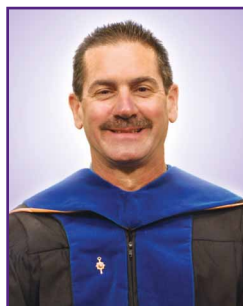


Distinguished Professors Honored for Teaching and Service

Anthropology professor Brooke Arkush, English professor Judy Elsley and music professor Yu-Jane Yang are the 2011 Presidential Distinguished Professors. They will receive their awards at the university's spring commencement exercises.



Brooke Arkush

Anthropology professor **Brooke Arkush** has taught the lion's share of the archaeology curriculum since he joined the WSU faculty in 1990. He also has served as director of WSU's Archaeological Technician Program.

In addition to his classroom teaching, for four weeks each summer, Arkush mentors eight to 12 students who live, learn, eat and sleep on dig sites. Students receive hands-on experience

in documenting and recovering archaeological data.

Arkush's research agenda focuses on prehistory, protohistory and colonial history of western North America. He has published 24 articles and book chapters. Through his research, Arkush has added to the understanding of Great Basin archaeology. He serves on the editorial board of two scholarly publication series and is an active member of several professional organizations.



Judy Elsley

English professor **Judy Elsley** has drawn on her expertise in narrative writing to create a substantial body of work exploring the topics of quilts in literature and society.

Elsley is the author of three books, 17 refereed publications, four articles published in books and seven non-refereed publications. She has presented her work locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

Year in and year out her teaching evaluations cite her skills in the classroom and her willingness to work with her students. During her 21-year career at WSU, Elsley has served as director of the Writing Across the Curriculum committee, co-coordinator of the First-Year Experience program and coordinator of the Bachelor of Integrated Studies program. She currently serves as the director of the WSU Honors program.



Yu-Jane Yang

An accomplished concert pianist who has performed on three continents, music professor **Yu-Jane Yang** is recognized for her ability to train a new generation of award-winning performers.

Yang joined the WSU music faculty in 1992 and has since grown the piano program and elevated its renown on the national and international stage. Heightened awareness has helped Yang successfully recruit piano students from

around the world who have won prestigious competitions at the national and international level. Yang is the author of numerous articles on piano teaching published in leading piano pedagogy journals.

Yang spearheaded the Steinway Project at WSU, working to attain the prestigious "Steinway School" designation. In 2010 she received the Utah Music Teachers Association's highest honor, the UMTA Legacy Award.

Visit weber.edu/AcademicAffairs/presidential_program.html to learn more about the award and past recipients.

Governor Signs Building Bills

Community members, faculty, staff, students and area legislators joined Gov. Gary Herbert as he signed House Bill 4 and Senate Bill 5, which provide funding for a new classroom building at Weber State University Davis.

Plans are to build a 120,146-square-foot building that will primarily include classrooms and laboratories to expand offerings for high-demand programs at WSU Davis. Space will also be provided for student support needs, food services, and the Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering, and Science. The total price tag for the project is estimated at \$39,935,100.



FACULTY AND STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

History professor **Branden Little** recently published "Humanitarian Relief in Europe and the Analogue of War, 1914-1918," in *Finding Common Ground: New Directions in First World War Studies*.

Steven J. Peterson, chair, Construction Management Technology, will have his book *Pearson's Pocket Guide to Construction Management*, published in April.

Physics professor **John Sohl** has been named the 2011 Utah Engineering Educator of the Year by the Utah Engineers Council. He was nominated by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics for his broad range of teaching and professional accomplishments.

Spanish professor **Jeff Stokes** will have an article titled "Considering Cultural Perspectives in Mexico and Peru in the Teaching of Spanish," published in the April 2011 edition of the *ITL International Journal of Applied Linguistics*.



Summer Campus Beautification Facilities management begins busy season

Ten thousand purple and white petunias will greet guests when they arrive to congratulate Weber State's spring graduating class.

The petunia planting project began two years ago with 5,000 flowers, but the number quickly doubled because of the popularity with both visitors and landscape crew members who vie to have the best-looking area on campus.

The flowers are just the beginning of the busy summer season for facilities management, which has a long and growing list of projects. Topping the priorities are preparations to update Stewart Stadium with artificial turf and a new track.

"Unlike grass, artificial turf does not need the downtime between events to rejuvenate and rest," said Rick Wade, director of campus services. "The university is getting to the point where our facilities are attractive to the campus and community for many purposes, and we need to make them available."

