



## ONU to Host Three-day International Environmental Conference

ONU's Working Group on Religion, Ethics and Nature (WGREN) will host a three-day international conference titled "Recreate, Replace, Restore: Exploring the Intersections between Meanings and Environments." The conference will take place Friday, April 17, through Sunday, April 19, on the campus of Ohio Northern University.

The aim of the conference is to further the ongoing dialogue on religion, ethics and the environment by exploring three interrelated concepts: to recreate, to replace and to restore. The conference is both international and interdisciplinary. Speakers and participants represent four continents and eight countries and hail from environmental, scientific, ethical and religious backgrounds. There will be four paper sessions, two panels and three keynote speakers. All speakers and paper sessions are free and open to the public.

Dr. Anna L. Peterson, professor of religion at the University of Florida, will present "Environmental Ethics and Domestic Animals" on Friday, April 17. Dr. Dan Spencer will present "Recreating [in] Eden: Ethical Issues in Restoration in Wilderness" on Saturday, April 18. Spencer is an associate professor of environmental studies at the University of Montana. The final keynote speaker is Dr.

David Abram, director of the Alliance for Wild Ethics. He will also speak on Saturday, April 18.

WGREN is a local initiative whose purpose is to facilitate dialogue between the academic disciplines and non-academic communities on issues relating to religion, ethics and the natural environment. The organization's primary venues include reading groups, roundtable discussions and an annual lecture series, all made possible in part through a Metanexus Institute Local Societies Initiate Grant.

For more information visit [www.onu.edu/org/wgren/conference-index.html](http://www.onu.edu/org/wgren/conference-index.html)



## April is Tornado Awareness Month

April is tornado awareness month. Ohio Northern University has a tornado warning system and a tornado safety plan in place.

### In case of a tornado warning:

- Seek shelter inside a steel framed or concrete building
- Go to an interior hallway or other enclosed area, away from windows, on the lowest floor of the building
- Avoid auditoriums, gymnasiums or other areas with wide-span roofs
- In wooden buildings, such as houses, go to the basement or under heavy furniture in the center of the building and away from windows.



The University's outdoor warning siren is tested at approximately noon on the first Friday of each month. Don't forget to sign up for Emergency Text Messages. Go to your Luminus account and look for "Emergency Broadcast Sign-up."

## 'Jarocho: Finding Its Roots – A Folkloric Journey'

"Jarocho: Finding Its Roots – A Folkloric Journey," will be presented by the ONU Dance Company, under the leadership of Juan Manuel Guerra-Hernandez, at 7 p.m., Monday, April 6, in the Freed Center. A pre-show discussion is set for 6:30 p.m. Meet in the Freed Center lobby to be part of the discussion.

Guerra-Hernandez is the first Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence at Ohio Northern. Since January, he has been working with the ONU Dance Company to put together a lecture-demonstration of Mexican folk dances to tour local elementary and middle schools throughout the spring. The demonstration is intended to introduce young people to the world of Mexican culture and dance.

The April 6 Freed Center performance is open to the public to allow the community to share in this cultural event.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission and are available at the Freed Center box office or online at [www.freedcenter.com](http://www.freedcenter.com)

# Faculty, Students Attend Conference

Gerard Zam, Ph.D., visiting assistant professor of education, presented a talk titled "Religion is Relevant" at the Ohio Council for Social Studies Annual Conference in Worthington on March 26. The conference's theme was Social Studies - We Make it Relevant!

On March 27, Russ E. Crawford, Ph.D., assistant professor of history, and six ONU social studies students made a presentation at the conference.

Crawford gave an overview of how sport can be used to teach the National Council on the Social Studies' ten themes. To expand on the topic, Brian Hoefel, a senior from Akron, Ohio, presented his lesson plan for using the 1980 U.S. hockey team victory over the Soviets to understand the latter phase of the Cold War. Matt Fox, a senior from Cardington, Ohio, then presented his lesson plan on international sporting events as sites for political engagement to describe how the Olympics are often sites for political protest as well as athletic achievement. Aaron Stiger, a senior from Wapakoneta, Ohio, followed with a multi-age lesson plan for teaching civic ideals and practices using sport.

Also attending were Katherine Gualtiere, a senior from Parma, Ohio, Rick Ingold, a senior from Newark, Ohio, and Jennifer Sherman, a junior from North Olmstead, Ohio.

