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Excellent Teachers Receive Crystal Apples



Daniel Close * Elizabeth Reis * Michael Moffitt
Reis photo by Erik R. Bishoff, Oregon Daily Emerald

They're creative thinkers, trend setting researchers and, according to their peers, some of the best teachers on any college campus in the country. Now it's official: three exceptional professors have received one of the university's highest teaching awards.

Daniel Close, Education, received the Thomas F. Herman Faculty

Murray's Passion for UO Creates Powerful Results

By Kaya Hardin



Chris Murray not only gets to enjoy his new quarters in the Lillis Business Complex, but also has the satisfaction of knowing that his hard work and dedication played a large part in making the new \$41 million facility a reality.

Murray, Lundquist College of Business associate dean for external relations, won a 2004 Officer of Administration Recognition

Award in acknowledgement of the role he played in the completion of the largest privately funded building in the Oregon University System.

His job, comprised of marketing, communications, fund-raising, alumni relations and media development for the business college, has kept him busy and involved for the last seven years. This is a period of commitment that Murray seems to have a fondness for, having spent seven years in both of his previous jobs, with the Muscular Dystrophy Association in various locations including New York City and with the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

"This is a great job because the UO in many ways is still an undiscovered gem," Murray says. "It's a great institution that

Achievement Award for Distinguished Teaching, which is given to faculty members who have demonstrated long-standing excellence in teaching at the university.

Elizabeth Reis, Women's and Gender Studies, and Michael Moffitt, Law, received the Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching, which is given to faculty members early in their teaching careers.

Winners--who are recommended by faculty, staff and students--receive a crystal apple and will be recognized during Spring Commencement on June 12.

As has become the custom, President Dave Frohnmayer stopped by unannounced May 13 to present the awards to Close and Reis in front of surprised students and friends. Frohnmayer, a former Law dean, gave Moffitt his award during Law's Commencement on May 16.

"A single great professor, a single great lecture, even a single challenging question by a master teacher can be the spark that ignites a flame that will change the life of a student forever," says Frohnmayer. "We know this is the outcome of great teaching and that is why we treasure and honor great teachers so profoundly at the University of Oregon."

Close, a family services senior research associate in Counseling Psychology and Human Services, is known for his enthusiasm, sense of humor and elaborate storytelling.

"He makes me want to do more, be a better student and create change," wrote one student on a course evaluation. In the words of another student: "He helped me to reaffirm my love for kids and the desire to become a teacher."

Reis, a women's studies assistant professor who also teaches history, is described by her students as "one of the best teachers" ever and a "delight" to work with in class.

"She is open-minded, fair and eager to discuss ideas different than her own," wrote one student. Another, noting that Reis reaches out to individual students, wrote that she "didn't leave anything out," often tackling sensitive topics. Her life-changing influence was summed up by another student, who said that until taking Reis' class, she was "not a fan of history, but this class changed my mind!"

Moffitt, an assistant professor whose powerful intellect, passion and wit inspires UO law students at all levels to dig deeply into dense, often dry subjects that form the backbone of their legal education, received praise as a "teacher's teacher" who constantly updates course materials to keep them fresh and relevant for students.

Law Dean Laird Kirkpatrick described Moffitt as "our faculty

transforms lives every day. I don't think people fully appreciate what we have here--an outstanding faculty, a terrific student body and a caring staff. I'd stack us up against any school in the country. It's a wonderful place to represent and to promote."

Outside of the job that Murray calls "challenging and difficult, but one that I love," he takes time first and foremost for his family.

"I want to first be a good husband and father," Murray says. "Beyond that, I would like to make a difference professionally and, in doing so, to be inspired."

Following family involvement, Murray fills any extra time he can find with the creative outlet of writing poetry and screenplays. He is currently finishing his second screenplay, one that has a science fiction theme.

Kaya Hardin is a student reporter for Inside Oregon.

