



Employees Honored for Years of Service



Honored for 20 years of service to ONU at Monday's appreciation and recognition dinner are, front, from left, Dr. Jill Christopher and Dr. Denise D'Arca.

Back row, from left, are Dr. Linda Young, G. Richard

Gainey, Dr. David Rouch, Dr. John Lomax, Dr. Michael Loughlin, Dr. Eva McManus, Dr. James Walter and Dr. Ronald Peterson.

Retirees are pictured on page 3. More photos are available on the ONU Web site.

Ohio Northern to Host Conference on Climate Change

Ohio Northern University students and faculty are invited to take part in the Conference on Global Climate Change, scheduled for Saturday, April 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Dicke Forum.

The conference is sponsored by Northwest Ohio International Affairs Conference (NOIAC), which is made up of Bluffton University, Defiance College, Heidelberg College, Ohio Northern University, Tiffin University and the University of Findlay.

Three guest speakers, Dr. Todd H. Albert from Bowling Green State University, Dr. W. Berry Lyons from The Ohio State University and Dr. David R. Smith from Ohio Northern University, will make presentations and take part in breakout sessions during the conference.

Albert, an instructor of geography at Bowling Green State University, will present "Changing Earth's Climate." He received his Ph.D. in geography from Florida State University, his M.S. in atmospheric sciences from The Ohio State University, and his BS in geography from the University of Florida.

Albert has done research in the Italian Alps, the Colorado Rockies, the High Andes of Peru and the Greenland ice sheet. He has received numerous grants and awards, including the CIRES Innovative Research Grant in 2002-3 and a NASA Graduate

Research Fellowship, both from the University of Colorado. He has spoken on topics such as remote sensing techniques for ice-area classification applied to the tropical Quelccaya Ice Cap, global land ice measurement from space, assessment of glacier mass balances from small tropical glaciers to the large ice sheet of Greenland, measuring and modeling surface height changes on the Greenland ice sheet, variability and forcing of climate parameters on the Greenland ice sheet, Greenland ice sheet climatology and surface energy balance modeling, and recent changes on the tropical Quelccaya Ice Cap in Peru.

Lyons, director of the Byrd Polar Research Center and a professor at the School of Earth Science at The Ohio State University, will present "Global Climate Change: Lessons from the Cryosphere."

Lyons received his BA in geology from Brown University and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in chemical oceanography from the University of Connecticut. He currently is a distinguished professor in the college of math and physical sciences. He also is a fellow of GSA, American Association for the Advancement of Science and American Geographical Union. He recently stepped down after 11 years as the lead principal investigator of the McMurdo Dry Valleys

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April is Tornado Awareness Month

Along with spring sunshine comes the threat of tornadoes and other severe weather. Ohio Northern University's Security Office has announced that outdoor warning siren tests will resume at noon on Friday, April 4.

The warning sirens are tested at noon on the first Friday of each month. If threatening weather is in the area, the test is not held.

The warning system will issue a continuous siren blast when a tornado warning is in effect. The signal siren will continue until the danger has passed.

In case of a tornado warning:

- * Remain inside a safe area until the warning is canceled
 - * Stay away from glass windows and exterior doors
 - * Any evacuation should be done in an orderly fashion and, insofar as possible, along the north side of the building to a safety area
 - * Northeast stairwells should be used, if available, since tornadoes generally follow a southwest to northeast path
 - * DO NOT USE ELEVATORS
 - * Doors should be kept closed
 - * Evacuate rooms that are on upper floors or that have an exterior wall above ground level
 - * Floors below ground level, hallways and rooms in the center of a building that are not on upper floors may be used as shelters
- For more information check ONU's online emergency information.

Free Health Screening Set

Ohio Northern's National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Student Chapter and Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity will sponsor a free health screening on Saturday, April 5, in the gymnasium at King Horn.

The screening will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Services to be offered include blood pressure readings, pulse checks, blood glucose testing, blood total cholesterol testing, cardiovascular disease screening, inhaler training, peak flow meter training and osteoporosis screening.

Operations Diabetes, Heartburn, and Immunization, from the ONU Academy of Student Pharmacists (ASP) chapter, will host informational booths.

The event is free and open to the public.

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Security

Kristian L. Otto, has joined ONU as a full-time security office.

A graduate of Vanlue High School, he attended Owens Community College in computer-aided drafting and received an OPTC (Ohio Police Training Commission) certificate from Owens Community College police academy.

Before coming to ONU, he was a security guard with Securitas Security Services, Findlay. He is also a volunteer firefighter with the Vanlue Volunteer Fire Department with CPR and AED certification.



Congratulations!

Michael Schafer, Ph.D., director of ONU's Counseling Center, has been asked to present at the Ohio Community Corrections Association 7th Annual Conference, April 2-4 in Columbus.

Dr. Schafer will be speaking on the topic of "Responding to the Mental Health Needs of Offenders in Community Based Corrections."

Schafer has also been selected to chair the Ohio Psychological Association's committee on colleague assistance. He will be working with other psychologists across the state to develop a program for assisting Ohio psychologists struggling with mental health or substance abuse issues.

Technological Studies Receives Grant

Dr. David Rouch, chairman of the Department of Technological Studies, is the recipient of a Solid Works STEM Education Grant, which will provide software valued at \$6,000.

Solid Works is a leader in three-dimensional computer-aided drafting (CAD) technology and high-performance software. Software received from the grant includes a copy of the Solid Works Student Edition with COSMOS design validation curriculum.

Student Receives O'Shea Engineering Ethics Award

ONU student Ryan J. Mahle, a senior engineering major from Kettering, Ohio, was the recipient of the 2007 Robert O'Shea Engineering Ethics Award for Ohio American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE) and Younger Members.

