

Game day



Photos by Daniel Miller

SISTER SOLIDARITY: Dr. Sharon Gaber flashed the Chi Omega sign with sorority members who stopped by the President's Tailgate Event before the UT-Stony Brook game last week.



GOING UP: Senior wide receiver Alonzo Russell pulled down a pass Thursday night in the Glass Bowl. Toledo was leading Stony Brook, 16-7, when the game was suspended due to severe weather. The home-opener was officially listed "no contest." The Rockets will travel to Little Rock to play Arkansas Saturday, Sept. 12.

Inauguration of Sharon Gaber as University's 17th president, events scheduled

The University of Toledo will mark the historic inauguration of UT's 17th President Sharon L. Gaber Friday, Sept. 25. The campus community and the public are invited to attend.

A processional will begin at 2:30 p.m. from the Student Union — or the Fetterman Training Center if it rains — to Savage Arena. The inauguration ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. and be followed by a reception open to the public in the arena.

Earlier Friday morning, Gaber will serve as a panelist during a UT academic symposium on urban planning at 10 a.m. in Doermann Theater.

Titled "Creating a Social Compact Between the City of Toledo and The University of Toledo: From Knowledge to Action," other panel participants will be Dr. Michael Dear, professor emeritus of city and regional planning at the University of California at Berkeley; Dr. Kenneth Reardon, professor and director of the graduate program in urban planning and community development at the University of Massachusetts in Boston; and Dr. Patrick Lawrence, UT professor and chair of geography and planning, and chair of the President's Commission on the River.

Dr. Neil Reid, director of the UT Jack Ford Urban Affairs Center and professor of geography and planning, will serve as the panel moderator.

In addition, a website has been established to let supporters send congratulations to the president at utoledo.edu/inauguration/congrats.html.

A number of University events are scheduled in the days leading up to and after the inauguration. A listing is available at utoledo.edu/inauguration/campus-activities.html.

Listed by date, events will include:

Monday, Sept. 21, through Thursday, Sept. 24

- Sign President Gaber's welcome banner at the Student Union entrance by the Toledo Edison Memorial Fountain on Main Campus and at the Four Seasons Bistro on Health Science Campus. Those who stop by will receive a free inauguration T-shirt while supplies last.

Monday, Sept. 21

- Distinguished University Professor Lecture, 11 a.m., Doermann Theater. Dr. Clinton O. Longenecker, Distinguished University Professor of Management and director of the UT Center for Leadership and Organizational Excellence,

UT to host Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference

By Aimee Portala

U.S. Senators Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman, both from Ohio, have worked to help put an end to human trafficking.

Both senators played a key role in the passing of the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, a bipartisan and comprehensive trafficking bill that enhances services for victims of human trafficking, as well as for runaway youth who are especially vulnerable to being trafficked. The bill also expands victim restitution and support services, and provides additional resources to law enforcement to help improve human trafficking reporting and investigation.

Portman's Bringing Missing Children Home and Ensuring a Better Response for Victims of Child Sex Trafficking Acts were signed into law, and provisions of his Combat Human Trafficking Act were included as part of the Justice for Victims



'Policing and Race in Post-Ferguson America' topic of Sept. 10 lecture

By Rachel Phipps

Professor David Harris, the Distinguished Faculty Scholar at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, will deliver the first lecture in a two-part series titled "A Conversation on Policing and Race in Post-Ferguson America" Thursday, Sept. 10, at noon in the Law Center McQuade Law Auditorium.



Harris

The free, public lecture is a part of the Stranahan National Issues Forum and is sponsored by the College of Law and its chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies.

Since the events in Ferguson, Mo., last year, Americans have seen a steady stream of incidents replayed in video images: the death of Eric Garner in a police chokehold in New York, the killing of a fleeing Walter Scott by a North Charleston police officer, and the death in police custody of Freddie Gray in Baltimore, to name a few.

These incidents and others have raised uncomfortable questions about policing in this country. Is American policing infected with racism? Have police gone too far in their willingness to use force? How can we ensure that policing is performed effectively, but also fairly and impartially?

Harris, who has studied police and their conduct for 25 years, and who has worked with and trained

police in departments all over the country, will offer his thoughts on racial profiling and various means available to curb police misconduct.

In the second lecture in the series, which will take place Monday, Nov. 2, Heather Mac Donald, the Thomas W. Smith Fellow at the Manhattan Institute and a contributing editor to New York's City Journal, will respond to Harris and examine the claims of the Black Lives Matter Movement. She will argue that police departments are the government agencies most dedicated to the proposition that black lives matter by explaining the policing revolution of the 1990s and looking at race, crime and policing statistics.

Harris is the leading national authority on racial profiling. His law journal articles about profiling became the basis for the Traffic Stops Statistics Act of 1997, the first national legislative proposal in the country to attempt to address profiling. His 2002 book, *Profiles in Injustice: Why Racial Profiling Cannot Work*, and his research on profiling led to reform efforts by the federal government, by more than half the states, and by hundreds of police departments.