Tom Rutan, associate director in the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at the Ohio Department of Education, asked what the students would say to a principal worried about wasting time talking about sports when students are preparing for the Ohio Graduation Test. Stiger answered that sport is an important way to reach many students who wouldn't otherwise care about the social studies, and student interest increases their comprehension of the subject.

## National Geographic Photographer to Speak

Joel Sartore, National Geographic photographer, will speak at the Freed Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, April 8, at 7 p.m.

Sartore's presentation, "Witnessing to Warming," blends humor with powerful conservation messages and award-winning wildlife photography.

At 2 p.m., he will also be speaking in the Wilson Art Center, Room 121. Sartore has worked for National Geographic since 1991. Featured in more than 20 magazine articles, Sartore's photographs have made a permanent mark on the places and animals he's chronicled.

Both events are free and open to the public.

This is part of Polar Bear Nation, a yearlong campaign to raise awareness of climate change and its effects on the polar bear. For more information visit [www.onu.edu/pbnevents](http://www.onu.edu/pbnevents)



## Art Professor in 'Monumental' International Project

Art professor Melissa M. Eddings-Mancuso has recently been accepted into the Monumental Ideas in Miniature Books Project (MIMB). She was one of 100 artists worldwide who was invited to MIMB, an exhibition that will travel to Spain, China, Argentina, Pakistan and Finland.

Monumental Ideas in Miniature Books Project is an exhibition that investigates the power of small-scale artists' books.

The project was curated by Hui-Chu Ying, an associate professor of art at the Myers School of Art, The University of Akron. The original exhibition opened at the Southern Graphics Council 2009 Annual Conference called Global Implications at Columbia College in March.

"As soon as the Southern Graphics Council announced the conference in Chicago," said Hui-Chu, "I created this exhibition proposal for the SGC artists: Monumental Ideas in Miniature Books. I thought this could be the perfect project to suit the program at Columbia College and its Center for Book and Paper Arts." Hui-Chu asked artists, primarily printmaking faculty, to create six or more editions of miniature books for the MIMB project.

Now the exhibit is traveling to more than 35 locations throughout the United States and to a few international sites. The project is scheduled to exhibit at Ohio Northern's Elzay Gallery of Art in 2010.

## Fall of Berlin Wall Theme for International Play Festival

Ohio Northern University's seventh International Play Festival will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. The festival begins Wednesday, April 1, with a pre-show discussion at 7:15 p.m. and performance at 8 p.m. The Thursday, April 2, showing will begin at 8 p.m. with a post-show discussion. Subsequent performances are Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4, both at 8 p.m., and Saturday, April 4, and Sunday, April 5, both at 2 p.m. All performances will take place in the Stambaugh Studio Theatre in the Freed Center for the Performing Arts.

Playwright Steffi Hensel, a native of East Berlin, was commissioned to write a one-act play for this year's festival. Andreas Liebmann, currently from Berlin, will direct Hensel's play, "Little Red Riding Hood," and create an intercultural piece of his own with Ohio Northern students.

Ohio Northern's communication arts department instituted the International Play Festival as a way to expose the campus and community to compelling original works from around the globe. Tickets are \$15 for general admission through the Freed Center box office or online at [www.freedcenter.com](http://www.freedcenter.com)



# Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour comes to ONU

The Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour (EET), a dynamic traveling seminar, stops at Ohio Northern University's Freed Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, April 3, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Between 300 and 400 are expected to attend the event in the Freed Center. A large number of posters are also expected for the poster competition in McIntosh Center. The posters by ONU students will demonstrate ideas on how to improve society and health care, use technology to improve lives, and create new businesses in Northwest Ohio.

EET brings together speakers and students to spread the entrepreneurial mindset and share concepts that have helped make young entrepreneurs successful. As entrepreneurs, the speakers have all developed successful ventures and/or sold their companies for millions - all before the age of 25. The seminar will provide students with insight on distinguishing themselves and getting a head start. EET will present this seminar at more than 10 colleges across the nation this spring.

A comprehensive package, EET begins with an inspirational keynote address and continues with workshops, speed networking events and panel discussions. **Jason Duff**, BSBA '05, will discuss his successful Northwest Ohio businesses, which include self-storage facilities, outdoor advertising and real estate ventures.

Other speakers include entrepreneur, writer and professional speaker Arel Moodie; real estate investor and financial freedom activist Doug Fath; and co-founder of the Extreme Entrepreneurship Education LLC, Sheena Lindah.

