

### **Seminars at Ball State to examine the concept of race from five different perspectives**

Six seminars sponsored by the Diversity Policy Institute will explore "The Meaning of Race" over a 10-week period and will feature discussions from five different disciplines to help students, faculty and staff become more comfortable with the topic of race.

"The concept of race has been a dominant social theme in the United States for the past two centuries," said Charles Payne, director of the Diversity Policy Institute. "As it has been in the past, race continues to be a major dividing force within our country."

The series of six seminars will be held at 6 p.m. in Teachers College, room 102. These seminars are free and open to the public. The schedule is as follows:

- "Biology and Race: How An Understanding of DNA Can Inform Us," Jennifer Metzler, assistant professor of biology, Feb. 4
- Evelyn Bowers, associate professor of anthropology, Feb. 18
- Lone DeOllos, associate professor of sociology, March 3
- Sharon Bowman, chairwoman of the counseling psychology and guidance services department, March 17
- "Race and Religion," Daphne Rolle, assistant professor of philosophy, March 31
- "What is Race Anyway? Is Understanding Genetic Differences Important for Addressing Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities?" Vence Bonham, Genome Project, National Institutes of Health, April 8.

For more information, contact the Diversity Policy Institute at 765-285-5316 or [dpi@bsu.edu](mailto:dpi@bsu.edu).

### **Actuarial science scholarship established by AEGON**

The AEGON Actuarial Science Scholarship has been established by AEGON, one of the world's largest life insurance and pension companies and provider of investment products.

Funded by a \$50,000 gift, scholarships will be offered to undergraduate students majoring in actuarial science.

Headquartered in The Hague, the Netherlands, AEGON companies employ approximately 28,000 with major operations in the U.S., the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

Availability of this scholarship fund is dependent upon an award selection process established by Ball State and its academic departments. For specifics about this scholarship, contact the mathematical sciences department at 765-285-8640.

For more information about other scholarships available at Ball State, contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at 765-285-5600 or visit [www.bsu.edu/finaid](http://www.bsu.edu/finaid).

### **Senior information systems major earns scholarship**

A Ball State senior has earned a Leading Light Award from Woman and Hi Tech, a nonprofit organization that encourages more women to consider careers in technology. Nicole Smith, an information systems and operations management major at the university and a native of Muncie, received the Ice Miller Undergraduate Award at the organization's annual dinner in Indianapolis on Jan. 24. She hopes to use the \$1,000 scholarship to attend graduate school at Ball State.

Two Ball State alumnae were finalists in other categories at the Women and Hi Tech event. Dlynn Baughman Melo, a registered nurse at Ball Memorial Hospital, was a finalist for distinguished use of technology in healthcare life science. She was recognized by peers for "boosting healthcare information technologies within all ranks of health care professionals, for her use of Web-based and mobile technology to improve work efficiencies and her innate love of teaching." Melo earned her master's degree in 1996 from Ball State's Center for Information and Communication Sciences (CICS).

Katie Frederick, executive director of Muncie's Innovation Connector, was a finalist for the Risk Taker Award. She also earned her master's degree in 1996 from CICS. Frederick was recognized by colleagues for "her entrepreneurial energy and dedication. She is an innovator, mentor, coach and relentless bridge-builder. Frederick reshaped a struggling, stagnant community business incubator and turned it into a thriving, full-capacity operation." The Innovation Connector is a partnership of Ball State, Cardinal Health System, and the city of Muncie and will move into a new building in Muncie's Certified Technological Park this fall.

Women and Hi Tech was established in 2000. The organization addresses the specific needs of women in high-tech industries in central Indiana and encourages more women to consider careers in technology.

### **Broadway actor Tony Hagopian to star in 'Love's Labour's Lost'**

Ball State's Department of Theatre and Dance will present William Shakespeare's "Love's Labour's Lost," a story of temptation. The cast includes guest star Tony Hagopian, a Broadway actor.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14-16 and at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 17 in University Theatre. The play opens when the king of Navarre and his three lords, Berowne, Dumaine and Longaville, choose to dedicate themselves to scholarly enlightenment. While taking an oath to devote three years to study, the men cannot see, speak to or be with a woman.

