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UO Recognized for International Education Efforts



The University of Oregon is one of two research universities selected from among 752 U.S. higher education institutions for a new research project titled "Forging New Connections: A Study Linking International Strategies for Student Learning Outcomes."

The study, which aims to help colleges and universities implement strategies to broaden their own international dimension, is a project of the Washington-based American Council on Education (ACE), the major coordinating organization for all U.S. higher education institutions.

"I am very pleased that we have been recognized for our internationalization efforts," said Associate Vice President Tom Mills, International Programs. "I am confident that our participation in this research project will help us develop plans to meet the future challenges we face in this arena."

An ACE team headed by Laura Siaya, principal investigator and assistant director of research at ACE's Center for Institutional and International Initiatives, reviewed UO programs, conducted focus groups with UO students and made a site visit to the university before selecting the UO for participation in the project.

This spring, ACE will follow up with a web survey of all UO undergraduates to more closely examine specific ways in which

Following the Lure of Language

By Kaya Hardin



Jeff Magoto

Twenty five years ago Jeff Magoto, [Yamada Language Center](#), started on a path of language and leadership study and development that began in Morocco and wound its way through Portugal and Ohio, finally culminating in 1992 at the UO's Yamada Language Center.

"I was already interested in the study of language," Magoto says, "but when I joined the Peace Corps in 1978 and began to teach

English in Morocco, I became aware of the power of language--as a way to open culture and gain a greater sense of it."

Magoto's love and respect for languages around the world recently earned him one of the university's Martin Luther King Jr. awards for his dedication to students and the variety of languages--from Turkish to Spanish--that they pursue.

"It was really neat during the awards presentations hearing what everyone else was part of," Magoto says. "For example, I didn't know that Denise Garrett is a member of the Siletz, which interests me because of my work with native language preservation."

UO nurtures its international focus.

The UO and the University of Illinois at Champagne-Urbana are the only public research universities selected to participate in the project. Those tapped by ACE mentioned internationalization expressly in their mission statements, had strong study abroad and international student programs, and had a demonstrated commitment to including international classes and content in their curricula.

For more information on UO international programs, see <international.uoregon.edu> or call 6-3206.

Media-Fueled Bias Distorts Validity of Recovered Memories

There's a big discrepancy between what science shows about recovered memories of childhood sexual abuse and what's being shown in the media, according to University of Oregon memory researcher Jennifer Freyd, Psychology.

Most people find recovered memories less believable than events someone has always remembered, despite research showing that whether a memory is true or not has no documented relationship to whether it was always remembered or only recently remembered, Freyd says.

Uncovering this bias may help remove the daunting challenges faced by abuse victims when they seek treatment and attempt to bring their abusers to justice, she says.

Freyd presented her findings about "Misleading and Confusing Media Portrayals of Memory Research" as part of a panel titled "The Science of Child Abuse" on Feb. 15 during the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in Seattle.

"This bias suggests widespread ignorance and confusion about memory for abuse," Freyd says. "Our duty--scientists and the media alike--is to provide accurate information so the focus returns to the devastating effects of child abuse."

Freyd and Lisa DeMarni Cromer, a doctoral student and Psychology GTF, found this bias in an experiment with more than 300 undergraduate participants. These students rated the believability of vignettes describing abuse disclosures. One version of the disclosure described a recovered memory such as this: "A college friend, David, confides in you that he was forced by his father to have sex with him when he was nine years old. David tells you that he has only recently remembered this aspect of his childhood, and also that he has never told anyone until now."

Part of Magoto's work at the Yamada Center is the production of UO's annual Foreign Language and International Studies Day (FLIS), the largest foreign language event in the state. Magoto sees FLIS as an important compensation for the limited language education that high schools can afford to offer these days.

"High school should be about choice," Magoto says, "and with budget cuts, we see the choice of languages shrinking until Spanish is pretty much the only option left."

Magoto has a strong desire to share the power of language with others, and his determination to bring languages back from the marginal position they have slid into has encouraged him to pursue a doctorate in education leadership.

"Going back to school is hard as hell and takes a lot of time, but I'm excited about what's happening at UO with the Yamada Center and I want to be a part of it.... At age 48 I feel like I am coming out of my shell as I become a student once again."