"Encouraging creative and innovative or entrepreneurial behavior in our future social and business leaders is a goal to which we aspire in the entrepreneurship program at Ohio Northern," said Daniel Ferguson, event coordinator and assistant professor of entrepreneurship in The James F. Dicke College of Business Administration.

This event is free and open to high school and junior college students, members of Northwest Ohio chambers of commerce and Ohio Northern students from all academic disciplines. Seating is limited. To sign up a class or group or to receive more information, contact the entrepreneurship program at [entrepreneurship@onu.edu](mailto:entrepreneurship@onu.edu)

For more information about the Extreme Entrepreneur Tour, visit [www.extremetour.org](http://www.extremetour.org)

## Pro Bono/Public Interest Award Nominations Sought

To nominate an ONU alumni, student or faculty member for the ONU's law faculty annual Pro Bono/Public Interest Award, send a nomination letter and any appropriate supporting materials to Bruce Comly French, professor of law and chair of the Pro Bono/Public Interest Committee, Ohio Northern University College of Law, 525 S. Main Street Ada, OH 45810.

Deadline is today, April 1. This annual recognition is designed to expand the commitment to providing pro bono and public interest service. The award, or awards, will be presented at the College of Law Honors Banquet on April 15.

## Govekar Named Athletic Faculty Advisor to OAC

Dr. Paul Govekar, assistant professor of management, has been named Ohio Northern University's faculty athletic representative to the Ohio Athletic Conference and the NCAA effective April 1.

"I look forward to working with the amazing student-athletes who work hard to sustain high levels of achievement in both their academics and on-field performance," Govekar said.

Faculty advisors represent each of the 10 schools in the OAC and have a vote in the OAC meetings. They also oversee the Academic All-OAC teams and the Clyde Lamb Scholarship Award for the top senior male and female student-athletes from each of the 10 schools.

Govekar has taught in The James F. Dicke College of Business Administration since 2004.

## Food for Fines: April 12-20

Heterick Memorial Library will celebrate National Library Week with a Food for Fines campaign to help support the Ada Food Pantry.

From April 14-20, students, faculty and staff can bring back overdue items and pay their fines with non-perishable food items or personal care items in lieu of money. Outstanding fines may be paid as well. Items will not be accepted for replacement cost of lost items.

The process is simple:

1. Bring items to the circulation desk at Heterick Memorial Library.
2. Fill out a form and fines will be waived by the next day. Each item donated will clear up to \$1 in fines during the Food for Fines campaign. All items donated will go to the Ada Food Pantry.
3. An e-mail confirmation of fines waived will be sent.

Please avoid bringing canned vegetables, but all other non-perishable food items are needed. Among the food bank's most needed personal care items are razors, shaving cream, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouth wash, toilet paper, bottled water and hand lotion. First aid items such as bandages are also needed. All must be in the original, unopened packaging.

For more information, contact the circulation desk at ext. 2181 or Traci Welch Moritz, public services librarian, at [t-moritz@onu.edu](mailto:t-moritz@onu.edu)

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# Northern Events April 2 - 8

## Arts & Lectures

### April 2

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

8:00 p.m., Seventh International Play Festival, Freed Center

### April 3

8:00 p.m., Seventh International Play Festival, Freed Center

### April 4

2:00 and 8:00 p.m., Seventh International Play Festival, Freed Center

### April 5

2:00 p.m., Seventh International Play Festival, Freed Center

### April 8

7:00 p.m., National Geographic Photographer Joel Sartore, Freed Center

## Campus Events

### April 3-4

5:00 p.m., ONU Sibs Weekend

### April 5

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

### April 8

11:00 a.m., Faith Lift, speaker Dr. Khalid Al-Olimat, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, Chapel

## Athletics

### April 3-4

10:00 a.m., Women's Golf at Capital Invitational

1:00 p.m., Men's Golf at Capital Invitational

### April 4

10:00 a.m., Outdoor Track & Field at Anderson, Ind., Invitational

1:00 p.m., Softball vs. Mount Union, ONU Softball Field

1:00 p.m., Baseball vs. Baldwin Wallace, Wander Field

1:00 p.m., Women's Tennis vs. Mount Union, University Courts

1:00 p.m., Men's Tennis at Mount Union

### April 7

3:30 p.m., Softball at Baldwin-Wallace

3:30 p.m., Women's Tennis at Baldwin-Wallace

3:30 p.m., Men's Tennis vs. Baldwin-Wallace, University Courts

### April 8

1:00 p.m., Baseball at Wilmington



For more events, go to:

[www-new.onu.edu/event](http://www-new.onu.edu/event)