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TWU's SHEARDY ELECTED AS SENCER LEADERSHIP FELLOW

Dr. Richard Sheardy, professor and chair of the Texas Woman's University chemistry and physics department, has been elected a 2008-2009 SENCER (Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities) Leadership Fellow by the National Fellowship Board of the National Center for Science and Civic Engagement.

Dr. Sheardy is one of 76 educators elected to the inaugural class of fellows from the more than 1,300 faculty members and academic leaders who are part of the SENCER community. SENCER is a national initiative that engages students in science and math by focusing coursework on real world problems.

"As a SENCER Fellow, I plan to expand on the SENCER practices already in place at TWU," Dr. Sheardy said. "I will work with faculty to apply the SENCER principle of relating issues such as global warming and stem-cell research to students in non-science disciplines. I also hope to work with local schools to involve students in scientific learning and civic engagement before they attend college."

According to SENCER, these fellowships honor educators for their exemplary leadership and commitment to the improvement of science, technology, engineering and mathematics education.

"Dr. Sheardy's enthusiasm about the SENCER approach and his leadership in developing science education initiatives that foster civic engagement have generated interest in SENCER ideals across disciplines on the TWU campus," said Dr. Ann Staton, dean of the TWU College of Arts and Sciences. "I am excited about the possibilities for additional interdisciplinary activities at TWU, as well as SENCER partnerships with local schools."

SENCER is a comprehensive faculty development and science education reform project funded by the National Science Foundation. For more information on SENCER, visit www.sencer.net.

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FACULTY, ADMINISTRATORS ATTEND SENCER SUMMER INSTITUTE

A team of six TWU faculty and administrators attended the 2008 SENCER (Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities) Summer Institute Aug. 8-11 in Santa Clara, Calif.

The TWU participants were: Dr. Ann Staton, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Don Edwards, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and chair of the department of math and computer science; Dr. Sarah McIntire, chair of the biology department; Dr. Richard Sheardy, professor and chair of the chemistry and physics department; Dr. Richard Jones, associate professor of chemistry; and Ms. Cynthia Maguire, chemistry lecturer.

SENCER is a comprehensive faculty development and science education reform project funded by the National Science Foundation. The SENCER Summer Institute is one component of a national dissemination program designed to improve undergraduate science education and stimulate civic engagement through the design and development of courses that teach basic science through complex, unsolved public issues.

Participation in the institute is by invitation only.

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EVENTS SOUGHT FOR NUTRITION CLASSES TO CATER

Dr. Carolyn Bednar (nutrition and food sciences) has announced that students enrolled in NFS 3722 Quantity Food Production & Service Laboratory are required to serve a dinner or reception for a large group of people as part of the course requirements.

As these events are part of the course requirement, there is no charge for student labor. Any university-related sponsoring organization would only pay for the food, decorations and rental of linens. Professional organizations that are not university-related will need to contact TWU Conferences Services concerning additional charges for room rental.

Members of professional organizations planning to serve a dinner or large-scale reception during November or the first week of December may contact Dr. Bednar at 81-2658. Requests will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to the Office of Marketing and Communication through campus mail or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. The deadline to receive information is the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conjunction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.

The **Denton Area Teacher Credit Union (DATCU)** will not deliver planners to TWU this year. Planners are available at DATCU locations for those who wish to pick one up. For a list of DATCU offices, visit <http://www.datcu.org/locations.htm>.

The **2008-09 season tickets** for all five TWU athletic teams are on sale now. Season tickets may be purchased in person between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TWU Athletics office (Pioneer Hall 220). A season ticket brochure is available online at www.twuathletics.com. Brochures also may be requested by calling 81-2378. A portion of the revenues generated from season ticket sales go to the TWU Student-Athlete General Scholarship fund.

UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to the Office of Marketing and Communication by campus mail or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

A retirement reception for Dr. **Robert S. Martin** (SLIS), the Lillian Bradshaw Endowed Chair in Library Science, will take place from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19 in the first-floor foyer of Stoddard Hall.

Liz Esparza Fuentes (nursing, Dallas) presented a poster at the National Association of Hispanic Nurses' 33rd Annual Meeting and Conference July 17 in Boston. Her poster was titled "Pioneering Nursing's Future: An Endeavor for the Future of Hispanics in Nursing."