Kaya Hardin is a student reporter for Inside Oregon.

Our People

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Sandy Schoonover, University Housing director of residence life, will assume the presidency of the Northwest Association of College and University Housing Officers (NWACUHO) during the professional group's annual conference Feb. 15-17 in Vancouver, British Columbia. As president, her duties include presiding over all meetings of the association and its executive committee and representing the organization at the ACUHO-I regional presidents' meeting. Schoonover is in the middle of a three-year commitment to NWACUHO. She served as president-elect last year and, following her one-year term as president, will fill the past president's post for another year.

ON THE MOVE

CORRECTION: The e-mail address for **Robert N. d'Entremont**, new director of the UO Portland Development Program, is <rdentre@uoregon.edu>. It was erroneously listed in the Jan. 9 issue of *Inside Oregon*. We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused.

Linda Adkins joined Academic Affairs on Feb. 6 as administrative assistant. A recent LCC graduate and former owner of a secondary wood products manufacturing business in Oakridge, she succeeds **Linda White** who has become office manager at the Community Service Center in 111 Hendricks. To contact Adkins, whose office is in 207 Johnson, call 6-2047 or send e-mail to <ladkins@uoregon.edu>.

Other participants read a vignette where a few key words were altered in the second sentence: "David tells you that he has always remembered this aspect of his childhood, but he has never told anyone until now."

Believability of the disclosure was rated from 0 (not at all believable) to 5 (very believable). If the memory was continuous, the average rating was about 4.0, but if it was recovered it was about 3.6. This difference is highly statistically significant and reveals a distinct bias, Freyd says.

"No one has produced any data that I'm aware of to show that recovered memories are more likely to be false than memories people say they've always been able to recall," Freyd says. "Any memory could be false. Your belief shouldn't depend on whether there was a period of forgetting."

If that's the case, why do people tend to disbelieve recovered memories?

Freyd says both imprecise terminology in some scientific publications and misleading news reports are largely to blame. She points out that journalists often mistakenly use the term "false memory." Similarly, journalists reporting on high profile sex abuse cases such as the Catholic Church scandals often don't reveal that victims whose cases were corroborated had the experience of recovering memories.

Freyd also notes that the media sometimes sensationalize findings in ways that harm victims of child abuse. At last year's AAAS meeting it was reported that some participants could be led to believe they had seen Bugs Bunny in a Disneyland photo. This widely reported finding almost always was referred to in the context of so-called "false memories." By implying a connection between misremembering a cartoon character, comparing this situation to memories of child abuse and using the term "false memories," the issues become distorted, Freyd says.

In a second study that has been accepted pending revisions for an upcoming issue of *Ethics & Behavior*, Freyd's research team found that an increasing number of scientific articles have used the phrase "false memory" to refer to subtle errors in word memory. Use of the same term, Freyd argues, causes people to assume that such errors are directly relevant to memories of abuse.

"What we have found," says Freyd, "is that forgetting sexual or physical abuse is more likely when the perpetrator is a caregiver, such as a parent, than when the perpetrator is not a caregiver, such as a family friend or a stranger."

The bottom line is that people abused by family members are even less likely to be believed if their testimony is based on recovered memories.

IN PRINT/ON DISPLAY

Priscilla L. Southwell, Political Science, is the author of "Nader Voters in the 2000 Presidential Election: What Would They Have Done Without Him?" to be published in 2004 in *The Social Science Journal*.

Caroline Forell, Law, is the author of a book review, "Homicide and the Unreasonable Man," that will be published in the March issue of the *George Washington Law Review*. Forell compares her ideas on the reasonableness doctrine to the concepts in Cynthia Lee's new book, *Murder and the Reasonable Man: Passion and Fear in the Criminal Courtroom*.

