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## Three BGSU faculty members recognized for their innovation

BGSU dominated the list of 2010 Faculty Innovator Award winners recently announced by the Ohio Board of Regents (OBOR). The award recognizes college, university, and adult career center faculty who leverage technology and employ alternative learning materials in their courses.

Three of the 10 honorees are from BGSU. They are Bonnie Mitchell, School of Art, and Drs. Seth Oyer, journalism and public relations, and Rachel Vannatta Reinhart, Leadership and Policy Studies. The winners were honored May 25 at OBOR headquarters in Columbus by first lady Frances Strickland and OBOR chancellor Eric Fingerhut and then recognized on the floor of the General Assembly.

In an effort to provide relevant and up-to-date information for the students in her digital arts classes, Mitchell creates numerous online resources each semester that eliminate the need for textbooks. She develops websites containing detailed technical information, which walk students through material for each lecture. These notes mimic technical/concept-driven textbooks, but directly relate to the learning objectives of the course. Depending on their courses, she has helped nearly 200 students save from \$100-\$600 each.

Mitchell also helps her colleagues integrate digital material into their classes. Using grant money, she purchased a Web server and enabled other instructors to host websites for their classes. She also set up and maintains a listserv for her division to communicate with all the students and a dynamic website for all digital arts students to post their portfolios.

Oyer has been utilizing innovative technology since he started his career at BGSU in 2008. His website <http://www.docoyer.com> provides students with links to much of his course material as well as to websites important to developing practitioners.

His classes often require students follow him on a special public-relations class account he manages on Twitter, which he uses to share current events stories for in-class discussions and as a pseudo-newswire for students.

For each of his classes, Oyer also provides several copies of required texts to BGSU's library reserves so that students do not have to purchase them. This currently saves his students anywhere from \$50 to \$120 per class.

Reinhart has created a variety of digital resources for students in her graduate course, Statistics in Education. A free electronic text she has written presents all the content, learning activities and practice problems for the course. Students then use this text to guide them through 12 videos. Each video typically presents a lecture covering important concepts, demonstrations of problem solving, class activities to reinforce concepts and practice problems.

In the last five years, Reinhart has taught over 800 students in this course. Since the cost of a traditional textbook for statistics in social sciences ranges from \$80 to \$125, the student savings across that time is \$74,000. In addition, Reinhart's course materials have increased course efficiency. While most online courses have a maximum enrollment of 20 students per section, the videos have significantly decreased student confusion and questions to the point that she typically enrolls 35-42 students per section, saving BGSU nearly \$70,000.

University System of Ohio faculty members were nominated by colleagues or students.

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**IN BRIEF**

**\$15,000 reward offered in arson case**

BGSU and Wood County Crime Stoppers are offering a \$15,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the individual or individuals responsible for a suspected arson fire at a BGSU construction site the morning of May 22.

BGSU police and the Bowling Green Fire Department are investigating the fire that destroyed a construction trailer on the former site of Rodgers residence hall on East Wooster Street in Bowling Green.

The incident was captured on video. An individual is seen entering several trailers, followed by the outbreak of fire in one owned by Gardner Corp., the concrete contractor for the project.

If you have information on the fire, call Wood County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-54-CRIME or BGSU Police at 2-2346. Callers do not have to reveal their identity.

**WBGU hosts free conference on needs of military service members**

WBGU-PBS will host "Operation Reconnect," a free conference on meeting the needs of military service members and their families. The conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. June 11 in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater. Free lunch will be provided to those who register by Friday (June 4).

Behavioral and health care professionals, educators, students, employers and community members are invited to attend.

Free CEUs are available for psychologists, social workers, counselors, marriage and family therapists, rehabilitation counselors and chemical dependency specialists.

Register online at [http://cee.bgsu.edu/container.php?x=operation\\_reconnect#register](http://cee.bgsu.edu/container.php?x=operation_reconnect#register) or call the Office of Continuing & Extended Education at 2-8181.

For more information on "Operation Reconnect" activities, call Deb Boyce at 2-7023 or email [dboyce@wbgu.org](mailto:dboyce@wbgu.org).

**Autism Summit to focus on 'hidden curriculum'**

Parents, health-care professionals and educators will have an opportunity to explore the "hidden curriculum of autism" at the ninth annual Autism Summit of Northwest Ohio.

