

Nominations are open for awards

Fall enrollment best in three years

Nominations are now being accepted for Morehead State University's 2007-08 Distinguished Researcher and Creative Productions awards.

To qualify for the Distinguished Researcher award, a faculty member or professional librarian must have completed at least five years of service as a full-time faculty member or professional librarian with MSU.

A nominee's portfolio must include a current vita, sample reprints or copies of published materials, and a brief research summary of completed research project(s) highlighting the significance of the research.

To qualify for the Distinguished Creative Productions award, a faculty member must have completed at least five years of service as a full-time faculty member with Morehead State University.

A nominee's portfolio must include a current vita, sample works of reprints or copies of published works, slides of works of visual art, recordings of musical performances, or other examples of completed works, and a brief work summary of artistic project(s) highlighting the significance of the work.

Previous recipients of the award are not eligible for five years.

All nominations should be submitted to the Research and Creative Production Committee on Monday, Dec. 10.

The mailing address is Research and Creative Production Committee, Morehead State University, 901 Ginger Hall, 150 University Blvd., Morehead, KY 40351-1689.

GIS workshops

East Kentucky community members are invited to attend workshops on how to make use of free Geographic Information Systems (GIS) resources and freely available Kentucky data to enhance government and business activities.

The workshops are designed to acquaint people in business and government who have limited or no experience with GIS resources and data that are available across the Commonwealth. More and more free GIS applications are being made available both online and on desktop computers. Similarly, many Kentucky agencies are making excellent data sets available.

The workshops will demonstrate how to acquire these resources and provide hands-on training on how to use them to enhance business and government decision-making and service provision.

Presented by The Kentucky Center for Geospatial Education, Research and Outreach (KCGERO) housed in the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) at Morehead State University, the workshops will be conducted by Dr. Timothy Hare, assistant professor of anthropology and director of KCGERO and instructor in the MSU's Geographical Information Systems Certificate Program within IRAPP.

The workshops take place from 9 a.m. and noon: Dec. 19, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Room 239 Bert Combs Drive, Prestonsburg; and Jan. 8, Ashland Community and Technical College, room L287, Building 3, 1400 College Drive, Ashland. Reservations are not required, but the workshop is limited to 20 participants. Additional information is available by calling Dr. Hare at 783-9436; or by e-mailing him at t.hare@moreheadstate.edu.

MSU has achieved its largest enrollment in three years and the most full-time freshmen in four years, based on reports to the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

The final counts are 9,066 students – the most since 2004 – and 1,409 new freshmen – the highest since 2003. This year's freshmen also have the highest ACT composite score ever at 20.9.

MSU enrolled 9,025 students last year on its six campuses and through the Internet.

"The overall increase is modest but we believe it signals a growing awareness that Morehead State is a high quality institution with outstanding academic programs and a top-to-bottom commitment to student success," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews.

Poet featured

Kentucky's Poet Laureate Jane Gentry Vance will read from her work and answer questions as part of the MSU's Reading Series on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

The event is free and open to the public.

Vance, born and raised in central Kentucky, is the author of *Portrait of the Artist as a White Pig*, a collection of 50 poems, published by Louisiana State University Press in 2006; *A Year in Kentucky: A Garland of Poems*, a collection of 12 poems published by Press Eight Seventeen in 2005; and *A Garden in Kentucky*, a collection of 60 poems, published by Louisiana State University Press in 1995.

Her poems also have been published in notable anthologies and journals such as the *Sewanee Review*, *Harvard Magazine*, *Southern Poetry Review*, the *American Voice* and *Humanities in the South*.

Vance, a recipient of fellowships from the Kentucky Arts Council, Yaddo, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association, has a distinguished career blending her work as a poet and educator.

She began teaching at Georgetown College in 1964 and joined the University of Kentucky in 1972, where she still teaches.

Additional information: 783-2185.

Tree lighting

MSU's Student Activities Council is sponsoring a holiday tree lighting party for children of MSU students, faculty and staff.

The party will be held on Thursday, Nov. 29, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Adron Doran University Center. Youngsters can expect a night full of fun, food and festivities, which includes photos with Santa, caroling, and the reading of "The Night Before Christmas."

The lighting of the University's holiday tree is slated to begin at 6:30 p.m. on the lawn in front of Fields Hall. Members of the community are invited to attend.