Harris works frequently with media outlets, including The New York Times, Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" and "Morning Edition," NBC's "Today" show, and many others.

He taught at The University of Toledo College of Law through 2007. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Northwestern University, a juris doctor from Yale Law School, and a master of law degree from Georgetown University.

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New Faculty Athletics Representative named

By Jon Strunk

UT President Sharon Gaber has named Dr. Mary Powers, professor of pharmacy practice, to serve in the position of the University's Faculty Athletics Representative for a three-year term that began Sept. 1.

The position at UT — and all NCAA institutions — serves as an essential liaison between the University's president, its athletic department, the Mid-American Conference and the NCAA.



Powers

"Mary's integrity and knowledge of the University, as well as her experience and understanding of the rules and regulations regarding intercollegiate athletics, make her the ideal choice for this position," Gaber said. "I look forward to her leadership and collaboration with Athletic Director Mike O'Brien, coaches, academic advisers and student-athletes."

UT student-athletes have an impressive history of academic accomplishment. For the last 13 semesters, UT student-athletes have collectively averaged higher than a 3.0 grade point average. In spring 2015, all 16 varsity teams averaged greater than a 3.0. And 2015 was the third time in four years that UT's student-athletes earned the highest GPA in the MAC.

"The academic success our student-athletes have earned demonstrates UT's commitment to ensuring their excellence in the classroom and ultimately earn that degree," said O'Brien, vice president and director of intercollegiate athletics. "The Faculty Athletics Representative is an important part of maintaining that culture, and Mary's experience will only make our team stronger."

Powers said she looks forward to the opportunity.

"Rocket intercollegiate athletics plays such an important role at UT and in the community, and I look forward to the opportunities and responsibilities that come with this position," said Powers, who also serves as an associate dean for the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Both Gaber and O'Brien thanked Dr. Celia Regimbal, associate professor of early childhood and special education, who concluded her term as the Faculty Athletics Representative in August.

University updates sexual harassment resources

The University of Toledo is providing additional resources to the campus community as part of its efforts to implement best practices for preventing and addressing sexual assault and harassment.

Updated University policies related to Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, which is a federal law that prohibits sex discrimination, and other forms of discrimination and harassment are posted at <http://utole.do/policies> for the campus community's comments and suggestions.

The Title IX website at <http://utole.do/titleix> also has been updated to reflect

the policy updates and provide additional resources for faculty, staff and students.

"The University of Toledo is committed to preventing and addressing sexual assault and harassment and providing a safe environment on campus free from discrimination," UT President Sharon L. Gaber said. "The updates in response to an external assessment of UT's Title IX policies underscore our ongoing efforts to assure the safety of students and employees on our campuses."

The University completed an assessment of its Title IX policies,

procedures, training and outreach with the assistance of Bisi Okubdejo of Ballard Spahr LLP from Philadelphia.

The updated policies are in response to the recommendation to streamline policies to ensure a clear process and consistent message.

UT also has designated specific individuals to assist with Title IX matters and the complaint process. Jovita Thomas-Williams, vice president and chief human resources, is serving as the acting Title IX coordinator while a search is under way to fill the position. Deputy Title IX

coordinators also have been named to assist different segments of the UT community: Faculty will be assisted by Kevin West, senior director for faculty relations/inclusion officer; students will be assisted by Mary Martinez, student conduct officer; and employees will be assisted by Melissa Auberle, senior compliance specialist.

The forms that faculty, staff and students use to report sexual harassment and other discrimination also have been updated to be more user-friendly.

UT attracts more local medical students with 25 percent from northwest Ohio

By Brandi Barhite

The University of Toledo continues its efforts to recruit medical students from northwest Ohio with 25 percent of this year's class from the region.

Of the 177 students who started classes at the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences in August, 131 students are from Ohio with 48 of them from northwest Ohio and 26 from Lucas County. In 2014, 30 students were from northwest Ohio and 16 from Lucas County.

"We are purposely and steadily increasing the number of local students that we recruit and, ultimately, accept into our medical school," said Dr. Christopher Cooper, executive vice president for clinical affairs and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences. "This is as good of a class as we have ever had, and one-fourth of them are from this area. We have to create opportunities for kids in northwest Ohio, and I believe we are doing that."

The number of local students attending UT for medical school started to increase five years ago, according to Dr. David Pearson, assistant dean for medical school admissions.

"Ultimately, we want these students to consider practicing medicine in northwest Ohio, which is more likely because they already have roots to this region," Pearson said.

This effort has been aided by recruitment efforts that include the Better Together Scholarship offered through UT and ProMedica, Pearson said. This \$25,000 award per year is for permanent residents in the region who demonstrate intent to return to the area after they complete their medical training.

Motivating young people to stay in the region for their medical school and residency training also could help address the projected physician shortage as

increased numbers of those new doctors then choose to practice here to care for our families and friends, Cooper said.

