

## LEADING AUTHORITIES ON BLACK FEMINISM WILL VISIT TWU

Eight nationally prominent experts on black feminism will share their ideas, research and works at Texas Woman's University in February, March and April -p; a distinguished lecture series presented in partnership with the TWU women's studies program and the journal *Womanist Theory Research*. The 8-part series will span Black History Month and Women's History Month celebrations on campus, and the series' interdisciplinary approach will bring experts from California, New England, the Midwest and other parts of the United States to teach and challenge students, faculty, staff and the general public to think differently and embrace new ideas.

Titled "Black Feminist Theorizing Across the Disciplines: A Distinguished Lecture Series," the program will bring each speaker to TWU's Denton campus for a public lecture, book signings, receptions and, for graduate students enrolled in the seminar, a two-hour lecture. (The graduate class begins Feb. 10, and enrolled students will earn three semester credit hours.) The public lectures are free and will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in either the auditorium of MCL or in Redbud Theatre (note locations on the list of speakers provided below.)

Other partners in the series include the office of the vice president for academic affairs; the TWU College of Arts and Sciences; the committee for campus climate and community (for the Dr. Trudier Harris lecture and receptions for two other speakers); and the TWU McNair Scholars Program (for the Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall lecture). Supporting sponsors include the TWU office of intercultural services and the office of conference services. Course fees that support the visiting scholars will be provided by the TWU women's studies program and the departments of sociology, history and government, kinesiology, English, and reading and bilingual education. Several community partners are involved as well: the Scholars Phair and the Arlington, Texas, branch of Delta Sigma Theta sorority (with Dr. Sally Malone-Hawkins of TWU).

Dates, locations, topics and speakers are:

- **Feb. 24 (MCL)** -- "'Who Knoweth Whether Thou Art Come to the Kingdom for Such a Time as

This?' Transformative Public Scholarship for Social Change"; Joyce E. King, associate vice provost and professor of education, Medgar Evers College-City University of New York.

- **March 2 (MCL)** -- "Black Female Protagonists and the Abstruse Racialized Self in Antebellum African American Fiction"; Elizabeth West, assistant professor of English, Texas A&M University.
- **March 9 (Redbud)** -- "Global Black Feminisms"; Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Anna Julia Cooper Professor of Women's Studies, Spelman College.
- **March 23 (Redbud)** -- "Wandering Journalist: The Role of Autobiography and Personal Reflection in Black Feminist Scholarship"; Kristal Brent Zook, assistant professor of Pan-African studies, California State University-Northridge.
- **March 30 (Redbud)** -- "Sound Track"; Cherry Muhanji, acting director of black studies and assistant professor of English, University of Missouri-Kansas City.
- **April 6 (MCL)** -- "'Finer Womanhood' and the Place of Competitive Basketball for Women at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 1900-1950"; Rita Liberti, assistant professor of kinesiology and physical education, CSU-Hayward.

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### **LECTURE SERIES, *continued***

- **April 13 (MCL)** -- "Ain't I a Feminist? Black Men as Advocates of Feminism"; Aaronette White, visiting scholar in residence in African American gender studies, Wildberforce University, and former Bunting Research Fellow, Radcliffe.
- **April 20 (MCL)** -- "Strength, Morality, Tyranny: The Nature of African American Literary Mother"; Trudier Harris, J. Carlyle Sitterson Professor of English, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

For details, call Dr. Beth Ferri (early childhood and special education) at 8-1-2273 or Dr. Vivian May (women's studies) at 8-1-2052. For detailed biographical information, call Ann Hatch (public information) at 8-1-3456 to have the text faxed.

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**TWU, TCC JOIN FORCES IN EDUCATION**

As the need for bilingual educators increases, especially in the Fort Worth and Dallas area, colleges and universities are working together to train future teachers to enter that specialized field. Tarrant County College and TWU will celebrate their partnership in the Bilingual Education Teacher Training Initiative (fondly known as BETTI), with the Fort Worth Independent School District, on Wed., Feb. 2, at 10 a.m. on TCC's northwest campus.