In conjunction with the tree lighting, the University Bookstore will hold a holiday open house from 4-7 p.m. Shoppers will enjoy free gift wrapping, drawings for storewide discounts and a free gift with every purchase.

He continued:

"Our growth in student quality and quantity show that we are serious about meeting our state mandate to enroll, retain and graduate more students than ever before in our 120-year history."

For the fourth consecutive year, MSU was recognized earlier this fall as a top tier regional public university in the South in the "America's Best Colleges" rankings of U.S. News & World Report.

Kentucky's public colleges and universities have been charged to double the number of four-year college graduates by 2020.

CRE forums

Morehead State University's Center for Regional Engagement (CRE) has been hosting public forums throughout East Kentucky in search of ideas on how MSU can better serve the region.

The remaining forums will be Monday, Dec. 3, at 3:30 p.m. at MSU at Mt. Sterling in the Lisa Browning Room; Monday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at MSU's Regional Enterprise Center at West Liberty in room 201;

Thursday, Dec. 13, at 3:30 p.m. at MSU at Ashland in room 275; and Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Morehead Conference Center.

The CRE serves as a primary entrance point to the University for individuals and/or organizations seeking to access the public services and outreach programs of the institution.

CRE is responsible for coordinating all of the University's regional engagement activities which enhance the quality of life in East Kentucky and the Commonwealth of Kentucky through assistance to P-12 schools, business and industry, community-based non-profit organizations, and local government.

The Center for Regional Engagement is a joint initiative between the Council for Postsecondary Education (CPE) and all state's public regional universities.

The goal for the initiative, as defined by CPE, seeks to: "Promote regional and state-wide economic development, livable communities, social inclusion, creative governance, and civic participation through public engagement activities initiated by comprehensive university faculty and staff. Its purpose is to link the resources and knowledge of our universities to the needs and challenges of their respective regions."

Forums will be hosted by President Wayne D. Andrews, Dr. Karla Hughes, provost, and Dr. David Rudy, associate provost for engagement.

Participants will be asked to share opinions on the challenges and opportunities in local communities and how MSU can help improve the quality of life for all East Kentuckians.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Rudy at (606) 783-5419 or by visiting the CRE Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/engagement/.

People in the News

Dr. Bruce Mattingly, associate provost for research and sponsored programs, has been honored as the recipient of the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS) 2007 Outstanding Academy Service Award. The award was presented at the recent 93rd Annual KAS meeting co-hosted by Bellarmine University and the University of Louisville.

Greg Carlisle, instructor of communications, has authored the book, "Elegant Complexity," a reader's companion to David Foster Wallace's novel "Infinite Jest." Carlisle's work explains the novel's plot threads and provides chronologies and other useful tools for understanding the novel. It is scheduled to be released by the publisher on Nov. 30.

AC 'Live' show

Traditional and old-time fiddle group Kentucky Memories, acoustic guitarist Russ Barenberg and country blues duo Paul Rishell and Annie Raines, will perform at the next edition of "Americana Crossroads Live."

Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) and the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music will present the program on Friday, Nov. 30, at the Morehead Conference Center, located on First Street.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the music to start at 7 p.m.

Kentucky Memories represents old-time fiddle styles from East Kentucky. The group uses its music to honor many great notable fiddlers such as Buddy Thomas, George Hawkins, Bob Prater, Jimmy Wheeler, J.P. Fraley, Ed Haley, and Kenny Baker.

Members of the group include: Roger Cooper, fiddle; Michael Garvin, fiddle and guitar; Keith Garvin, jews harp and bass guitar; Phillip Litteral, rhythm guitar; and Billy Wright, guitar.

Barenberg is known as one of the most melodic instrumentalists in contemporary acoustic music, and his compositions are among the finest the genre has to offer.

He got his start in 1970 with the groundbreaking bluegrass band Country Cooking.

While working on the CD, Swear to Tell the Truth, Rishell met Raines. Her work on the project heralded the beginning of a productive musical partnership as the two have become a steadfast touring and recording team, working as an acoustic and electric duo, as well as with a full band.

Since 1992, they have gained an even greater following in the U.S. and overseas, performing and teaching at festivals, workshops, clubs and concert halls, and doing session work as well.

Concessions and door prizes will be available. Admission is \$5 per person, or \$20 for a family pack of five. Children, 12 and under, are admitted free.