ON THE PODIUM

Four UO faculty members--**Russell Donnelly** and **James Schombert**, Physics; and **Jennifer Freyd** and **Michael Posner**, Psychology--participated in the American Association for the Advancement of Science annual meeting Feb. 12-16 in Seattle. Donnelly organized a symposium on quantum turbulence, while Schombert presented a paper, "The Evolution of Galaxies." Freyd, who co-organized and moderated a symposium on the science of child abuse, announced new findings to support her presentation, "Misleading and Confusing Media Portrayals of Memory Research." Posner presented "Developing Self-Regulation in Pre-School Children."

Announcements and Briefs...

'American Gadfly' Spotlights Morse Life, Career

The late Wayne Morse, Law dean and independent thinker known as the "Tiger of the Senate," is the subject of a one-man play debuting at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, **Feb. 22**, at the Lane Community College Performance Hall, Building 6 on the main LCC campus in Eugene. "American Gadfly: The Story of Wayne Morse," a play by Charles Deemer starring Claude Offenbacher and directed by Judith "Sparky" Roberts, will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Caroline Forell of the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics. Requested donation at the door of \$5-\$10 will go towards a Wayne Morse Free Speech Scholarship. The first 75 UO students will be admitted free, and all LCC students will be admitted free with an advance ticket from Associated Students of Lane Community College. Concerned Faculty for Peace and Justice and the Wayne Morse Historical Park Society are co-sponsors with LCC and the UO Morse Center. For information, call 6-3700.

Greenfield Awards Fund New Items for Academic Research

March 1 is the deadline for UO faculty members to nominate research materials to be purchased through the UO Libraries' Stanley B. Greenfield Faculty Awards Program. Each year, the library uses funds from the Greenfield Awards endowment to add several new research titles to its collections. The 2004 awards will

"Let's not hurt victims even more by doubting them just because they unconsciously dealt with trauma by burying painful and disturbing memories for a period of time. We need to address the real issues," Freyd says. She recommends journalists and scientists guard against sensationalizing research or taking it out of context.

Freyd is internationally known for her work in memory research. She heads the UO's Freyd Dynamics Lab and is the author of *Betrayal Trauma: The Logic of Forgetting Child Abuse* (Harvard University Press, 1996), hailed as a landmark work introducing the now commonly accepted theory of "betrayal trauma" to explain why people often suppress memories of child abuse, particularly at the hands of family members and caregivers.

'Hunger Won't Wait'; Food Drive Continues through March 5

With a goal of collecting 90,000 pounds of food this year in the annual Governor's State Employees Food Drive--25,000 pounds more than the target last year--the University of Oregon seems well on its way to achieving that objective by the end of the drive on March 5.



Drive coordinator Karen Scheeland, Governmental Affairs, reports that "departmental volunteers are demonstrating their usual creativity in making it 'painless' and fun to address this year's theme, 'Caring Now...Hunger Won't Wait!'"

For instance, Kim Barker at the University Health Center has designated Wednesdays as "Can for a Cookie" days when contributions of food or money earn the donor a cookie reward. At Journalism and Communications, Libby Miskimins has her crew "SPAMing" for their contributions.

Human Resources, with Lisa Plumb and Cindi Peterson as co-chairs, is into "R&B Rice and Beans," with a potluck this week on Tuesday and "bean days" on Tuesday and Wednesday plus a recipe exchange. They report collecting 3,000 pounds of food to date, three times as much as they had gathered at the same time in the drive last year.

be announced during spring term.

Guidelines and forms for nominating titles for purchase can be found at libweb.uoregon.edu/info/greenfield/purpose.html.

Purchases made through the Greenfield Faculty Grant Awards Program in previous years are listed at libweb.uoregon.edu/info/greenfield/previous-winners.htm.

Greenfield, a longtime UO professor who was an internationally renowned scholar of Old and Middle English, was a member of the Friends of the Library board of directors and a longtime personal advocate for the library. He died in July 1987.

For more information about the Greenfield Awards, call Donna Pelling, 6-1890, or send e-mail to dpelling@uoregon.edu.

Morse Center Seeks 2004-2005 Proposals by March 1

The Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics invites members of the UO and broader communities to apply for funds to support scholarly activities and events during the 2004-2005 academic year on the theme, "The Changing Geopolitical Order: Implications for Peace and Stability."

