



Albrecht Named Dean of Getty College of Arts & Sciences

Catherine Albrecht, Ph.D., has been named dean of Ohio Northern University's Getty College of Arts & Sciences, effective Aug. 1. The college has a faculty of 135 and 15 departments offering more than 50 majors and concentrations.

Albrecht succeeds Dr. Robert A. Manzer, who accepted a position as vice president for academic affairs at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. Dr. Lisa G. Robeson, associate professor of English, has served as interim dean since July 2008.

Dr. Kendall L. Baker, Ohio Northern president, said, "Dr. Albrecht brings with her a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, and she is highly qualified to lead our outstanding College of Arts & Sciences. Her diverse background and her past accomplishments are a perfect fit for ONU."

Albrecht comes to Ohio Northern from the University of Baltimore, where she has taught in the division of legal, ethical and historical studies since 1990. Albrecht received her undergraduate, master's, and doctorate degrees in history from Indiana University. She brings considerable administrative experience, having served as chair of two interdisciplinary divisions at the University of

'Field Notes from a Catastrophe'

Elizabeth Kolbert, respected journalist and author of "Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change," will speak at Ohio Northern University on Friday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Freed Center for the Performing Arts.

A book signing and reception will take place after the presentation. In addition to speaking, Kolbert will spend the day on campus meeting with students majoring in environmental studies, professional writing and journalism.

'Late Nite Catechism'

Enjoy a good laugh as the Freed Center brings "Late Nite Catechism" to the stage at 7 and 9 p.m. on March 14.

Part catechism class, part stand-up routine, the performance is an interactive comedy that has been entertaining Chicago for 15 years. Created in 1993, authors Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan based the show on their experiences growing up Catholic in Chicago and the stories they've heard through the years from friends and family.

Directed by Marc Silvia, "Late Nite Catechism" allows the audience to be part of Sister's class. Go back to the days of the Latin Mass, meatless Fridays, and that good old ruler across the knuckles!

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

Baltimore and as chair of the university principal's governance body, the University Council.

Professionally, Albrecht has published numerous articles and was recognized as the Distinguished Chair in

Teaching in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Baltimore in 2004-05. In 2001, she received the John Rath Prize for the best article in the Austrian History Yearbook. She has conducted research in the Czech Republic, Austria, and Germany, participated in academic exchanges in several other European countries, and speaks Czech.



'Roving Mars'

Dr. Steven W. Squyres, Goldwin Smith professor of astronomy at Cornell University and principal investigator for the science payload on NASA's Mars Exploration Rover project, will speak on "Roving Mars: Spirit, Opportunity and Exploration of the Red Planet" as part of Ohio Northern University's Spotts Lecture Series in the Freed Center for the Performing Arts at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 16.

The event is free and open to the public.

Squyres will discuss the past, present and future of Mars exploration and the opportunities that arise with these investigations. He will also cover new technologies that will improve science's ability to conduct research on Mars.

The Spotts Lecture series was established to bring distinguished speakers to ONU on an annual basis to alert students to the probable professional conditions and challenges that engineers and computer scientists will face in the future.

Plants and Climate Change

David Kinder, Ph.D., professor of medicinal chemistry, will present a free lecture at 6 p.m., March 26 in Room 151 of the Hakes-Pierstorf Family Pharmacy Education Center.

Titled "Medicinal and Food Plants of the Southwest: What the Ancestral Puebloans Knew About Climate Change (Probably)," the lecture will take a look at plant adaptation and climate change.

Kinder, whose extensive research of medicinal plants of the Southwest includes the discovery of anti-cancer activity in these plants, will discuss how Ancestral Pueblo Indians utilized their environment and how certain plants - those that provide food and those that provide medicines - have adapted to environmental changes. In the American Southwest, Ancestral Pueblo Indians have coped with drought and floods as a consequence of changes in weather patterns.

Free and open to the public, this event is part of Polar Bear Nation, a yearlong campaign at ONU to promote awareness of environmental issues.

'Meltdown, Recession and Globalization'

"The Current Economic Meltdown, Recession and Globalization," a presentation by Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics Dr. David McClough, will be presented from 7 to 8 p.m., Monday, March 16 in the Dicke Forum.

A part of Phi Beta Delta's International Forum, the lecture will present the U.S. economic recession in a global context with an emphasis on how the decline in the U.S. has spread to other economies. There will be a concerted effort to distinguish between the financial crisis and the recession. Competing policy perspectives will be presented, including Keynesian economics.