In 2013, Amanda Zakeri started medical school at UT. She graduated from Ottawa Hills High School and went on to earn her undergraduate degree from George Washington University in D.C.

"My family is from here, so I thought it would be good to return," Zakeri said. "It is a very collaborative environment. Every student wants every student to succeed. I



Cooper



Pearson

wanted to be in an environment where people wanted to help each other."

In memoriam

Martha "Marti" Adams, Perrysburg, a staff nurse at MCO/MUO/UT Medical Center from 2002 until her retirement in 2010, died Aug. 25 at age 74.

Joy Ann (Marohn) Dougherty, who taught administrative office technology and computer courses in the Business Technology Department from 1987 until her retirement in 2010, died Aug. 30 at age 74. She received a master of education degree in business education from UT in 1990.

Donald M. Henry, Maumee, died Aug. 31 at age 75. He received a master of arts degree in French from UT in 1993 and taught the language at the University.

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will give a talk titled "Success and Survival in the 21st Century — The Power of Slowing Down, Thinking and Acting With Intent."

Tuesday, Sept. 22

- Judith Herb College of Education Distinguished Lecture featuring Dr. Renato De Oliveira Brito, deputy head of strategic management, Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, 4:15 p.m., Rocket Hall Room 1520.

His talk will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

- Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series featuring Robin Chase, co-founder and former CEO of ZipCar, the largest car-sharing company in the world, 7 p.m., Doermann Theater. Tickets for the free event are available at utoledo.edu/honorslecture.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

- Student Government reception for President Gaber, 7:30 p.m. Student Union Ingman Room.

Thursday, Sept. 24

- President's Backyard Barbecue, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Centennial

Mall. Students, faculty and staff are invited to stop by lunch.

- "Greater Toledo: The City in the World," 2:30 p.m., the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections in Carlson Library. This exhibit celebrates global connections by examining the people and organizations from Toledo who have shaped — and been shaped by — the world.

Saturday, Sept. 26

- Tailgate Party, 5:30 p.m., Koester Alumni Pavilion. President Gaber will speak at 6 p.m.
- UT vs. Arkansas State, 7 p.m., Glass Bowl. Tickets range from \$12.50 to \$60; UT employees can purchase tickets for half price; students are admitted free with ID.

Sunday, Sept. 27

- Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, 9:30 a.m., downtown Toledo. Join President Gaber and UT Board of Trustees Chair Sharon Speyer, both breast cancer survivors, who are co-captains of the University's team, Rocket to a Cure. Sign up to walk or run or make a donation at <http://utoledo.do/rockettoacure>.

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The Stranahan National Issues Forum is a joint program of The University of Toledo College of Law and its chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies. It is made possible by an endowment from the Stranahan Foundation.

The forum's purpose is to address issues of national importance through the lens of the American legal system. Harris joins a long list of high-profile speakers who have delivered the Stranahan Lecture at the UT College of Law.

President emeritus to discuss economic book Sept. 16

Dr. Daniel M. Johnson, president emeritus at The University of Toledo, will discuss his new book Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library McMaster Auditorium, 325 Michigan St.

As part of the library's Open Book Series, Johnson will talk about *Leading Economic Development: A Toolkit for Public Officials and Civic Leaders*.

Tom Walton, retired editor and vice president of *The Blade*, will interview Johnson during the program.

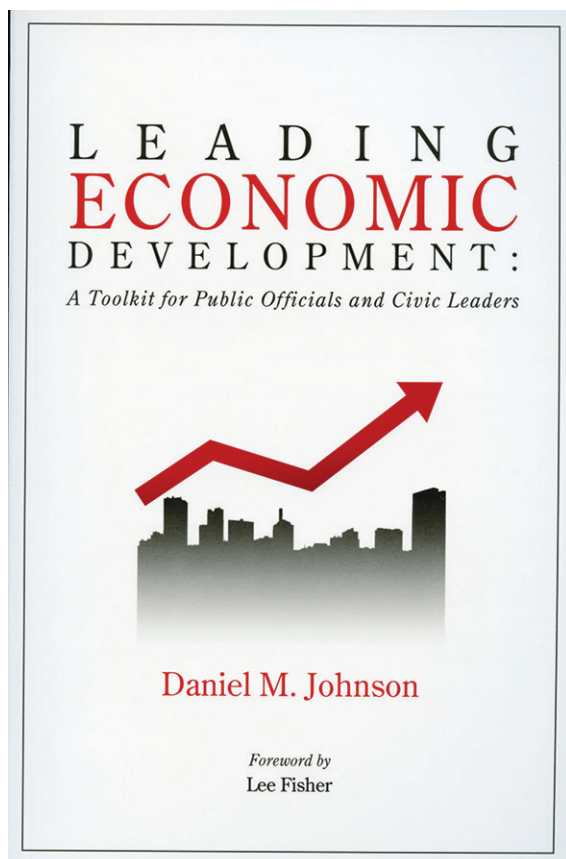
Walton is well-known in Toledo for his regular column on the editorial pages of *The Blade* and for his humorous commentary "Life as We Know It," which airs Monday evenings on WGTE Public Radio FM 91.