Another multi-year project just getting underway is a three-phase renovation of the Dee Events Center parking lot. The changes will improve drainage, replace the current planters and their dying trees, and create a safe-driving corridor. Work will begin on the east side of the Dee and eventually move around the building.

The area from the Dee Events Center to the Stewart Stadium has two other major renovation projects: landscaping for the new student-life housing complex and rejuvenating the area around the tennis courts.



Artist rendering of student-life housing complex

Not only were the courts in disrepair, but also that portion of campus was irrigated with expensive culinary water. The renovations include an automated secondary-water system, new concrete, stairs and landscaping. The improvements will make an attractive east-side campus entrance as well as provide a stunning view out of the north-facing windows of the Swenson pool.

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Faculty gift honors medical pioneer

"The way I look at it, I'm giving back to my profession," explained Patricia Shaw, an associate professor and Health Information Management program director in the Dr. Ezekiel R. Dumke College of Health Professions. She reroutes a portion of each paycheck into the Bette Maack Memorial Scholarship fund.



Pat Shaw

"Payroll deduction is the most convenient way for me, personally, to make a difference for future generations," Shaw said. She is one of 439 Weber State employees whose combined financial contributions to the university during the 2010 calendar year totaled \$40,883.

"Because of the tenure process, doing service is a big part of who I am," Shaw said. Her regular donations to Weber State began about five years ago in an effort to establish a scholarship named for health information pioneer Bette Maack.

"Bette was instrumental in bringing a sophisticated health information management program to Utah," Shaw said. "When she passed away, those of us who knew her recognized the need to do something to memorialize her groundbreaking efforts."

Setting aside funds to help Health Information Management students seems only natural to Shaw, who gratefully recalls that a grant during her college

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Another campus-entrance facelift that will be completed this summer is a waterfall and landscaping on the west side of the road leading to the A-10 parking lot and Kimball Visual Arts Center. Previously the area had an old, concrete canal that had been undermined by spring runoff.

“We determined if it needed a change, why not make a beautiful public entrance? This will be a great public face as the community visits the campus,” said Brian Hadley, landscape manager. “I think the community has noticed what has recently been done for the landscape. They give us positive feedback, which we appreciate.”

It’s nice to get a word of thanks after a day in the summer sun, because in addition to the extra projects there are 26 weeks of weeding, watering and fertilizing. The summer season requires 10 full-time employees and another 17-25 seasonal full-time employees who maintain approximately 100 acres of manicured land. The mowing alone takes eight hours a day, five days a week.

Watering, however, has gotten a little easier in recent years. With the completion of the tennis court area, the majority of the university’s irrigation system is computerized and automated. A new weather station controls the sprinklers during off-peak hours and shuts them down during storms. Eventually a computer will calculate exactly how much water is lost each day and replace just the correct amount.

Having an accurate assessment is at the root of a multi-year tree audit also under way on campus. The university’s three certified arborists ascertain the type and health of each tree and note safety hazards and value.

“We want to place a dollar value on every tree on our property. As contractors arrive, they will actually know a tree is worth \$14,000, so if they kill or maim a tree, they own it, and we get compensated,” Hadley explained.

Facilities management would like the Weber State grounds to enhance learning and attract community to campus.

“We have some very talented employees,” Wade said. “We have botanists, designers, certified arborists and a sports-turf specialist. We have people who are licensed to use chemicals and herbicides. We have a well-trained, highly professional group, and the campus is showing the results of that talent.”

New System for Student Email Coming in June

Weber State University is replacing the Wildcat Mail student email software with a Microsoft cloud solution Live@edu. Here’s what faculty and staff need to know about the new system:



- The new account will include collaboration tools and 10 GB of storage space.
- Student email addresses will remain the same (*name@mail.weber.edu*).
- Mail sent prior to the switch date won’t be transferred to the new Wildcat Mail automatically. Students must go into their old mail accounts and set up forwarding.
- All university notifications will continue to be sent to a student’s “@mail.weber.edu” address and should be retrieved by students through Wildcat Mail.

Purchasing Deadlines for 2010-11

All current fiscal-year requisitions and backup documentation for equipment, supplies and services must be submitted to purchasing by Friday, May 13.

The deadline allows time for bidding and awarding the requested items before the fiscal year ends on June 30. If you have questions, contact purchasing at extension 6014.



years afforded her an invaluable clinical experience at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Shaw believes we all have a humanitarian obligation to help others. “When I hear news reports of devastating earthquakes and other disasters around the world, I feel limited in what I can do, but by donating, I can make a difference in a student’s life,” she said. “If we all gave \$10 each payday, just think of the scholarships we would have.”

