Prototype space travel device earns students national recognition

by Deanna Ding, College of Letters & Science

If commercial space travel ever becomes a commonplace occurrence, a team of science students from UWM may be a step ahead with a prototype piece of equipment that will protect the spacecraft.

Led by Matt Haley, Daniel Monge, Peng Yang, and Nick Tillman, the UWM team entered their idea for a Technologically Advanced Recharging Platform (TARP) in a national business plan competition held at the SpaceVision Conference. They came home with a top five finish!

TARP is a reusable, foldable, fire-resistant “cover” upon which spacecraft would land instead of the actual surface of the planet. The cover would prevent damage to the landing module and its instruments by reducing the cloud of dust that is kicked up upon landing. Planets with little atmosphere are often covered with a very fine dust that is highly abrasive, electrically conducting, and possibly magnetic. TARP’s energy-collecting skirt with photovoltaic cells also helps mitigate the cost of supplying energy to the space module.

TARP folds up to a fraction of its fully-deployed size and is carried in a small compartment on the side or underbelly of the lander. While the spacecraft hovers approximately 25 feet above the surface, the TARP is released and unfolds itself via inflatable, embedded air tubes.

The device would eliminate problems inherent in other proposed solutions to the dust problem such as airbags, stilts and cranes. Airbags can only support lighter spacecraft and may cause the craft to bounce well beyond the desired landing area. Stilts can be unstable, heavy, and unwieldy and still may not prevent dust from rising up to the vehicle. And, sky cranes may be prohibitively heavy and expensive. TARP also has the added benefit of serving as an energy source.

Matt, Daniel, Peng and Nick are part of Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (SEDS), a student organization for those interested in any space-related topic. Students from a wide range of majors participate in SEDS – Matt is a double major in marketing and supply chain management, Daniel is physics major, Peng is majoring in mechanical engineering, and Nick is a double major in physics and biochemistry.

With this blend of talent and diverse skills, it is no surprise that the UWM SEDS team placed so highly against national competition. Feedback on their proposal was generally positive, particularly in relation to the practicality and feasibility of TARP itself. Unfortunately, there isn’t a large market for the product (yet!) which ultimately was the fatal flaw in the business plan. Without enough projected missions to the Moon, Mars or other places in the galaxy, the product, which would cost approximately $350,000 for the first prototype, would not be profitable for a manufacturer.

While the students’ plan may be a bit before its time, they take great pride in placing fifth in a national competition and are appreciative of the learning opportunity the event provided.

SEDS launches high-altitude balloon

On April 27, 2013, members of SEDS made their third high-altitude balloon launch. Launched at 10:30 a.m., the payload carried a cell phone and a camera set to record the ascent and ultimately the curvature of the Earth at approximately 24,000 meters – or 15.2 miles!

The predicted path of the balloon differed from the actual landing spot by about five miles, but the payload was ultimately located via the cell phone’s GPS shortly after 12:30 p.m.

Stuck high in a tree, it took three hours and some help from the locals to knock the payload loose.

The students continue to analyze the data recordings and will use the information to obtain measurements of the Earth’s curvature and the exact height that the balloon reached.
On April 26, 2013, the Virginia Burke Writing Contest Awards Ceremony honored students with the best essays from UWM’s first-year writing courses along with their instructors.

The award is named after the late Professor Virginia Burke, an outstanding professor of English composition and language who possessed a national reputation and was devoted to undergraduate writing instruction at UWM for more than thirty years.

Notable attendees included keynote speaker Andy Tarnoff, founder and owner of OnMilwaukee.com, as well as Chancellor Michael Lovell and Provost Johannes Britz.

The winners were as follows, and each first-place essay is available online.

**English 095:**
- **1st place** – Stephanie Bray, “Writing for Change”  
  Chris Lyons, Instructor
- **2nd place** – Eva Blythe, “Language on Its Way”  
  Ingrid Nordstrom, Instructor
- **3rd place** – Alexi Markgraf, “A Reason to not Want to Cook”  
  James Stoner, Instructor

**English 101:**
- **1st place** – Stephanie Paull, “Zelizer’s Bigger Picture”  
  Daniel Listoe, Instructor
- **2nd place** – Gina Erato, “Remembering”  
  Loretta McCormick, Instructor
- **3rd place** – Brandon Anderegg, “Coping With Information Glut”  
  Liana Odrvic, Instructor