Vision grants for up to \$10,000 apiece are available to support new classes, symposia or other events related to the theme. Funds may be used for program expenses, honoraria, summer support and faculty release time, but proposals to fund research will not be considered.

UO faculty, staff and students, as well as nonprofit organizations or qualified individuals in the broader community are welcome to submit written proposals by the deadline of 5 p.m. on **March 1**.

The Morse Center will review submitted proposals on a number of criteria and will select a variety of projects to complement the visits of Hilary Charlesworth, an international law professor at Australian National University who will hold the 2004-2005 Wayne Morse Chair of Law and Politics, and of distinguished economist and political commentator James K. Galbraith of the University of Texas at Austin, the 2004-2005 Morse Distinguished Speaker.

Successful applicants will be notified in March

For additional information, call the Morse Center, 6-3700, or visit www.morsechair.uoregon.edu on the web.

Course Reserves Deadlines Rapidly Approaching

Shirien Chappell, Knight Library Access Services head, reminds faculty and GTFs to submit course reserve materials for Spring Term classes according to the following schedule:

- New book/media orders are due **immediately**.

"At Johnson Hall, a week-long bake sale--organized by Dee Rawson, Resource Management; Jenny Burton, Senior Vice President and Provost; and Sandy Burr, Strategic Communications--raised more than \$200," Scheeland notes. "Other departments are holding auctions and book exchanges, while some are adding incentives such as personal challenges."

UO employees can donate nonperishable food items--collection barrels are conveniently located in buildings throughout campus--or make a monetary contribution through a payroll deduction or personal check. Officials at Food for Lane County, the agency that will receive UO donations for distribution to the hungry, consider each dollar donated equivalent to six pounds of food.

"The UO campus community donated 113,917 pounds last year," Scheeland says, "and we expect to exceed the target again by the end of the drive on March 5."

For information, call Scheeland, 6-5021, or send e-mail to <karensch@uoregon.edu>. The statewide food drive web site is at <www.govfd.org>.

UO Hosts Iraqi Fulbright Scholars

Six Fulbright scholars from Iraq enrolled at the University of Oregon this month. They are part of the first group of Iraqis to study in the United States since Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion and occupation of Kuwait.

The Iraqis will upgrade their English skills at the UO's American English Institute (AEI) for two to five months before enrolling in master's degree-level study programs at various American universities.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the UO to foster international understanding and build bridges across cultures," says UO President Dave Frohnmayer.

The students--four men and two women--plan to pursue studies in journalism, public health, environmental studies and English translation and interpretation for one to two years before returning home.

The Fulbright Program--named for the late Sen. William Fulbright, D-Ark.--is the flagship international educational program of the U.S. government. It sends American scholars, graduate students and professionals abroad for study and brings international students and scholars to the United States to pursue their studies in this country. Over the last 33 years, 158 UO students have studied abroad as Fulbright scholars.

- Electronic reserves are due **Feb. 23**.
- Library books are due **March 15**.
- Personal materials are due **March 15**.

Instructors should be aware of several additional requirements for reserving electronic materials. For details, visit <libweb.uoregon.edu/~acs/eresinstruct.html>.

To learn more, call Laura Willey, 6-1915, for Knight Library reserves, electronic reserves and videos; Erik Dahl, 6-2208, for Architecture and Allied Arts Library reserves and electronic reserves; Richard Bear, 6-1885, for Documents reserves; Terry McQuilkin, 6-0380, for Music Services; or Lara Nesselroad, 6-2664, for Science/Math Libraries.

This week at the University of Oregon...

