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## Williams Fund Recognizes Creative Faculty, Programs

By Kaya Hardin

A mathematician and a scholar of ancient Judaism, as well as projects that will generate three new or updated courses are the latest recipients of grants from the Tom and Carol Williams Fund for Undergraduate Education. These 2003-2004 awards recognize the recipients' innovation in developing programs that are expected to enhance the undergraduate experience.

Since it was set up during the 1996-97 academic year, the Williams Fund has supported more than 22 program proposals and seven fellows in departments ranging from Mathematics to English. Each of the yearly grants ranges from \$5,000 to \$20,000 apiece.

"Tom and Carol Williams have provided the resources that allow us the flexibility to support innovative and excellent teaching and learning initiatives for our undergraduates," says President Dave Frohnmayer. "Thanks to this fund, we now have critical resources to fund creative ideas emerging from our faculty, and this year's Williams Fellows recipients are good examples of this creativity in action."

This year's Williams Fellows are Jon Brundan, Mathematics, and Daniel K. Falk, Religious Studies.

Brundan, a strong teacher and researcher who has authored multiple articles, is working with finite groups and Lie theory. He is striving to understand the relationships between the two branches of mathematics in order to gain a better understanding of them

## Chadwell Receives Library Fellowship Award



Faye Chadwell, UO Libraries Collection Development and Acquisitions Department head, is the recipient of the 2003 Richard and Mary Corrigan Solari Library Faculty Fellowship Award. The annual award honors deserving library faculty members for their noteworthy contributions to the university, the region and the international community of scholars. It also supports the recipient's continued professional development.

Chadwell has an outstanding record of productivity in writing for the profession in journal articles and reviews, as well as making numerous invited presentations and serving on panels. Most significantly, she has translated her commitment to the core values of librarianship into an active championing of intellectual freedom issues, both regionally and nationally.

Chadwell is known for her leadership as president of the Oregon Library Association (OLA). She chaired OLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee and co-chaired the American Library Association's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Round Table.

In recent years, Chadwell has led her unit through a demanding period of shrinking budgets and ever-increasing complexity of formats and vendor agreements. She works with the libraries' 25 subject specialists to facilitate the selection and acquisition of material for UO faculty and students and supervises 13 professional and career classified staff members.

both.

Falk, who has been helping to reconstruct and translate the Dead Sea Scrolls, is interested in the history and literature of ancient Judaism and the beginnings of Christianity. With commitment and passion for his scholarly pursuits, he has brought his knowledge to both students and the public through his teaching and publications.

Williams funds also will support proposals to create or revise three undergraduate course offerings.

"Racial Exchanges: Historical and Literary Constructions of Race in Modern Latin America" is a class that will use an interdisciplinary approach to explore race in Latin America. Taught by Carlos Aguirre, History, and Jesus Diaz-Caballero, Romance Languages, the class likely will become one of the cornerstones of the UO Latin American Studies Program.

"Culture and Scientific Discovery" will examine from various perspectives the links between culture and scientific discovery beginning with the 6th century BC and ending in the 20th century. Course instructors Greg Bothun, Physics, John Nicols and Karl Appuhn, History, and Malcolm Wilson, Classics, hope that combining these perspectives will help to create a firm foundation for students' further exploration of this subject.

The third funded proposal will enable Judith Raiskin, Lynn Fujiwara and Elizabeth Reis, who teach "Women, Difference and Power," as well as other Women's and Gender Studies faculty members to revise and restructure its introductory course, WGS 101, for the first time since it was first offered in the 1970s.

For more information about the Tom and Carol Williams Fund, contact Dave Hubin, executive assistant president and Williams Council chair, at 6-3036 or send e-mail to <hubin@uoregon.edu>.

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## Williams Council Seeks Proposals, Nominations

The Williams Council, comprised of outstanding UO teachers who advise President Dave Frohnmayer on the stewardship of the Tom and Carol Williams Fund for Undergraduate Education, is calling for proposals from individual faculty members, groups or departments for instructional projects to be undertaken during the 2004-2005 academic year.

