

# the Reporter



News for the Faculty and Staff of Western Carolina University

## **Distinguished Teaching Award Faculty Vie for Top Honor**

Five Western faculty members have been named finalists for the Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award, which will be presented during the General Faculty Meeting and Award Convocation at 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 25, in the Coulter Building recital hall.

The award, established in 1976, is the university's highest honor in recognition of superior teaching. Winners are chosen through a two-stage process. First, student and faculty submit nominations. Then, an awards committee reviews teaching techniques and portfolios.

The finalists are:

- Aaron Ball, associate professor, engineering technology;
- Julia Barnes, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science;
- Mimi Fenton, associate professor of English;
- Angela Grube, assistant professor of health and human performance;
- Will Peebles, associate professor of music.

The recipient will be announced at the spring awards convocation and receive a \$1,000 honorarium and an engraved plaque.

## **Board Approves Appointments**

Western's Board of Trustees took action recently that resulted in new faces and established faces in new jobs on campus.

### **Associate Vice Chancellors**

Leila Tvedt, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Stetson University, has been appointed to the new position of associate vice chancellor for public relations.

Former executive director of the North Carolina Agency for Public Telecommunications, Tvedt, will direct the operations of Western's Office of Public Relations (formerly the Office of Public Information), with responsibilities in the areas of news services for print and broadcast media, electronic communications and Web services, publications and design services, and promotions and marketing.

Tvedt was previously a media relations specialist for MCNC, a nonprofit corporation in the Research Triangle Park supporting education and economic development in microelectronics, network communications, and supercomputing; North Carolina bureau manager for a national commercial wire service; and anchor/producer/reporter for WLOS-TV in Asheville and WRAL-TV in Raleigh.

Joseph H. Walker III, director of facility planning, design, and construction at Western since 1998, has been promoted to the position of associate vice chancellor for facilities management in the Division of Administration and Finance. Walker was a principal electrical engineer for Reece, Noland, and McElrath Inc. before joining the university's staff. He earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Clemson University.

Walker, who holds a professional engineering license, is responsible for the maintenance, repair, construction, and operation of all campus buildings, in addition to the management of grounds and utility systems.

### **Other Administrative Appointments**

Wayne Robinson, former acting dean of student life at Jackson State University, was named director of service learning. Robinson has held faculty and administrative positions at Holmes Community



Leila Tvedt



Joe Walker

# Awareness, Caution Indicated for Summer Traveling

With the travel season fast approaching, the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization are investigating the spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome. The disease has been compared to influenza and pneumonia.

SARS has spread from China to other Asian countries and North America, primarily through contact with global air travelers.

"There is no known case of SARS within this campus community," said Debbie Beck, director of University Health Services. "The university is taking a proactive approach in educating the campus about SARS. We want people to be informed because of their potential foreign travel this summer and because of the influx of a diverse student population this summer. Being aware of the problem is the most important precaution right now."

SARS spreads from person to person by airborne particles—coughing and sneezing. It often begins with a high fever, headache, and sore throat. Other possible symptoms include loss of appetite, confusion, rash, and diarrhea. However, not everyone shows the same symptoms.

The World Health Organization has issued guidelines for doctors to watch for possible symptoms, which include a fever over 100.4 degrees; cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; close contact with someone diagnosed with SARS; or history of travel to affected areas, including Toronto, Vancouver, the Guangdong Province of mainland China, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Hanoi. The CDC has issued a travel advisory, stating that "non-essential" travel to those areas should be postponed until further notice.

At Western, brochures explaining SARS are available at health services and key areas on campus—including the Ramsey Center, the University Center—and informational flyers will be distributed in residence halls.

Visit the following Web sites for additional information: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars) and World Health Organization, [www.who.int/csr/sars/en/](http://www.who.int/csr/sars/en/).

## Sinners Provides Laughs, Mystery

Laugh your way into spring as Western's University Players present the dark, adult comedy *Sinners* by Norm Foster, Wednesday, April 23, through Sunday, April 27 with performances at 7:30 nightly through Saturday, and 2 p.m. weekend matinees.