*Inside find a list that includes full-time WSU faculty and staff, part-time staff and retired employees who contributed financially last year. Many adjunct faculty members also gave to the university.

Welcome to WSU

Brandy Heiner, Health Sciences;
Brian Scott, Athletics Administration and Support;
Betty Sawyer, Education Access and Outreach

On the Move/Promoted

Tyler Cahoon, Bookstore;
Ralph Coleman, Academic Support Centers

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Dixon Awards

Gordon T. Allred, professor of English, and Joel A. Bass, head athletic trainer, are the recipients of the Alumni Association’s 2011 H. Aldous Dixon Awards in recognition of their “careers of excellence, going above and beyond the call of duty to support students.”

Allred, whose parents both taught at Weber, knew Weber College President Dixon well; in fact, he grew up calling him “Uncle Aldous.”

Allred began teaching English at Weber State College in 1963. He has always encouraged his students to be empathetic human beings and enthusiastic scholars.

An award-winning author, Allred published *Kamikaze: A Japanese Pilot’s Own Spectacular Story of the Infamous Suicide Squadrons*, which is an international best-seller. His book *Starfire* won first place in the Utah Fine Arts Creative Writing Contest. Allred also co-authored a nationally syndicated medical column and has written numerous short stories.

After 48 years of teaching, Allred plans to retire in April.

Joel Bass, head athletic trainer, arrived at Weber State 20 years ago with the goal of firmly grounding the study of athletic training in an academic context.

Thanks in large part to his vision, hard work and determination, WSU now offers both undergraduate and graduate programs in athletic training. Bass is considered the driving force behind developing the curriculum and assembling the administrative staff.

Bass works primarily with the Wildcat football and men’s basketball teams to safeguard their physical and emotional well-being. As former president of the Utah Athletic Trainers Association, Bass vigorously supported the statewide push to make sure every Utah high school has a certified athletic trainer on staff.

Hinckley Award

Physics professor Adam Johnston has been named the 2011 John S. Hinckley Fellow. Johnston, who has taught at WSU since 1997, educates and mentors many of WSU’s science teaching majors. He is also the coordinator of WSU’s Teaching & Learning Forum, which promotes professional development opportunities for faculty members.

Johnston’s community outreach efforts include the Science in the Parks series held in Ogden each summer. The series, which began in 2007, encourages elementary-school children to get excited about science with hands-on activities and demonstrations.

Johnston is the co-founder and organizer of Science Education at the Crossroads, an interactive, national conference where science education scholars and teachers identify problems in the field and propose innovative solutions. For his work with public school teachers, the Utah Science Teachers Association recognized Johnston as the 2010 Science Teacher of the Year.

Collaboration Award

The university’s TERM Steering Committee received the 2011 Exemplary Collaboration Award, in recognition of the teamwork demonstrated during the formulation and implementation of a new program for teaching developmental math.

The 16-member TERM Steering Committee created a format that combines Web-based instruction with individual tutoring. Students in the program learn mathematical concepts at their own pace. TERM is now used in all sections of Math 950, 960 and 1010, and enrollment in the program has far exceeded original projections.

“Student reactions to the new model have been very positive,” said Dale Ostlie, dean of the College of Science. “Students who lacked confidence or were unsuccessful in learning math in the past are successfully completing courses under TERM and making real progress toward their degree goals.”

Lindquist Award

Patricia Cost, assistant professor and health promotion program director, has been named the 2011 recipient of the John A. Lindquist Award.

The Lindquist Award, which was established in 2007, is given annually to a faculty or staff member who has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to mentoring WSU students in learning through community involvement.

In the past three years, Cost has overseen 32 community-based service-learning projects through her class, Program Planning and Assessment. Seniors in her class choose a community partner, generally non profit, that needs assistance. The students each then donate 120 hours of health education to such groups as local elementary and high schools, Boy Scouts of America and the Ogden Police Department.

During the summer Cost teaches this class through independent study and mentors students living outside of Utah. She has overseen projects as far away as Florida and Afghanistan.

Brookings Fellow

Economics professor John Mukum Mbaku has been named a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the influential Brookings Institution based in Washington, D.C.

He was nominated by another Brookings Senior Fellow with whom he has worked in the past. Originally from Cameroon, Mbaku has conducted extensive research on the economic and political transformation of Africa, as well as on the continent’s transition to democratic governance.

During his yearlong appointment, Mbaku will help with the institution’s Africa Growth Initiative. In particular, Mbaku will continue to pursue his research agenda on water rights in Africa, especially the contentious issues surrounding access to the Nile River basin.

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