McClough received his Ph.D. in political economy and public policy from the University of Southern California. He teaches micro- and macroeconomics and international economics. This quarter, he is conducting a course in U.S. economic history during the Gilded Age.

Michael Loughlin, Ph.D., is Phi Beta Delta coordinator.

ONU: Red Cross Shelter

Ohio Northern has been designated an official shelter site in case of emergency by the American Red Cross.

A formal agreement was recently signed between the University and the Red Cross.



**Hovenweep National Monument,
Colorado-Utah**

Congratulations!

Byron L. Hawbecker, Ph.D., professor of chemistry and dean of the Getty College of Arts & Sciences emeritus, has been recognized on the 50th anniversary of his membership in the American Chemical Society.

Faculty Factoids

John K. Estell, chair of the electrical & computer engineering and computer science department, and professor of computer engineering and computer science, presented a three-hour workshop titled "Streamlining the Outcomes Assessment Process: the FCAR Methodology," on March 4 at the 40th ACM SIGCSE Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education.

This workshop presented a streamlined methodology for both course and program outcomes assessment in support of the new ABET accreditation criteria for computing programs. Elements of the workshop included the use of performance vectors for conducting direct student assessment, submission of information using the Faculty Course Assessment Report (FCAR) format, and the application of heuristics for classifying the degree to which outcomes are being met as part of the continuous improvement process.

Clyde Pickett, director of multicultural development, will present a workshop at the 13th annual State of the State Conference, March 19 and 20 at the University of Toledo. Titled "Surviving the Game: Success Strategies and African American Male Athletes," the presentation will analyze and critique the emphasis placed on black male athletes and the supersession of academic pursuits over athletic success on the collegiate level. Statistically and ideologically, young black males are often led astray by a system that purports to be a savior for young men, Pickett says. His presentation will identify the problems, its symptoms and origins. It will also offer a systematic approach to address the issues at their core and suggest how athletes should and can benefit from a system that greatly benefits from the athletics, regardless of accession to professional athletics.

In addition, Pickett has been selected to present at the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education in San Diego California during May.

Forrest Clingerman, Ph.D., assistant professor of religion, is author of two recently published journal articles, "Reading the Book of Nature: A Hermeneutical Account of Nature for Philosophical Theology," in *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* 13, no. 1 (2009): 72-91 and "Walking Into the Frame: A Theological Exploration of Pilgrimage Along Anton Mauve's *A Dutch Road*," in *Literature and Theology* 23 (2009): 18-32.

During spring break, he was an invited presenter at a colloquium titled "Inherited Land" held at Florida International University in Miami. In addition, he will be presenting a paper at a conference on Religion and Ecology in the Public Sphere. The paper is called "Nature, Memory and Theology: Private theologies of nature and environmental amnesia." The conference is being held at the University of Turku, Finland in May.

'The World Without Us'

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, the Working Group on Religion, Ethics and Nature (WGREN) and the Ada Public Library will host a book discussion on Alan Weisman's "The World Without Us."

The book is an exploration of what would happen if every human simply disappeared. How would nature respond? What traces of humanity would be left in a thousand years?

The event is free and open to the public. Copies of the book are available through the Ada Public Library.

Michael Limer, director of the Ada Public Library, will lead the discussion. If you have questions, contact Limer at limermi@oplin.org

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 e-mail Jane Brown (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.

Students in the News!

Want to stay updated on the accomplishments of ONU students? Check out the online link: www-new.onu.edu/news/student_news
Current headlines include:

Mock Trial Team Qualifies for National Tournament

Students Flock to Statehouse

Student Is Winner of the AICUO Art Award and a Finalist for the Grand Award

Andrew Steingass, a senior ONU art student from Ada, is one of six finalists in the AICUO Award for Excellence in the Visual Arts. The grand prize is a \$2,500 cash award. His work is also in the running for the online People's Choice award.

To see his entries, and to add your vote, go to www.aicuoartaward.com

Courseval Link Moves

In an effort to make the ONU home page more welcoming to outside audiences, Courseval, the online course evaluation link, has moved.

The link, designed for internal audiences, can be found through the a-z index and on major second-level pages.

Environmental Crimes Expert to Speak

Charles A. De Monaco, JD '74, will speak on "The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill and the Everglades Litigation and Restoration" in the Moot Court Room (129) of the Pettit College of Law at Ohio Northern University on Monday, March 16, at noon.

Sponsored by the ONU Environmental Law Society, this event is free and open to the public.