The two will discuss the book and issues common to public officials who want to develop effective economic development efforts in their communities.

The free, public event will be followed by a reception and book signing, where copies of Johnson's book will be available for sale for \$20.

Recently published by The University of Toledo Press, the book includes a foreword by Lee Fisher, former lieutenant governor of Ohio and president and CEO of the group CEOs for Cities. Copies also are for sale online at utoledopress.com.

For more information on the event, contact Benjamin Malczewski, humanities department manager at the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, at 419.259.5193, or Barbara Floyd, director of the UT Press, as 419.530.2170.



Diamante Awards to celebrate Latino leadership in northwest Ohio

By Aimee Portala

The University of Toledo will host this year's Diamante Awards Thursday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m. in the Driscoll Alumni Center.

The awards honor Latino leadership and achievements in northwest Ohio and take place right before the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is celebrated Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

Founded in 1989 by IMAGE of Northwest Ohio, a local chapter of a national Latino nonprofit organization, the Diamante Awards recognize individuals and organizations for their outstanding achievement and service to the Latino and greater Toledo community.

The event, a collaboration between Bowling Green State University, Herzing University, Lourdes University, Owens Community College and The University of Toledo, also serves to raise scholarship funds for Latino youth seeking advanced degrees.

The 2015 award recipients are:

- **Latino/Latina Youth Leadership:** Benjamin Quintanilla became involved in helping others at the Sofia Quintero Center and the Toledo Area Metroparks when he was in middle school. In high school at Toledo Technology Academy, he worked with Youth to Youth, assisting community members in need. Quintanilla continues his service to others as a civic ambassador at Owens Community College, where he works in the Office of Service Learning, Civic Engagement and Leadership.
- **Latino/Latina Adult Leadership:** Josh Flores is a founding member of Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc., Epsilon Alpha chapter at The University of Toledo. He mentored several at-risk youth through the YWCA-Incentives for Excellence Program. A Spanish teacher at Waite High School, Flores serves as the president of UT's Latino Alumni Affiliate



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and is a member of the mayor's Hispanic Affairs Commission.

- **Latino/Latina Adult Professional:** Mark Urrutia has been active in the Latino community for decades. He was very involved with the Midwest Hispanic Unity Conference when it was held in Toledo. He is a member of Latinos United, the Latino Alliance, the Spanish American Organization and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Urrutia helped initiate UT's Latino Alumni Affiliate TIOS Mentoring Program, which helps guide upperclassmen to graduation and beyond. He received an associate's degree in marketing and sales technology from the University in 1988. He is program adviser at the UT Minority Business Assistance Center.
- **Corporation/Community Agency:** The Spanish American Organization aims to support the Hispanic community and its youth by providing positive role models, stressing family bonds, morals and the values of the Hispanic culture. The organization was founded in 1994 with the focus of education for Hispanic youth and stopping the decline of those bound for college.

Visit DiamanteToledo.org for more information and to register for the event.

Still time to submit ideas for business/engineering NSF-funded course

By Bob Mackowiak

Tuesday, Sept. 15, is the deadline for University of Toledo faculty, staff and students to submit ideas for a medical or biotechnology product that may get launch assistance from students participating in an innovative course this fall.

College of Business and Innovation and College of Engineering students are taking a merged class to learn how to take creative product ideas and develop them into profitable businesses. Funding comes from UT's participation in a National Science Foundation

Innovation Corps (iCorps) grant to promote the launch of new and viable business ideas.

The student teams will be mentored and coached by Dr. Ron Fournier and Dr. Patricia Relue, bioengineering; Dr. Sonny Ariss, entrepreneurship; and Deirdre Jones, professional sales.

"For the 2015-16 academic year, we expect to have at least 12 student teams," Fournier said. "We expect that our students, faculty and staff have many medical or biotech-related business ideas, and we would like our student iCorps teams to develop them

for you. All students will sign a noncompete/nondisclosure form to protect your interests in the idea that you submit."

"These interdisciplinary student teams will be using the iCorps Lean Launch Methodology and the Business Model Canvas for idea evaluation. The student teams will also develop and test prototypes. Opportunities for future support of viable businesses is available through the College of Business and Innovation Business Plan Competition," Ariss said.

With a product idea in place, teams develop their business models utilizing the Lean Launch Pad system, which focuses on nine basic building blocks: customer segments, value propositions, channels, customer relationships, revenue streams, key resources, key activities, key partnerships and cost structure.

If you have a medical or biotech-related idea that you would like to see developed, complete the requested information on the online form at <http://utole.do/ideas>.

Simulation center has strong volume, growth in first year

By Brandi Barhite

The number of learners coming through The University of Toledo Jacobs Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center continues to grow.

