



Dr. Robeson Named Interim Dean of Arts & Sciences

Lisa G. Robeson, Ph.D., associate professor of English, has been named as interim dean of Ohio Northern University's Getty College of Arts & Sciences, effective July 7. The college has 15 departments offering over 50 majors and concentrations and a faculty of 135.

Robeson takes on the leadership of the College of Arts & Sciences while a national search is underway for a successor to Dr. Robert A. Manzer, who has accepted a position of vice president for academic affairs at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas.

ONU President Dr. Kendall L. Baker said, "Ohio Northern's College of Arts & Sciences is a cornerstone of the University, providing liberal arts, math, science and related courses for every undergraduate on our campus. The college has made bold moves to expand its programs and reach out to the community in recent years. I am confident this effort will continue under the excellent leadership I know Dean Robeson will provide. We look forward to

continued growth in these areas."

Robeson said, "This is a year in which we're beginning some exciting new initiatives in the College of Arts & Sciences, and I look forward to working with faculty and administration in moving these forward."

Robeson joined ONU's faculty in 2002. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, her master's degree from Georgetown University and her Ph.D. from the Catholic University of America.



Lisa G. Robeson, Ph.D.

Summer Construction Projects Going Strong

Two major construction projects, The Inn at Ohio Northern University and the Mathile Center for the Natural Sciences, continue on schedule as they head for openings this year and next.

The Inn is scheduled to be complete by Oct. 3 and ready to receive guests two weeks later for Homecoming.

The Mathile Center, a three-story addition to the science complex, is scheduled for completion in April 2009.

Currently all the structural steel is in place, the roof is going on, and interior work will begin about the time classes resume.

One construction project, the Business Services Building, located on Union Street next to the Child Development Center, is now complete. Security, business services and printing services are now housed in the new facility. An open house will be planned later in the year.

With departments moving into that building, renovation will begin in the basement of Hill Building. Offices of the psychology and sociology faculty will be relocating to renovated space on the south side of the lower floor. The north side will include a telephone/conference room. Eventually, the first floor of Hill will include a new classroom and updated restrooms.

The Hill Annex will be demolished within the coming weeks.

Renovation is also underway at 115 Lima Avenue, where the former president's home will become ONU's Alumni House. Work



is expected to be completed by the end of summer.

Renovation is set to begin at Northern on Main with the last cup of Starbucks being served on June 27. The coffee returns when the café reopens with a new look and expanded menu.

In the law building, library renovations are creating the Hansen Reading Room. Work is to be finished by the start of law classes in August.

In the Sports Center the field house will have new and more efficient lighting. A backup generator will be installed to ensure the facility can function as an emergency community center in case of

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Congratulations!

Catriona Macphie-Hynds, the managing director and development officer for the Freed Center for the Performing Arts, has been awarded two grants.

The Ohio Awards Council awarded the Freed Center an \$11,994 sustainability grant for the 2008-09 year. The grant will be used to provide high-quality, challenging and entertaining arts experiences to ONU students and area residents.

The Arts Midwest awarded \$2,600 to support the children's performance of "The Magic Tree House - The Musical" in October 2008. Arts Midwest is a non-profit regional arts organization that serves audiences, arts organizations and artists throughout the Midwest. The organization has supported Freed Center productions in the past.

Dr. Jake Zimmerman, assistant professor of chemistry, has been awarded \$5,000 from Teledyne Isco of Lincoln, Neb.

The chemistry department will use part of the grant to purchase a CombiFlash Companion, an instrument used during teaching and research to purify organic compounds. The grant also will allow the department to use in other ways the funds it had originally set aside for the instrument's purchase.

Co-authors of the grant proposal were Dr. Tevye Celius, assistant professor of chemistry, and Dr. Brian Myers, associate professor of chemistry.

Dr. Amy Stockert, assistant professor of biochemistry, and Dr. Boyd Rorabaugh, assistant professor of pharmacology, have each received a \$5,000 Gateway Research Scholarship from the American Foundation of Pharmaceutical Education to assist with their research projects. Each award will fund a student stipend and supplies. Stockert will be assisted in her research project, "The Reaction of Benzotriazole-1- acetonitrile and xanthine oxidase," by ONU pharmacy major Patrick Schmees. Rorabaugh will be assisted by Rachael Waterson, also a pharmacy major, in his research project, "Differential Coupling of $\alpha 1$ -Adrenergic Receptor Subtypes to Transactivation of the Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor."