The story centers around an unfaithful preacher's wife with the chief of police and his nosy wife, a shy wallflower, a preacher, and a furniture repairman adding comic elements. Steve Carlisle, visiting lecturer of communication and theatre arts, is directing the whodunit murder mystery.

This is the final main stage production for the academic year. For reservations and ticket information, contact the communication and theatre arts department at 227-7491.

## Appointments, *continued from page 1*

College, Tougaloo College, and Mississippi State University. He earned his doctorate from Jackson State in educational administration with a minor in counselor education. New at Western, the position of director of service learning is responsible for the integration of community service opportunities and experiences with students' academic lives. He will provide leadership for the new "living learning" center in Graham Hall upon its completion.

Keith L. Corzine, associate director of university housing was named director of residential living (the new name for the department formerly known as housing). He is a member of the North Carolina Association of Housing Officers and Southeast Association of Housing Officers. Corzine has been serving as acting director for the program since June 2002.

Tammy G. Haskett, formerly director of alumni affairs, was named director of orientation programs. Haskett had been a program coordinator in the Division of Continuing Education and Summer School for sixteen years before moving to the Office of Alumni Affairs.

A new position within the student affairs division is the director of enrollment support, who is responsible for the planning, implementation, and assessment of programming designed to help new students—and their parents and family

members—make a successful transition into the university setting. Tori Ellison, former director of annual giving and special gifts, will work with other campus divisions on efforts to recruit new students and to improve the rate of retention of returning undergraduate students.

Anthony James Esterwood was named university physician in the Division of Health Services. Esterwood is certified by the American Board of Family Practice and has experience as an emergency room physician.

Angela J. "A.J." Grube, assistant professor of health and human performance, was named assistant to the chancellor for equal opportunity programs. Grube is responsible for all equal opportunity programs, including affirmative action, diversity recruitment and retention, investigation of all forms of institutional harassment, and educational programs on equal opportunity and diversity issues.

Zeta Smith, longtime publishing and advertising executive, was named assistant to the vice chancellor of external affairs/special events coordinator. Smith, owner of ZGroup Inc., a Mars Hill-based public relations consulting company, will be responsible for planning and implementing special events that contribute to the success of university fund-raising, public relations, and marketing efforts.

## Monday, April 14

Colloquium—"Alcohol and the Brain: Unique Effects During Adolescence," featuring Scott Swartzwelder, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Duke University Medical Center, noon, Room 245, Hunter Library. (227-3368)

Master class—renowned flutist Stephen Preston, 2–4 p.m., RH. (227-3952)

Panel discussion—"Cybersex and Internet Relationships," fifth annual psychological and medical issues panel, 7 p.m., Grandroom, UC. (227-7640 or 227-3360)

## Tuesday, April 15

Training Tuesday—"Adapting to Change." For supervisors and other interested employees, professional development track, 6 credits. Special registration required, 2–4:30 p.m., Room 404, BB. (227-2388)

Catamount baseball—vs. Tennessee Tech, 7 p.m., HS/CF. (227-7338)

Concert—renowned flutist Stephen Preston, 8 p.m., RH. (227-3952)

## Wednesday, April 16

Tennis—Southern Conference Tournament. Times to be announced. Charleston, South Carolina. (227-7338)

Catamount baseball—vs. Gardner-Webb, 7 p.m., HS/CF. (227-7338)

# WCU Calendar

April 14-May 4, 2003

Look for regular updates on the university's Web site at [www.wcu.edu/cal.html](http://www.wcu.edu/cal.html)

## Thursday, April 17

Summit—Jail Safety Summit, 9:30 a.m., RRAC. \$ (828-227-3442 or e-mail [vwade@email.wcu.edu](mailto:vwade@email.wcu.edu))

## Thursday, April 17–Sunday, April 20

### Easter Break

## Friday, April 18

Catamount baseball—vs. VMI, Southern Conference game, 7 p.m., HS/CF. (227-7338)