The simulation center has trained, on average, 2,000 learners per month since opening in April 2014, according to Ben Stobbe, administrative director and business manager of the center.

Stobbe attributes the growth to more UT departments taking advantage of the state-of-the-art technology and the innovative, hands-on opportunities to aid students in their studies, as well as external companies utilizing the center to provide training via surgical workshops.

Faculty and staff in the colleges of Medicine and Nursing were some of the most frequent users during last fiscal year, from July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015.

"Faculty members are energetic and want to use the technology to supplement their curriculum," Stobbe said. "Students are learning in a safe environment away from the patients. They can practice and then take a pause and ask themselves, 'What should I do next?' You can't do that in the clinical environment."

The simulation center, which is three stories and 65,000 square feet, is the first in the nation to incorporate three integrated simulation centers: a progressive anatomy and surgical skills center, an advanced clinical simulation center, and the virtual immersive reality center. In addition, the technology can be used in nonmedical fields, including (but not limited to) the arts, humanities, natural sciences and engineering.

Jennings Smith, instructor in the College of Nursing, uses the simulation center to help first-year nursing students understand cranial nerves. Within the Virtual Immersive Reality Center, a 3D model of the cranial nerves is displayed on the large curved computer-aided design wall, which allows for

interaction that cannot be replicated in a traditional lecture setting.

"The students really liked the interactive image because they can practice locating the cranial nerve, which is something that is hard to do with a 2D image," Smith said. "I think the simulation center is a valuable tool for our students, and I plan to continue to develop curriculum that can benefit from such a setting."

Stobbe said the simulation center is appealing to outside agencies as well. For instance, city of Toledo paramedics use the center for emergency training.

"We even have had interest for high-end homebuilders to come in and show clients what the design of their potential homes could look like," Stobbe said. "We also hosted the 2014 International Visual Literacy Conference for the Toledo Museum of Art. We re-created some of the rooms of the art museum for the conference, providing a virtual tour."

In the first fiscal year, 34 surgical labs were conducted on the third floor of the center, which is where the surgical bays are located to work on cadavers. This opportunity is becoming so popular that there were eight labs in July alone.

The newest business opportunity is outside surgical companies paying for access to the center; this accounts for 10 percent of its usage. UT faculty, staff and students can use the facility at no cost.

Bob Langford, manager of Ann Arbor-based Terumo, brought in a team to practice radial artery harvest surgery on a cadaver. Normally, he would need to travel to Chicago or Houston for this level of training.

"This is so much more convenient because we are only 45 minutes away from top-of-the-line training technology," Langford said. "It is always beneficial to get away from the clinical environment and get into a training environment because we can take our time using the equipment and make adjustments in a low-pressure setting."



Photo by Daniel Miller

TRAINING DAY: Julie Nelson practiced radial artery harvest surgery on a cadaver as Gary Tindel, center, noted how the technique was proceeding on the screen and Larry Pizzola watched. The training was being conducted by Ann Arbor-based Terumo, which visited the Jacobs Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center last month.

UT Health pediatrician prepares for increased meningococcal vaccine requests

By Brandi Barhite

Dr. Deepa Mukundan is expecting to see an uptick in requests for the meningococcal vaccine because of a new law that requires the shot for schoolchildren.

The requirement won't go into effect until the 2016-17 school year, but The University of Toledo Medical Center pediatrician who specializes in infectious diseases recommends not waiting until then because meningitis is a deadly disease that parents need to take seriously.

"By the time the patient is diagnosed, it is usually too late," Mukundan said. "If the patient does recover, the lasting effects are devastating. The patient could have brain damage, hearing loss or limb amputation."

Gov. John Kasich signed the bill into law in July. Parents who object to vaccines can opt out.

"I don't recommend opting out because early diagnosis is nearly impossible with this disease," Mukundan said. "While bacterial meningitis, the most serious form, can affect young children with compromised immune systems, it mostly festers in college dormitories as students share drinks, food and affection. You can only imagine the angst of a family who loses a kid who just moved away to college."

Mukundan said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the vaccination to all students at ages 11 or 12, with a booster at 16. The Ohio Department of Health is determining guidelines in response to the new law.

Ohio Sen. Cliff Hite sponsored the bill after losing his niece to bacterial meningitis, and Mukundan worked with him to advocate for the bill's passage.

"Meningitis can quickly strike young victims and result in multiple amputations or death within hours," Hite said. "Sadly, my family learned that the best treatment for meningitis is often prevention."

Mukundan explained bacterial meningitis leads to the inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord, a blood infection, or both. It's difficult to diagnose and sometimes patients don't even seek treatment because the symptoms of headache, fever and nausea mimic the common cold and flu.

About 69 percent of young people in Ohio are vaccinated, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but Mukundan said this percentage needs to be higher.