Hagopian, who starred in Broadway's Tony Award-winning "Frost Nixon," will play Berowne.

Little to their knowledge, the princess of France and her three ladies arrive and challenge the king and his three lords' devotion to their work. The king insists that the ladies build camp outside the gates of the court. All the while, comical subplots enhance the story line.

The play will answer the question: Will the men proclaim their love, or will literature be their only consolation?

"Love's Labour's Lost" is directed by Karen Kessler, assistant professor of theater, and will feature faculty actress Wendy Mortimer, assistant professor of theater and dance.

Tickets are \$12.50 for the general public, \$11.50 for Ball State faculty and staff, \$9.50 for senior citizens and \$6.50 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the University Theatre box office. For more information, call the box office at 765-285-8749.

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## ON CAMPUS

### **Sexual Assault Awareness Week begins Feb. 4, features four days of programs**

More than 30 people experience a rape or sexual assault every day in the United States, but Ball State University is doing its part to combat the problem.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week begins Feb. 4 and will feature four days of programs, including speakers, panels and skits. The events are free and open to the public.

- **Relating and Communicating: Are Your Relationships Healthy?** – 2 to 3 p.m. Feb. 4, Pittenger Student Center, Pineshelf Room. Explore characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships as well as conflict-resolution strategies.
- **"Sex Signals"** – 7:30 to 9 p.m. Feb. 4, Pittenger Student Center, Ball Room. Mixture of theatrical media and improvisation explores awkwardness of dating and differences between men and women.
- **"I Wish You Knew": Helping Partners Understand** – 2 to 3 p.m. Feb. 5, Pittenger Student Center, Pineshelf Room. Program details how survivors and their partners deal with abuse.

- **Rape and Gender: Male Victims and Female Perpetrators** – 7 to 8 p.m. Feb. 5, Art and Journalism Building, Room 225. Presentation covers rape of males by females.
- **Questioning Authority! Legal and Medical Aspects of Rape** – 1 to 2 p.m. Feb. 6, Pittenger Student Center, Pineshelf Room. Experts answer students' questions about sexual assault.
- **"No" Is Universal: Realities of Same-Sex Sexual Assault** – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6, Art and Journalism Building, Room 289. Presentation examines same-sex rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment and stalking.
- **Sensory Overload: Sex, Sex, Sex!** – 2 to 3 p.m. Feb. 7, Pittenger Student Center, Pineshelf Room. Presentation teaches students to be critical consumers of sexually charged media.
- **Stalk U L8R: 60 Days and Counting...** – 7 to 8 p.m. Feb. 7, Teachers College, Room 003. Presentation covers perceptions and prevalence of stalking.

For more information, contact Erin Snyder at 765-285-1736.

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## IN THE NEWS

**Lucinda Woodward**, assistant professor of psychology  
WISH-TV on Jan. 18 reported on Woodward's six-month trip to west Africa, which included time at a refugee camp in Ghana.

At the camp, Woodward counseled victims of Liberia's civil war and former child soldiers.

"Military factions, both government and the rebel military factions, recruited these children," said Woodward. "They were ideal soldiers."

Funded by a Ball State faculty peace grant, Woodward's mission was to treat 130 victims through psychotherapy. Woodward's family became violently ill with malaria, and one week before returning home, Woodward was beaten by a man sharing a taxi with her.

In spite of all the difficulties, Woodward believes she made a difference at the camp.

**Michael Hicks**, Bureau of Business Research director

The Indianapolis Star quoted Hicks in a Jan. 19 article about the decline of state unemployment rates. Indiana's unemployment rate is the lowest out of six Midwestern states.

Indiana's economy is transitioning from traditional manufacturing jobs to jobs in technology, health care, service and other sectors.