Additional information on "Americana Crossroads Live" is available on MSPR's Web site at www.msradio.com or by calling MSPR at 783-2001 or (800) 286-9659.

RAD course

MSU's Police Department will offer Rape Aggression Defense System (R.A.D.) self-defense course Saturday, Dec. 1, and Sunday, Dec. 2. The classes will be held from noon - 6 p.m.

R.A.D. is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. It is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training.

To sign up for this course, stop by the MSU police between 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Classes are limited to 12 and you must have your MSU ID. Additional information: 783-2363.

Job vacancies

EXTERNAL

Theatre Tour Coordinators (Two Positions), Department Communication and Theatre. To ensure consideration, apply by Nov. 29.

Library Associate I (Access Services Circulation), Camden-Carroll Library. To ensure consideration, apply by Dec. 5.

Clerk Typist, Office of MAT Secondary and Middle Grades Program. To ensure consideration, apply by Dec. 6.

Building Services Technician, University Center and Conference Service. To ensure consideration, apply by Dec. 12.

Assistant Professors of Education (Tenure Track, Two Positions), Department of Curriculum and Instruction. Review of candidate materials will begin December 14, 2007 and will continue until positions are filled.

Instructional Technology Consultant (Fixed-Term), Department of Information Systems and the College of Business. The review of materials will begin immediately and will continue until position is filled. To ensure consideration apply by Dec. 15.

Building Services Technician, Office of Facilities Management. Review of applications began Oct. 19; however, applications will continue to be accepted through Dec. 31 to fill positions if they become available.

Assistant Professor of Accounting, Department of Accounting. Review of applications will begin Jan. 4; however applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Assistant or Associate Professors of Science Education and Physical Science or Earth/Space Science (Tenure Track, Two Positions), Department of Physical Sciences beginning Aug. 7, 2008. Review of applications will begin on Jan. 30, 2008, and will continue until positions are filled.

Internal applicants should obtain a copy of the job opportunity posting from the Office of Human Resources indicating the application materials required for each position. Official transcripts are required for administrative positions.

A keyboarding exercise is required for secretarial, clerk/typist and dispatcher positions and must be completed prior to the position closing date. To register for this keyboarding exercise, contact the OHR at 783-2097.

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Cadet honored

MSU's ROTC Cadet Robert McWhorter, Morehead senior, has ranked 22 out of 4,099 cadets from 272 universities across the nation. His ranking makes him the top ranked cadet in the Cadet Command's 7th Brigade, which includes all the universities in Kentucky and Ohio. This makes the second year in a row that the top cadet in the state of Kentucky is from MSU.

Happenings

Thursday, Nov. 29

Art exhibit: "2007 Annual MSU Art Faculty Exhibition," main gallery, Claypool-Young Art Building; exhibit runs through Dec. 12.

Folk art exhibit: "Hotbed, Folk Art from Elliott County," Kentucky Folk Art Center; exhibit runs through Dec. 30.

Theatre production: "Language of Angels," Lucille Little Theatre within Breckinridge Hall, 7:30 p.m., through Dec. 2.

Ye Olde Madrigal Feaste official holiday dinner, Adron Doran University Center, 7 p.m., through Dec. 1.

Saturday, Dec. 1

Appalachian Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair, Laughlin Health Building, 9 a.m.

Basketball: Lady Eagles vs. Alice Lloyd College, Academic-Athletic Center, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 2

Faculty recital: Larry Keenan, keyboard, Duncan Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

Senior recital: Jonah Sawyers, trumpet, DRH, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 3

Center for Regional Engagement (CRE), public forum, Lisa Browning Room, MSU at Mt. Sterling, 3:30 p.m.; also Regional Enterprise Center at MSU at West Liberty, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Concert: MSU Symphony Band, DRH, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 6

Board of Regents meeting, Riggle Room, ADUC, 9 a.m.

Poetry reading: Jane Gentry Vance,

Kentucky poet laureate, KFAC, 7 p.m.

OperaWorks presentation: "Amahl and the Night Visitors," DRH, 8 p.m., through Dec. 8.

KDP ceremony

MSU's Kappa Delta Pi recently inducted 27 education honor students into the international honor society.

Students were recognized for their academic achievement and leadership in the field of education. The inductees represented several program areas in the College of Education such as elementary, middle grades education, secondary education, special education, and health and physical education.

The ceremony was held in the Adron Doran University Center.

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