When you can’t speak, sing.

In the simplest terms, this philosophy inspires Albulena Shabani. But the research she’s begun as a new Fulbright-mtvU fellow is in no way simple: gender, sexuality, how women heal the wounds of war through music and voice.

More than a decade after the Kosovo War, Shabani (’10 BA English) says the silence around sexual violence against women in wartime remains largely, dangerously intact.

“In Kosovo, rape was used as a weapon of war to emasculate Muslim men who could not defend mothers, wives, sisters, daughters. How do you talk about that?,“ Shabani asks. “Most people don’t. That’s why music can be such a powerful space for healing and creating mutual understanding. Who needs to talk when you can sing?”

Shabani, whose work is affiliated with the University of Prishtina, will begin crafting an open mic series with a women’s choir, Lira, when she arrives in Kosovo this week. The Fulbright-mtvU fellowship funds a select handful of research projects yearly that explore the power of music as a global force for mutual understanding.

“Art helped me find my voice,” says Shabani. “I really had to fight for the freedom to be an artist, though. It was so taboo for a young lady to be creative outside of traditional spaces.”

That’s because – before she represented Milwaukee in the 2010 Women of the World poetry slam; studied English, film, political science and women in Islam at UWM; and directed award-winning short films – Shabani had to manage her own cultural transitions and expectations.

She moved from Macedonia to Wisconsin at age 12. “As first-generation immigrants, times were tough and my family struggled a lot with poverty and culture shock. We moved lots.

“I’m grateful my family has done so well in Wisconsin.”

Arriving at UWM via Tomahawk High, Shabani launched into academics, art and activism, helping organize events that brought Saul Williams and Amiri Baraka to campus. She studied film, film theory, Islam and feminism, writing and critical thinking, political science and more. “My parents didn’t have an opportunity to even go to high school, so I’m grateful to have had guidance from my community here,” Shabani now says, naming several UWM faculty who inspired her academic and artistic interests.

“Now I want to help Lira create a space where more women can share their voices. My job is to document this process and offer another venue for their voices to be heard through film.”

Shabani is in Kosovo through June 2013.

Read her blog at http://fulbright.mtvu.com/

Watch her films at: http://www.youtube.com/user/albulenaearth?feature=watch
The idea of sustainable agriculture in urban areas isn’t new. Long ago, in cities such as ancient Egypt, community waste was used to enhance urban farming and sustain urban dwellers. But the idea of urban agriculture seemed to disappear from view for a long time. Now the convergence of widespread interest in farm-to-table eating, sustainability, organics and food safety has jump-started a line of scholarly inquiry and practical application in at least one Urban Studies student.

Senior Craig Cebulla is a Sociology and Urban Studies double-major looking ahead to a career in the local food movement. His passion for “creating a sustainable lifestyle through urban agriculture” may harken back to days gone by, but he takes full advantage of contemporary technologies to spread his message. Using what he learns from his Urban Studies courses, Craig has a series of videos and a Facebook page which he uses to promote urban agriculture and its ability to foster understanding among different people.

That’s just what UWM’s Urban Studies curriculum aims to inspire. “Ideally, we see the programs as much more than teaching history and theories,” explained Urban Studies educator Michael Ford. “We hope to sow creativity and push for the next generation of ideas that will help future urban communities.”

An assignment to grow food in an urban environment led the construction of Craig’s vertical and bench gardens. The vertical herb and lettuce garden is constructed of rain gutters attached to the side of his parents’ garage in Milwaukee. The raised wooden bench garden was constructed to develop a garden above a stone patio space where he grows eggplant, beets, beans, carrots, cucumbers, kohlrabi and chives. Both gardens are thriving.

His vertical gardens are practical, relatively easy and economical to make and hyper-local, says Ford. “Historically, in urban studies there is so much focus on large policy ideas to improve cities; well, here is something simple everyone can do that can have a positive impact. Also, the gardens are aesthetically appealing, which is huge for the quality of life of a neighborhood.”

Craig took his projects a step further. For Perspectives on the Urban Scene, an online Urban Studies course taught by Jennifer Cadenas, he wanted to expand the conversation to a larger audience and begin tying the themes together. Videos he made while constructing the gardens, visiting farmers’ markets and touring local food production facilities such as Sweetwater Organics were posted on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Vimeo. His comments and the comments of others led to a discussion about how eating healthy, local food leads to stronger communities.

This globally important role for food is something he’s pursuing further in his courses. Craig explained that growing, cooking and eating together forges connections between strangers, strengthens bonds among friends and can help strengthen relationships between people of different cultures or nationalities. He’s onto something – just recently Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called food an important diplomatic tool due to its ability to bring people together and sustain communities.