**English 102:**
- **1st place** – Blake Hughes, “Fascism as Class Perversion”  
  Dawn Nawrot, Instructor
- **2nd place** – Gwenn Chamberlin, “A Golden State of Mind?”  
  John Mulvihill, Instructor
- **3rd place** (Tie) – Rachelle Halaska, “Telepathy and Telekinesis: How Our Thoughts Transform Our World”  
  Debra Siebert, Instructor
- **3rd place** (Tie) – Michael Fleming, “Ecological Economics and a New Global Paradigm”  
  Melissa Morrow, Instructor

**English 201:**
- **1st place** – Amber Brooks, “Learning to Read Education”  
  Diane Unterweger, Instructor
- **2nd place** – Peg Randall Gardner, “Access to the Discourse: Literacy and Political Power”  
  Daniel Listoe, Instructor
- **3rd place** – Callie Mikolajczyk, “Reading Doesn’t Make Me Feel Good!”  
  John Mulvihill, Instructor

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**From internship to gift**

Gazelle Arga graduated in 2012 from UWM with a major in Journalism, Advertising and Media Studies. She first got involved with the UWM Manfred Olson Planetarium during a campaigns course (JAMS 307) in spring 2011.

Her interest in the cosmos was piqued, so she applied for an internship at the Planetarium in fall 2011 and remained on staff until she graduated. During that time, Arga got to use her many skills in advertising, public relations, photography and graphic design.

After graduation, Arga took her skills and interests to the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation here in Milwaukee. On her recommendation, the Foundation generously approved a $1,000 grant to the Planetarium.

“Interning and working at the UWM Planetarium was such a wonderful experience,” Arga explains. “I’m ecstatic that the Bradley Foundation approved the donation and am happy to give back to the Planetarium in any way I can.”
The Department of Geosciences successfully celebrated its 50 year anniversary as an active department by gathering alumni and faculty for a weekend full of events. During the weekend of April 26-28, alumni gathered at UWM from all over the country to meet and catch up with past classmates and professors, and to share memories and memorabilia from classes and field camps.

Friday’s welcome reception in the Union Alumni Fireside Lounge featured opening remarks by UWM Provost Dr. Johannes Britz, College of Letters & Science Associate Dean Dr. Karen Brucks, and the current Department of Geosciences Chair Dr. Barry Cameron. Alumni got their first chance to reminisce, share stories, and catch up on career accomplishments during a panel discussion of alumni.

The scene quickly shifted to Lapham Hall for the Geosciences Department Open House where the doors were open for alumni and the public to see current research projects and facilities, learn about Geo Club and Paleo Club events, and meet faculty and students in the department. Most of the Geosciences labs and classrooms, as well as the Thomas A. Greene Geological Gallery, Seismic Vault and Flume were open to the public. Friday’s events were capped off with a showing of the UWM Science Bag Program that was hosted by Geosciences Professor Dr. Stephen Dornbos.

Saturday began bright and early with the Fourth Annual Student Research Symposium. What began as an undergraduate student-initiated idea has now grown to include all students interested in sharing their geology-related research projects. Students presented their poster and oral reports to an audience of friends, family, peers, and alumni. The presentations were then judged by a panel of department faculty and other geosciences professionals, but the announcement of the awards would have to wait until later that night during the Student Recognition Banquet.

Saturday afternoon, faculty and alumni got together for the Alumni Faculty Luncheon featuring a discussion of the past and current state of the department. The Dean of Letters & Science Dr. Rodney Swain welcomed the alumni in attendance. Emeritus Professors Dr. Doug Cherkauer and Dr. Norm Lasca were on hand to give a thorough history of the department, from the birth of the department to today. Alumni wholeheartedly agreed that the department is heading in a great direction with increasing undergraduate and graduate enrollments and significant engagement in relevant research.

For the past several years the faculty and staff in the Department of Geosciences have taken one night out of the year to gather to celebrate the accomplishments of their successful graduate and undergraduate students with a Student Recognition Banquet. This year, the department was pleased to incorporate the banquet into the Alumni Weekend and host it at the Hampton Inn & Suites. In addition to honoring individual students for their accomplishments, the recipients of the department’s scholarships, awards such as Best Teaching Assistant, and travel grants were also announced.

The weekend wrapped up on Sunday with a pair of field trips. Alumni had the option of touring the facilities of the School of Freshwater Sciences with an educational cruise of Milwaukee’s harbor and lakefront on board UWM’s 71-ft. research vessel, the R/V Neeskay, or taking a Downtown Milwaukee geology walking tour.

