, from such agencies as the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Air Force and the state of Ohio. In the last three years he has been named to the editorial board of the Journal of Supramolecular Chemistry, a leading publication in the field. Also since 2005, Anzenbacher has written 26 peer-reviewed papers that have appeared in prestigious journals, co-written a book chapter and given invited presentations at conferences, and been a co-developer, with other members of his team, of a patent application for an explosives sensor that could be used on large shipping containers.

“This list of achievements could be highlights of an entire career, and it is impressive that these are the products of such a short time period,” Ogawa said. “Pavel Anzenbacher is an extremely creative, productive and serious scholar. His many accomplishments put him at the top of the list of scholars in his field.”
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Outstanding Young Scholar' Moriarty making name internationally

The Outstanding Young Scholar Award is given annually to a young faculty member who has excelled in his or her scholarly endeavors. This year's winner, Dr. Jeffrey Moriarty, philosophy, was an obvious choice.

He has already written seven articles published in top-level, refereed philosophy journals, a book chapter, two encyclopedia entries and a book review—all since receiving his Ph.D. in 2002 from Rutgers University. In addition, he has presented his work in 18 locations, including overseas.

Based upon this prolific output and contributions to his field, Moriarty was given the award, along with $2,000, and another $1,000 in his departmental account to be used to further his scholarship. Presented by the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (SPAR), funding for the award comes from a variety of internal and external donors.

In accepting the award, he thanked SPAR and his department but especially his students, whose curiosity "makes me even more eager to find out more."

Moriarty, who came to BGSU in 2005, "is easily the most outstanding young scholar in the department," wrote department chair Dr. David Shoemaker in nominating him. He specializes in both political philosophy and business ethics and has already become internationally known for the latter, having been invited to speak last year at the University of Zurich and this fall in Belgium and New York.

"He has also already won the national Young Scholar Award sponsored by the Cornell University Program on Ethics and Public Life," where he presented several of his works in progress in spring 2007, Shoemaker added.

Moriarty has about twice the typical number of major publications for a young philosopher, Shoemaker said, explaining that "it can be very difficult to publish in philosophy journals; many of the top-tier journals have very low acceptance rates—around 5 percent—and many others are not much better (typically around 10 percent)."

Moriarty's publications include one that was published in Nous, "one of the top three or four most prestigious journals in philosophy," according to Shoemaker. He has also published more than once in the top business ethics journals, and his 2005 article "Do CEOs Get Paid Too Much?" has been reprinted in three journals. "He continues to work at an accelerated clip, having five new papers in the works," Shoemaker noted.

Faculty, student research celebrated at annual conference

The creative and scholarly accomplishments of faculty and students were on display Nov. 6 at the seventh annual BGSU Research Conference. Poster presentations enabled participants to share their contributions to the production of knowledge, "which is a core mission of the University," said Dr. Mark Gromko, senior vice provost for academic programs.

"Research is foundational to the purpose of the University just as it is to the lives of faculty," said Dr. Deanne Snavely, acting dean of the Graduate College and vice provost for research, in welcoming guests to the luncheon.

Sessions throughout the day explored topics such as wind energy and STEM research and teaching. Faculty, graduate and undergraduate student research presentations were included in the poster sessions, displaying a range of studies, from kinesiology to biology to art.

Sigma Xi, the scientific honorary, awarded prizes and honorable mention to a number of stu-
dent participants. Top prize was taken by two undergraduates, who each received $100.

- Elaina Williams, a senior from Youngstown majoring in kinesiology, works with Dr. Stephen Langendorfer. Her study, "Relationships among Jumping Coordination Patterns, Distance and Weight," involved testing the skill level of children aged 5-13 related to height, weight and distance jumped. The study is part of a larger work aimed at determining whether physical skills developed in childhood correlate to sustained activity levels and healthy weight in adulthood.

- Ellen Wakeley, a senior from Vicksburg, Miss., majoring in biology, asked "What Influences Seed Removal?" as part of her work with Dr. Helen Michaels on understanding the life cycle of blue lupine. The plant is crucial to the endangered Karner blue butterfly, which lives in northwest Ohio's Oak Openings region.

A number of other undergraduates and graduate students received honorable mention awards from the committee. All were recognized at a reception at the close of the day, which included "Five Minutes of Fame, a series of short presentations on their research by four faculty members and two students.

Exchange agreement creates partnership with German university

The University signed an agreement Nov. 3 with the president of the University of Hildesheim in Germany that provides for students from BGSU and Hildesheim to study on the respective campuses.

The signing occurred at a breakfast for a group of distinguished German visitors with the Atlantik-Brücke (Atlantic Bridge) Foundation who were in the United States to observe the presidential election. Among them was Prof. Dr. Wolfgang-Uwe Friedrich, president of Hildesheim.