Our People

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Janice Cuny, Computer and Information Science, traveled to the White House May 6 to accept a 2004 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring on behalf of the Computing Research Association's Committee on the Status of Women in Computing Research (CRA-W), a panel that Cuny has chaired and been involved with for more than a decade. The presidential citation, one of eight given to organizations and nine awarded to individuals, included a \$10,000 prize to help further the panel's work. In making the award, John H. Marburger III, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy director, cited CRA-W's work providing "hands-on research experiences, mentoring, role models and information exchange to women pursuing careers in the field." Cuny, now a CRA-W board member who joined the UO faculty in 1993, has been involved with all of the committee's mentoring programs--at the undergraduate, graduate and faculty levels--and has headed three of them. Since 1991, CRA-W has been working to "increase the number of women involved in computer science and engineering, increase the degree of success they experience and provide a forum for addressing problems that often fall disproportionately within women's domain."

ON THE MOVE

Heather Durden became program manager of the telefund for Development's Annual Giving Program on Feb. 4. She has been with the telefund for three years, first as a student caller, then as a student supervisor. Durden, from Grants Pass, will complete her bachelor's degree in business at UO this June. Her office is in Agate House; Durden's phone is 6-0459 and her e-mail is [<hvdurden@uoregon.edu>](mailto:hvdurden@uoregon.edu).

leader as far as teaching is concerned," noting that his article about testing techniques, "Lights, Camera: Begin Final Exam," will be published in the *Journal of Legal Education*, considered the premier placement for cutting-edge research on law school teaching.

A member of the UO faculty since 2001, Moffitt is known for his high expectations of those taking his tough courses. Nevertheless, his evaluations consistently glow with praise for his enthusiasm, his exceptionally organized approach to dry, daunting material and his supportive, kind treatment of students. One student recommended: "You should give Moffitt a T-shirt that says 'World's Greatest Teacher.'"

Patent Enhances Green Nanotechnology

A new patent issued to the University of Oregon focuses on an environmentally benign solution to an important challenge in the rapidly developing field of nanotechnology.

The process, developed by Jim Hutchison, Chemistry, not only can be conducted at room temperature but it also eliminates the need to use two highly toxic chemicals in the production of functionalized gold nanoparticles. Hutchison's innovation is part of the university's effort to develop safer manufacturing processes for nanoscale materials, those measuring less than 100 billionths of a meter.

Nanoscience researchers create new materials through chemical assembly of molecular building blocks. Scientists traditionally use diborane, a highly toxic, odorless and colorless gas that auto-ignites near room temperature, and the toxic solvent benzene to synthesize an important class of metal nanoparticles.

Hutchison and his students developed a new synthetic procedure that eliminates the use of diborane and benzene for that process. In addition to being safer for the chemists and the environment, Hutchison's process takes just a few hours, instead of days, and significantly reduces the cost of making these nanoparticles.

"Using traditional methods, it takes a week and costs about \$300,000 for companies to obtain a gram of this particular type of nanoparticles from a lab," Hutchison explains. "By comparison, employing the new procedure, our lab can produce a gram--about half the size of a peanut M&M--in a few hours."

The patented process is a major step toward establishing "green" nanotechnology practices. The pioneering work in the Hutchison chemistry labs applies green chemistry principles to the field of nanoscience. Green chemistry principles focus on reducing,

Assuming new administrative posts at Architecture and Allied Arts are **Stan Jones**, who became Landscape Architecture head this spring, and two others who took on new duties at the beginning of this academic year--**Christine Theodoropoulos**, PE, AIA, who heads Architecture, and **Kingston Heath**, who directs Historic Preservation. Jones took over from **Cynthia Girling**, who has taken a faculty position at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. Theodoropoulos succeeded **Michael Fifield**, who is on leave, and Heath followed **Howard Davis**, who returned to teaching.

IN PRINT/ON DISPLAY

Leonard Feldman, Political Science, is the author of *Citizens Without Shelter: Homelessness, Democracy and Political Exclusion* (Cornell University Press, June 2004). Already praised as a major contribution to the study of homelessness, the 224-page book brings political theories together with discussions of real-world struggles and close analyses of legal cases concerning the rights of the homeless. Feldman argues that the politics of alleged compassion and the politics of those interested in ridding public spaces of the homeless are linked fundamentally in their assumption that homeless people are something less than citizens.