"The benefits of the vaccine will outweigh the risks," she said. "Only 2 to 3



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percent of the population has an extreme passion about not getting a vaccine, while the rest understand it is a life-saving preventative measure once they are properly educated."

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of Trafficking Act. Portman is the co-chair of the Senate Caucus to End Human Trafficking.

Brown proposed three amendments that were included in the bill; one was Amendment 310, which provides grants to local law enforcement for tracking down homeless youth and runaways, as well as grants to support retired law enforcement who volunteer to assist in these investigations.

Brown consulted Dr. Celia Williamson, director of UT's Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute, on the amendment, which was inspired by a group of retired Toledo FBI agents who approached his office about the need for additional resources in the field.

Williamson, UT professor of social work, has worked on the issue of human trafficking for the past 22 years conducting research, building programs, and working with legislators to pass necessary laws.

The 12th Annual Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference will be held Thursday and Friday, Sept. 10 and 11, in the Student Union. Hosted by The University of Toledo's Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute and the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition, the conference brings together researchers, practitioners and others to educate attendees on human trafficking and lay the groundwork for future collaborative research, advocacy and program development.

Two keynote speakers will address conference attendees this year. Baldemar Velasquez, president and founder of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee and former member of the UT Board of Trustees, will speak Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in Student Union Room 3010. Velasquez is an internationally recognized leader in the farmworker and immigrants rights movements, with a commitment to justice and human dignity. On Friday at 12:30 p.m. in Student Union Room 3010, Dr. Mark Sherry, UT associate professor of sociology, will discuss research and advocacy for and with human trafficking victims with disabilities.

More than 70 presenters from around the world will address attendees at the two-day conference. Speakers will include:

- Awkash Kumar, a PhD research scholar from the Central University

of Gujarat, India, will present "Targeting Poverty: Risk of Trafficking Among Women and Children in India."

- Dr. Kamala London, UT associate professor and associate chair of psychology, will discuss "Developing Rapport During Forensic Interviews With Adolescents: A Review of Evidence-Based Practices."
- Judge Connie Zimmelman, Chief Probation Officer Demecia Wilson, and Alicia Komives from the Lucas County Juvenile Court will present "Understanding Trauma and Its Impact on a Person's Life."

A number of presenters are survivors of human trafficking: D'Lita Miller; Michelle Moore, a local survivor; Dr. Joel Filmore, a victim of homelessness, drug addiction and prostitution in Chicago who went on to earn his doctorate in counselor education and supervision from Northern Illinois University; and Barbara Amaya, senior technical adviser on survivor services at SeraphimGLOBAL, an organization that provides technical support for human rights and humanitarian efforts throughout the world.

More than 300 juniors and seniors are expected to participate in high school workshops taking place Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

UT's Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute opened in April with a mission to respond to human trafficking and social justice issues through teaching, research and service. The institute also works to educate practitioners to serve on the front lines of efforts to combat human trafficking and assist victims.

In July, the Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute partnered with TARTA to expand Toledo Youth Pages, a prevention tool for at-risk youth in the area. Youth Pages provides resources on issues such as substance abuse and teen pregnancy, with a special focus on the risk factors that make youth vulnerable to human trafficking.

For more information, visit traffickingconference.com or email traffickingconference@gmail.com.

National organization honors UT associate professor

By Lindsay Mahaney

After years of dedication to a globally recognized organization, a University of Toledo faculty member was honored for her efforts this summer.

Dr. Sheryl Milz was recognized as a recipient of the American Industrial Hygiene Association Fellow Award in June. The associate professor of public health and preventive medicine was one of 12 award recipients.

"I didn't even know I was nominated until I received the letter saying I was named a Fellow," she said. "It was really quite a surprise. It was very nice."

The American Industrial Hygiene Association is the premier group of occupational and environmental health and safety professionals. The organization's more than 10,000 members represent a mixed bag of backgrounds, including industry, private business, labor, government and academia, but they all share a common goal: create knowledge to protect work health and eliminate workplace illness.

Members who have been involved in the organization for at least 15 years, are highly active in the group, and have displayed exceptional achievements are eligible for the fellowship.

"Less than 5 percent of the organization can be a Fellow, that's a rule," Milz explained. "To be named a Fellow is quite an honor because you have to be very involved."

As a member of the Exposure Assessment Strategies Committee, Milz

took part in many of the organization's projects. She cites working on *A Strategy for Assessing and Managing Occupational Exposures* — one of the most commonly used reference books in exposure assessments — as the most prestigious. Milz co-wrote multiple chapters in the book; the fourth edition was released in June.

Additionally, Milz previously served a three-year commitment for leading the committee during which she worked as co-chair, chair and past chair. She also taught an exposure strategies and statistics course at the organization's annual conference for five years.

"Susan Arnold, a graduate of our Master of Science in Occupational Health Program, who has collaborated with Sheryl Milz for a number of years, reached out as she and the American Industrial Hygiene Association Exposure Assessment Strategies Committee planned to nominate Dr. Milz for the American Industrial Hygiene Association Fellow Award," said Dr. April Ames, UT assistant professor of public health and preventive medicine, who was one Milz's nominators.