Dr. Forrest J. Clingerman, assistant professor of religion, is the project director for a \$20,000 grant from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology.

The grant supports "Pedagogies for Civic Engagement: Developing Strategies Within and Beyond the Religious Studies Classroom." It also funds two meetings of scholars of religious and theological studies to explore a range of strategies for civic engagement. The meetings will be held in Chicago in November 2008 and Montreal in November 2009.

Representatives from Adrian College, Agnes Scott University, Augsburg College, Baldwin-Wallace College, Ball State University, Buena Vista University, Harvard University, Notre Dame University, Pfeiffer University, Pomona College, Saint Michael's College, Stonehill College, Texas Christian University, University of Georgia, University of Pittsburgh, University of Redlands and Westmont College will also attend the meetings.

Kamatali Joins ONU Law Staff

The Ohio Northern University (ONU) Pettit College of Law has hired Jean Marie Kamatali as a visiting assistant professor of law and assistant director of the LL.M. program, effective July 1. In this role, Kamatali will be teaching courses related to the LL.M. in Democratic Governance and the Rule of Law and assisting the director in administering the program.

"We're excited about the addition of Jean Marie to the ONU law staff. His background in civil and human rights will complement our existing faculty and be a tremendous resource to the overall program," said Howard Fenton, ONU law professor and director of the LL.M. program. "Not to mention, this is a tremendous sign of our program's continued growth."

Kamatali joins ONU from the University of Notre Dame College of Law, where he serves as a senior post-doctoral research associate and adjunct professor, and Indiana University South Bend, where he is also an adjunct professor. Previously, Kamatali was dean of the law school at the National University of Rwanda and contributed to the post-genocide legal and institutional rebuilding in Rwanda. Further, he has served as a visiting professor in different universities throughout Africa, Europe and North America, including ONU.

Kamatali is a consultant for USAID project in Burundi and has participated in the 41st and 42nd Sessions of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights held respectively in Accra, Ghana, and Brazzaville, Congo. He has been published in various outlets across different languages and is actively involved in both U.S. and Rwandan human rights and legal organizations, including serving as a consultant to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), among others.

He earned his bachelier en droit and his licence en droit from the National University of Rwanda and received a master of arts from the University of Notre Dame and a doctor of laws from the Institute of International Law and International Relations at the Karl-Franzens Universitat-Graz in Austria.

The LL.M. program is a fully funded, one-year program of study designed for lawyers whose first law degree was earned from a law school outside the U.S. Each year, no more than 20 lawyers working in the public sector in emerging democratic nations participate in the LL.M. program to develop their knowledge and skills in the area of democratic governance and the rule of law. As part of the program, students are required to commit to two years of further public service upon return to their home countries. In May, eight students from seven countries graduated from the program.

Watch construction

Keep an eye on the work at the Inn at Ohio Northern University and the Mathile Center for the Natural Sciences. Go to: <http://www.onu.edu/pplant/> for web cam views.

Hill Annex was Power House for Heat and Electricity

Director of Heterick Memorial Library Paul Logsdon shares the following history of the Hill Annex.

In just weeks, a building familiar to generations of Northern students, Hill Annex, will be demolished. For eight decades, the structure served as the University's source of heat and electricity. Earlier engineering students recall it as a lab where they learned the intricacies of power generation. Most recently, it has housed Northern's business and security offices and the campus mail room. It was originally erected to meet a critical need for public utilities.

Originally the campus used stoves to heat individual rooms and kerosene lamps for lights. The lamps were cheaper than gas lights; however, this arrangement required large amounts of combustible fuel to be stored in the buildings.

One shortcoming of this procedure became apparent on Dec. 23, 1889, at around 6:30 p.m., when the administration building, erected just 10 years earlier, caught fire. A student had decided to dip into the faculty's oil barrel stored in the building's basement. He lit a match to see if his can was filled, blew it out (or so he thought), and left. The resulting blaze was extinguished with the harm largely limited to minor smoke and water damage.