Dr. **Catherine Candler** (occupational therapy, Dallas) has agreed to serve as interim director of the School of Occupational Therapy, beginning Sept. 1. A search for a new director currently is under way. Dr. **Candler** will continue her responsibilities as associate director of occupational therapy at the Dallas Center.

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Dr. **Kelley Moseley** (healthcare administration, Houston), will be the keynote speaker for the 22nd Annual Selenia E. and Joseph C. Valley Conference, sponsored by the University of Texas health Science Center at the Houston School of Nursing Center on Aging. The conference, titled “Elder Care Innovations: Houston’s Aging Agenda,” will take place Sept. 12 at The Hilton University of Houston Hotel and Conference Center. Dr. **Moseley** will be honored at the luncheon as the Joseph C. Valley Gerontological Professional of the Year.

Recent works by TWU visual arts faculty **John Calabrese, Susan kae Grant, Colby Parsons, Jana Perez, Don Radke, Corky Stuckenbruck, Tanya Synar, Gary Washmon, John Weinkein** and **Laurie Weller** will be featured in the TWU Faculty Show, presented by the Texas Woman’s University East and West Galleries. An opening reception is scheduled from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26 in the galleries, located in the Fine Arts Building. The show runs through Sept. 16. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

TWU graduate student **Gail Williamson Cope** recently established two endowment funds within the TWU Foundation that will benefit the TWU Department of Visual Arts in perpetuity. The Gail Williamson Cope Visual Arts Scholarship Endowment will provide a stream of income to support scholarships for non-traditional students within the Department of Visual Arts at TWU, with preference given for students demonstrating financial need. Additionally, in order to provide enhanced distinction to juried exhibitions held by the Department of Visual Arts, The Gail Williamson Cope Distinction in the Visual Arts Award Endowment will provide a stream of income to support recognition, such as cash awards, for the top artists competing in exhibition events of the Department of Visual Arts. Ms. **Cope** is a non-traditional student currently pursuing her master’s degree in art at TWU with a concentration in painting.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: AUGUST 18-31, 2008

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| Mon., Aug. 18 | -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight. |
| Tues., Aug. 19 | -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Insurance/Flex Benefits Fair with ERS, plan providers and HR benefits staff. Benefits fair is a come-and-go event from 9 a.m. to noon in the Hubbard Hall South Foyer. The presentation is |

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- scheduled from 10:30-11:15 a.m. in the Southwest Ballroom of Hubbard Hall. For more information, call 81-3552.
-Retirement reception for Dr. Robert S. Martin, SLIS professor and Lillian Bradshaw Endowed Chair, 3:30-5 p.m., Stoddard Hall, first-floor foyer.
- Wed., Aug. 20 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-ORP/TDA Fair (Optional Retirement Program and Tax Deferred Accounts), retirement plans benefits fair with 403(b) plan providers, 3:30-5 p.m. in Hubbard Hall Banquet Room. 81-3552.
- Thur., Aug. 21 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Fri., Aug. 22 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Sat., Aug. 23 -Library open 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; bookstore open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
- Sun., Aug. 24 -Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-8 p.m.
-TWU Soccer Alumni Game, 4 p.m., TWU soccer field. Free admission, free canned drinks and water while supplies last.
- Mon., Aug. 25 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Fall classes begin.
- Tues., Aug. 26 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-ASSET monthly meeting, noon, Stoddard 402.
-Maroon and White Luncheon, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Outback Steakhouse, 300 S. I-35 East in Denton. \$5.
-"TWU Faculty Show" opening reception, 4:30-6:30 p.m., TWU galleries. The show, featuring recent work by visual arts faculty, continues through Sept. 19.

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- Wed., Aug. 27 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Thur., Aug. 28 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Fri., Aug. 29 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Pioneers Volleyball at the Extended Stay Deluxe Invitational in
Anchorage, Alaska.
- Sat., Aug. 30 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and
Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
-Pioneers Volleyball at the Extended Stay Deluxe Invitational in
Anchorage, Alaska.
- Sun., Aug. 31 -Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-
10 p.m.
-Pioneers Soccer vs. Louisiana Tech University, 1 p.m., home.

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