In the Atlantik-Brücke contingent were eight Hildesheim political science students and their professor, Dr. Claudia Derichs, who spent the final three weeks of the presidential campaign meeting with BGSU students and faculty and participating in area grass-roots political activities. Plans are under way for Hildesheim to host BGSU students and a faculty member next summer. Preference will be given to students enrolled in BGSU's new minor in Peace and Conflict Studies.

Campus meets need through United Way, Community Shares campaign

From helping provide assistance dogs to people with disabilities to offering after-school care for children in urban neighborhoods, United Way and Northwest Ohio Community Shares are committed to improving the lives of the people around us.

By leveraging the donations of thousands of people in the community, these organizations make sure support reaches those who need it most. This year's campus campaign to raise money for the agencies they represent is now under way and, given the current economic situation, your help is needed more than ever. Interim President Carol Cartwright has challenged the campus community to make leadership gifts for 2008.

Donors may direct their support to any of the agencies under the umbrellas of United Way or Northwest Ohio Community Shares. United Way also allows donors to write in any local, health and human service nonprofit agency that does not appear in the printed options.
Electronic pledge forms are available and are fast and secure. Payment options have been expanded this year to include cash, check, credit card, direct billing and payroll deduction. All checks should be made payable to “United Way,” which will direct your donation as you indicate.

Please complete your electronic pledge using the link shown below before the campaign ends on Nov. 21. Click on the link provided in the email that was sent on Nov. 3 to access your personal e-pledge site, or visit http://bgcharity.bgsu.edu.

To find out more about the 2008 BGSU United Way Campaign, also visit http://bgcharity.

IN BRIEF

Nominate classified staff for Spirit of BG award

The Classified Staff Council (CSC) Spirit of BG Award Committee is taking nominations for the Spirit of BG Award for November.

The committee wants to recognize, on a monthly basis, classified employees who are caught showing the “Spirit of BG” as defined by any of the core values of BGSU.

Faculty, staff and students may nominate a classified employee for the award. To nominate someone, fill out the form at http://www.bgsu.edu/organizations/csc/page35884.html.

Nominations should be submitted by campus mail to Sue Frost, Chair, CSC Spirit Award Committee, Graduate and Executive Programs in Business, 369 Business Administration Building, or by email to sfrost2@bgsu.edu, no later than 5 p.m. on Nov. 30. The committee will review all nominations and a recipient may be chosen by the 15th of the following month.

Child-free by Choice support group forming

The initial meeting of a new support group, Child-Free by Choice, will be held at 5:15 p.m. Nov. 20 in the Women’s Center, 108 Hanna Hall. The group will begin regular meetings in the spring and is seeking input and planning help.

“Child free” refers to anyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender, who chooses not to have children. The group will provide a supportive environment for discussions of individual life choices, reproductive freedoms and struggles associated with being child-free.

Contact Jodi Thomas at 2-2081 for further information.

Humanities Troupe now enrolling for spring

The Humanities Troupe, a group of graduate and undergraduate students that uses theatre to address issues of difference and acceptance in educational and community settings, is now auditioning for the spring semester. The troupe seeks new performers and collaborators for the next season of performances and interactive theatre workshops for organizations desiring to open lines of communication on important issues in their communities.

Members of the Humanities Troupe are trained to use theatrical tools to stimulate thought, provoke dialogue and promote social change by examining values, differences and the human experience in ways that are supportive and conducive to learning.

Participants may choose from three course options with varying time commitments and credits.
The Humanities Troupe is led by Dr. Michael Ellison, theatre and film. The core of the group is made up of graduate students.

For more information, visit www.bgsu.edu/offices/humanitiestroupe/index.html, call 2-3776 or email htroupe@gmail.com.

Community input sought on BGSU presidential search

The search committee charged with helping select the next president of BGSU is seeking input from the Bowling Green community.

The BGSU Presidential Search Committee will host a public forum at 7 p.m. Thursday (Nov. 13) in the conference room at the Wood County District Public Library, 251 N. Main St.

Participants will be given the opportunity to share their views on the characteristics, background and experience they would like the next BGSU president to possess.

The forum is open to all members of the Bowling Green community.

More information about the presidential search can be found at www.bgsu.edu/offices/mc/page51169.html.

CALENDAR

Monday, Nov. 10
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, "Learning 2.0," sharing and exchanging ideas about the paradigm shifts in learning and communication, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Center for Teaching and Learning, 201 University Hall.