Following another urban agriculture assignment, Craig chose to eat only Wisconsin-grown products for the summer and record his progress and observations online. Throughout the past few months, he’s been using fresh ingredients from gardens and local farmers’ markets, a process he found to be simple and low-cost for the quantity received. “I know exactly where these products come from and what I am specifically eating. I hope the simple tips and tricks I show inspire others to take the time to slow down and try making some basic meals from scratch,” Craig said. He went on to say, “Far too many people have lost touch with the food we eat on a daily basis, but they are starting to care about where their food comes from. My videos are meant to encourage people to think about this and other benefits of growing and eating locally.” This project led him to add another benefit to his list: urban agriculture provides more local jobs and puts money back directly into the community, a factor many people still don’t associate with the local food movement, he noted.

With an eye on a career in urban agriculture education, this semester he is volunteering at Growing Power as part of his course on Multicultural America. At Growing Power, a national urban agriculture organization headquartered in Milwaukee, Craig is learning practical urban farming skills. Meanwhile, he continues to eat local, document his journey, and share his experiences with the hope of inspiring others to become part of the solution to re-nourish urban life in Milwaukee or wherever they may happen to live.

If you are interested in connecting with Craig and others who are interested in urban agriculture, he invites you to join the conversation on Facebook @Local Food for Thought or e-mail him at ccebulla@uwm.edu.
Zoromski Joins Elite Silver Circle

Mark Zoromski, senior lecturer in Journalism, Advertising, and Media Studies, was inducted October 7 into the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences’ prestigious Silver Circle for the Chicago/Midwest Chapter. The Silver Circle honors outstanding individuals who have devoted 25 years or more to the television industry, and who have made significant contributions to their local television markets.

Zoromski is founder and faculty news director of the national award-winning UWM PantherVision program, and founder of the UWM Broadcast Club. He worked for 18 years as a journalist and news manager at three Wisconsin television stations, including Milwaukee’s WITI.

Minneapolis television journalist Boyd Huppert introduced Zoromski at the Silver Circle ceremony at Milwaukee’s Italian Community Center, where family and colleagues gathered for the induction ceremony. Milwaukee television anchor Joyce Garbaciak, Poynter Institute leader Jill Geisler, and WITI sports anchor Tom Pipines were also among the other inductees.

JAMS Reporters Hit the Streets

by Jane Hampden, Department of Journalism, Advertising and Media Studies

Journalism students are getting real-world experience this fall by working with online news sites Urban Milwaukee and Patch. Students in Jessica McBride’s Integrated Reporting classes in the Department of Journalism, Advertising, and Media Studies applied to write for various suburban Milwaukee Patch sites or for Urban Milwaukee, where former Milwaukee Magazine editor Bruce Murphy now serves as editor and columnist. Students are assigned to cover the November election, government meetings, crime and feature stories for their beats. Reporting classes also write for Media Milwaukee, the award-winning JAMS news site. Check out their websites at:

http://urbanmilwaukee.com/
http://www.patch.com/
http://www4.uwm.edu/mediamilwaukee/
Panther Prowl Sets New Record

The 2012 Panther Prowl 5K is one for the records book with 1,625 registrants. The threat of rain kept some away, but it turned out to be a rain-free and warm run.

Letters & Science had a strong turnout across numerous departments and programs and congratulates its award-winners:

- Holly Nearman (’09 BA Journalism & Mass Communication, Sociology) – first place female with a time of 17:52
- Thomas Wells (’11 BS Biology) – first place male with a time of 15:51
- The Department of English, whose team, The Run-Ons, won the largest team prize for the seventh year running, with 56 registrants
- Stephanie Perleberg (Master’s student, Media Studies) – first place female 25-29 age group with a time of 19:53
- Lyndsay Smanz (’04 BS Atmospheric Sciences) – first place female 30-34 age group with a time of 21:25

Chancellor Lovell, an avid runner who had just completed the Lakefront Marathon a week prior, placed 95th with a time of 21:37. Ninety-four people crossed the finish line ahead of him, winning “I beat the Chancellor” t-shirts in the process.

Most importantly, the run is a fundraiser for student scholarships, and more than $76,000 was raised this year.

New Leadership for English as a Second Language

The growth in international students across all of UWM has been significant just in recent years and is expected to grow even more rapidly as the University partners with countries such as China, Korea and India to serve the higher education needs of those nations.

These students will have varying levels of English proficiency and will come from many different language backgrounds. Our English as a Second Language (ESL) program, housed in the College of Letters & Science, is gearing up to become more flexible and responsive to these students.