The articulation agreement which prompted the celebration ceremony ensures that TCC students who complete their core curricula will be able to transfer those credits as a block to TWU, which also will satisfy the university's core curriculum requirements.

Dr. Leonardo de la Garza, chancellor of TCC, and Dr. Michael Saenz, president of the northwest campus, will represent the college. TWU participants will include Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (academic affairs), Dr. Wilkes Berry (academic and cultural affairs) and Dr. Michael Wiebe (Education and Human Ecology), among others.

BETTI, a federally funded project, is administered in this area by TWU as the program's fiscal agent. Many BETTI participants are paraprofessionals in the Fort Worth ISD Bilingual Teacher Assistant Program, and they are completing their course work at TCC and TWU for their bachelor's degree and teaching certification in bilingual education.

"This event demonstrates our concerted efforts as we address the educational needs of our diverse population," said Dr. June Azua (bilingual education). "This week's event brings partnership members, students and interested area residents together in a celebration ceremony."

BETTI offers: summer camp for junior high and high school students; the BTAP program at Fort Worth ISD; enrollment at TCC and transfer of core curriculum credits to TWU; a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies and bilingual elementary teacher certification from TWU; and mentorships for first-year bilingual teachers.

For more information, call Azua at 8-1-2217.

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Dr. David Yeomans (performing arts, music) is known for his mastery of the piano, not necessarily for his dramatic abilities. However, Yeomans will try his hand at acting when he presents "Fibich and Friends," an evening of piano music and conversation in which he will assume the identity of Czech composer Zdenek Fibich (1850-1900). The free performance will be held on Tues., Feb. 1, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall; the public is invited.

"It's going to be a very unusual program," Yeomans said. "I have to say that I never imagined I would be doing something like this -- playing the part of the composer rather than just talking about him or playing his music."

To commemorate Fibich's dual anniversary -- the 150th of his birthday and the 100th of his death -- Yeomans will portray the composer as he may have appeared at the end of a typical working day on Feb. 1, 1900. Based on an unexpected encounter with a journalist, Fibich (Yeomans) will share his life experiences through words and music, give his views of the past and present musical trends, and make predictions for the 20th century.

Yeomans, an expert on Fibich and other Czech composers, said there are advantages to portraying someone like Fibich. "He's not a very well known composer," said the TWU professor, "so I don't think there will be any preconceptions on the part of the audience. They don't know what he looked like or anything else about him, so I'm pretty free how I choose to do it." Yeomans, who holds degrees from the Oberlin Conservatory, the Juilliard School and the University of Michigan, studied with Emil Danenberg, Irwin Freundlich and Gyorgy Sandor. In addition to his teaching experience at five universities and his numerous performances as a piano soloist and chamber musician, Yeomans is the author of *Bartok for Piano*, which was published in 1988 by Indiana University Press, which will print the second edition in the near future.

In 1998, Yeomans received a research grant from the International Research and Exchanges Board of Washington, D.C., for a three-month period of study in Prague to prepare for his forthcoming history and inventory of piano music by Czech composers. He has developed an interest in that body of music over the past 10 years and, in addition to his research, he has presented lectures and recitals on Czech piano literature. For details, call 8-1-2517.

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## **REVISED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED**

The department of human resources has issued a revised holiday schedule for 1999-2000 that allows the university to suspend operations for two days (instead of one) -- March 16 and 17 -p;- during spring break week. "This schedule does not require the use of vacation/comp time during spring break," said Carri Cronig (human resources).

Remaining holidays on the schedule include Thurs. and Fri., March 16 and 17 (spring break); and Tues., July 4 (Independence Day). Staff members may observe Cesar Chavez Day on March 31 or Good Friday

on April 21 by substituting vacation or compensatory time or another holiday (if possible) for the remaining holidays listed. Employees must request the time off and receive appropriate approval from their supervisor in advance of the holiday substitution. Questions? Call 8-1-3555.