Instructional Design Discussion Series, "Constructing 'WoW' Assignment Sheets," with Barb Toth, Writing Center, and Angie Gentry, writing consultant and General Studies Writing instructor, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Center for Teaching and Learning, 201 University Hall.

BGSU Firelands Expect Respect Teen Council Project, "There Is No Excuse for Abuse–Abusive Relationships: Why People Stay," with Kate Dailey, humanities, discussing solutions to the problem of teen relationship violence, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 115 West Building.

Fall Workshop Series, "Introduction to SAS," through the Center for Family and Demographic Research, noon-1 p.m., 315 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

ARTalk, "Enochs on Stone," with Dale Enochs, sculptor, Bloomington, Ind., 5 p.m., 1101 Fine Arts Center.

Student Recreation Center Open House, with information about holiday memberships, tours of the facility and a free weekend pass, 5-7 p.m.

ARTalk, "To Say it isn't so," with Laura Letinsky, photographer and director of the MFA program, University of Chicago, 7 p.m., 204 Fine Arts Center.

Student Composers Forum, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Tuesday, Nov. 11
Veterans Day, Classes canceled, offices closed.

Wednesday, Nov. 12
United Way Wednesdays, in celebration of the United Way with Northwest Ohio Community Shares Campaign, with information about the organization, free coffee and breakfast treats, 8:30-10 a.m., first floor Administration Building.

Asbestos Awareness Training, with Bess Weaver, environmental health and safety, 9-11 a.m., 308 Union. Register at 2-2171 or www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page22440.html.
Brown Bag Lunch Spirituality Series, “My Faith and My Profession As...” with Dr. Tim Fuerst, economics, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 318 Union.

Brown Bag Luncheon, “Painted Ladies: Class, Race and Tattooed Circus Women,” with Aisha McGriff, American culture studies, noon-1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Simply Healthy Nutrition Series, “Scale Down on Portion Sizes,” 5-5:30 p.m., 012 Family and Consumer Sciences Building.

Coming Out Support Group, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 107 Hanna Hall.

Architecture Lecture Series, presentation by Bruce Lindsey, author, practicing architect, dean of the College of Architecture and the Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Design at Washington University in St. Louis, and former director of the Rural Studio of Auburn University; 6 p.m., Union Theater. Series organized in collaboration with the American Institute of Architecture Students. This session is sponsored by the School of Art and AIAS.

Faculty Artist Series, Laura Melton, piano, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

2008 State of the Art Symposium, “The Poem in All Its Forms and Variations,” held in conjunction with the Mid-American Review's Winter Wheat Festival of Writing. For more information, contact Karen Craig at karenka@bgsu.edu.

BGSU Firelands Expect Respect Teen Council Project, “There Is No Excuse for Abuse,” with a performance of “Nicky’s Secret,” 7 p.m., McBride Auditorium. A forum with the performers, community members and area experts on the issue of teen relationship violence will follow the play.

Reading Series, part of the Winter Wheat Festival, 7:30 p.m., Union Theater.

Vocal Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Asbestos Awareness Training at BGSU Firelands, with Bess Weaver, environmental health and safety, 7-9 a.m., 1003 Cedar Point Center. Register at 2-2171 or www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page22440.html.

Rock for the Cure, hosted by BGSU's Relay for Life team, featuring seven bands along with raffles and door prizes, 1-7 p.m., Perry Field House. Tickets are available in the Union for $7 all week and $10 the day of the event. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Art Event, celebrating the opening of “Charles Lakofsky: Ohio Modernist Master,” an exhibit honoring the late ceramics artist and BGSU faculty member. Schedule of events: “A Major & Lasting Contribution to the Field: Charlie's Students and Friends” at 3 p.m. and “Curator's Talk,” with exhibit curator Mark Bassett, at 4 p.m., both in 204 Fine Arts Center, and the opening reception from 5-7 p.m., Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center.

Festival Series Forum, 7:15 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. tickets are $30, $25 and $18 in advance and $33, $28 and $21 the day of the performance. To order, call the box office at 2-8171.

Saturday, Nov. 15

Asbestos Awareness Training at BGSU Firelands, with Bess Weaver, environmental health and safety, 7-9 a.m., 1003 Cedar Point Center. Register at 2-2171 or www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page22440.html.

Volleyball vs. Akron, 3 p.m., Anderson Arena.

Art Event, celebrating the opening of “Charles Lakofsky: Ohio Modernist Master,” an exhibit honoring the late ceramics artist and BGSU faculty member. Schedule of events: “A Major & Lasting Contribution to the Field: Charlie's Students and Friends” at 3 p.m. and “Curator's Talk,” with exhibit curator Mark Bassett, at 4 p.m., both in 204 Fine Arts Center, and the opening reception from 5-7 p.m., Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center.