"We felt Dr. Milz deserved Fellow status for her various achievements in education and research, as well as the positive effects she has had as a leader in the field of industrial hygiene at both the local and national level."

Milz was presented the award at the association's annual conference in Salt Lake City.



Milz

Opinion

Spring in Brazil: Teaching — and learning — mathematics education, ethnomodeling

By Dr. Tod Shockey

I was invited as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar to the Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto in Ouro Preto, Minas Gerais, Brazil. The trip was partially funded by the Foy and Phyllis Penn Kohler Travel Fund for International Studies and by the UT Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

I was hosted by the Centro de Educação Alberta a Distância, which serves more than 30 distance education centers. While there, I gave a number of lectures, participated in graduate courses, and was a participant in a workshop at the Barão de Cocais distance center.

There are some remarkable educational activities happening at the Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto. The graduate courses for active mathematics teachers occur on Thursday and Friday afternoons into the evening. An existing arrangement between the university and school districts allows educators to leave their classrooms for Thursday and Friday afternoons so they may participate in master's level course work.

These teachers enroll in content courses; a number of them were taking abstract algebra during the visit, as well as pedagogy and research courses. Their

program culminates with an original thesis that is formally proposed and defended.

My first lecture was part of the first night of courses for the Professional Master's in Mathematics Education Program. Gaining enrollment to pursue this degree is done through a very rigorous entrance program.

One intellectual objective for the trip was to engage in expanding my knowledge of ethnomodeling, which is the translation and elaboration of real-life problems and questions of any given cultural group. Professor Daniel Orey and Professor Milton Rosa of the Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto are internationally recognized for their scholarship in ethnomodeling, so this afforded me the unique opportunity to engage with these two leaders. Another benefit was through my interactions with graduate students working



Dr. Tod Shockey, far right, posed for a photo with colleagues and students at the Universidade de São Paulo.

in ethnomodeling, I learned about their methodologies and research.

Brazil is the intellectual, global hub for ethnomathematics. A highlight of the trip was the afternoon I spent with the GPEM, a research group on ethnomathematics, at the Universidade de São Paulo.

Brazil is an exciting, intellectually engaging country. I am currently a Fulbright Alternate for 2015-16 and hope to continue my collaborations in Brazil.

Shockey is an associate professor of curriculum and instruction.

Education Abroad Expo to take place Sept. 15

Explore your world by attending the Education Abroad Expo Tuesday, Sept. 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

This event promotes international study, research, internships, service learning, volunteering, teaching and work opportunities for students, faculty and staff.

Education abroad representatives include UT faculty, staff and students from numerous colleges, departments, offices and student organizations who provide or promote international opportunities.

UT study abroad faculty-led programs and exchange programs will be represented, along with affiliate programs, including University Studies Abroad Consortium, International Studies Abroad, Semester at Sea and more.

Additionally, unique programs such as National Student Exchange, Camp Adventure, Fulbright (Students and Scholars), the Peace Corps and others also will be represented.

Education abroad professionals will be joined by student, faculty and staff alumni to share their global experiences and answer questions. Information about national study abroad scholarships and the Center for International Studies and Programs travel grant also will be provided.

Food, prizes and passport incentives will be offered throughout the event.

UT faculty members are encouraged to attend to learn about international teaching, research and grant opportunities.

For more information, contact the Center for International Studies and Programs at 419.530.5268.

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Calling all Rockets: Homecoming parade applications due Sept. 11

By Lindsay Mahaney

Blue and gold papier-mâché, streamers and confetti are all featured at The University of Toledo's annual Homecoming parade. This year's theme: Rocket Road Trip, All Roads Lead to UT.

Applications are available to participate in the parade Saturday, Oct. 10, at 10:30 a.m. Student organizations and UT departments are encouraged to create a float, ride or walk in the annual event.

"The Homecoming parade is our longest standing tradition, so it's a great way to show Rocket pride and celebrate the history of UT," said Jason Wanamaker, Blue Key's Homecoming float representative.

First-, second- and third-place trophies are awarded to the best floats. Trucks and cars also compete

for a first-place trophy in a separate category. And there will be a Homecoming Blue Key Spirit Award for the most spirited representation of the theme.

"We're hoping people will incorporate U.S. cities, states, landmarks, anything like that," Wanamaker said. "We're hoping everyone gets really unique this year and puts their own flavor into it."

Applications and a letter of agreement outlining the requirements for each float, available at <http://utole.do/floatapplication>, are due Friday, Sept. 11.

To turn in required forms or for more information, contact Wanamaker at UToledoHomecomingParade@gmail.com.

Support the cause: Donations requested for annual banned books vigil

By Lindsay Mahaney

There will be no lions, tigers or bears at some schools and libraries this year — oh my! *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* is just one of hundreds of books that have been challenged and banned throughout history; a fact that Dr. Paulette D. Kilmer is working to change.