Larry Kuiper has been named the Interim Director of ESL. He will be responsible for coordinating the current activities of ESL as well as coordinating the development of new initiatives. Larry has worked with and published with some of the finest scholars in second language acquisition, such as Sue Gass and Dennis Preston. He has taught French as a foreign language for over twenty years, coordinated language teaching assistants and instructors for over 15 years, and repeatedly taught the language pedagogy course in UWM’s master’s program in language, literature and translation. Larry has also taught ESL, both in France (university level) and at Michigan State University where he also served as the coordinator of a special summer program for a 5-year period.
When texts and technologies fail, nobody wins. Users are frustrated, developers are disappointed and everyone is convinced the blame lies elsewhere. Nobody seems to consider that the products (websites, web applications, etc.) or processes themselves might be flawed.

The L&S Usability Testing Lab occupies just two small rooms in the Northwest Quadrant, but it’s built on a big idea: the user’s perspective is an essential component of successful development processes.

Usability testing is a process designed to reveal the strengths and weaknesses of texts and technologies by investigating user experiences. During usability tests, participants typically take a variety of tests designed to evaluate whether products are clear, comprehensive, persuasive or easy to navigate.

A common type of usability testing determines whether participants can locate specific information or perform a specific task, how they do so, and how long it takes. These observations provide invaluable information to developers about what users expect and need from the text or technology and which specific revisions can result in improved user experiences. If testing happens early in the design process, developers can make the necessary adjustments and confirm that the changes solved the users’ problems through further rounds of testing.

Established in 2011 with funding from the UWM Digital Future initiative and L&S administration, the project brings together key L&S staff and academic departmental expertise. L&S IT Office (LSITO) senior web developer Homer Hruby serves as on-campus client liaison; associate professor Rachel Spilka provides usability training and monitors the quality of lab procedures and deliverables; professional writing Ph.D. student Kim Baker serves as the primary test facilitator; and professional writing M.A. student and LSITO documentation specialist Josh Ebert serves as technology coordinator.

During the summer, the team conducted preliminary investigations of two on-campus technologies, the Digital Measures faculty activity reporting system and the redesigned campus HR Benefits website.

“Usability testing demonstrates an objective, intuitive and complete view of the website from a user’s point of view,” said HR lead developer Mark Huang. “With the testing results, I’m able to improve the overall usefulness of the website.”

With its ties to the professional writing program, the lab not only supports on-campus technology, but also enables students to conduct directed research and develop valuable job skills. This fall, graduate students in the English Department’s qualitative research seminar will use the lab to conduct their own research in a professional usability environment.

Spilka, who has taught the course since 2002, sees opportunities for students to build on their course work through authentic, practical experiences. “The lab represents an amazing resource for our students and for the campus at large,” she said. “Already, through pilot research projects, students are developing marketable professional experience working with on- and off-campus clients. Soon, we hope to expand our operations so that the lab can offer usability testing services to businesses and organizations in the community. Those kinds of current and future partnerships demonstrate the value and promise of collaboration between UWM and the surrounding community.”

To build on current hands-on usability training in the Professional Writing program, Baker and Spilka hope to develop a new undergraduate course that will focus on just usability testing. “Many of our students go directly into industry after earning their B.A.,” Baker commented. “We want to give our undergraduate students a chance to build usability testing skills and experiences that will help them stand out to prospective employers in a tough job market.”

“Everybody should be doing usability testing,” Hruby said. “It’s the most proactive way to identify problems in the development process.”

The L&S Usability Testing team welcomes new campus partners interested in usability testing. If you would like more information or have a project that would benefit from the user perspective, please e-mail ls-usability@uwm.edu.
UWM Honors Faculty and Staff

Each year UWM bestows faculty and staff awards in various categories at an annual celebration. This year, 12 Letters & Science recipients received recognition:

Ernest Spaights Plaza Honoree:
Markos J. Mamalakis, Professor Emeritus, Economics.
The Ernest Spaights Plaza is named in honor of the late Professor Ernest Spaights and is dedicated to individuals who have made significant, enduring and campus-wide contributions to the growth and development of UWM.

