

COLA NEWS

October 30, 2009

1. The Department of Music will present the following performances during the upcoming week:

October 30 – Percussion Ensemble, 8:00 p.m., Schuster Hall

October 31 – Faculty Recital Series, Daniel Zehringer, trumpet, 3:00 p.m. Schuster Hall

November 5 – STEAM3 Lecture, 7:00 p.m., Schuster Hall

2. *Reflections on Darwin*, curated by Benjamin Montague, opens in the Stein Galleries on Sunday, November 1 and continues through January 10, 2010. J. D. Talasek, Director of Cultural Programs of the National Academy of Sciences, will present a lecture on the theory of evolution and its influence on contemporary art on November 5.

3. *The Pajama Game* opened in the Festival Playhouse last night and continues through November 15. Call the Theatre Box Office at 775-2500 for ticket information and show times.

4. Professor Esther Herzog, Chair of the Department of Anthropology at Beit Berl College, will present a lecture titled “Jewish and Arab Women Come Together to Discuss Religion and Peace in Israel” on November 2 at 4:00 p.m. in the Millett Hall Atrium. In addition to being an accomplished academic, Professor Herzog is a social activist and will be speaking about the leadership organization she co-founded seven years ago which brings together Jewish and Arab women in Israel. This event is free and open to the public. It is funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton and co-sponsored by the Zusman Chair in Judaic Studies, the Departments of Religion and Political Science, the Women’s Studies Program and the Women’s Center. For more information, contact Mark Verman at 775-2461.

5. WSU’s Annual Kristallnacht Lecture will be held on November 3 at 7:30 p.m. in E156 Student Union, featuring Miriamne Krummel, Associate Professor of English at the University of Dayton. In her lecture titled “Antisemitism: A Literary Analysis,” Professor Krummel will discuss three moments in history represented by the massacre of Jews in Lincoln, England in 1255, Arthur Miller’s psychological drama *Broken Glass*, which is set in Brooklyn in 1938, and Jan Gross’ haunting chronicle *Neighbors*, which examines the massacre of the Jews of Jedwabne, Poland in 1941 by their Polish “neighbors.” This event is free and open to the public. This event is co-sponsored by the Zusman Chair of Judaic Studies, Dayton-Holocaust Resource Center and Education Resource Center. For more information, contact Mark Verman at 775-2461.

6. The Fall Quarter College of Liberal Arts faculty meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4 at 3:15 p.m. in 028 Millett. An agenda was emailed to faculty on Monday.

7. *Poets Read for Peace* will be held on November 4 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Dayton Peace Museum Annex, 208 W. Monument Ave, Dayton. This is a Dayton Literary Peace Prize Consortium event sponsored by the Department of English.

8. The English Department Visiting Writers Committee will host "Poets Reach Pacernick: Celebrating Creative Writing at Wright State" on November 5 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Millett Hall Atrium. Area poets will come together to read and discuss the works of poet Gary Pacernick. Light refreshments will be served.

9. Novelist Brad Kessler, 2006 winner of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize in Fiction for his novel *Birds in Fall*, and 2007 Recipient of the Rome Prize from the American Academic of Arts and Letters, and a Whiting Writer's Award, will read from his new book, *Goat Song*, on Monday, November 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the Pathfinder Lounge. This is a Dayton Literary Peace Prize Consortium event, sponsored by the Department of English.

10. Dr. Jonathan Winkler, Associate Professor of History, is the recipient of a 2010-11 Junior Faculty Research Grant from the Smith Richardson Foundation in their International Security and Foreign Policy Program. The grant program supports junior faculty research on American foreign policy, international relations, international security, military policy, and diplomatic and military history. The Foundation awarded four \$60,000 research grants this year to support tenure-track junior faculty engaged in the research and writing of a scholarly book on an issue or topic of interest to the policy community. There were 65 applicants from which the board selected the four winners. Dr. Winkler was the only historian among the award recipients.

11. Dr. Elfe Dona, Associate Professor of Modern Languages, recently received the Center for Teaching and Learning's award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology. The award is given to a faculty member who has found creative ways to integrate technology into their teaching. Dr. Dona has a long history of using technology in her classes, but her creative use of digital story telling sets her apart from other candidates. She will represent WSU at the 21st annual International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in Ponte Veda Beach, Florida in April.

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