

WESTCONN REPORT

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GRANTS WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, May 7, the Office of Grants Programs will hold a workshop entitled "Introduction to NSF Fastlane and Grants.gov" at 1 p.m. in Warner Hall, Room 103. Taught by Patricia Cubeta Zibluk, JD, this seminar is designed to give faculty an introduction to using Grants.gov and NSF Fastlane, two of the government's portals for accepting proposals. Attendance is limited to 15 people. Light refreshments will be served. Please R.S.V.P. to Martha Palanzo at palanzom@wcsu.edu or x78944.

SYMPHONIC BAND AND WIND ENSEMBLE

On Wednesday, May 7, the WCSU Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will perform at 3 p.m. in Ives Concert Hall. The concert will celebrate the 10th anniversary of Professor of Music Dr. Fernando Jimenez's first concert at WestConn. The performance will be free and open to the public; donations to the music department will be accepted. For more information, call x78350.

RESEARCH DAY / KEYNOTE LECTURE

On Thursday, May 8, Dr. Joseph G. Reish, dean of University Libraries and professor of French at Western Michigan University (WMU), will discuss "The Long and Winding Road to Eureka" at 2 p.m. in Room 125 of the Science Building. Prior to his appointment to head the WMU library system, Reish served for 10 years as dean of the Carl and Winifred Lee Honors College at the university, and he has been a member of the WMU department of languages and linguistics faculty since 1972. At 2:30 p.m., students from across the university will present their research, which feature faculty-endorsed student research presentations in a variety of academic disciplines, to faculty and colleagues in the Science Building Atrium. The lecture and event will be free and the public is invited. For more information, call x78799.

WEST FEST CONCERT

On Friday, May 9, the WCSU Program Activities Council and the Student Government Association will present West Fest featuring Ben Folds with Julia Nunes at 8 p.m. in the Feldman Arena of the O'Neill Center. Doors will open at 7 p.m.; the public is invited. General admission tickets will be \$27; WestConn students with valid I.D. will be admitted for \$5. Tickets are available at the Westside Campus Center Box Office, call x78499 or at www.wcsu.edu/tickets.

DANCE PERFORMANCE

On Saturday, May 10, the WCSU Dance Team will present "Live, Laugh, Love" at 7 p.m. in Ives Concert Hall. General admission tickets will be \$10; the public is invited. WestConn students with valid I.D. will be admitted for \$5.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH AND CONCERT

On Sunday, May 11, the WCSU Symphony Orchestra will host a Mother's Day Brunch at 11 a.m. in Warner Hall. Tickets will be \$15 for adults, and \$10 for students and children under 12. Mothers will be free. The orchestra will perform in Ives Concert Hall at 3 p.m. This Mother's Day concert will feature works by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Antonio Vivaldi, Camille Saint-Saens, Darius Milhaud and Jean Sibelius. The performance will be free; donations to the music department will be accepted. For more information or to make a reservation, call x78614.

ART SLIDE LECTURE

On Tuesday, May 13, self-portrait artist Susanna Coffey will discuss her work at 11 a.m. in Viewing Room 1 of White Hall. Coffey's unique and iconoclastic reinterpretation of the art of self-portraiture has earned awards from the Guggenheim Foundation, the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. The event will be free and open to the public. For more information, call x78881.

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

On Friday, May 16, the WestConn Division of Graduate Studies will host a commencement ceremony at 7 p.m. in the Feldman Arena of the O'Neill Center. Graduate students who are eligible to receive their master's degrees in January, May or August this year and their guests will be invited to the commencement ceremony, with a reception to follow. The featured speaker will be Connecticut State Attorney General Richard Blumenthal. For more information, call x78244.

UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

On Sunday, May 18, WestConn will host its Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony at 10:30 a.m. in the Westside Athletic Complex Stadium. The featured speaker will be Ethan Allen Interiors, Inc. Chairman, President and CEO Farooq Kathwari. The public is invited. For more information, call x78800.

CONNECTICUT FILM FESTIVAL

WestConn will be a host venue for the Connecticut Film Festival, with screenings of independent films in Ives Concert Hall on Tuesday, May 20, through Sunday, May 25. For a complete list of films and screening times, go to www.ctfilmfest.com.

THEATRE PERFORMANCE

On Friday, May 23, and Saturday, May 24, the WCSU theatre arts department will present "Songs for a New World" at 8 p.m. in the Peter Jay Sharp Theatre at Playwrights Horizons, 416 West 42nd Street, Manhattan. The public is invited; tickets will be \$20 for adults, and \$15 for senior citizens and students. WestConn students with valid I.D. will be admitted free. For more information and reservations, call (212) 279-4200.