Mahle garnered the honor after his paper "Eminent Domain and the Engineer's Ethical Responsibilities" was named the top submission by a panel of engineers.

In winning the award, Mahle, a member and past president of the ASCE student chapter at ONU, received a certificate and \$500.



Retirees Honored

Honored at the employee recognition and appreciation dinner were retirees, from left, John Green, vice president for financial affairs, who has been with ONU since 1993; Stewart A. Graham, director of printing services, who joined ONU in 1977; Dr. Andrew Ludanyi, professor of political science, who came to ONU in 1968; and Dr. Sebastian Canagaratna, professor of chemistry, who joined ONU in 1986.

Poetry Reading Set

Tom C. Hunley, assistant professor of English at Western Kentucky University, will be the guest of honor for a poetry reading and celebration of the arts featuring the work of ONU students on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m. in the Wishing Well of McIntosh Center.

Hunley has published two full-length poetry collections, “The Tongue” and “Still, There’s a Glimmer.” His third collection, “Octopus,” which has been awarded the Holland Prize, will be published later this year.

He is the author of three chapbooks, “My Life as a Minor Character,” “Newspring” and “Losing My Luggage,” as well as a collection of essays titled “Teaching Poetry Writing: The Five Canon Approach.”

Hunley also is the founder and director of small poetry press, Steel Toe Books.

Free and open to public, this event is sponsored by ONU’s department of English, the University’s Committee of Cultural and Special Events and the dean’s office of the College of Arts and Sciences.

For more information, contact Stephen Criniti, visiting assistant professor of English, at (419) 772-2422.

Icelandic Professor to Speak for WGREN

The Ohio Northern University Working Group on Religion, Ethics and Nature (WGREN) will host speaker Dr. Pall Skúlason, professor of philosophy at the University of Iceland, on Tuesday, April 15, at 7 p.m. in the Dicke Forum.

Skúlason’s lecture is titled “On the Spiritual Understanding of Nature.”

Skúlason studied philosophy at the Institut Supérieur de Philosophie, Université Catholique de Louvain where he received his doctorate in 1973. He has written numerous books, including “Saga And Philosophy” and “Reflections at the Edge of Askja: On Man’s Relation To Nature.”

WGREN is a local initiative whose purpose is to facilitate dialog 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.

This lecture is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Forrest Clingerman at (419) 772-3090 or Dr. Mark H. Dixon at (419) 772-2194.

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Long-Term Ecological Research (MCM-LTER) program, one of the two Antarctic LTER sites. Lyons is one of the U.S. representatives on the Geosciences Scientific Group of the Scientific Committee for Antarctic Research (SCAR). He is an associate editor for “Chemical Geology” and “Applied Geochemistry,” and he is a member of the AGU’s Book Board. Lyons has co-authored over 190 scientific publications and has been the primary supervisor to 33 graduate students. His research spans the areas of aqueous geochemistry, environmental geochemistry, biogeochemistry and climate change.

Smith is professor of geography at ONU and will speak on “Drought, Deluge and Dearth: Climate Change and Political Conflict.” He received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, and he spent two years at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. His publications and research focus on water and conflict over water in world and regional social development issues

in Central Asia in particular. He recently has traveled to Iran and North Korea. Smith is a board member of the International Research Foundation for Development (IRFD) and a member of its governing council with special consultative status with the UN. He has received travel and research grants from the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, Fulbright and other programs. He recently taught classes at Hanyang University in Seoul, South Korea. He is the author of a soon-to-be published book titled “The Aral Sea Basin: Evolution and Legacy of an Environmental Catastrophe.”

While the event is free and open to the entire ONU campus, there will be a limited number of student and faculty members in the official ONU delegation. To become part of that delegation, contact Michael Loughlin, professor of history, at ext. 2092 or m-loughlin@onu.edu

Saturday’s event is supported by ONU’s Academic Affairs, Phi Beta Delta and the departments of biological and allied health sciences and history, politics and justice.

Northern Events - April 3 - 10

Campus Events

April 5

9:00 a.m., Pharmacy Visit Day

April 8

9:00 a.m., Deans and Staff Meeting, Heterick 324

4:00 p.m., University Faculty Meeting, McIntosh Activity Room

7:00 p.m., New Dimensions in Diversity Film Series, "City of God," Dicke Hall Forum

April 9

8:00 a.m., Education Expo, Sports Center

Arts and Lectures

April 3

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



April 4

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

April 5

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

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

8:00 p.m., Student Recital, Adee Peters, mezzo-soprano, Snyder Recital Hall

April 6

7:00 p.m., Student Recital, Allison Engel, mezzo-soprano, Snyder Recital Hall

7:30 p.m., University Chamber Players, Holy Name Church, Columbus

Athletics

April 4

11:00 a.m., Women's Golf at Capital Invitational

4:00 p.m., Men's Golf at Capital Invitational

April 5

9:30 a.m., Women's Tennis vs. Huntington

11:00 a.m., Women's Golf at Capital Invitational

Noon, Outdoor Track and Field at Ohio University Invitational

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

1:00 p.m., Women's Tennis vs. Muskingum

1:00 p.m., Baseball at Baldwin-Wallace College

1:00 p.m., Softball at Marietta

4:00 p.m., Men's Golf at Capital Invitational

April 8

11:00 a.m., Women's Golf at Muskingum Invitational

3:30 p.m., Men's Tennis vs. Heidelberg

April 9

1:00 p.m., Baseball vs. Wilmington College

3:30 p.m., Women's Tennis at Heidelberg

3:30 p.m., Softball vs. Otterbein



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