UWM Faculty Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award:
Robert J. Beck, Associate Professor, Political Science
Kristen Murphy, Assistant Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry

UWM Graduate School/UWM Foundation Research Awards:
Christine Larson, Associate Professor, Psychology
Xiaohua Peng, Assistant Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry
Amanda Seligman, Associate Professor, History and Urban Studies

UWM Research Foundation Senior Faculty Awards:
Kathleen Dolan, Professor, Political Science
Martha Carlin, Professor, History

UWM Academic Staff Outstanding Performance and Service Award:
Jean Creighton, Director of UWM Manfred Olson Planetarium

UWM Academic Staff Outstanding Teaching Award:
Anja Blecking, Lecturer, Chemistry and Biochemistry

Joanne Lazirko Award for Excellence in Teaching with Technology:
Rachel Baum, Senior Lecturer, Foreign Language and Literature, and Jewish Studies

UWM Classified Staff Outstanding Service Award:
Kathy Doering-Kilkenny, Academic Department Manager, English

International GIS Day Comes to UWM Nov. 14

GIS Day is an annual international event that creates a space for users of geographic information systems (GIS) to demonstrate real-world applications and spread awareness of the ways GIS helps people see the world. GIS uses digital technology to visualize, analyze, interpret and understand data, revealing spatial relationships, patterns and trends on a computerized map. This technology has applications in many areas including geography, urban planning, public health, business and marketing. UWM will celebrate GIS Day 2012 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm on Wednesday, November 14, in the Golda Meir Library conference center. The day-long event will offer something of interest for all skill levels, from those who are curious about what GIS can do to those who use it on a daily basis.

Activities at UWM include hands-on workshops, presentations by GIS professionals, and a map gallery displaying numerous GIS projects by UWM and agencies from the Milwaukee area. There also will be a series of Spatial Ignite talks: five-minute speed sessions from GIS users that are a great way to quickly learn about a variety of projects using GIS. A student GIS project competition is also part of the day.

Keynote speaker Dr. Laxmi Ramasubramanian is an alumna of UWM and a professor at Hunter College as well as President of the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science. Her talk on “The University’s Role in Fostering Spatial Citizenship” takes place over the lunch hour – free pizza is included with registration!

Participants are welcome to attend for the whole day, or to stop in for one or two sessions. All sessions are free, but registration is appreciated. http://www4.uwm.edu/gis/gisday/
Dean’s Distinguished Lecture in the Humanities to be given Nov. 15

Dr. Arjun Appadurai from the Department of Media, Culture, and Communication at New York University will visit UWM on November 15th for the fifth installment of the Dean’s Distinguished Lecture in the Humanities.

Dr. Appadurai specializes in contemporary and global social-cultural anthropology. During his visit, he will refer to the work of French social thinker Emile Durkheim to examine some of the underlying logic of the financial crisis of 2008. His talk, Subprime Personhood: The Human Logic of the Financial Crisis, will look at the ways in which the financial industry drew Americans into a poorly understood system of loans, especially in the area of housing. Dr. Appadurai theorizes that the system as a whole encourages a new view of personhood as endlessly molecular bearers of indebtedness.

Join us on Thursday, November 15, at 3:30 pm in the Zelazo Center, Room 250, for what promises to be a fascinating afternoon presentation.

Arjun Appadurai was born in Bombay, India. He holds degrees from Brandeis University and the University of Chicago and has traveled across the United States, Latin America, Europe and India to speak about his research and publications such as Fear of Small Numbers: An Essay on the Geography of Anger and Modernity at Large: Cultural Dimensions of Globalization. Professor Appadurai is a founding editor of the journal Public Culture, founding Director of the Chicago Humanities Institute at the University of Chicago, president and founder of Mumbai’s PUKAR (Partners for Urban Knowledge Action and Research) and one of the founders of the Interdisciplinary Network on Globalization.

The College of Letters and Science wishes to acknowledge the generous donation by Ihab and Sally Hassan that makes the Dean’s Distinguished Lecture Series possible.

Laurels and Accolades

Nancy Burrell (Communication) was inducted into the School of Communication Alumni Academy for career productivity by the School of Communication, College of Arts and Sciences, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on October 4, 2012. Her professional accomplishments include serving as editor for several books focused on issues in interpersonal communication, classroom instruction and media effects that synthesize quantitative research through meta-analysis; director of the Mediation Center at UWM; director of the Graduate Certificate in Mediation and Negotiation; and mediator for the U.S. Postal Service and the Department of Justice.

Each year the national organization Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life (IA) holds a peer-reviewed competition for the presentation of work at its annual conference. Cheryl Ajriotutu (Anthropology) and Gregory Jay (English and Cultures and Communities) were two of the four UWM scholars who won slots at the meeting. Cheryl presented on both “Learning To Speak-Learning To Listen: Community Voices Creating Intentional Culture and Knowledge” and “Equitable and Sustainable Partnerships and Collaborative Research in Post-Post Katrina New Orleans.” Greg was part of a roundtable on “Public Scholarship, Community Engagement, and Diversity.”