In its annual announcement, the council said it seeks proposals that allow excellent teachers the opportunity to renew, broaden, restructure or propose classes that more actively engage students in

The award carries with it \$3,000 in professional development funding, and the recipient's name is inscribed on a plaque housed in the Knight Library. The faculty fellowship award is made possible by the Richard and Mary Corrigan Solari Library Faculty Fellowship Endowment Fund.

## Our People

### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**Caroline "Cai" Emmons**, Creative Writing, won the Ken Kesey Award for the Novel in the annual Oregon Book Awards following the January publication by Harcourt Books of her novel, *His Mother's Son*, a complex psychological thriller about an emergency room physician hiding a secret. **Carol Ann Bassett**, Journalism and Communication, was a finalist for the Sarah Winnemucca Award for Creative Nonfiction for her book, *Gathering of Stones: Journeys to the Edges of a Changing World* (Oregon State University Press, 2002). Both were among those honored Nov. 13 in Portland during the 17th annual Oregon Book Awards ceremony, the culmination of an annual program recognizing the finest accomplishments of Oregon writers organized by Literary Arts, Inc.

**Dean Livelybrooks**, Physics, was elected to a two-year term on the Oregon School Boards Association Board of Directors, representing the 4th Congressional District, on Nov. 15 during the OSBA annual convention in Portland. He is a member of the Crow-Applegate-Lorane school board, having been its 2001-2003 chair.

### ON THE MOVE

**Emily J. McElroy** has joined the UO Libraries as collection development and acquisitions librarian. McElroy, who earned her MLIS degree at Dominican University in River Forest, Ill., in 1999, has worked as serials and electronic collections librarian at Loyola University Health Sciences Library in the Chicago suburb of Maywood, created new systems for managing electronic journals, published in *Learned Journals* and currently edits the Serials Conversions column in *Serials Review*. Her phone is 6-1646 and her e-mail is <[emcelroy@darkwing](mailto:emcelroy@darkwing)>.

### IN PRINT/ON DISPLAY

**Mikhail Myagkov**, Political Science, and Peter Ordeshook authored "Location and Political Influence: A Further Elaboration of Their Effects on Voting in Recent Russian Elections" in *Eurasian Geography and Economics*.

### ON THE PODIUM

**Peter Suttmeier**, Political Science, delivered the concluding paper, "China as Rising Techno-Power? Forces of Change and Continuity in China's Technological Development," at a September

the learning process.

"In 1996, Tom and Carol Williams challenged us to use their generous gift to support 'fresh thinking... that will ignite new ideas and get beyond business as usual,'" says Dave Hubin, executive assistant president and Williams Council chair. "They also told us they want to support professors who are willing to search for better and more effective ways of learning."

With those challenges in mind, Hubin says the Williams Council also is soliciting nominations by faculty members, deans and department heads of outstanding university teachers who will be recognized as Williams Fellows for their demonstrated commitment to undergraduate education.

The fellows program, introduced in 1999, provides a \$5,000 award to the recipient in acknowledgement of his or her outstanding contribution to undergraduate learning. In addition, a separate \$5,000 award to the recipient's department, supervised by the recipient, is to be used to affect tangibly the teaching and learning experience of undergraduates in the department.

Feb. 9, 2004, is the deadline for submission of preliminary instructional proposals as well as for Williams Fellows nominations. Finalists for the instructional proposals will be notified March 12. Announcement of the Williams Fellows and of the funded proposals will follow on May 14.

For more information about the Tom and Carol Williams Fund as well as to submit nominations and applications, contact Hubin in the President's Office, 6-3036, or send e-mail to [hubin@uoregon.edu](mailto:hubin@uoregon.edu).

## New Software Saves Graduate School Time, Money, Errors

By Kathy Madison

New software developed by two University of Oregon staff members could revolutionize the way graduate schools nationwide manage student records while saving thousands of dollars in administrative costs.

"GradWeb" eliminates nearly all paper forms and creates virtually error-proof permanent student records. In use at the University of Oregon for the past three years, GradWeb has cut the need to print, mail and process more than 45,000 forms annually. Just one of the program's six modules has done away with 300 administrative hours each year.

conference on "China's Emerging Technological Trajectory in the 21st Century" at Rensselaerville, N.Y., attended by 20 scholars from China, Europe and the United States.

