



Baja, Canoe Teams Place in Nationals

The Ohio Northern University off-road vehicle team finished 17th at Baja SAE Wisconsin 2009, held in Burlington, Wis., June 11-14. In addition, ONU's concrete canoe team finished 13th at the 22nd annual American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) National Concrete Canoe Competition at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala., June 11-13.

"Through these competition activities, the students in the T.J. Smull College of Engineering have the opportunity to compete against the best colleges and universities from around the nation and the world," said Dr. Eric Baumgartner, dean of ONU's College of Engineering. "Our ability to achieve success at these levels is a measure of our commitment to excellence in undergraduate engineering



education. I am extremely proud of the team efforts that led to these fine results."

Sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), the Baja competition is one of three such contests designed to simulate real-world engineering projects and related challenges. In it, teams must design and build an off-road vehicle that can survive rough terrain.

ONU's vehicle competed against 120 Baja teams from across the nation.

At the ASCE National Concrete Canoe Competition, ONU competed against 22 of the nation's top engineering schools to vie for the America's Cup of Civil Engineering. ONU won the right to represent the North Central Conference after capturing its first-ever first-place finish at the regional competition in April. This marks ONU's third appearance at the national level.

Legal Scholarship Workshop Comes to ONU

ONU's Pettit College of Law will host the semi-annual Ohio Legal Scholarship Workshop on June 26.

Junior law faculty, those who have been teaching for eight years or fewer, from the nine Ohio law schools as well as the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University will meet to present papers or works in progress in a collegial and supportive environment.

Paper topics include: "The Public Trust and the Great Lake Shores," "An Originalist Theory of Precedent," "The Constitutional Criminal Procedure of Juvenile Transfer Hearings," and "Employer Control over Employee Gender Identity."

There will also be idea presentations on intraclass discrimination, comparing the British and American tax codes and securities regulation reform.

Participants receive constructive feedback from colleagues at neighboring schools.

Michael Lewis, assistant professor of law, is the host for this event.

ONU Hosts Emergency Seminar

LeeAnn Hall, director of business services and risk manager, and Justin F. Courtney, director of residence life, hosted the AICUO-ONU Emergency Preparedness Summer Seminar at ONU on June 3, 2009.

The Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio, established in 1969, provides advocacy for private institutions and practical scenario-based training for emergency situations. This training, in addition to the association's Emergency Preparedness Plan Template, are valuable resources for members.

Private institutions that participated in the seminar are Ohio Northern University, John Carroll University, Defiance College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Stark State College and Mount Carmel College of Nursing.

Systems Administrator

Christopher T. Marks has joined ONU as a systems administrator. A 2008 graduate of the University of Toledo, he holds a bachelor's degree in computer science and engineering.

Before coming to ONU, he worked at ABB Inc., Wickliffe, Ohio, and the University of Toledo.



Smith to Serve as Embassy Policy Specialist

David R. Smith, Ph.D., associate professor of geography, has been awarded a Fulbright/Irex Embassy Policy Specialist (EPS) grant to serve as advisor to the U.S. Embassy in the Republic of Turkmenistan and conduct research on water conflict issues in Central Asia.

He will be meeting regularly with, and advising, the U.S. ambassador to Turkmenistan on the potential for conflict over water in Central Asia.

The U.S. Embassy Policy Specialist (EPS) Program was established in 2005 to support U.S. embassies and consulates overseas by providing policy specialists-in-residence. While serving at the embassy, the specialists also conduct their own research. EPS is funded by the U.S. Department of State.

Smith expects to serve as an advisor in Turkmenistan from May through July, 2010.

Eddings Exhibits Work

Melissa Eddings-Mancuso, associate professor of art, is one of the artists featured in a show June 6–July 5 at the Stonewall Gallery in Cambridge Springs, Pa. Other artists involved in the show include ceramicist Yoko Sekino-Bove of Philadelphia and painter Sean McConnor of Thiel College.

For a preview of the show go to: <http://www.campbellpotterystore.com/upcoming-events/bem>

Sheets Part of National Competition

H. Luke Sheets, assistant professor in art, has work accepted into the Majestic Galleries' National Juried Competition 2009.

The competition, in its fourth year at the Majestic Galleries, is located in Nelsonville, Ohio. The juried show is open to all artists working in the United States or Canada.

The show opens Friday, June 26 with a reception and awards presentation from 6-10p.m. The show closes on Sunday, July 26. Gallery hours are Fridays through Sundays, 1-6p.m.

Grants Received

Dr. Robert Alexander, associate professor of political science, has received a \$7,000 grant from Honda of America Manufacturing, Marysville, Ohio, to help fund the 2009 U.S.-Japan Camp at ONU. This is the second year for the two-week camp, bringing students from high schools in Japan and America together for cultural and language courses and experiences. Alexander is the camp director.

Dr. Khalid Al-Olimat, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, is serving as a project director on a \$1 million Third Frontier Fuel Cell Program grant received by Crown Equipment in New Bremen. The T.J. Smull College of Engineering will provide simulation support for the modeling of the use of fuel cells in electric lift trucks and will receive \$50,000. This is the second Third Frontier grant that Crown has received.

Through the efforts of Dr. Srinivasa Vemuru, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, the College of Engineering and its ECCS department has received a gift-in-kind of Xilinx software worth \$74,950. This software will be used in classes taught in the areas of digital systems and embedded systems. Xilinx is the worldwide leader in programmable logic solutions with headquarters in San Jose, Dublin and Singapore.

Dr. Eric Baumgartner, dean of the College of Engineering, and two ONU mechanical engineering students, Ryan Brune, a junior from Decatur, Ind., and Philip Schneider, a junior from Wapakoneta, Ohio, are working on a summer research project funded with a \$10,000 grant from American Trim LLC and a \$3,500 grant from American Electric Power. The project aims to access the technical feasibility of technology and processes developed by American Trim as they relate to applications that are important to American Electric Power. The students will develop formal reports regarding their findings and present the information to the companies at the conclusion of their summer work.

Dr. Patricia Freeman, associate professor of education, has received a \$1,000 grant from the Lima plant of Procter and Gamble for Summer Adventure 2009, a program for urban minority and disadvantaged students. The money will be used for tutoring in language and math literacy during the school year.

Ohio Northern University has received a \$14,453 grant from the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) to support a minority recruitment program aimed at broadening the scope of the university's student diversity. Crys Latham, admissions counselor and coordinator of multicultural recruitment, will direct a new program titled "Catch a Ride" that targets schools within several major cities in Ohio (Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Dayton) as well as area schools. Funds will be used to provide travel for interested students to experience a day at Ohio Northern. The trips will be open to students at a variety of schools, with space available on a first-come, first-served basis. This is the third year in a row that ONU has received OFIC funding for a minority recruitment program.