Tasha Oren (English) was selected as a 2012 fellow of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Foundation. The foundation will host Tasha for a week in southern California, bringing her and other scholars together in a series of seminars and conversations with television producers, writers, show runners and TV executives.

A play translated by Joel Berkowitz (Foreign Languages and Literature and the Sam and Helen Stahl Center for Jewish Studies) received a positive review in Backstage, a leading publication of the performing arts industry. Target Margin Theater is staging “Dukus” as part of their celebration of the legacy of Yiddish theater. “Dukus” is based on a 1925 play by Lithuanian writer Alter Kacyzne as translated by Joel and Jeremy Dauber. Target Margin Theater is located in Brooklyn, New York. http://bit.ly/SHyyBU

Seema Das (Biological Sciences) received the Best Poster Presentation Award (First Place) at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the North Central Branch of the American Society for Microbiology.
In the Media and Around the Community

Ruth Page Jones (History) was instrumental in solving a historical mystery surrounding the statue of John Plankinton in Milwaukee. Jim Stingl of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel wrote about the quest to verify the statue's age. [http://bit.ly/Pf2Xto]

Dorrie Unerl (L&S Advisor) presented “An Introduction to Motivational Interviewing: Helping At-Risk Students Succeed” at the National Academic Advising Association annual conference held in Nashville.

Falon Karch (Communication) will give an invited lecture on qualitative methods to a Communication Research Methods course at Northern Illinois University. In addition to discussing the ideology and application of qualitative methodologies, she will present her own qualitative work.

Rina Ghose (Geography) presented her research on the social and policy dimensions of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) at a seminar for the Center for Information Policy Research entitled “Bridging the Geospatial Divide through Public Participation GIS.” [http://bit.ly/RocZYo]

Margaret Atherton and Robert Schwartz (Philosophy) presented papers at the Rethinking Pragmatist Aesthetics Conference in Wroclaw, Poland, August 31-September 2. Atherton’s paper was entitled “Kate Gordon: an Early Pragmatist in Aesthetics” and Schwartz’s was called “Reading Pictures.”

Rina Ghose (Geography) was invited to present at the conference on “Information flows in urban governance: Legitimacy, accountability and transparency” held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Her topic was “Addressing urban deprivation and inequalities through Public Participation GIS.” While there, she also spoke at the Center for Urban Studies at the University of Amsterdam on “Power and politics in the use of GIS in community decision making.”

Peter Geissinger, Anja Blecking, Karrie Gerlach, Hannah Wagie, and Kristen Murphy (Chemistry and Biochemistry) conducted a workshop for 27 high school math and science teachers at the University of Illinois-Chicago titled “Scale, Proportion, and Quantity: Helping Your Students Understand What They Can’t See.” The six-hour workshop included the use of the scanning electron microscope at UWM, linked remotely. The high school teachers work with their students to collect samples and send them to UWM for generating SEM images for use in their classrooms. This is the first in a series of workshops focused on the seven crosscutting concepts from a recently released study by the National Research Council regarding a framework for K-12 Science Education.

A story about alumnus Michael Berhhagen (Communication) appeared on the cover of the business section of the Sunday, September 30 edition of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. Michael, along with fourth-grade teacher Terry Kaldhusdal, created a film entitled “Consider the Conversation: A Documentary on a Taboo Subject” which addresses end-of-life decision-making and care. The film has garnered national attention and served as the impetus for a statewide initiative by the Wisconsin Medical Society to have physicians include advance care planning as a routine part of patient care. [http://bit.ly/Tlwvl]

On September 21, Robert J. Beck (Political Science and LSITO) gave an invited talk on “The Future of Online Education in Political Science” at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In a separate session, he addressed the campus’ senior IT leadership on technology-enhanced pedagogy.

Amanda Seligman (History) participated in an American Historical Association blog discussion following the first presidential debate. [http://bit.ly/QL3dyy]

Staff members from the Letters & Science IT office including Danny Harvey, Homer Hruby, Jeremy Streich and Bob Beck presented “Mobile App Development with HTML5” in a poster session at the HighEdWeb 2012 national conference in October.
Noelle Chesley (Sociology) was interviewed on WTMJ radio on October 2 to comment on a recent article connecting technology use to higher rates of injury among young children. [http://bit.ly/S2qviw](http://bit.ly/S2qviw)

Fred Helmstetter (Psychology) gave the opening address at the annual meeting of the Pavlovian Society held in Jersey City, New Jersey, September 21-22, 2012. The title of the talk was “Adventures in the neurobiology of trace conditioning.” Several graduate students and postdocs from UWM presented posters at the meeting.

Katherine Becker (Communication), along with co-collaborators, presented “The role of embarrassment on college student health care seeking decisions” at the American Academy on Communication in Healthcare held in Providence, Rhode Island, in October.