Economists and business leaders are watching unemployment data to help determine if the nation may suffer an economic slowdown or recession. Other factors, such as early retirement, could affect the unemployment rate.

"It could reflect the natural decline in the labor force," said Hicks, "I don't think it's anything to get alarmed about."

**Wes Gehring**, professor of telecommunications

Gehring was quoted in a Contra Costa Times article on Jan. 25 about the effect that movie monsters have on audiences today.

The article questions the ability of movie monsters to scare viewers.

"We're just such a sophisticated, darkly comic mind-set that we don't have to buy into the monster concept anymore," Gehring said. "It almost seems like most horror films have gone over to what's often referred to as reaffirmation parody. It's almost as if it's a joke, and we're part of that joke in terms of not buying into anything."

**John Vann**, associate professor of marketing and management

On Jan. 29, Vann was recognized in Student Printz as the green initiatives coordinator for the Council on the Environment at Ball State.

The green committee, appointed by then Provost C. Warren Vander Hill, began in 1991. The committee has made recommendations and provisions available to the campus such as using biofuels, natural light and sustainability programs.

Ball State was the first university to use biofuels in Indiana.

Vann said people need to act in a sustainable manner toward the environment or necessities such as food and water will disappear.

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## **SPOTLIGHT**

### **Presentations**

**Kristie Speirs Neumeister**, educational psychology, "The Influence of Heightened Intensities and Social Context on Advanced Performance," National Association for the Gifted Children convention, November 2007.

**David Williams**, Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics and Humanities, "Through the Voices of the Gifted: How Teachers Discourage Their Learning," National Association for the Gifted Children convention, November 2007.

**Cheryll Adams**, Center for Gifted Studies and Talent Development, and **Rebecca Pierce**, mathematical sciences, "Integrating Science and Literature: Where in the World are We and How Did We Get Here?" National Association for the Gifted Children convention, November 2007.

**Cheryll Adams**, Center for Gifted Studies and Talent Development, **Rebecca Pierce**, mathematical sciences, and **Jolena Sutherland**, Burriss Laboratory School, "Problem Solving in Action," National Association for the Gifted Children convention, November 2007.

**Tracy Cross**, Teachers College,

- "Two Schools for Gifted Students in One Building: A Quantitative Exploration of Different Cultures," National Association for the Gifted Children convention, November 2007.
- "Is Evidence Based Practice the Emperor's New Clothes?" National Association for the Gifted Children convention, November 2007.

**Tracy Cross**, Teachers College, and **W. Holmes Finch**, educational psychology, "Influence of Social Dominance Orientation and Right-Wing Authoritarianism in Gifted Education," National Association for the Gifted Children convention, November 2007.

**Virginia Burney**, Teachers College, "Demographics and Gifted: The Constraints of Poverty in High Achievement," National Association for the Gifted Children convention, November 2007.

**Felicia Dixon**, educational psychology,

- "How Intellectual are Secondary Schools for Gifted Students?" National Association for the Gifted Children convention, November 2007.
- "The Purdue Three-Stage Model," National Association for the Gifted Children convention, November 2007.

**Michael Holmes**, Center for Media Design,

- "Highlights from Ball State University's Media Studies," Market Research Council, New York, January.
- "Center for Media Design's national study plan for the Council for Research Excellence, Association of National Advertisers Television Committee, New York, January.

## **Publications**

**Martin Bennett**, Rinker Center for International Programs, "How U.S. Universities Use Technology," Institute for International Education, USA Connections Journal.

**Scott Trappe** and **Bozena Jemiolo**, Human Performance Laboratory, "Proteolytic Gene Expression Differs At Rest and After Resistance Exercise Between Young and Old Women," Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences 2007, Vol. 62A, No. 12, 1407-1412.

## **Service**

**Scott Trappe**, Human Performance Laboratory, Institute of Medicine Board on Health Sciences Policy, Committee on NASA's Human Health Risk Research, Washington, D.C.

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