ON THE PODIUM

John Bonine, Law, gave a lecture to the Law faculty of Charles University in Prague on access to justice around the world and then gave a keynote address on April 29 at an environmental law and human rights conference in Brno.

IN MEMORIAM

Lyman T. Johnson, Architecture emeritus, died March 12 in Eugene from causes related to Alzheimer's Disease. A member of the UO faculty since 1966, Johnson, 72, directed the UO Interior Architecture Program for more than 20 years. He was a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles, receiving bachelor's and master's degrees in 1957 and 1959, respectively, and headed the Interiors Program at Washington State University for six years before moving to Eugene. A fellow of the Interior Design Educators Council and an associate member of the AIA Southwest Oregon Chapter, Johnson maintained a small consulting design firm, Tesseract, in Eugene and Pullman. He influenced national standards in interior architecture, serving in multiple capacities including accreditation head and board chairman of the Foundation for Interior Design Education and Research, a national accrediting agency. Memorial contributions may be made to the OHSU Foundation, Layton Alzheimer's Center, Portland, or to the Lyman and Judith Johnson Interior Architecture Endowment at the UO Foundation. A memorial service was held May 14 in Eugene.

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Redesigned Virtual Tour Goes Live

recycling or eliminating the use of toxic chemicals in chemistry by finding creative ways to minimize the human and environmental impact without stifling scientific progress.

"UO is a recognized leader in the emerging field of green chemistry that has eliminated the use of many toxic materials in chemistry labs throughout the nation," says Vice President Richard Linton, Research and Graduate Studies. "This innovation demonstrates the UO's capabilities in green nanotechnology and is an enabling step toward making production of nanoscale materials more practical."

Now that the patent has been issued, Linton says, a spin-off company may be created to market the process to nanotechnology researchers worldwide. Potential applications for Hutchison's process include research and development of nano-electronics, including tiny transistors, sensors and diagnostic assays.

The patented Oregon process helps set the stage for what very well could be the next industrial revolution.

"The National Science Foundation says nanotechnology will be a one-trillion-dollar industry permeating every aspect of our lives from health care to environmental cleanup," Hutchison says. "Applying the principles of green chemistry in nanotechnology's infancy can ensure this new industrial revolution happens with environmentally healthy and economically competitive manufacture techniques."

The University of Oregon is a partner in the Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute (ONAMI), a collaboration involving the UO, Portland State University, Oregon State University, the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and high-tech private industry that is leveraging the state of Oregon's strengths in nanoscience and microscale engineering.

For more information about Hutchinson and green chemistry, visit www.uoregon.edu/~hutchlab/.

Baseball Exhibit Captures Romance of Researching Game

It began with a neighbor's simple gift of a baseball, turned into a full-scale piece of library detective work, and ended up as part of a new exhibit in Knight Library entitled "Baseball--Researching the National Pastime."

On display through June 30 in the library's East and West entryway corridors, the exhibit will whet the appetite of baseball fans young and old.

The University of Oregon online virtual tour has a fresh new look. The first rollout of a widespread reworking of the site is posted at tour.uoregon.edu.

Throughout June, panoramic photography, additional video, revised text and hyperlinks will be added to enhance interactivity and ease of navigation.

The project is a joint effort between Communications and Admissions, with programming and technical assistance provided by the Computing Center. For more information about the virtual tour, contact Melanie Harmon, 6-3481 or mmharmon@uoregon.edu.

I-5 Interchange Study to be Announced

The first step in securing improved highway access to the University of Oregon, Eugene and Springfield is about to be taken, representatives of the university and the "United Front" of Lane County local governmental agencies are expected to announce at a news conference on Monday, May 17, at the State Motor Pool in Glenwood.

President Dave Frohnmayer will join Rep. Peter DeFazio, Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey, Springfield Mayor Sid Leiken and Lane County officials to report that the Oregon Department of Transportation will include a study of a Franklin Boulevard off ramp in their review of a permanent Interstate 5 bridge over the Willamette River.