While most of the lighting fixtures were utilitarian, some, like those in the literary society halls, could be spectacular. The Philomathean Society's hall had a device with 32 lamps, 3,000 glass prisms of different colors and polished brass work. The massive fixture could be raised and lowered to fill or trim the lamps.

At first, heating was also decentralized and provided by stoves in individual rooms. This hazardous and inefficient arrangement was gradually replaced with a hot-air furnace for each building. In the early 1890s, a commercial firm, the Ada Water, Heat, Light and Power Company, was organized to provide electric power and hot water for heating. The University was one of the firm's customers. As the catalog for 1906-07 noted:

"These buildings [on campus] contain commodious rooms, well lighted and ventilated and heated partially by hot-air furnaces, partly by the city hot-water plant. A new system is, however, about to be installed connecting all the buildings with a common heating plant. At night they are lighted by electricity."



The actual installation took a few years, but by 1910 the catalog could boast that:

"These buildings contain commodious rooms well lighted and heated by the University's central steam heating system..."

As more buildings were constructed or planned, the original plant's limitations became apparent. In 1922, a new and larger plant, Hill Annex, was dedicated to the west of Hill building. Like its predecessor, the facility generated steam to run a set of dynamos, with the exhaust steam being directed through underground pipes and used for heating.

This system served the University's needs for four decades, but by spring 1961 more efficient alternatives existed. The central plant was replaced by individual gas-fired heating units in Lehr, Dukes, Hill, Huber and Brown Hall. While no longer needed as a power plant, the building provided much-needed space for the offices of campus security, the mail room, the purchasing department and the central receiving department.

In the 1990s, when the University's fiber optic computer network was installed, the power plant made one last contribution. The unused steam mains remained buried under the front campus and all but forgotten. These relics of the era of steam provided an excellent place to run the computer age's new utility, data.

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disaster. The electrical feed outside the center is being upgraded to improve service to the campus.

The cafeteria will have a new dish washing machine and the dining area is receiving new carpet.

In Meyer Hall, room 108 is being renovated to meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements. Chemistry labs are being renovated as part of the larger Mathile project, and windows are being added to laboratories.

In StadiumView Apartments, 102 new dishwashers and garbage disposals are being installed.

Central air conditioning is being added to Dukes Hall.

And, as always, summer painting, concrete and asphalt repair work is going on across campus.

See more construction photos at tinyurl.com/5xeas3



Students to Measure Wind Speed



The Ohio Northern wind turbine research team installed wind data collection instruments on ONU's radio tower on June 23, 2008.

The devices will measure wind speed and direction for the next year. The collected data will be used to determine if it is economically viable for the University to use wind power to supplement its energy usage.

The team decided that wind speeds and direction would be measured at the estimated height of wind turbines before plans were made for a possible wind farm in Ada. The instruments will collect data at 60, 70 and 80 meters on the tower. The University helped fund the purchase and installation of the equipment.

ONU students formed the wind turbine research team in 2007 to explore wind power options in northern Ohio.

The team members are Amy Friedlein, a senior mechanical engineering major from Lansing, Mich.; Paul Lewis, a senior civil engineering major from Medina, Ohio; Collin Morelock, a sophomore finance major from Upper Arlington, Ohio; and Matthew Pierce, a junior civil engineering major from Grove City, Ohio.



Summer Camps

Crime Scene and Forensics Camp – July 22 to 27

Summer Honors Institute – July 6 to 11

Summer Honors Institute – July 13 to 18

ONU Alumni and Friends of Athletics Golf Outing

June 27, Colonial Golfers Club

Contact: Office of Alumni Affairs (419) 772-2727 or
Coach Ron Beaschler (419) 772-2453

Go to the ONU Web site for more details.

Safety A Winner!

Wendy Bechtol, daughter of Tori Bechtol, third-shift custodian in Biggs Engineering Building, is the national winner of a safety poster contest for the children of Sodexo employees.

The contest to celebrate June as National Safety Month was open to children of Sodexo employees. Wendy took first place in the 12- to 14-age group for her bright reminder to use personal protective equipment. She will receive \$100.

Congratulations!