Hockey vs. Northern Michigan, 7:05 p.m., Ice Arena.

Festival Series Forum, 7:15 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. tickets are $30, $25 and $18 in advance and $33, $28 and $21 the day of the performance. To order, call the box office at 2-8171.
Sunday, Nov. 16
Choral Concert, University Men’s Chorus with Measure for Measure, a Michigan-based men’s a cappella group, 4 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are $7 for students and senior citizens and $10 for other adults in advance, and $10 and $13, respectively, the day of the performance. To order, call the box office at 2-8171.

Monday, Nov. 17
ARTalk, “Between Stillness and Motion,” with Debra Davis, professor and chair of the art department, University of Toledo, 6 p.m., 1101 Fine Arts Center.

Music at the Forefront Series, Claire Chase, flutist, electro acoustic musician, and co-founder and executive director of the International Contemporary Ensemble, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Continuing Events
Beginning Nov. 10
Online Faculty Training, through the Center for Online and Blended Learning, “Best Practices for Teaching Online,” advanced two-week course through Nov. 24. Register at http://cobl.bgsu.edu/online_training.html or contact COBL at 2-6792.

Nov. 12-14
Native American Unity Council’s Annual Fall Forum, “Reopening Eyes: A Glimpse into Contemporary Native Lives and Issues,” Wednesday evening, 201 Union; Thursday evening, 2028 Union; all day Friday, 202A Union. The schedule of events can be viewed at www.bgsu.edu/offices/SA/CMAI/page57745.html. For more information, contact Tom Burnett at tburnet@bgsu.edu or Kristen Cooperline at kjcoope@bgsu.edu. Co-sponsored by the Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives, SBC Spot Funding, Coca-Cola Funding, American Culture Studies, Ethnic Studies, Sociology, the Women’s Center, and the Honors and Ethnic Cultural Arts programs.

Nov. 13-15
Philosophy Conference, “Moral Obligation,” through the Social Philosophy & Policy Center, featuring various philosophy scholars discussing moral obligation—its sources, character and implications for both prescribed and proscribed human action, opening session at 8 p.m. Thursday with sessions continuing all day Friday and Saturday, 207 Union. For more information, call 2-2536 or visit www.socialphilosophy.org/Conferences/upcoming.aspx.

Nov. 13-15
Winter Wheat Festival, the Mid-American Review Festival of Writing, opening session at 7 p.m. Thursday with sessions continuing all day Friday and Saturday, Union. For more information, contact Karen Craig at 2-7725 or karenka@bgsu.edu. For the full schedule of events and to register, visit www.bgsu.edu/studentlife/organizations/midamerican-review/wwhome08.

Through Nov. 14
Art Exhibit, “Alternative Typestyles,” by Matt Tullis, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Through Nov. 14
Blood Bowl VII, with walk-ins welcome, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. each day, 228 Union. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer to work the blood drive, send an email with the days and times that you wish to volunteer to bgsuarc@gmail.com. Sponsored by the American Red Cross and the American Red Cross Club of BGSU.

Beginning Nov. 15
Art Exhibit, “Charles Lakofsky: Ohio Modernist Master,” Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 6-9 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays. The exhibit will be closed Nov. 26-Dec. 1. Opening events will be held Nov. 15.

Through Nov. 19
Art Exhibit, “Graphic Language: The Art of the ‘Comic’ Book,” Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 6-9 p.m. Thursdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays. The gallery will be closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day.

Through Nov. 25
Planetarium Show, “The Cowboy Astronomer,” showings at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15. $1 donation suggested.

Through Nov. 30
Art Exhibit, “Sculpture Club,” Union Art Gallery. Hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays.
JOB POSTINGS

FACULTY

College of Arts and Sciences/College of Education and Human Development. Director of Science and Math Education, Associate/Full Professor. Call Julia Matuga, 2-7317. Deadline: Open.

Sociology. Assistant/Associate Professor. Call Wendy Manning, 2-2294. Deadline: Nov. 27.


  • Assistant Professor-Jazz Studies. Call Charles Saenz, 2-8549.
  • Assistant Professor-Voice. Call Jane Rodgers, 2-8404.

German, Russian and East Asian Languages. Assistant Professor. Call the search committee, 2-2268. Deadline: Jan. 30.

Applied Sciences/BGSU Firelands. Assistant Professor. Call the dean’s office, 2-0623. Deadline: March 1.

Labor Postings
http://international.bgsu.edu/index.php?x=facinfohires

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR Web site at 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.

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Off-campus classified: www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html

ADMINISTRATIVE

www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/page11137.html

OBITUARY

There were no obituaries this week.