Dedicated hard work by office staff and faculty committees in the Department of Geosciences made the 50 Year Anniversary Alumni Weekend a huge success and lays the groundwork for potential future alumni events that can continue to build on the connections between alumni, students and faculty.
Bobby Tanzilo (‘89 BA Mass Communication) opened doors to myriad Milwaukee schools and dug deep into city archives to research his October 2012 book, *Historic Milwaukee Public Schoolhouses*.

Tracing the history of Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) buildings past and present is an elegant, elegiac way to look at the city’s history, he says.

“I get sad when I see the places that are gone. When 21st Street School was razed and replaced by Gwen T. Jackson School, they replaced a beautiful old building with one that resembles a box, without windows.”

Architectural success stories remain, however, and are testaments to the blend of aesthetic integrity and civic duty that dominated Milwaukee’s public construction projects in the 19th and early-20th centuries.

“You start to see that basically all of the MPS buildings were designed by the best architects in Milwaukee at the time.”

The dominant example is Civil War veteran Henry Koch, the architect behind Gesu Church, City Hall, and the Pfister Hotel. Koch designed many MPS sites, including buildings housing two of the district’s most popular programs today: Golda Meir Urban Gifted and Talented and Maryland Avenue Montessori. Eighth Street School, Koch’s 1884 creation, remains standing on its namesake street as the oldest building still operating as a district school, but most of his other schoolhouse designs are long gone.

Full disclosure: Tanzilo’s children attend Maryland Avenue Montessori. His appreciation for the elegance and historical significance of the older buildings is tempered by a parent’s eye view of a tightly packed lunchroom and flights of old wooden stairs that small feet must navigate daily.

“I can’t say if the learning experience is shaped positively by the architecture,” says Tanzilo, the managing editor of OnMilwaukee.com.

“An argument could be made against some of these buildings, that kids don’t have enough room, that they’re not ADA compliant, that there’s no space for a lab. But in these older buildings there’s a beauty that you hope creates an atmosphere of pride and is conducive to learning in that sense.”
Too early to research? ‘Not so,’ say undergrads

David Stock explored the bones from abandoned cemeteries, looking for clues to life and death in rural Wisconsin. Dylan Wilmeth turned a longtime fascination with geology into research on rare geologic formations more than a billion years old. Florine Ndakuya immersed herself in studying the health needs of African immigrant and African American women in Racine and Kenosha.

These three students are among the many UWM undergraduate researchers who are getting hands-on experience in their majors through the university’s Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR), which matches interested students with a faculty mentor who guides the research experience. In April, these undergraduate researchers showed off their work. Fifty UWM students took part in the National Conference on Undergraduate Research held in LaCrosse while another six students shared their work as part of the annual Posters in the Rotunda event at the Wisconsin State Capitol. UWM also hosted its Fifth Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium where 229 students shared poster and oral presentations about their research.

Cross-disciplinary is key

Students can begin their research as soon as the summer before their freshman year, according to Kyla Esguerra, associate director of OUR. The focus of undergraduate research is expanding as students find valuable undergraduate research opportunities outside of their major area, says Esguerra. “We have had a computer science student work with a visual arts faculty member, programming software for an interactive art exhibit, and an engineering student engineered microfluidic chips for a faculty member at the School of Freshwater Sciences to use in the study of microorganism behavior under various conditions. “Cross-disciplinary collaboration is something that we want to happen not just at the faculty level, but at the undergraduate student level as well.”

‘Win-win-win’

Involving undergraduates in research is a “win-win-win” situation for faculty, graduate students and undergraduate researchers, says Robert Jeske, an anthropology professor who mentors Stock. “It’s a good chance to integrate everybody together on a project.” The 10 or so undergraduates in the archaeological research lab can learn from the grad students, and the graduate students benefit from the interaction with undergrads since many are, or will be, teaching them one day. Research helps with learning, and prepares students to move into graduate level work, Jeske adds.

Letters & Science undergraduates receive top awards at Symposium

At the UWM Fifth Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, students from the College of Letters & Science took home three of the four top awards.

Recent graduate Gabrielle (Gabi) DuCharme, received the first place blue ribbon for Best Poster Presentation for “Wikiproject Public Art Milwaukee.”

DuCharme graduated with honors, majoring in Journalism, Advertising and Media Studies (JAMS) and earning a certificate in Digital Arts and Culture (DAC).

While pursuing the DAC certificate, Gabi was introduced to her research project through the photojournalism class taught by Marc Tasman, Senior Lecturer in JAMS. “I’ve always wanted to be a research assistant and was very happy to find something geared towards journalism and my interests,” said DuCharme.