Returning for its 18th year, The University of Toledo's Banned Books Vigil promotes the right to read, speak, think and create freely.

Kilmer, founder of the event and UT professor of communication, is soliciting challenged book donations to be given away at the daylong vigil starting at 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in the Carl Joseph Memorial Reading Commons on the fifth floor of Carlson Library.

Become a "Champion of Freedom of Expression" by donating *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, *Looking for Alaska* or any title listed on the American Library Association's website at ala.org/bbooks.



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Champions will be recognized by having their names appear in front of the titles they purchase and be announced as the novels are given away.

Interested donors can visit the Barnes & Noble University Bookstore or contact Colleen Strayer at 419.530.2516 or toledo@bkstore.com by 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21. Cash donations also are welcome.

For more information, contact Kilmer at paulette.kilmer@utoledo.edu.

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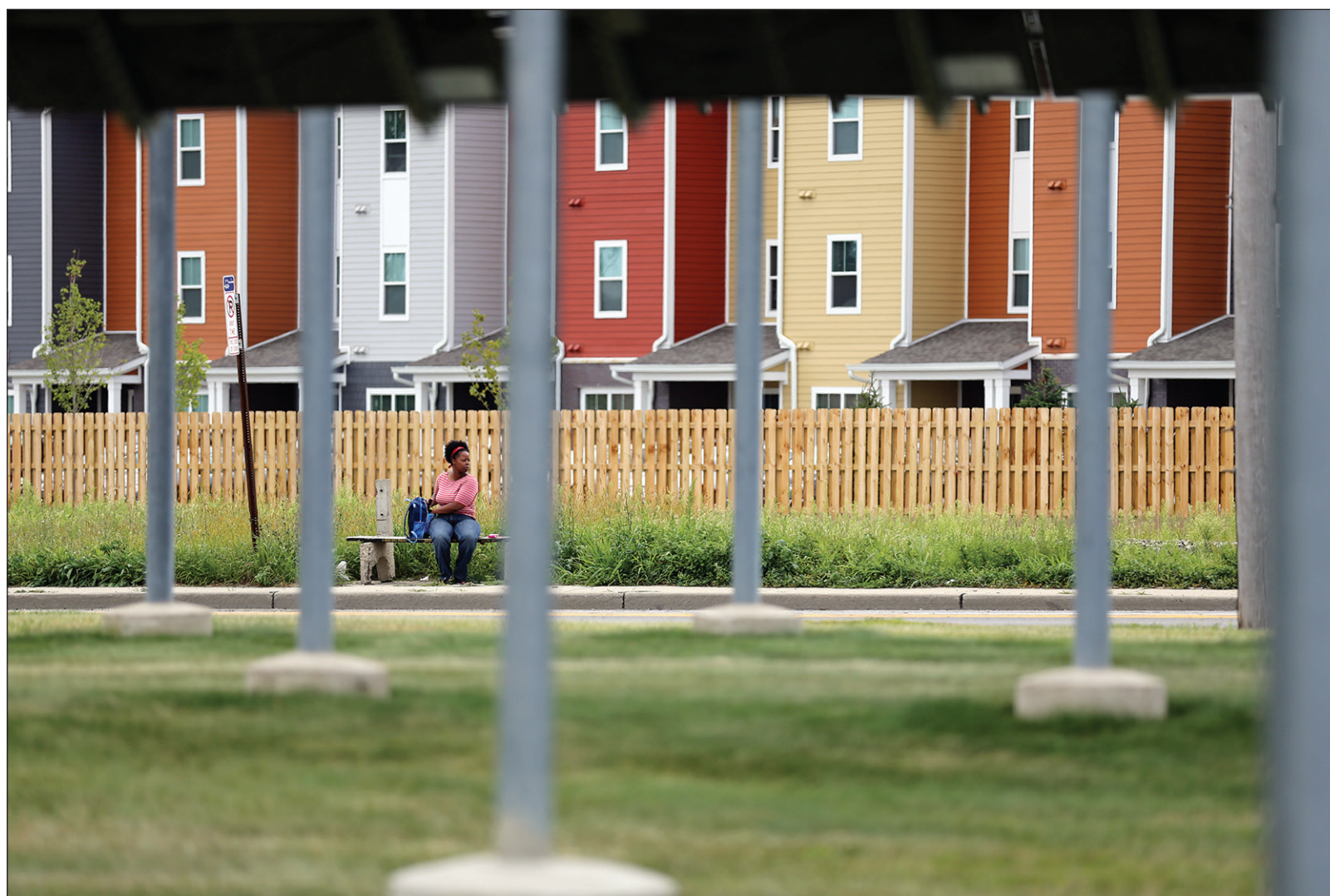


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University Photographer Daniel Miller was standing in front of the Research and Technology Complex looking through the solar array when he took this shot of a woman waiting for a bus on Dorr Street.