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## **PIONEER CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF**

The 1999-2000 TWU Pioneer Athletics Scholarship Campaign will kick off with a breakfast for volunteers on Tues., Feb. 8, at 7: 30 a.m. in the Kitty Magee Arena of Pioneer Hall. Angi Traplena, a TWU basketball player who was named to the 1998-99 GTE Academic All-America District VI First Team and the Lone Star Conference South Division Academic All-Conference Team, will speak during the event.

The program will be sponsored by Bob Castleberry; Bill and Betty DeBerry; Miller of Denton; Ramey and King Insurance; and Jim and Jo Ann Wheeler of Terrill Wheeler Printing, Inc. TXU is the corporate sponsor for banners announcing the Pioneer Campaign. The 1998-99 campaign met its goal of \$80,000 in gifts and pledges, and this year's goal is \$90,000 -- every dollar of which will be used for scholarships.

"There's a great community backing TWU, and we're very confident that we're going to meet our goal," said Ken Ingram, who co-chairs the campaign with his wife, Cene Ingram. "Thanks to the good people on the advisory committee -- distinguished citizens of the north Texas area -- this becomes less of a challenge. We just have to get the word out about how great TWU is and how very important it is to provide scholarships for our students."

In 1984, Jo Kuhn (intercollegiate athletics, retired) and Kitty Magee (kinesiology, retired) started the campaign to help TWU student-athletes meet the rising costs of education and athletics. Athletes at TWU (a member of the Lone Star Conference) compete in five major sports -- softball, volleyball, basketball, tennis and gymnastics -- but they receive no state or university-allocated dollars for athletic scholarships. Their financial support is based primarily on donations made to the Pioneer Campaign, a volunteer-driven effort.

"They are both top quality students and athletes, which seems to be the kind of individual that TWU attracts in all of its sports," said Ingram, senior vice president and manager of corporate cash management at First State Bank in Denton. "I think Judy Southard, who is the director of athletics, and

all of the coaches have done a great job in stressing academics to their athletes." Businesses and individuals are encouraged to support TWU's student-athletes with contributions to the Pioneer Athletics Scholarship Campaign. For details, call Ann Tubbs (institutional advancement) at 8-1-3863.

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## HOW DO WE NEGOTIATE?

Give and take, barter, talk those prices down -- everyone negotiates, from employers to employees, customers and companies, parents and children and others, all in an effort to arrive at a mutually-acceptable agreement. Anyone who would like to learn more about this skill is invited to participate in a three-day training program titled "Basic Negotiation and Settlement Advocacy" from Fri. to Sun., Feb. 11 to 13, at TWU in Denton. The program, presented by the TWU office of continuing education, will explore the theory and practice of negotiation as a way to settle and resolve conflict.

The cost to attend is \$600 per person, which includes instruction, a textbook, breaks and course materials. The workshop has been approved by the State Bar of Texas for 24 hours of CLE credit (continuing legal education) and by licensing agencies for counselors, social workers and

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psychologists for 24 clock hours. The basic negotiation class is one of a series of courses in TWU's mediation training program. Students who complete the program requirements are eligible to receive a certificate in conflict resolution from TWU. To register, call 8-1-3466.

Kay Elliott, an attorney, mediator and coordinator of instruction for TWU's mediation program, will teach participants how to deal with people who have different value systems or negotiating styles; the role of power in the process; and how to move from options to agreements. Students not only will learn about the theories of negotiation but also about themselves as negotiators and about their best personal style.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

**Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to Ann Hatch (public information), editor, either through campus mail or by e-mail to AHatch@twu.edu. The weekly deadline to receive information is 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conduction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.**

*TWU Update* is posted weekly online; the deadline to submit information is every Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week. Questions? Call Ann Hatch (public information) at 8-1-3456.