“Does Romney ‘get’ women who work?” was the title of an opinion piece by Kathleen Dolan (Political Science) and a colleague from American University that appeared on CNN on October 19. [http://bit.ly/ROeJI](http://bit.ly/ROeJI)

Several communication students and faculty member Leslie Harris (Communication) presented at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender conference in Tacoma, Washington, in October. Ruth Beerman spoke on “Momentous moving: Michelle Obama as embodying the push for fitness as a public advocate in the Let’s Move! campaign.” Jennifer Hawkins’ topic was “Helpful and hurtful enacted support messages experienced by women regarding early pregnancy loss,” and she was on a panel about negotiating pregnancy loss. Leslie presented her paper on “Honorable manhood and barbaric cruelty: Gender and class in nineteenth-century domestic violence.”

William Keith (Communication) was one of the presenters on “From civic imagination to civic interventions” at the 2012 Public Address Conference in Memphis in September.

Four Communication Ph.D. students, Rachel Davidson, Andrew Cole, Kaori Yamada, and Lara Stache, were part of a panel presentation on “Women’s roles, agency, and power in public and private spheres” at the 2012 Women’s Studies LTBQ Conference held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in October. At this same conference Lindsey Harness spoke on “The rhetorical possibilities and limitations of YouTube and the It Gets Better Project.”

Charles Timmerman (Communication) attended the 14th Annual International Workshop on Presence in Philadelphia as a presented on “Positive feedback messages and the role of presence during exercise video game play.”

Kim Omachinski (Communication) spoke on “Preparing resident assistants for intercultural encounters: A training program to foster intercultural competence in the residence halls” at the Society for Intercultural Training and Research USA Conference held in Minneapolis in October.

Just in time for Halloween, WUWM interviewed Meghan Murphy-Lee (Foreign Languages and Literature) on October 25 about her course, “Vampires: From Slavic Village to Hollywood.” This popular course is a historical survey of western vampire lore from discovery in eastern Europe in the 1700’s through British literary vampire literature to Hollywood Dracula films. Check out the radio interview at [http://bit.ly/P9WboN](http://bit.ly/P9WboN)

Rodney Swain (Psychology) and his students presented on a number of topics at the Society for Neuroscience in October:

Passings

Retired Professor of Physics Raymond Suchy passed away on September 27, 2012, at the age of 99. Professor Suchy’s illustrious career included time spent as a teacher at Washington High School; a writer of self-study books on actuarial mathematics, physics, chemistry and criminology; a second lieutenant in the signal corps of the Army Air Corps during World War II; and a UWM professor of physics. He was an avid tennis player and coached the UWM men’s tennis team during the 1950’s. Professor Suchy is survived by his wife, Gregoria Karides Suchy, whom he met at UWM when she was on the music faculty and their departments were both in Mitchell Hall, two daughters and two grandchildren. [http://bit.ly/S3U5DN]

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Reed Schweitz. Reed was a student in the Department of English who passed away unexpectedly on September 23, 2012. He was born February 8, 1984, in Waterloo, Iowa. Reed is survived by his father Kenneth, step-mother Ximena, brother Graham, step-brother Willem, grandmother Theresa Baxter and grandfather Ernest Schweitz. He was preceded in death by his mother Dawn.

Richard “RAP” Paull died on October 13, 2012 in Littleton, Colorado, at the age of 82. He was born in Madison, Wisconsin, where he also attended the University. After five years working in petroleum research at Jersey Production Research Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma, he returned to academia to develop the geology program at UWM and serve as its first chair. He retired after 34 years, leaving a legacy of having built the program’s strong reputation in the petroleum industry and garnering much support for students. For almost all of those years, he also led geology students on seven-week field camps to the Rocky Mountains, a program he created. On these excursions, he and his students produced groundbreaking geologic maps and stratigraphic reports for southern Idaho. He was a prolific author on the geology of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Survivors include his geologist wife of 58 years, Rachel Krebs Paull, three daughters, five grandchildren and many other family members and friends. [http://bit.ly/RuhHms]

Grants

Uk Heo (Political Science) and his research collaborators received a $1.1 million grant from the Academy of Korean Studies, Korean Studies Promotion Service for a five-year study entitled “South Korea’s Rise in the Era of Globalization: Power, Economic Development, and Foreign Relations. UWM’s portion of this grant is $682,114.

Filipe Alberto (Biological Sciences) was awarded a three-year, $355,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to study the effect of inbreeding on the metapopulation dynamics of the giant kelp Macrocystis pyrifera.