**John Lukacs**, Anthropology, attended the annual meeting of the Canadian Association for Physical Anthropology in Edmonton, Alberta, in October. Lukacs presented "Explaining Sex Differences in Dental Caries Rates: Behavioral and Hormonal Factors" to a joint session composed of anthropologists and dental health care specialists from the University of Alberta.

### IN MEMORIAM

**William G. Loy**, Geography emeritus, died Nov. 15 in Eugene of an infection that arose during treatment for cancer. A graduate of the University of Chicago and the University of Minnesota, Loy, 67, was a member of the UO faculty from 1967 until he retired in 1997. Well known for his work on the *Atlas of Oregon*, Loy led the creation of the first edition, a hardback volume wisely heralded as a masterpiece in 1976. Twenty-five years later, he headed a team that used modern computer cartography techniques to produce an internationally acclaimed second edition of the atlas in hardbound and CD-ROM versions. Loy, who helped found the UO Infographics Lab, received one of the university's highest honors, the Distinguished Service Award, in 2002. A memorial service is planned at 1 p.m. Dec. 6 at Eugene's First United Methodist Church.

## Announcements and Briefs...

### Get a Jump on New Year's Resolutions

Just because 2004 is still a month away doesn't mean you can't start now to tackle one of the New Year's resolutions that many of us make and then break--to start an exercise program or become more active. Beginning **Dec. 1** and continuing through **Feb. 1**, Physical Activity and Recreation Services (PARS) is offering a Winter Fun Individualized Training (FIT) 2-for-1 Special. Rec Center members can partner with a co-worker or friend for a joint cardiovascular and strength-training program for just \$30. "The Johns Hopkins University 'Health after 50' advisory board recently voted unanimously that exercise is the single most-potent antidote to aging," says Marisa Hastie, PARS GTF. "If you're not a regular exerciser, it's never too late to begin." Hastie says the Winter FIT special is a great way to fight the winter blues and the holiday weight gain. Exercising with a partner also increases the likelihood of sticking to your exercise program. To get started, stop by the Rec Center front desk to make an appointment, or call Hastie, 6-1364. For information about the wide range of fitness programs offered by PARS at the Rec Center, visit [darkwing.uoregon.edu/~pars/rec\\_programs/fitness\\_services.htm](http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~pars/rec_programs/fitness_services.htm).

### Charitable Drive Final Drawing Dec. 5

Faculty, staff and GTFs who plan to support this year's Charitable Fund Drive with a one-time or payroll deduction gift have until **3**

While software exists for many university administrative functions, GradWeb is the first specifically designed for graduate schools.

Toby Deemer, Graduate School assistant dean, came up with the idea when she realized her 30 years of institutional memory would leave with her when she retired. She recruited former graduate student and software designer Asif Suria, and together they created GradWeb.

Deemer and Suria have entered into a licensing agreement with the university for GradWeb and formed Eugene Software Solutions to market it.

Before GradWeb, the university had 23 forms to track and record the progress of each graduate student from admission through application for the degree. Every form had to be copied, filed with the Graduate School and sent both to departments and to the student. Today, only two forms remain--everything else is done online.

GradWeb tracks each student's progress and permanently records the information. Changes in the student's status are automatically e-mailed to the Graduate School, departments and the student. The program knows what degree each student is seeking as well as each department's rules for obtaining that degree and alerts all involved to any discrepancy.

For information, visit <[gradweb.uoregon.edu/](http://gradweb.uoregon.edu/)>, send e-mail to <[gradweb@darkwing](mailto:gradweb@darkwing)> or call 6-5129

*Kathy Madison is a UO Communications officer.*

## Knight Library Sets All-Nighters Dec. 1-11

*By Ron Renschler*

Knight Library will remain open around the clock during Dead Week and Finals Week this fall to accommodate students, faculty and staff who need extended hours for study and research.

Beginning at 8 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 1, and running until midnight on Thursday, Dec. 11, Knight Library will be open continuously. On the last day of Finals Week, Friday, Dec. 12, Knight Library will reopen at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

All branch libraries will maintain their usual academic term hours <[libweb.uoregon.edu/acs\\_svc/hrs-extd.html](http://libweb.uoregon.edu/acs_svc/hrs-extd.html)> throughout Dead Week and Finals Week.