One section of the recently published document listing the university's federal priorities calls for federal transportation funding, estimated to cost \$5 million, to expand the environmental documentation required for the I-5 bridge replacement near the UO campus to include an environmental impact study of a new interchange.

"The planning for the replacement bridge creates a unique opportunity to study a new interchange system that would allow vehicles traveling north or south to exit and enter I-5 from Franklin Boulevard," says UO Associate Vice President Michael Redding, Government Affairs. "That ODOT has agreed to include the study is wonderful."

An improved interchange at the I-5 and Franklin Boulevard/Glenwood complex would increase regional mobility, create an entryway to the University of Oregon in east Eugene, improve access to downtown Eugene and Springfield and spur redevelopment along Franklin Boulevard and in Glenwood.

Register for Super Summer 2004 by May 20

Thursday, **May 20**, is the registration deadline for Super Summer 2004, a four-week program of enrichment classes for enthusiastic, high-end learners in grades K-5.

From Monday, June 21, through Friday, July 16, a selection of challenging, action-packed classes will be offered at 9 a.m., 10:40



From left, Mark Watson, Ted Smith and Blake Scott

"Besides learning about one fan's quest to identify the origins of a baseball given to him by a long-time neighbor, the exhibit will take viewers back to the glory days of UO baseball," says Ron Renschler, UO Libraries communications director. "Arriving in time for the start of baseball season, 'Baseball--Researching the National Pastime' displays the richness of baseball traditions and offers an insider's view of how to carry out research on America's national pastime."

The baseball that started it all belongs to Blake Scott, a library technician working in the UO Libraries' current periodicals area. After a retired neighbor gave him the ball as a kid, he kept it in the proverbial shoebox for almost 20 years. Rediscovering it one day, Scott decided to do some serious research on the ball's history.

There were only a few clues to get him started--17 mostly illegible signatures scrawled across its face, some distinctive blue-and-red stitching at the seams, and a single date and location inked on the cover: "At Devil's Lake, October 6, 1932."

Scott began his quest by writing to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y. Bill Francis, a baseball researcher at the Hall of Fame, responded with enough information to get Scott started on some serious research--the ball had apparently come from an exhibition game played in Devil's Lake, N.D., by a barnstorming group of major league players called the Earl Mack All-Stars.

Scott's initial interest soon became his obsession. He used the UO Libraries' microfilm newspaper services to track down a copy of the Oct. 6, 1932, issue of the Devil's Lake Journal, which carried box scores and written accounts of the team's swing through North Dakota.

With this information, he was able to identify many of the fading signatures on the ball and research the larger-than-life personalities of Hall of Fame players who brought the game to the remoter regions of the United States and Canada.

Other library resources helped him re-create a map of all locations where the All-Stars played during their whirlwind tour. Eventually, he was able to acquire the self-described Holy Grail of his research efforts--a contemporary photograph of the All-Stars featuring team

a.m. and 12:40 p.m. weekdays at Jefferson/Magnet Arts Community School, 1650 W. 22nd Ave., Eugene.

Participants may choose one, two or all three sessions, each of which costs \$154. Financial assistance is available.

Identification as Talented and Gifted (TAG) is not mandatory. However, parent and teacher recommendations are required.

For information, go to <www.uoyouth.org> or call Jody Barlow, 6-1400.

United Nations Official to Speak at May 20-21 Conference on 'Human Security'

People around the world have become increasingly accustomed in recent years to the daily flood of media images depicting people killed by war and other forms of violence--persistent reminders that governmental and military leaders have yet to resolve major, ongoing security issues. But a May 20-21 conference at the University of Oregon promises to get to the heart of what policies might best promote security, both domestically and abroad.

"The Borders of Human Security: Geopolitics Comes Home" will bring together international, national and local scholars, as well as representatives of the United Nations, the American Civil Liberties Union and local community groups, to discuss political violence, racial profiling, immigration policy, human rights and economic security. Conference sessions, free and open to the public, are set for 175 Knight Law Center.