## Saturday, April 19

Catamount baseball—vs. VMI, Southern Conference game, 4 p.m., HS/CF. (227-7338)

## Sunday, April 20

Catamount baseball—vs. VMI, Southern Conference game, 2 p.m., HS/CF. (227-7338)

## Monday, April 21

Presentation—Ron Rash, candidate for position of Parris Distinguished Professor in Appalachian Cultural Studies. 3 p.m., MHC. (227-3910)

## Tuesday, April 22

Luncheon—honoring EPA retirees, noon, Grandroom, UC. \$ (227-7218)

Training Tuesday—"Adapting to Change." Second of two-part workshop. Special registration

instructions required. 2–4:30 p.m. Room 404, BB. (227-2388)

Catamount baseball—vs. Georgia State, 7 p.m., HS/CF. (227-7338)

Concert—Western's gamelan ensemble, 8 p.m., RH. (227-7242)

## Wednesday, April 23–Sunday, April 27

Theatre—The University Players present *Simmers*, by Norm Foster, 7:30 p.m., evenings through Saturday; 2 p.m., weekend matinees, HA. \$ (227-7491)

## Wednesday, April 23

Workshop—travel policy update, registration required, 2–4 p.m., MHC. ([www.wcu.edu/hr/training](http://www.wcu.edu/hr/training) or 227-2388)

Catamount baseball—vs. Georgia State, 3 p.m., HS/CF. (227-7338)

Concert—Western's brass ensembles, 8 p.m., RH. (227-7242)

Concert—Western's Jazz Ensemble and guest performer Conrad Herwig, 8 p.m., RH. (227-7242)

## Friday, April 25

Meeting—Spring General Faculty Meeting and Awards Convocation, 3 p.m., reception; 3:30 p.m., RH. (227-7103)

## Saturday, April 26

Last Minute Productions event—nineteenth annual Tuckaseegee River cleanup, registration, 11 a.m., lawn, UC. (227-7206)

## Sunday, April 27

Concert—Western's Inspirational Choir, 3:30 p.m., RH. (227-7242)

Faculty recital—Dennis Jackson, baritone, and Brad Martin, piano, 8 p.m., RH. (227-7242)

## Tuesday, April 29

Training Tuesday—"I'm Getting Ready to Retire." For individuals within five to eight years of retirement, 9–11 a.m., Room 404, BB. (227-2388)

Concert—Catamount Chamber Singers and University Chorus, 8 p.m., RH. (227-7242)

## Wednesday, April 30

Presentation—John Alexander Williams, candidate for position of Parris Distinguished Professor in Appalachian Cultural Studies, 3 p.m., MHC. (227-3910)

Recital—musical theatre and opera workshop scenes, 8 p.m., RH. (227-7242)

## May

### Thursday, May 1

Ceremony—Memorial tree planting to honor deceased Western students, 3:30 p.m., Brown Cafeteria Plaza. (227-7234)

Recital—music history class, 8 p.m., RH. (227-7242)

### Sunday, May 4

Arti-Facts!—cultural arts program for children ages six through twelve, which links old-time traditions of the past to the present, features "All Fired Up." No admission charge, but reservations required, 2:30–3:30 p.m., MHC. (227-7129)

### Submissions:

Send news items and calendar notices to WCU Calendar, 1601 Ramsey Center, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina 28723 or e-mail to [Reporter@email.wcu.edu](mailto:Reporter@email.wcu.edu).

Submit items for the university's online calendar at least one week prior to the event.