“Wikiproject Public Art Milwaukee,” documents outdoor sculptures within the Milwaukee area and produces a Wikipedia article on each work of art. Across three semesters of work, Gabi documented and supplied licensed images for more than 180 works of art, navigating the legal and ethical world of intellectual property rights.

The project is a collaborative effort between Tasman and Jennifer Mikulay, an Assistant continued on page 6
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“It’s a lot of fun working with undergraduates,” adds Stephen Dornbos, Associate Professor of Geosciences, who is Wilmeth’s mentor. Their enthusiasm reaffirms his research interests. “It helps me to see science from a different perspective again.”

Building a strong research portfolio
Stock, a sophomore, is developing an interdisciplinary major, with the goal of working in a museum or teaching at the university level. As part of Jeske’s team, he helped in the analysis of skeletons from three Lutheran parish cemeteries of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The bones, unclaimed by relatives, were unearthed many years ago when a highway went through the area. Studying the bones gives researchers insight into immigrant lifestyles, and the prevalent diseases of their time, says Stock.

UWM’s undergraduate research program was a key attraction for Stock, who grew up in New Zealand and considered universities there before choosing UWM. He started in the summer research program before his first year (with mentor David Mulroy, now retired from Classics). The experience has not only helped him make connections between what he was learning in class and in the lab, but gives him opportunities to network within his field. “Through research I have met many committed professors, graduate students and professionals who have given me brilliant advice on everything from completing large research projects, to internship/professional development opportunities, to navigating my field beyond the classroom.”

Wilmeth knew he wanted to be a geology major when he started at UWM and was quick to take advantage of the opportunity to get involved in hands-on research. “It takes those things you read about in class and puts a practical application to them.”

In addition to the learning and hands-on experience, student researchers also have the chance to present their research at professional conferences. Last summer, Ndakuya and Keighla Mueller, Rebecca Robinson and other Nursing student researchers presented their work at the Intercultural Cancer Council (ICC) Biennial Research Symposium sponsored by the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Ndakuya, a senior in Nursing, is based at UW-Parkside in Kenosha as part of Parkside’s collaborative nursing program with UWM. “When I started, I had little idea what research is about,” she says. “This has helped teach me a great deal about community participatory research.”

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Professor of Communication and Technology at Alverno College and the project’s director and founder. Its goal is to raise awareness about Milwaukee public art both locally and beyond the immediate area through its online component.

“I feel like it’s a very underrepresented topic in Milwaukee,” said DuCharme. “There was only one book written on Milwaukee public art and it was made in 1995 so it was really outdated.”

DuCharme notes the added benefit of the Wikipedia component to the project. “Wikipedia is a modern and effective way to update and disseminate information on public art. Our project is really for the community and for everyone’s enjoyment and education.”

To finish up her project, DuCharme will be compiling her research into a book and is also working with local entities to place QR codes at each of the works of art that will link to the corresponding Wikipedia page.

DuCharme will spend the summer as a promotions assistant with ESPN Milwaukee followed by a move to France for a year to pursue what she calls an “extra undergraduate program” – she’ll be exploring the country and taking French classes. “Being a Letters and Science student has broadened my horizons and shown me that I can excel at things I thought I wasn’t good at through hard work and motivation.”

In addition to Ducharme, the other winning undergraduate researchers from the College of Letters and Science include:
Second Place Best Poster: Danielle DeMorrow and Mark Nebel, both seniors majoring in Biological Sciences, “Regulation of Brain Morphogenesis by Differential Gene Expression in the Midbrain-hindbrain Boundary.” Mentored by Jennifer Gutzman.
Passings

Werner Wilfried Brandt taught chemistry at UWM from 1965 to 1992 and following his departure from UWM spent two years on a Fulbright grant teaching in Nairobi, Africa. Dr. Brandt was born in Germany and attended the Universities of Marburg and Heidelberg. He earned his Ph.D. from Brooklyn Polytechnical Institute. Away from work, he went on 30 mission trips to various locales. Dr. Brandt passed away on May 13, 2013, at the age of 86 and is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, siblings and many other friends and relatives.

Community leader Anthony Mensah, who taught courses in the Department of Africology on the culture of Africans and African-Americans, passed away on April 18, 2013. Dr. Mensah came to Milwaukee from Ghana, West Africa, to attend Marquette University where he earned his Ph.D. He spent 28 years teaching in the Milwaukee Public Schools prior to teaching at UWM. He started the Rites of Passage program in Milwaukee to help black youth. Infused with cultural rituals and identity, the program eventually spread to Chicago, Cleveland, Houston and Harlem. Dr. Mensah leaves behind his wife, children, siblings, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The full obituary can be viewed at http://www.jsonline.com/news/obituaries/mensah-shared-the-value-of-culture-7a9lk8i-205043571.html

Winston VanHorne, Professor of Africology, passed away on Friday, May 24, 2013, at 11:25 a.m. His son, Max, was holding his hand at the time, and they were listening to Harry Belafonte's song, “Jamaica Farewell.”