Noleen Heyzer, executive director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will open the conference at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, **May 20**, with an exploration of the concept of human security and how it is seen in the international policy community.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. the following day, a series of panels featuring scholars and human rights advocates will focus on the effects of violence related to war, political conflict and terrorism; human rights, immigration and work; the production of economic insecurities in the context of globalization; and the efforts of local, national and international groups to promote human security.

In the last panel of the day, five Eugene community advocates will discuss issues ranging from peace, civil liberties and immigrant rights to the effects of economic restructuring on working people to policies affecting indigenous communities in Oregon.

The Center for the Study of Women in Society is organizing the conference, with co-sponsorship by the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics and nine Arts and Sciences departments.

For more information, call 6-5015.

Regional labor history conference set May 21-23

members in full baseball regalia, vividly communicating the romance and mystique of a bygone time.

The dozens of items on display that tell the story of Scott's journey as he researched the ball, the team and the barnstorm tour make up only about half of the exhibit, however. Two other display cases in the east corridor of Knight Library bring baseball even closer to home.

UO Varsity Baseball

Drawing on the wealth of material in the library's Special Collections and University Archives, Associate University Librarian Mark Watson provides an expansive pictorial and textual history of the rising and falling fortunes of UO varsity baseball teams.

No longer part of the athletics program, UO baseball nonetheless has a rich history dating back to 1877, when the UO played its first game against Monmouth College. (The Ducks apparently lost badly, giving up 17 runs in the first inning.)

After almost three decades as an on-again, off-again sport, UO baseball began again in earnest in 1905 and continued uninterrupted for the most part until 1981, when it was again dropped from the athletics program.

During its baseball heyday, the UO won numerous intercollegiate, division and conference championships. The exhibit provides a roll call of UO baseball coaches over the years and profiles several prominent UO ballplayers who went on to have careers in the major leagues.

An authentic UO baseball jersey, complete with soiled collar, from around 1927 shows that the Lemon Yellow diamond artists, as the Duck team was sometimes called, could make an impressive fashion statement, too.

The Fan's Game

The library's general collections contain an enormous amount of material of interest to even the most casual baseball fan. An exhibit display case mounted by Ted Smith, documents reference librarian, provides examples from all media of the extent to which baseball has captured the public's imagination.

Books by authors noted for their expertise in fields other than baseball abound. Stephen Jay Gould, David Halberstam, Doris Kearns Goodwin, John Updike and George Will all have produced highly personal works demonstrating their love for the game. Movies, board games, Nintendo games, and baseball cap and card collections all have found a place in the hearts and minds of millions of baseball fans.

The 2004 Pacific Northwest Labor History Association Conference, which seeks to foster a deeper understanding of the Pacific Northwest's reform/radical tradition and its relevance to contemporary times, will be held May 21-23 at the UO campus.

The Labor Education and Research Center is hosting the conference, entitled "Reform, Revolution and Reaction: Workers and the Quest for Social Change in the Pacific Northwest." The event will take place at the Knight Law Center.

A wide array of labor and community activists, labor historians, scholars and students from British Columbia, Washington and Oregon are expected to attend the conference, which also will cover contemporary issues related to the world of work, labor unions and employment relations.

For more information, call 6-2781.

Reminder: PERS Individual Account Beneficiary Form Required

Employees who haven't already mailed a beneficiary form for the Individual Account Program (IAP) to PERS are reminded that they are required to do so. By statute, each member must have this form on file with PERS.

As of Jan. 1, 2004, the six percent employee contribution (paid by the UO) has been paid into the new IAP account, instead of the PERS account. The IAP will be invested by the Oregon Investment Council and will be paid to employees as a lump sum or in installments at retirement.

The new beneficiary form is required in addition to the beneficiary form PERS members currently have on file with PERS.

"Please complete the form right away and mail it to PERS so the correct person receives your IAP benefits if you die while working," says Helen Stoop, Human Resources benefits administrator.