The conference, "Hidden Curriculum through the Lifespan," runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday (June 5) at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. The keynote speaker is Brenda Smith Myles, a consultant with the Ziggurat Group and chief of programs and development at the Autism Society of America.

Myles will discuss the hidden curriculum and its applicability to individuals on the autism spectrum. The curriculum comprises information that is not usually taught to typical children and youth, but is assumed and expected knowledge, such as how to eat appropriately and hold appropriate conversations. Violation of these social rules can have an adverse effect on school performance and how well a student/child is able to positively relate to the community and home.



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Drs. Lessie Cochran and Ellen Williams, faculty in the Autism Certificate Program and the School of Intervention Services and co-founders of the annual summit, noted, "We selected the topic of 'hidden curriculum' for our summit this year because all too often it is an overlooked but vital part of the curriculum for individuals on the autism spectrum."

A prolific scholar of Asperger's syndrome and autism, Myles is the recipient of the 2004 Autism Society of America's Outstanding Professional Award and the 2006 Princeton Fellowship Award.

For more information or to register, visit <http://cee.bgsu.edu/autism> or call Continuing and Extended Education at 2-8181.

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**CALENDAR**
**Thursday, June 3**

**Radiation and Laser Safety for Auxiliary Personnel**, with George Bullerjahn, 10-11:30 a.m., 1 College Park. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page23277.html>.

**Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop**, "Active Learning and Problem-based Learning Strategies," 10:30-11:30 a.m., 201 University Hall.

**Saturday, June 5**

**Ninth Annual Autism Summit of Northwest Ohio**, "Hidden Curriculum through the Lifespan," with Dr. Brenda Smith Myles, consultant with the Ziggurat Group and chief of programs and development for the Autism Society, 8 a.m.-4p.m., Bowen-Thompson Student Union. The fee is \$69 with CEUs, \$59 for educator contact hours, \$49 for parents/caregivers and \$20 for students. For more information or to register, visit <http://cee.bgsu.edu/container.php?x=autism2010> or call 2-8181.

**Kids Extravaganza and Operation Reconnect**, family fun event with special opportunities for veterans and their families, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., WBGU-PBS, 245 Troup St. For more information, call Deb Boyce at 2-7023.

**Sunday, June 6**

**Summer Music Institute (SMI) Vocal Arts Faculty Recital**, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

**Monday, June 7**

**Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop**, "Learning 2.0 with Web 2.0 Tools," 10-11 a.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html>. Sundaes on Mondays, free ice cream, noon-1 p.m., Falcon's Nest, Union.

**Summer Workshop Series**, "Interactions," by BGSU demographer Dr. Heidi Lyons, sociology, noon-1 p.m., 7C Williams Hall. Hosted by the Center for Family and Demographic Research.

**SMI Brass Camp Faculty Recital**, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

**Continuing Events Through June 8**

**Art Exhibit**, "Grids," 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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**JOB POSTINGS**
**FACULTY**

**Mathematics and Statistics**. Instructor. Call the department, 2-2636. Deadline: June 14.

**Popular Culture and American Culture Studies**. Instructor. Call Timothy Messer-

Kruse, 2-2796. Deadline: June 21.

**Ethnic Studies and Sociology**. Instructor. Call Timothy Messer-Kruse, 2-2796. Deadline: June 21.

**General Studies Writing**. Instructor

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(two positions). Call Donna Nelson-Beene, 2-7885. Deadline: June 21.

*This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.*

**Biological Sciences.** Instructor (two positions). Call Deb McLean, 2-8550. Deadline: July 1.

**CLASSIFIED**

**On-campus classified:**  
[http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU\\_only/page11151.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html)

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

**Off-campus classified:**  
[http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl\\_staff/page11145.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html)

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 website at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/>.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

[http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm\\_staff/page11137.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/page11137.html)

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet.

**OBITUARY**

**Joseph Perry**, 80, a professor emeritus of sociology, died May 20 in Bowling Green. He taught at the University from 1959-94.

**Dorothy "Bergen" Luedtke**, 84, an associate professor emeritus of health, physical education, and recreation, died May 22 in Bowling Green. She joined the faculty in 1948, retiring in 1983.