Rudi Strickler (Biological Sciences and Freshwater Sciences) received an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant in the amount of $377,715 to monitor invasive species on ballast water. The grant is part of the EPA’s Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.
Upcoming Events

Nov. 1
Film Screening: The Rape of Europa. A documentary about Nazi Germany's plundering of Europe's great works of art; Professor Winson Chu leads the post-film discussion. Co-sponsored by the Sam and Helen Stahl Center for Jewish Studies. 6:15 p.m. http://bit.ly/RpHYSI

Nov. 2
From Stockton to Oak Creek: The Sikh Experience. Who are the Sikhs? What happened in Oak Creek? And Why? Dr. Gurinder Singh Mann from UC-Santa Barbara presents. Sponsored by the Religious Studies Student Organization. 3:00 p.m. http://bit.ly/TgZjes

Physics Colloquium: Fiber Diffraction from Biopolymers. Gerald Stubbs from Vanderbilt University presents. 3:00 p.m. http://www4.uwm.edu/letsci/physics/events/colloquia/

Philosophy Colloquium: Why do what I have reasons to do? Stan Husi from UWM presents. 3:30 p.m. http://www4.uwm.edu/letsci/philosophy/colloquia/

Planetarium Show: Northern Lights. $2 admission. 7 p.m. Every Friday through December 14. http://planetarium.uwm.edu

Science Bag Show: All My Bugs. Take a plankton safari to visit another environment: water...in ponds, lakes, and oceans. 8 p.m. every Friday in November and Sunday, Nov. 11. http://www4.uwm.edu/letsci/sciencebag/

Nov. 3

Nov. 4
Spying on the Past—Satellite Imagery and Archaeology in Southern Mesopotamia. Part of the 2012-13 Archaeological Institute of America-Milwaukee Chapter lecture series. Dr. Carrie Hritz from Pennsylvania State University presents. 3:00 p.m. http://www4.uwm.edu/archlab/AIA/

The Klezmatics in Concert. 6:00 p.m. at the Zelazo Center. Co-sponsored by the Sam and Helen Stahl Center for Jewish Studies. http://yoa.uwm.edu/the-klezmathics-in-concert

Nov. 5

Nov. 8-29
Art Exhibition: The Neche Collection. Artist and designer Veronica Corzo-Duchardt retells the story of her grandfather's life across an archive of his possessions. Shaped both by his heritage as a Cuban exile of Lebanese descent and his work as an accountant, he instilled in his granddaughter a fascination with cultural artifacts. Opening reception 5 p.m. on Nov. 8; regular show hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Nov. 29. http://www4.uwm.edu/letsci/arthistory/gallery/exhibitions/current.cfm

Nov. 9
Economics Seminar: A Direct Approach to Inference in Nonparametric and Semiparametric Quantile Regression Models. Yanqin Fan from Vanderbilt University presents. 2:00 p.m. http://www4.uwm.edu/crie/seminars/

Neuroscience Seminar: Post-Transcriptional Regulation of Adult Neural Stem Cell Fate. Xinyu Zhao from UW-Madison presents. 2:00 p.m. http://www4.uwm.edu/neuroscience/seminars.cfm

Philosophy Colloquium: Jonathan Edwards' denial of created substance. Antonia LoLordo from the Univ. of Virginia presents. 3:30 p.m. http://www4.uwm.edu/letsci/philosophy/colloquia/

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Nov. 9

TV and Its Audiences: An Insider’s Perspective. Justin Wyatt, Vice President of Primary Research at NBCUniversal, will provide insight into the qualitative and quantitative research, using examples from broadcast/cable television and digital media. Sponsored by Film Studies. 3:00 p.m.

Nov. 11

Science Bag Show: All My Bugs. Take a plankton safari to visit another environment: water...in ponds, lakes, and oceans. 2 p.m. Also every Friday night in November.

http://www4.uwm.edu/letsci/sciencebag/

Nov. 12

Bilingual Poetry Reading: Saldago Maranhão. Brazilian poet Saldago Maranhão reads from his recent book, Blood of the Sun. Sponsored by the Portuguese program. 6:00 p.m. in Mitchell 195.

Nov. 14

GIS Day (Geographic Information Systems). A global event to showcase the technology of GIS. All day.

https://www4.uwm.edu/gis/gisday


Author Visit: “Writing for Peace” by Samir El-Youssef. El-Youssef won the 2005 Swedish PEN Tucholsky Award for promoting peace and freedom of speech in the Middle East. Hosted by the Sam and Helen Stahl Center for Jewish Studies at Boswell Book Company.

http://boswell.indiebound.com/upcoming-events

Nov. 15

Subprime Personhood: The Human Logic of the Financial Crisis. The fifth Dean’s Distinguished Lecture in the Humanities presents Dr. Arjun Appadurai. 3:30 p.m. in the Zelazo Center.