You can find the form by going to the PERS homepage at www.pers.state.or.us. Then click on the link to the "IAP Beneficiary Form" on the right side of the PERS home page.

PERS asks that you mail the completed form to: PERS IAP Beneficiary, P.O. Box 23700, Tigard, OR 97281-3700. Forms are not effective until received by PERS.

For information, call Stoop, 6-2967 or send e-mail to hstoop@hr.uoregon.edu.

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"The exhibit speaks to the power these symbols carry for fans of America's national pastime," Renschler says.

The exhibit also explores the relationship of baseball to popular music. Piped in through the library's sound system in the entryway corridors where the display is located are two compilations of songs with a baseball theme: the original soundtrack from "Baseball," a film by Ken Burns, and a CD entitled "Play Ball--A Tribute to the National Pastime."

Researching Baseball at the UO Libraries

The trio of librarians who mounted the exhibit--Scott, Watson and Smith--are all members of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR), an organization dedicated to enriching our knowledge of the history of the game.

In spring 2003, Watson and Smith taught a special-interest course, Library 199: How to Do Baseball Research, which was designed to appeal to students who might not otherwise get very excited about learning beginning and advanced strategies for carrying out academic research. The class quickly filled with budding baseball scholars who used resources in the UO Libraries to complete original research projects.

"The library frequently offers such special-interest classes to help students build their research skills and prepare them for self-directed research required in their other courses," Renschler says.

For more information on the baseball exhibit, call 6-1459 or send e-mail to <ronr@uoregon.edu>. For exhibit viewing hours, call 6-3054 or visit <libweb.uoregon.edu/acs_svc/hours.html>.

May 20 Meeting Set on Status of Nontenure Track Instructional Faculty

The Committee on the Status of Nontenure Track Instructional Faculty (NTTIF) is hosting a town hall meeting from 3:30-5 p.m. on Thursday, **May 20**, in 150 Columbia.

Chaired by former University Senate President Greg Mc Lauchlan, Sociology, the committee consists of both tenured and nontenure track faculty. The panel will present its draft recommendations regarding changes in salary, hiring practices and working conditions for NTTIF.

The meeting is open to all NTTIF and other interested members of the university community. Its purpose is to solicit reactions and advice from NTTIF regarding the committee's proposals before

Highlights of the many public events and activities on campus are:

- Three prolific creators of brief, self-published pieces popularly known as "zines" will read from and discuss their work during "**Exploring the 'Zine' Scene**," set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, **May 19**, in Special Collections on the second floor of Knight Library. Joe Biel, founder of Portland-based Microcosm Publishing, a small-press publishing and distribution house for zines and books, will discuss the phenomenon of zines in the Pacific Northwest. Alex Wreck, a prolific producer of zines, will read from her zines and talk about her experiences in producing them. Artist and zine writer Keith Rosson, who produces a zine called AVOW and has recently had a collection of his zines published in book form, also will participate in the discussion. For information about the free event, browse <libweb.uoregon.edu/speccoll/index.html> or call 6-1904.
- The **Brain, Learning and Curriculum Symposium** focuses on recent brain research related to education and curriculum design. Included are two free public presentations and a panel discussion by world-renowned researchers who will focus on issues of interest to K-12 educators and parents. No advance registration is required. From 4-5:30 p.m. on Friday, **May 21**, in 282 Lillis, David Premack, University of Pennsylvania emeritus professor of psychology, discusses "Designing A Curriculum for Early Education." Then, Yale University Medical School pediatricians Sally and Bennett Shaywitz discuss "Overcoming Dyslexia" from 7:30-9 p.m. **May 21** in 150 Columbia. From 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, **May 22**, in 146 Straub, Robert Sylwester, Teacher Education emeritus, moderates a discussion of the challenges that the cognitive neurosciences pose for educators and that formal education poses for cognitive neuroscientists. Panelists include Ed Kameenui, Education; Bruce McCandliss, Cornell University psychologist; Premack; and Sally and Ben Shaywitz. For information about the free event, call 345-1452.
- From 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, **May 22**, **Outdoor Museum Day** offers an afternoon in the Museum of Natural History's Glenn Starlin Courtyard, learning about Oregon's natural history that may be as close as the flowers blooming in spring gardens. Register-Guard gardening columnist Sarah Robertson answers gardening questions, while Coquille elder George Wasson, an anthropologist and native plant specialist, discusses how to identify native plants and how to incorporate them into your garden. Discover the harmonious union of art and science by drawing the natural world with noted scientific illustrator Elaine Hodges. Take guided walking tours that highlight the natural splendors on campus, beginning at the museum's Glenn Starlin Courtyard, where more than 120 native species of trees, shrubs, ferns and flowers flourish. Win plants donated by Bloom River Gardens in hourly drawings. The event is free, but donations are always appreciated. Self-guided tour books are \$2 each. For information, visit <natural-history.uoregon.edu> or call 6-3024.
- UO alumna Ana Maria Spagna documents her many