**p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5**, the turn in pledge or donation cards so they can be eligible for the drive's final prize drawing. Everyone who has contributed to the annual drive will be eligible for the grand prize, a one-year's membership worth \$210 in the Student Recreation Center. The latest tally of giving by UO employees, according to Libbi Loseke, UO public relations intern with the campus campaign, shows 637 givers in six dozen departments who have given and pledged more than \$148,000. "Even though the campaign is technically over, we are still taking pledge cards and gifts," says Sheila Gray, UO Libraries. "As long as there is a need in the community, it's not too late to turn in your donation!" Winner of the final weekly prize drawing on Nov. 21 was Vickie Skellcerf, University Health Center, who received a Valley River Center gift certificate. For information, including replacement of lost or misplaced pledge forms, consult departmental CFD coordinators or call Gray, 6.1891.

### Alumni Accepting Reservations for Sun Bowl Trip

The UO Alumni Association has started taking reservations for the Wells Fargo Sun Bowl Alumni tour. The deluxe UO tour, **Dec. 29-31**, is three days and two nights and includes charter air service from Eugene or Portland to El Paso, Texas; two nights' accommodations; transportation to the pep rally and game; tickets to the pregame party; and a tour souvenir. Tickets for the Sun Bowl game, kicking off at noon on **Dec. 31** and pitting the Ducks against a Big Ten team, are not included. The air/land tour price is \$1,049 per person, based on double occupancy. Deluxe tour passengers will return to Oregon immediately after the game. A land-only tour, at \$529 per person double occupancy, also is available; game tickets are not included. For details, including hotel, itinerary and optional tour information, visit <[www.doddsathletictours.com/oregon/indexos.html](http://www.doddsathletictours.com/oregon/indexos.html)> or call 6-5656.

### OIMB Receives, Offers Fellowship Funding

Fellowships for nine marine biology graduate students, at master's as well as doctoral degree levels, will be available in June 2004, thanks to grant funding received from the National Science Foundation (NSF) GK-12 program by Jan Hodder and Alan Shanks, both OIMB. Providing a stipend of \$28,000 per year and paying tuition and student health insurance costs, each fellowship is renewable for a second year. Ph.D. students are eligible for one more year of support from Biology, with additional support for subsequent years coming from research grants or teaching assistantships. Students selected for the new NSF GK-12 fellowships will spend 15 hours a week helping to present the MARE aquatic science curriculum to kindergarten through sixth-grade students in the North Bend and Coos Bay school districts, the schools closest to the OIMB campus in Charleston on the central Oregon coast. The rest of each week, the GK-12 fellows will pursue their research and thesis projects with faculty advisers. OIMB officials will begin considering fellowship applications on **Dec. 15** and will continue to review them until the nine positions have been filled. For information, visit <[biology.uoregon.edu/graduate/OIMBfellowship.php](http://biology.uoregon.edu/graduate/OIMBfellowship.php)>, send e-mail to Shanks, <[ashanks@oimb.uoregon.edu](mailto:ashanks@oimb.uoregon.edu)>, or call (541) 888-2581.

Students, faculty, and staff using Knight Library during extended hours between Dec. 1 and Dec. 11 will be required to show a current university ID to remain in or enter the building. Extended hours during Dead Week and Finals Week in the fall are 1 a.m.-8 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Friday through 11 a.m. Saturday; and 7 p.m. Saturday through 11 a.m. Sunday.

During these extended hours, access to photocopy machines and Information Technology Center (ITC) computers and printers will be available. However, no other services, such as checkout of library materials, reserves and video checkout, or reference desk assistance, will be available during extended hours.

In addition, the Daily Grind and campus-based ride programs--the Assault Prevention Shuttle and the Designated Driver Shuttle--will operate only during their regularly scheduled hours, which do not include all of the library's extended hours.

UO Libraries administrators will evaluate the use of Knight Library during the extended hours this fall. They will decide whether to offer the program in the future based on budgetary factors and cost-effectiveness of the program.

Intersession hours, listed at [libweb.uoregon.edu/acs\\_svc/hrs-intr.html](http://libweb.uoregon.edu/acs_svc/hrs-intr.html), will be in effect for all libraries from Saturday, Dec. 13, through Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, with the exception of Dec. 24-28, when all UO Libraries will be closed.