Nov. 16

A Conversation with Arjun Appadurai. Arjun Appadurai is a contemporary social-cultural anthropologist focusing on modernity and globalization. Please register at c21@uwm.edu to receive a copy of the reading. Hosted by the Center for 21st Century Studies in the Regent’s Room. 9:30 a.m.


Neuroscience Seminar: Tonic Inhibition and Regulation of Thalamocortical Network Function in Absence Epilepsy. Matthew Jones from UW-Madison presents. 2 p.m. http://www4.uwm.edu/neuroscience/seminars.cfm

Nov. 29-Dec. 1

Sex and Gender Spectra Conference. The conference will address life beyond sex/gender binaries, including topics such as intersexuality, androgyny, genderqueerity, the gender transition process, camp and drag, female masculinity and feminine men, gender policing, and multiple-gender cultural roles.

http://www4.uwm.edu/letsci/conferences/sexandgenderspectra/

Nov. 29

Philosophy Colloquium: Blood, Matter, and Necessity. David Ebrey from Northwestern University presents. 3:30 p.m.

http://philosophy.uwm.edu/colloquia
Video Stories

Biology Professor (and bird-lover!) Peter Dunn takes a trek around the UWM Field Station, 20 miles north of the main campus, to study the common yellowthroat.

http://youtu.be/KbfCfBpv_VU

Africology Professor Jeffrey Sommers was interviewed on Russia’s international television news network, RT, on both October 1 and October 3, for discussions on austerity measures as an economic fix.

http://youtu.be/lppghOh7cb4


Presidential Election Coverage

Kathryn Olson, Communication Professor and Director of the Rhetorical Leadership graduate certificate, was part of a C-Span panel discussion on the analysis of presidential debates.

http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/CitizensG

Following the panel, numerous media outlets wrote about the discussion, quoting Kathryn.

She also provided expert commentary on a number of other topics to local, national and international media:

• Expectations for the Vice Presidential debate - cited in an article that was published world-wide via Gannett news service.
  http://stargaz.tt/TpehUd

• Vice Presidential debate winner – cited in an article that was published world-wide via Reuters news service.
  http://reut.rs/Pf7Nqu

• Second Presidential debate body language and mannerisms – interviewed on WUWM. http://bit.ly/VxHb2c

The American Political Science Association (APSA) hosted a special press event on forecasting the presidential election with Political Science Professor Thomas Holbrook.

http://youtu.be/zBUZwdqIL2w
L&S People in Print


First College-Wide Scholarship & Awards Reception

On October 18th, the College of Letters & Science hosted the first all-college scholarship and award reception in recognition of the more than 300 students who received scholarships, awards and prizes over the past year. In total, the College and its departments and programs distributed more than $400,000.

One-hundred and sixty-five parents, donors, students, faculty and staff filled the Wisconsin Room, where even those who couldn’t be in attendance were lauded with a scrolling display of award winners.

Dean Rodney Swain congratulated the students for their accomplishments but also expressed his high professional and personal expectations for them beyond college. He also thanked the donors whose financial support represents their belief in higher education as a life-changing opportunity. Provost Johannes Britz spoke about his passion for UWM and its ability to change lives.

The four student speakers, though, were the highlight of the evening. Katie Witz, a graduate student in the Women's Studies program, spoke of the financial and time challenges of pursuing a master's degree while raising a young son. The scholarship she received goes a long way towards helping her balance all of the aspects of her life.

Blake Neuburg is following a pre-med plan with a major in biochemistry. One of his most valued research opportunities came this past summer when he studied the effects of a vegan diet on triple-negative breast cancer at the UW-Madison School of Public Health.

Megan Benedict, a double-major in Journalism, Advertising and Media Studies as well as Film Studies, also spoke of the value of practical experience. Because her scholarship freed up some time that she didn't have to spend working to earn money for tuition, she was able to volunteer and intern at the Milwaukee Film Festival working on various promotional and marketing tasks, skills that will serve her well when she enters the working world.

Alarico Fernandes is originally from West Africa and is currently a graduate student in the Geography program. His funding from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation Mary Jo Read Fund allows him to pursue his research interests in the tension between economic development and environmental safety in Tanzania, a topic that is not unique to West Africa and may have relevance in other parts of the world. He noted that this was the first scholarship he has received and that the impact went far beyond monetary value. His award provided him with the motivation and confidence to continue his research in order to make a difference in his homeland and beyond.

Every student in attendance was recognized