



All About Dance for Fulbright Scholar in Residence

Dance has been a passion for Juan Manuel Guerra-Hernandez for as long as he can remember. “I had my first dance performance when I was only 4 years old. I was in kindergarten and I danced what is considered our national Mexican song called ‘El Jarabe Tapatio’ also known as The Hat Song in the United States,” he says.

While his background includes modern, contemporary, flamenco and folkloric dance, he decided to concentrate on folkloric dance after his teacher’s training, “since this was the kind of dance I was going to use with my students in elementary school.”

Now retired from the classroom, Guerra-Hernandez is the first Fulbright Scholar in Residence to bring his talents to ONU. He arrived in January and will teach through the beginning of May.

He is working with dance students from communication arts to create a lecture/demonstration on Mexican culture and the dances of Mexico. This performance will be presented on campus and then tour area schools.

In advance of the school performances, area teachers will receive a teacher’s guide of suggested activities. These activities will help students better appreciate the dance demonstration by learning about Mexican culture and its connections with American culture.

Guerra-Hernandez’s goal is to develop a better understanding between the two cultures.

He explains, “The fundamental principle of this project is to find that even though we come from different cultures, being Mexican and American, we share more similarities than we can think of. If we take a journey into the past and start reviewing both our histories, we will see how the influence of other cultures, such as the African and Spanish cultures, influenced the way we are in the present.

“The performance will show, through a voyage to the past, how the dances in Mexico have evolved. Particularly, we will be able to see how the dances called Sones Jarochos in the state of Veracruz



have been influenced by the culture and traditions of the African and Spanish cultures.”

His hope is that this work will expand his students’ cultural horizons and “enrich their views on life, culture and the world itself.”

Personally, Guerra-Hernandez hopes to learn more about dance and grow as a teacher. “I have noticed that the idea of teamwork is not just a concept, but a way of acting and reacting here at Ohio Northern University. When concepts, like teamwork, do not take place in real life, they stay just as theory and do not do anything for anyone.”

He adds, “I will share everything I learned from this experience with other scholars in Mexico. I hope I will be able to show them there is an open door to other possibilities and

opportunities for growing and learning.”

Guerra-Hernandez also brings with him a life view he will be sharing with his students.

He explains, “a long time ago I learned that (my life) should, and would, be regulated by two major principles or laws: The Boomerang Law where everything you send away eventually comes back to you and the people you love, so always send positive and rewarding feelings because they will, in time, come back to you. The second, I called it the Mirror Law, is that everything you see happening around you is a reflection of your own inside image. If you see a positive or negative feeling around you, its existence is due to the fact that it is only reflecting what is inside of you.”

Guerra-Hernandez will be working with dance students and speaking with students in a variety of classes, but his goals go beyond creating a dance performance.

“My biggest hope,” he says, “is that, through this experience, students will grow as a person, a professional dancer and most of all as a human being. All this enrichment in time will make them able to understand that there is only one world we share every day, and our job is to make it better for future generations.”

Read more of Guerra-Hernandez’s interview at www-new.onu.edu/node/16693

Zimmerman Awarded \$50,000 Grant

Dr. Jake Zimmerman, assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the American Chemical Society's Petroleum Research Fund (www.acsprf.org) through the Undergraduate New Investigator Program, which seeks to support fundamental research in the petroleum and energy fields and develop the next generation of engineers and scientists through support of advanced scientific education.

The program is intended to initiate the research program of new scientists and engineers who are faculty members at undergraduate research institutions and to provide financial incentives for students at those institutions to become involved in real-world research activities leading to employment or continued study in graduate school. This grant will support Zimmerman's laboratory research program by providing summer research stipends over the next two years. The funds will be released to him in September 2009. This will allow Zimmerman and his research students to pursue novel, groundbreaking research on Stereoselective Tin-Free Radical Reactions.

International Terrorism Topic of Lecture

Dr. Daniel Masters, assistant professor of political science at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, will deliver a lecture on "International Terrorism and Counterterrorism in the Post-9/11 World" at 7 p.m., Feb. 19, in the McIntosh Ballroom. The event is sponsored by Ohio Northern's Committee on Cultural Affairs and Special Events (CASE).

In his talk, Masters will evaluate the nature of the global terrorist threat versus the varied national terrorist threats in a comprehensive way to distinguish the source of terrorist threats, regional orientations of terrorism, and the national versus truly global threats we face. He will also analyze the different global counterterrorism efforts, and the varied national responses to terrorism with a particular emphasis on the tensions between national and global counterterrorism interests and policies.