AT-A-GLANCE

- May -16** **Printmaking exhibit.** Featuring the etchings, woodcuts and linoleum cuts by students in the printmaking and etching classes of Professor Rosalie Appel. White Hall, Third Floor Showcase.
- 7** **Grants workshop.** Introduction to NSF Fastlane and Grants.gov by Patricia Cubeta Zibluk, JD. Warner Hall, Room 103, 1 p.m. RSVP to Martha Palanzo at palanzom@wcsu.edu or x78944.
- 7** **Newman Club picnic.** Newman Center, 4 to 10 p.m. Food, fun and games.
- 7** **Spanish table.** Berkshire Hall lounge, 5 to 6 p.m. Practice Spanish with peers and professors.
- 7** **Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble concert.** Ives Concert Hall, 8 p.m.
- 8** **Research day.** Featuring keynote lecture, The Long and Winding Road to Eureka by Dr. Joseph G. Reish. Science Building, Room 125, 2 p.m. Student research presentations to follow in the Science Building Atrium, 2:30 to 4 p.m. Free and open to the public.
- 8** **Telescope viewing.** Special viewing of the moon, Saturn, Mizar and the spring sky. Westside Observatory and Planetarium, 8 to 11 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information, call x78672.
- 8** **Midtown Coffeehouse.** Free for WestConn students, staff and faculty. Open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by featured act at 9 p.m. Alumni Hall. For more information, call x79700.
- 9** **West Fest concert.** Featuring Ben Flods with Julia Nunes. Feldman Arena, O'Neill Center. Doors open at 7 p.m.; General admission: \$27; WestConn students with valid I.D. will be admitted for \$5. For tickets, call x78499 or visit www.wcsu.edu/tickets.
- 10** **Dance performance.** Live, Laugh, Love by the WCSU Dance Team. Ives Concert Hall, 7 p.m. General admission: \$10; WestConn students with valid I.D. will be admitted for \$5.
- 11** **Mother's Day orchestra concert.** Ives Concert Hall, 3 p.m.
- 13** **Art slide lecture.** Featuring self-portrait artist Susanna Coffey. White Hall, Viewing Room 1, 11 a.m.
- 14** **IRB meeting.** Student Center, Room 228, 8 to 9:30 a.m.
- 14** **Telescope viewing.** Viewing of sun with solar-filtered telescopes. Science Building Observatory, 1 to 3 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information, call x78672.
- 14** **Hour of Power (holy hour).** Newman Center, 9 p.m. Free and open to the public.
- 15** **Deadline.** For submittal of purchase requisitions by administrative departments to the purchasing dept.
- 16** **Graduate Commencement ceremony.** Feldman Arena, O'Neill Center, 7 p.m.
- 18** **Graduation Mass.** Westside Classroom Building, Room 218, 8:30 a.m. Free and open to the public.
- 16** **Undergraduate Commencement ceremony.** Westside Athletic Complex Stadium, 10:30 a.m.
- 20-25** **Connecticut Film Festival.** Ives Concert Hall. For a complete list of films and screening times, go to www.ctfilmfest.com.
- 23-24** **Theatre performance.** Songs for a New World. Peter Jay Sharp Theatre at Playwrights Horizons, 416 West 42nd Street, Manhattan, 8 p.m. Tickets: \$20 for adults, and \$15 for senior citizens and students. WestConn students with valid I.D. will be admitted free. For more information and reservations, call (212) 279-4200.

PUSHING PAST AUTISM EVENT

On Saturday, June 7, a fundraising event to benefit children on the autism spectrum will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Feldman Arena of the O'Neill Center. Participants will raise funds for the Autism Society of Connecticut and the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism by obtaining sponsors for doing push-ups. Check-in for the event will begin at 8 a.m., followed by a welcome announcement at 9:30 a.m. and push-ups from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will conclude at 3 p.m. with raffles, door prizes and announcements. For more information or to participate, visit www.pushingpastautism.org.

M.F.A. NEW YORK EXHIBITION

The Master of Fine Arts Emerging Artists Show, featuring works by the 2008 graduates from the Master of Fine Arts painting

and illustration program, will be on display from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, through Saturday, July 5, on the 4th floor of the Blue Mountain Gallery, 530 W. 25th St., New York City. An Opening Reception will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 19. The exhibition and reception will be free and open to the public. For more information, call (646) 486-4730.

MELISSA ETHERIDGE CONCERT

On Sunday, June 29, Melissa Etheridge will perform at 8 p.m. at the Ives Concert Park. Tickets will be \$100, \$75 or \$55 for reserved seats and \$35 for lawn admission. Tickets are available at ticketmaster.com. For a schedule of upcoming shows at the Ives Concert Park, visit www.ivesconcertpark.com.

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INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD MEETINGS

The Institutional Review Board will meet in the Student Center, Room 228, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. For questions, contact Dr. Shane Murphy at x79398.

CO-DIRECTOR NEEDED

WestConn's Roger Sherman Debate Society is looking for a co-director for the upcoming 2008-09 debate season. This exciting opportunity to work with a group of bright and talented students in intellectual competition comes with a three-credit discretionary course release. The co-director attends weekly meetings of the debate team (working those meetings around your schedule); helps to coach debaters in either parliamentary or policy-style debate; and attends at least five weekend-long debates over the course of the year. Any faculty with any prior public speaking or debate experience would really be a wonderful addition. If interested, please contact Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox at x78565 or at wilcoxw@wcsu.edu.

PURCHASING DEADLINE

To support fiscal year-end requirements, the deadline for submittal of purchase requisitions to the purchasing department is May 15 for administrative departments. All goods must be delivered by June 1. For questions, please call x78758.

CUCAS MEETING

The next meeting of CUCAS will be Thursday, May 15, at 9:30 a.m. in the Student Center, Room 202. Please submit 21 copies of all pertinent documents with appropriate signatures to Terry Buzaid, Academic Affairs, University Hall, by noon, Wednesday, May 7. Please attend the meeting to discuss your proposal and to answer questions from CUCAS members. Neither incomplete nor late submissions will be considered. For questions, please contact Mike Chappell at chappellm@wcsu.edu or x79366.

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