**Reminder: All faculty members who plan to show any videotapes or films** in their classes during the semester should know that the tapes or films *must be* closed-captioned. Anyone who has questions should call JoAnn Nunnely (disability support services) at 8-1-3835.

**Faculty and staff are asked** to remind their classes that the deadline to apply for graduation on Sat., May 13, 2000 (the spring semester), is Fri., Feb. 4. Applications are available in admissions offices in Denton, Dallas and Houston.

**Reminder: TWU is seeking nominations** for candidates who will be considered for the Outstanding Achievement Awards and the TWU Award of Excellence. Nomination guidelines and forms were distributed the first week of January, and completed nominations should be returned to the department of human resources no later than Feb. 11, 2000. The awards will be presented during Honors Convocation on Thurs., April 13. Call 8-1-3555 for more information.

**Facilities management will send a truck** to the Houston Center on Feb. 7 to pick up surplus property for return to Denton. Any office or department that would like to send items to Houston should contact Ron Justiss (inventory) at 8-1-3140 or Jerry Stansel at 8-1-3144. Items scheduled to go on the truck to Houston must be sent to facilities management by 5 p.m. on Fri., Feb. 4.

**Reminder: The next session** of the Denton Public Library series "Professor's Corner" will be held on Wed., Feb. 9, 2000, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the library's south branch, 3228 Teasley Lane (off of Lillian Miller Parkway). The guest presenter will be Dr. Barbara Rodman with the English department at the University of North Texas. She will discuss a short story titled *The Liberation of Little Heaven* by Mark Jacobs, who is a well-known contemporary fiction writer.

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## NEWSBRIEFS, *continued*

**Reminder:** *Dr. Robert Emery*, professor of psychology and director of clinical psychology training at the University of Virginia, will present a one-day workshop titled "Marriage, Divorce and Children's Adjustment" at TWU on Fri., Feb. 11. The program is sponsored by the Federation of North Texas Area Universities psychology program and is presented by the TWU office of continuing education. The program will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on ACT 3. Federation member students and faculty may attend free; registration fees for non-members is \$65 until Jan. 31; \$75 after that date; or \$80 on site. CEU certification is \$10 extra. For registration, call the TWU office of continuing education at 8-1-3408.

**Please note:** The "Basic Supervision" seminar on Fri., Feb. 11, now will be held in ACT 501.

**Reminder:** *Zephyr Winds and Friends* will perform on Mon., Feb. 8, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Admission is \$5 per person; call 8-1-2500 for details.

*The Staff Council* will meet on Tues., Feb. 1, at 12:50 p.m., ACT 16.

**Reminder:** *The faculty awards committee* is seeking nominations for awards that will be presented during Honors Convocation on Thurs., April 13, 2000. The awards include: Cornaro Award for senior faculty; Mary Mason Lyon Award for junior faculty; the Humphries Award for dedication to TWU; the Award for Innovation in Academia; the Award for Distinction in Service; the Award for Distinction in Scholarship; and the Award for Distinction in Teaching. The eligibility criteria were distributed to all academic components in December. The deadline to submit nominations is Feb. 21, 2000; for information, contact Dr. Sarah McIntire (biology), committee chair, at 8-1-2396.

**Reminder:** *Application materials* for the Research Enhancement Program for continuing faculty (2000-2001) at TWU now are available in the office of research and grants in Denton and Houston or on TWU's Intranet (on the research web page). The REP for continuing faculty provides support for faculty research projects or creative activities for full-time faculty who have an appointment for 2000-2001. Awards will be limited to \$6,000 and will be provided for the budget period beginning Sept. 1, 2000, and ending Aug. 31, 2001. Applications must be received in the office of research and grants by April 3, 2000. For more information, call 8-1-3375.

**Reminder:** *Student handbook revisions are coming.* A number of offices and departments on campus have received pages from the *TWU Student Handbook* for revision. Judy Elias (Student Center) has announced dates for the remaining production schedule: Feb. 16, 2000 -- revisions (send to Elias in the Student Center); March 12 -- final revisions due. Questions? Call Elias at 8-1-3641.