Masters received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 2000 with concentrations in international relations and comparative politics. His research interests relate to terrorism. His research has led him to Belfast and Israeli-occupied territories to conduct interviews with terrorists, supporters of terrorist movements, and opponents of terrorist movements.

Flexible Spending Reminder . . .

All 2008 flexible spending funds need to be used by March 15, 2009.

You have until March 31, 2009, to turn in all receipts for reimbursement of your 2008 expenses. Questions? Call Human Resources at ext. 2021.

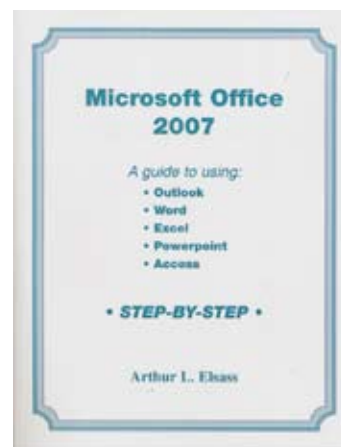
Faculty Factoids

Dr. Sandra Crosser, professor of education, and Dr. Diana Garver, assistant professor of education, made a presentation titled "Partnership South Africa: Making a Global Connection" at the Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education (AILACTE) annual meeting and extended conference, Feb. 5-6 in Chicago.

The presentation describes the innovative teacher-training project connecting ONU personnel and teacher education alumni with teachers in an isolated, rural school in South Africa. Research on continuing professional development was used to build a new training model.

Dr. Tena Roepke, associate professor of mathematics/education and director of the Center for Teacher Education, has been appointed chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee of Ohio's Educator Standards Board.

Arthur L. Elsass, computer applications professional, is author of a book, "Microsoft Office 2007," on using Microsoft Office. The book, used in his PC-Apps class in the College of Business Administration, is now available at the Readmore Bookstores in Lima, through Barnes and Noble and on Amazon.com. The book includes step-by-step instructions for Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access. The 421-page book is published by CSS Publishing (2008); ISBN-10: 0788022202; ISBN-13: 978-0788022203.



Symphonic Band Concert

The Symphonic Band presents its culminating concert on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. in the Freed Center for the Performing Arts.

The Symphonic Band will perform some of the finest classical and contemporary wind-band literature.

The Symphonic Band rehearses all quarter to create a memorable musical evening. Dr. Charles Bates, professor of music, is the director of the Symphonic Band.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission. Online ticketing is available at www.freedcenter.com

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Judges Needed

Faculty, staff and students, 21 and older, are invited to help judge the district science day. This year, district science day will be Saturday, March 21.

Judges will be needed from approximately 9 a.m. until noon. After judging is complete, volunteers will enjoy lunch in the Activities Room of MacIntosh center, courtesy of Admissions.

Students from 10 counties will present their projects. These students, from grades seven to 12, have obtained a "Superior Ranking" at their school science fairs, and their projects range in subject matter from psychology and behavioral sciences to chemistry, engineering, physics, math and biology.

If you are interested in judging, contact Nancy Woodley, West Central District Science Day coordinator, or leave your name with Jane (j-brown@onu.edu) in the Biology Department office.

Volunteers can pick up judges information from the registration desk before 9 a.m. After picking up information, go to Science Annex 105 for additional instruction.

'Making Your Own Path in Today's Society'

The Black Law Students Association's 10th Annual Diversity Forum will focus on "Making Your Own Path in Today's Society" in the ONU Pettit College of Law Celebrezze Moot Court Room (129) on Friday, Feb. 20, at 11 a.m.

Sixty-first Judicial District Court of Michigan Judge **Benjamin H. Logan**, JD '72, will serve as moderator of the panel, which features prominent professionals from both the public and private sectors. The panel will discuss the career paths and experiences that led to their choices and successes in today's law environment.

The panel will consist of several graduates of ONU's College of Law: **Terraine L. Bailey**, JD '98, owner of Bailey Law Firm in Englewood, Co.; **Cynthia Callender-Dungey**, JD '96, chief of staff with the Ohio Department of Family Services; **Bridgette D. Crafton**, JD '96 assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice; **Felepe H. Hall**, JD '98, assistant attorney general with the Michigan attorney general's office; **Kevin E. Hextall**, JD '97, partner in the law firm of Rawl and Henderson in Philadelphia; and **Rochelle D. Outlaw**, JD '05, associate lawyer with the firm of Mayer, Brown, Rowe and Maw in Chicago.

This panel discussion is open to the public.

After the panel discussion, Logan will deliver a keynote address at a luncheon in the Wishing Well in McIntosh Center. Logan, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting and history from ONU in 1968 and earned his juris doctorate from ONU in 1972, has served as the 61st District Court Judge since 1989.