For more information on library hours and closures, visit [libweb.uoregon.edu/acs\\_svc/hours.html](http://libweb.uoregon.edu/acs_svc/hours.html) or call 6-3054.

*Ron Renchler is the UO Libraries communications director.*

## Athletics Task Force to Continue

The University of Oregon Task Force on Athletics will continue its work this year. UO President Dave Frohnmayer and University Senate President Lowell Bowditch, Classics, jointly have appointed its 15 members, including many who served on the task force last year.

The task force charge includes the following:

- Advise the president--now chairing the Pac-10 presidents and chancellors, as well as the Presidential Oversight Committee of the Bowl Championship Series (BCS)--on significant national issues related to intercollegiate athletics, especially those involving the fiscal impact of increasing competitiveness among institutions, the commercialization of athletics and post-season

## This week at the University of Oregon...

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

- The EMU Craft Center holds its annual **Winter Open House and Art Sale** from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesday, **Dec. 2**, at the Craft Center. Featured are creations by students and center staff. For information, call 6-4361 or visit [craftcenter.uoregon.edu/](http://craftcenter.uoregon.edu/).
- **Mutual fund trading practices** will be the topic of discussion by a panel of UO finance and law scholars from 5:30-7 p.m. on Wednesday, **Dec. 3**, in 282 Lillis. Moderated by Wayne Mikkelson, Finance, they will discuss "Mutual Funds or Your Mattress? What's Right and What's Wrong with Mutual Funds." John Chalmers, Woodrow Johnson and Jon Reuter, all Finance, and Judd Sneirson, Law, will review proposed solutions to current problems with trading practices (such as market timing and late trading), fees and board oversight of mutual funds. They also will evaluate the long-run prospects for the mutual fund industry and its shareholders. For information about the free program, call 6-3304 or visit [lcb.uoregon.edu/departments/fin/](http://lcb.uoregon.edu/departments/fin/).
- At 7 p.m. on Thursday, **Dec. 4**, join award-winning Amity author Floyd Skloot for a free **Late Night Thursday Author Event** in the Knight Library Browsing Room. In 1988, Skloot contracted a virus that attacked his brain and devastated his life. *In the Shadow of Memory* is the story of not only his regaining abilities, but also of his rebuilding all aspects of the self. These essays explore the medical and physical realities, the efforts to piece together history and emotional bonds, and finally the acceptance and celebration of the new person to emerge. Skloot, who just received a 2003 Oregon Book Award, the Sarah Winnemucca Award for Creative Nonfiction, for this chronicle of his own recovery from traumatic brain injury, reads from and signs copies of his memoir. For information, go to [www.uobookstore.com/generalbooks/author\\_evt.cfm](http://www.uobookstore.com/generalbooks/author_evt.cfm) or call 6-4331, Ext. 228.
- A 20-member ensemble will perform on the complete **Central Javanese court gamelan**, "Kyai Tunjung Mulya (noble lotus blossom)," at 4 p.m. on Sunday, **Dec. 7**, in Gerlinger Alumni Lounge. Recently acquired by the UO music school, the gamelan (Indonesian orchestra) consists of more than 50 ornately decorated instruments of bronze, iron, brass, wood and bamboo, including xylophones, metallophones, gongs, drums and flutes. For details, call 6-5678 or visit [music.uoregon.edu/](http://music.uoregon.edu/).

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

competition;

- Examine the current relationship between the UO athletic department and the university and make recommendations to the president about steps that could be taken to further enhance that relationship, including examination of current faculty governance structures; and
- Continue to examine issues related to academic integrity for student-athletes.

The task force, chaired by Suzanne Clark, English, is expected to begin its work soon. Besides Bowditch, members are Jim Earl, English; Andrew Marcus, Geography; Bill Moos and Martin Smith, Athletics; Jim O'Fallon and Margie Paris, Law; Brad Shelton, Mathematics; Nathan Tublitz, Biology; Vice President Dan Williams, Administration; and students Janell Bergstrom, Joe Jenkins, Kourtney Shreve and Amanda Studdard.

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