## ★★★ Now Showing ★★★

### Exhibitions:

**North Carolina Women Making History.** The trials, triumphs, and changing roles of women during the past 400 years. Through December. MHC. (227-7129)

**Migration of the Scotch-Irish People.** (Permanent exhibition). Information, illustrations, artifacts, and murals. MHC. (227-7129)

**Karl Michel and Patricia Bailey: New Faculty Exhibition.** Through April 18. Belk Gallery, BB. (227-3591)

**Over, Under, Around, and Through.** Multicultural exhibit of baskets and their makers, examining the connections, crossovers, and cultural paths of Southern basketry. Through August 31. MHC. (227-7129)

**Key:** \$ - Admission fee; HA - Hoey Auditorium; HFR - H.F. Robinson Administration Building; HS/CF - Hennon Stadium/Childress Field; MHC - Mountain Heritage Center; NSA - Natural Sciences Auditorium; RRAC - Ramsey Regional Activity Center; RH - Recital Hall, Coulter Building; BB - Belk Building; UC - A.K. Hinds University Center; UOC - University Outreach Center; WS/BW - Whitmire Stadium/Bob Waters Field; SSF - Shrader Soccer Field.

▲ **Burton Ogle**, assistant professor of health sciences in the environmental health program, published a chapter in the text *Environmental Health*, third edition. The chapter covers the environmental health aspects of solid and hazardous waste.

▲ **Debby Singleton**, visiting instructor of health and human performance, will be a presenter for the Training and Encouraging Senior Activity program. TESA is sponsored by the American Association for Active Lifestyles and Fitness and the Centers for Disease Control.

▲ **Richard Starnes**, assistant professor of history, was appointed to a five-year term on the North Carolina Highway Historical Marker Advisory Committee to advise North Carolina Secretary of Cultural Resources Lisbeth Evans on the historical authenticity, relative merit, and appropriateness of each subject brought to the committee's attention; to approve or disapprove each proposal; to fix the wording of the inscriptions; and to establish criteria for carrying out the program.

▲ **Scott Philyaw**, assistant professor of history, has been appointed scholar-in-residence at the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts for the 2003 MESDA Summer Institute in Winston-Salem. His responsibili-

ties will include working closely with the University of North Carolina-Greensboro and MESDA in designing the program, selecting other visiting scholars, and giving several lectures.

▲ **Roseanna S. Belt**, director of Western's Cherokee Center, was a presenter at "Exploring Issues of Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Identity in Education," a conference held recently at the Harvard Graduate School of Education in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Belt, a 1983 graduate of Harvard University, spoke on the topic "Diverse Voices on K-16 Education of Indigenous People." The presentation was part of Harvard's first Alumni of Color Conference.

▲ **Wesley Bonds**, assistant professor of chemistry and physics, recently was honored for his contributions as a former faculty member of Sacred Heart Academy, Hamden, Connecticut, and for his service to the greater community.

▲ **Marya Roland**, associate professor of art, was a juror for the competitive Undergraduate Student Honors Exhibition at Slocumb Galleries at East Tennessee State University Department of Art and Design.

▲ **Jackie McHargue**, director of judicial affairs, was selected as New Professional of the Year by Commission XV (Campus Judicial Affairs and Legal Issues) of the American College Personnel Association. ACPA is a major professional organization serving student affairs administrators at the national and international levels.

▲ **Jill Ellern**, systems librarian, **Nancy Newsome**, serials librarian, and **Pongraez**

**Sennyey**, collection development librarian, had the article "Collection Development and a Long-term Periodical Use Study" published in *Serials Review*. The journal editor identified their article as being in the top ten list of downloaded articles.

▲ **Robert Caruso**, vice chancellor for student affairs, was recently awarded the 2003 Thomas M. Magoon Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Maryland's Counseling and Personnel Services Department. Caruso, who earned his doctorate at Maryland, was cited for his "performance in the tradition of outstanding scholar/practitioner."

▲ **Robert Caruso** and **Jane Adams-Dunford**, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, recently presented "Establishing a Child Development Center: A Commitment to Community" at the annual convention of the American College Personnel Association held in Minneapolis.

▲ **Bill Haggard**, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, **Linda Riouff**, assistant dean for student involvement and leadership, and **Ryan Williams**, coordinator for student organizations and Greek life, presented the program "Resolving Cases of Fraternity and Sorority Misconduct: A Collaborative Model" to campus fraternity and sorority advisers from the southeastern United States at the annual meeting of the South-eastern Panhellenic Conference in Atlanta.

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