Wind Ensemble Combines Music, Visual Art in 'Pictures'

ONU's Wind Ensemble presents "Pictures," a concert of music for winds and percussion inspired by visual art, on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 4 p.m. in the Freed Center for the Performing Arts.

The ONU Wind Ensemble is now under the direction of Dr. Thomas Hunt, chair of the department of music.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission. Online ticketing is available at www.freedcenter.com

Grant Funds Research

Dr. **Rob Alexander**, BA '94, and his students have received a \$1,279 grant from the national office of Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honorary. The funds will help conduct research on the 2008 Electoral College.

Shaili Patel, a third-year pharmacy student from Mannheim, Ontario, Canada, co-authored the grant proposal.

This is the seventh consecutive year the chapter has earned money through the Pi Sigma Alpha grant program. In all, the ONU chapter has been awarded over \$9,000 to conduct research projects, attend national political science conferences, sponsor award programs, and publish the annual student journal, "Politics From the Hill." The ONU chapter has been named an "outstanding chapter" by the national office twice in the past five years.

Polar Bear Day

Polar Bear Day is Feb. 21 at the Freed Center with free events for children ages 3 to 18.

Polar Tots, ages 3-6, are to arrive at 9 a.m. for storytelling and a creative workshop until 10:15 a.m.

Polar Cubs, ages 7-11, are to arrive at 10 a.m. for storytelling, discussion and a creative workshop.

Polar Bears, ages 12-18, will arrive at 1 p.m. to hear an expert on the polar bear, devise a play relating to this issue and perform it for family and friends at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided for the Polar Bears workshop participants.

All events are free and designed to introduce children to the arts. Register by calling the Freed Center Box Office at ext. 1900.

'Silent Snow' to Debut at ONU

"Silent Snow," a symphony by world-renowned composer Joseph Curiale, will debut during the Ohio Northern University Symphony Orchestra's performance at the Freed Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 8 p.m.

Curiale will attend the performance and participate in a pre-show discussion, which takes place at 7:15 p.m. He was commissioned to compose the symphony in celebration of Polar Bear Nation and as a reflection on the changing climate's impact on the polar bear. Polar Bear Nation is an Ohio Northern initiative to raise funds for Polar Bears International, an organization dedicated to protecting the polar bear in light of environmental changes.

Curiale has had a fruitful career, beginning with his work on "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson, where his song, "Sick of the Blues," was the show's closing theme from 1982-1994.

Curiale is regularly featured on National Public Radio's classical programming, as well as on the program "Talking About Faith." He has written two books, "The Spirit of Creativity" and "The Wisdom of Creativity."

Part of "A Journey Unfinished," a joint performance by the Symphony Orchestra and University Singers, "Silent Snow" will be conducted by Lloyd Butler, co-director of the musical theatre program and music director of the ONU symphony. This event will also include performances of Mozart's unfinished "Grand Mass in C minor" and Schubert's "Symphony No. 8 'Unfinished.'"

Tickets are available from the Freed Center box office or online at www.freedcenter.com

Northern Events Feb. 19 - 25

Athletics

Feb. 19- 21

11:00 a.m., Swimming and Diving OAC Championships at Akron

Feb. 20

6 p.m., Indoor Track and Field with Friday Night Series Meet No. 2, ONU Sports Center

Feb. 21

10:00 a.m., Wrestling OAC Championships at Muskingum

3:00 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Mt. Union, ONU Sports Center

3:00 p.m., Men's Basketball at Mt. Union

Feb. 24-28

Noon, Women's Basketball OAC Tournament



Feb. 25-28

Noon, Men's Basketball OAC Tournament

Arts and Lectures

Feb. 19

8:00 p.m., Symphonic Band Concert, Freed Center

Feb. 21

8:00 p.m., World premiere of Joseph Curiale's symphony "Silent Snow," and "A Journey Unfinished" with the ONU Symphony, Freed Center

Feb. 22

4:00 p.m., "Pictures" with the ONU Wind Ensemble, Freed Center

Campus Events

Jan. 1 - Feb. 20

Noon-5:00 p.m., Environmental Visions, Elzay Gallery of Art and Stambaugh Studio Theatre Gallery



Feb. 20

7:00 p.m., Annual Black Student Union Fashion Show, McIntosh Activities Room

Feb. 21

9:00 a.m., Polar Bear Day, storytelling, art, music and theatre for children, Freed Center

Feb. 22

6:00 p.m., TNT Worship Service, Chapel

6:30 p.m., Soul Food Dinner, Multicultural Center

8:30 p.m., Catholic Mass, Chapel

For more events, go to:

www-new.onu.edu/event