**Reminder:** *All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend* a forum to discuss further development of the TWU Leadership Through Experiential Education Program (LEEP) on Thurs., Feb. 3, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Students should go to ACT 16; faculty and staff will meeting in the Pioneer Hall conference room (2nd floor). The purpose of the forum is to identify leadership competencies that will become the

cornerstone of the program. For more information, call Dr. Dee Siscoe (student life) at 8-1-3615.

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## UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

*Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to Ann Hatch in public information by campus mail or by e-mail to AHatch@twu.edu. Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).*

**Cathi Gordon** (institutional research and statistics) has been elected by her peers to serve on the nominating committee for the Texas Association for Institutional Research through February 2001.

Sympathy is offered to **Mary Bittle** (Nursing, Dallas) following the death of her husband, **Bob Bittle**, on Jan. 18. Funeral services were held in Carrollton on Jan. 21.

Congratulations to **Patrice Frisby** (institutional advancement) and her husband, **Jack**, following the birth of their first child, **Joseph Steven Frisby**, on Wed., Jan. 26, at 8:47 a.m. in Denton. Joseph weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz., was 20 inches long and has dark hair. Family members are fine.

Condolences are offered to **Shakar Mirza** (Occupational Therapy, Dallas) following the death of her husband, **Mirzali Mirza**, on Jan. 18. Services were held in Dallas on Jan. 20 at Hughes Funeral Home.

The **office of public information** has learned that the most recent TWU annual report has been selected by Gilbert Paper as one of 18 annual reports that will be highlighted for design excellence on the company's website at <http://www.gilbertpaper.com/lunchtime/pie.html>.

Dr. **Sinah Goode** (kinesiology), Dr. **Harry Meeuwsen** (kinesiology), Dr. **Beez Schell** (Institute for Women's Health/women's studies) and **Leslie Shaw** (dental hygiene) recently attended the 13th annual International Conference for Women in Higher Education in New Orleans, La. The group organized and presented an interactive session about TWU's developing Leadership through Experiential Education Program (LEEP).

Sympathy is extended to adjunct faculty member **Diona Nace** (mass communications) and family members following the death of her mother, **Laura Nace**, on Jan. 24 in Eldorado, Kan. Services were held on Jan. 28 at the Carlson Funeral Home in Eldorado.

**Lee Williamson** has been named the new assistant director of the Center for Student Development. Williamson will work with all registered student organizations on campus, advise the USA House of Representatives and Collegiate Leadership Denton, and manage other leadership development programs, such as Pioneer Camp.

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## **THIS WEEK AT TWU: JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 6, 2000**

### **Jan. 18-Feb. 11**

- Visual arts: *Dos Fronterisas* (West Gallery) and *Film/Strip/Tease* (East Gallery), weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

### **Jan. 31-Feb. 3**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

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## **CALENDAR, *continued***

### **Tues., Feb. 1**

- Performing arts, music: piano concert by Dr. David Yeomans, free, MJPH, 8 p.m.
- Staff Council meeting, ACT 16, 12:50 p.m.

### **Thurs., Feb. 3**

- HR: "Projecting a Professional Image," Denton, ACT 501, 9 a.m.-noon.
- HR: "Team Building," Parkland, DED 2nd floor conf. room, 1-4 p.m.
- Houston: Career Day, residence hall, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- LEEP discussions, campus community invited; students should go to ACT 16; faculty and staff should go to PH 2 conference room; 2:30-4:30 p.m.

**Fri., Feb. 4**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.- 9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Deadline to apply for spring semester 2000 graduation, 5 p.m.

**Sat., Feb. 5**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Undergraduate admissions: TWU Open House (College of Health Sciences, College of Nursing, School of Physical Therapy, School of Occupational Therapy).
- Basketball: Pioneers vs. Texas A&M University-Commerce, away.

**Sun., Feb. 6**

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

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