De Monaco is now a partner at Fox Rothschild LLP, a firm with 400 lawyers and 14 offices across the United States. In addition to providing legal representation to both corporate and individual clients in the private sector, De Monaco provides representation in federal civil litigation regarding restoration of the Florida Everglades.

De Monaco was assistant chief of the environmental crimes section of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., for nine years. During that time, he served as lead counsel in the criminal prosecution of U.S. v. Exxon and Exxon Shipping Co. for the massive 1989 Exxon Valdez Alaska oil spill. The \$1.1 billion criminal and civil settlements obtained by the government represented the largest comprehensive settlement in the history of law enforcement.

Ethics Topic for Law Review Symposium

"The Role of Ethics in the Corporate Landscape" is the theme of the 32nd Law Review Symposium to be held March 20 at the Pettit College of Law. The day-long event begins at 8:30 a.m. and provides continuing legal education credits.

Presenters include Leonard Bucklin, an ethicist and a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers; Mason Evans, a partner in the Columbus office of Porter Wright Moriss and Arthur LLP and a member of the firm's technology practice group; Eric Gallon, senior attorney with the Columbus office of Porter Wright Moriss and Arthur LLP and a member of the firm's litigation department; Leonard Gross, professor at Southern Illinois University's School of Law; Lynn D. Lieber, employment law attorney and nationally recognized spokeswoman on ethics, harassment and discrimination law; and Carolyn Lindsey, director of member services at TRACE International and adjunct professor of law at the George Washington University School of Law.

Registration and fee information is available by e-mailing lawreview@onu.edu

Swim Classes Offered

Swimming classes for children ages 4-10 will begin March 29, offered by ONU students in the water safety instructor course along with members of ONU's champion swimming and diving team.

The first session of classes will meet from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. on Sundays, March 29, April 5, 19, 26 and May 3.

The second session will be 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. weekdays on April 2, 8, 16, 23 and 30. Cost is \$45 per child, and enrollment is limited to the first 40 students to register. Registration deadline is March 16.

To learn more, or to register, contact Peggy Ewald at ext. 3132.

Northern Events March 12 - 18

Campus Events

March 12

11:45 a.m., Cultural Conversation Hour, "What's in a Name,"
Heterick Library

March 15

11:15 a.m., Catholic Mass, Chapel

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

March 16

4:00 p.m., College of Engineering Faculty Meeting, Biggs 239

March 17

5:30 p.m., University Council Meeting, Dicke Forum

March 18

11:00 a.m., Faith Life, speaker, Jeannie Blevins, Sodexo
hostess, Chapel

Arts and Lectures

March 13

7:30 p.m., Campus Book Project, lecture by author Elizabeth
Kolbert, "Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature and
Climate Change," Freed Center

March 14

7:00 and 9:30 p.m., "Late Nite Catechism," Freed Center

March 15

7:00 p.m., ONU Men's Chorus Concert, Snyder Recital Hall

March 16

Noon, Charles A. De Monaco speaking on the Exxon Valdez
oil spill and the Everglades litigation and restoration, Law
College Moot Court Room

Noon, The Graphic Imperative: International Posters for
Peace, Social Justice and the Environment, Elzay Gallery of
Art (continues through April 30)

7:00 p.m., The Spotts Lecture presents Dr. Steven Squyres,
"Roving Mars: Spirit, Opportunity and the Exploration of the
Red Planet," Freed Center

7:00 p.m., "The Current Economic Meltdown, Recession and
Globalization," by Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics
Dr. David McClough, Dicke Forum.

Athletics

March 13

Noon, Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field, NCAA
Championships at Rose-Hulman, Ind.

3:30 p.m., Men's Tennis vs. Walsh, University Courts

March 14

10:00 a.m., Women's Tennis hosts 6th Annual USTA Free
Kids' Tennis Clinic, University Courts

11:00 a.m., Men's Baseball at Tri-State Classic, Ind.

Noon, Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field, NCAA
Championships at Rose-Hulman, Ind.

Noon, Softball vs. Emory & Henry, Ferrum, Va.

1:00 p.m., Women's Softball at Ferrum Invitational, Salem,
Va.

March 15

9:00 a.m., Softball vs. Old Westbury State, Ferrum, Va.

1:00 p.m., Women's Softball at Ferrum Invitational, Salem,
Va.

11:00 a.m., Men's Baseball at Tri-State Classic, Ind.

March 17

3:30 p.m., Men's Tennis at John Carroll

4:00 p.m., Women's Tennis at Dayton

March 18

1:00 p.m., Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving at
NCAA III Championships, Minneapolis, Minn.

For more events, go to:

www-new.onu.edu/event