they are submitted for consideration by the University Senate and UO administrators.

"NTTIF comprise nearly 40 percent of the entire UO faculty and approximately 45 percent of the university's instructional faculty," says committee member Alison Evans, American English Institute. "Given the vital role they play within the university, addressing their needs and concerns represents a significant challenge for the entire UO community."

Evans says the May 20 town hall meeting is an opportunity for NTTIF to speak out about their concerns and help to shape university policy on their status.

For information, call Evans, 6-1093, or send e-mail to [<aevans@uoregon.edu>](mailto:aevans@uoregon.edu).

Symposium on Language of War in Scripture Continues May 23-24

The University of Oregon's nine-part exploration of religion and war continues this month with "Inner War: Transformations of Martial Imagery in Scripture." This episode is set to explore the Jewish, Christian and Islamic spiritual traditions in which the imagery of war is used to represent the struggle for righteousness within the heart.



"Even as it raises timely questions regarding the role religion plays in current conflicts, this project highlights the interconnectedness of the three Abrahamic religious traditions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam," says Timothy Gianotti, Religious Studies, who is creator of the multi-year program.

years spent doing seasonal maintenance on remote hiking trails in the Pacific Northwest in her book, *Now Go Home: Wilderness, Belonging and the Crosscut Saw*. Spagna was the 2002 winner of the *Oregon Quarterly* Northwest Perspectives Essay Contest for her essay, "Fire Ban." The free **reading** is set for 2 p.m. on Saturday, **May 22**, at the UO Bookstore. For information, visit

[<www.uobookstore.com/generalbooks/author_evt.cfm>](http://www.uobookstore.com/generalbooks/author_evt.cfm) or call 6-4331, Ext. 228.

- Steven Mead, euphonium, and Patrick Sheridan, tuba, are **two of the world's leading low-brass virtuosos**. On the West Coast together for the first time, listen at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, **May 22**, in Beall Hall as they perform an eclectic program of tuba-euphonium music. Tickets are \$10 in advance via the Music web site or \$12 at the door. For information, go to [<music.uoregon.edu>](http://music.uoregon.edu) or call 6-5646. Mead and Sheridan also give a master class at 1 p.m. the same day.

For more about University events, visit the [Calendar of Events](#).

The spring module opens at 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 23, with a public lecture by Martin Jaffee, renowned scholar of Rabbinical Judaism at the University of Washington. Professor Jaffe will speak on "The Wars of Torah: Inner Struggle and Historical Victory in the Rabbinic Tradition."

Alexander Golitzin, professor of Eastern Christian theology and mysticism at Marquette University, will present the second keynote on "The Violent Take It by Force: Martial Imagery in the Eastern Christian Ascetical Tradition" at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 24.

Both talks will take place in 182 Lillis.

Also on Monday, May 24, a coffee reception and panel discussion on the theme of "Inner War" within the mystical traditions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam is set from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Gerlinger Alumni Lounge.

This symposium is sponsored by the Oregon Humanities Center and by Arts and Sciences. All events are free and open to the public. For information, call 6-3934.

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