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

- The latest in an ongoing series of **Community Conversations** features Michael Aronson, English, moderating a discussion by UO faculty and local community leaders on "Cartoons that Make You Think!" The free event gets underway at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1, in the Dunn Hall Lounge at the Hamilton Complex. For information, browse <darkwing.uoregon.edu/~humanctr/> or call 6-1977.
- Sandy Polishuk, vice president of the PSU Faculty Association/AFT/AFL-CIO, discusses her new book, *Sticking to the Union: An Oral History of the Life and Times of Julia Ruuttila*, during an **author event** scheduled from noon-1:20 p.m. on Thursday, **Feb. 19**, in the Knight Library Browsing Room. An activist herself since the 1960s in the peace, justice and women's movements, Polishuk explores the life of Ruuttila, a consummate union, civil rights and peace activist who spent every waking moment of her 84 years to struggle for social and economic justice in the Pacific Northwest. For information about the free event, go to <csws.uoregon.edu> or call 6-5015.
- A **Scandinavian Studies symposium** on "Medical Ethics in Cross-Cultural Perspective: Scandinavia and North America" includes Scandinavian and American researchers, scholars, medical practitioners, authors and social commentators. The free event is set from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Friday, **Feb. 20**, in 221 Lillis and from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on Saturday, **Feb. 21**, in 211 Lillis. For information, visit <scandinavian.uoregon.edu> or call 6-3194.
- The UO Opera Ensemble, directed by Mark Kaczmarczyk, and the UO Symphony, conducted by Wayne Bennett, present the final performance of their fully staged production of the Stephen Sondheim musical, "**A Little Night Music**." This matinee performance is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 22**, in the Hult Center's Soreng Theatre. Previous performances are

In the last two years, the AEI had provided intensive English language instruction and pre-graduate academic preparation to 18 Fulbright students as well as to 19 Hubert H. Humphrey fellows--accomplished mid-level professionals from designated countries around the world who come to the United States for a year of study and professional experience.

The AEI provides English language instruction to international students who want to enter American universities or learn English for personal or professional reasons. The institute's goal is to help students learn to communicate and study effectively in English and to gain a greater understanding of American culture.

The UO currently enrolls 1,400 international students from more than 80 countries. More than 700 UO students study or join internships abroad each year, choosing from 90 programs in more than 50 countries.

Faculty Input Sought on Serials Cancellations

The UO Libraries has announced that as of **March 1**, UO faculty members will be able to review and comment on a the complete list of serial titles scheduled for cancellation in 2004-05.

Last year, rising subscription costs coupled with decreasing budget allotments forced a reduction in serials holdings. One round of cancellations was made last year, with about \$200,000 worth of additional cancellations still scheduled for this coming May.

The titles still remaining to be cancelled were identified during last year's review process. Before final decisions are made, however, the UO Libraries is asking faculty members to review the list of items, which can be accessed online by title or discipline at libweb.uoregon.edu/colldev/review04/.

Faculty members with recommendations for changes to the cancellation list should contact their department's library representative or library subject specialist. A list of representatives and specialists is available at libweb.uoregon.edu/colldev/general/special.html.

A final list of proposed cancellations will be posted for review between **April 12-23**, after which time the cancellations will proceed.

"The UO Libraries recognize that maintaining access to research materials, regardless of format, is a top priority for our faculty," says Faye Chadwell, Collection Development and Acquisitions head. "We remain committed to supporting your scholarship and

at 7:30 p.m. **Feb. 18**, also in the Soreng Theatre in Eugene and at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21 in Jacoby Auditorium at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg. For ticket and other information, go to music.uoregon.edu and www.hultcenter.org or call 6-5678 and 682-5000.

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

teaching despite the challenges we face by way of severe fiscal constraints, continuous technological innovations, and rapid changes in scholarly publishing."

Chadwell and Mark Watson, associate university librarian for collections and access, stress that the UO Libraries continue to make progress on providing alternative methods to obtain scholarly information outside of traditional interlibrary loans.

"The University of Oregon and Oregon State University Libraries have taken their first steps to establish a shared collection of serial titles," they report. "We continue to pursue resources as participants in various library consortia such as the Orbis-Cascade Alliance.

"In the coming year, we are investigating the option of moving more print subscriptions to electronic-only subscriptions," they add. "In addition, we'll be analyzing the feasibility of a subsidized article purchase or document delivery program."

"We regret the need to make more reductions but appreciate your active cooperation and attention, and we encourage your ongoing engagement in the review process," Watson says.

Complete information on the cancellation review process can be found on the 2004 serials review web site at libweb.uoregon.edu/colldev/review04/. For questions or other information, call Chadwell, 6-1819 or e-mail chadwelf@darkwing, or Watson, 6-1896 or e-mail mrwatson@darkwing.

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