Dr. Van Horne was born in Jamaica and came to UWM in 1978, where he served magnanimously until his death. Some of his contributions include navigating the Afro-American Studies Program to the Department of Africology; chairing the Department of Africology three times and being credited with creating the word Africology; serving as principal author of the Ph.D. program in Africology; serving on the faculty senate since 1980 (being absent for only required lapses); and directing the UW System Institute on Race and Ethnicity for ten years. In recognition of his immense contribution and at the request of the Department of Africology, the UWM Faculty Senate unanimously voted in favor of naming a classroom on his behalf on December 13, 2012. On Friday, April 26, 2013, UWM officially re-named Mitchell Hall, Room 206, the Winston Van Horne Seminar Room. A videotape of the ceremony is available on the Department of Africology's website.

In commemorating Dr. Van Horne, one of his Africology colleagues wrote the following: “Though he liked to work often in the shadow, Winston’s voice boomed and resonated far afield – his presence felt, if unseen. His vision carried beyond the confines of campus and town, reaching a global audience. He birthed a discipline, at once father and mother, but he would always say that Africology was simultaneously the newest discipline and the oldest. He had reasons for that argument, anchored in an understanding of African cosmological truths. Now that he has retreated to a well-deserved rest, he shall continue to work in the shadow, and his presence will continue to be felt, if unseen.”

Laurels and Accolades

Many different Letters & Science faculty have received funding from the UWM Graduate School to pursue their research:

The Pilot Program for Acquisition and Development of Research Infrastructure helps researchers with the acquisition of individual equipment, systems of related equipment, and major research instrumentation:

- **Julie Bowles, Department of Geosciences**, for a room-sized magnetostatic shield for paleomagnetism, rock magnetism and environmental magnetism studies
- **James Cook, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry**, for acquisition of a multi-user mass spectrometer as a core capability for chemistry research, drug discovery, and chemistry education
- **Marvin Schofield, Department of Physics**, for the acquisition of a liquid and gas environment stage and high temperature biasing holder

The 2013-14 Research Committee Awards support the initial phase of a new research project or a transition project for a researcher who is expanding his or her area of research:

- **Winson Chu, Department of History**, for “Germans, Poles, and Jews in the Making of the ‘Lodzermensch’: Competing Nationalisms in Poland, 1880-2009”
- **Scott Graham, Department of English**, for “Understanding the Communicative Process in FDA Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee Meetings: A Methodological Pilot”
- **Richard Leson, Department of Art History**, for “The Material Life of Jeanne of Flanders”
- **Mark Netzloff, Department of English**, for “Extraterritorial Sovereignties: English State Agents in Early Modern Europe”
- **Michael Newman, Department of Journalism, Advertising & Media Studies**, for “Play TV: Early Video Games in the Home”
- **Rafael Rodriguez, Department of Biological Sciences**, for “Miniaturization and Behavioral Capabilities”
- **Daniel Vyleta, Department of Foreign Languages and Literature**, for “Nazi Criminal Justice and Jews: The Walter Pick Trial”

Congratulations to **Cheryl Kader (Women’s Studies)**. Cheryl received the UWM LGBT Resource Center’s Dr. Jeff Merrick Leadership Award. This award is "presented to a member of the faculty or staff at UWM who has shown dedication and support for LGBTQIA people through taking initiative in order to stand up and speak out against issues of homophobia, transphobia, heterosexism, and cisgenderism." In addition, the LGBT Resource Center bestowed an additional honor on Dr. Kader when they announced that, beginning next year, the Distinguished Service Award, which is "presented to a member of the campus community who makes significant, sustained contributions to campus and broader LGBTQIA communities . . .", will hereafter be named the Dr. Cheryl Kader Distinguished Service Award.

Members of the Psychology Department and others who work on the U-Pace project received a 2013 National University Technology Network finalist award for their research and paper entitled, “U-Pace Instruction: Improving Student Success by Integrating Content Mastery and Amplified Assistance.” Congratulations to **Diane Reddy, Raymond Fleming, Laura Pedrick, Danielle L. Jirovec, Heidi M. Pfeiffer, Katie A. Ports, Jessica L. Barnack-Tavlaris, Alicia M. Helion, and Rodney A. Swain**.

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation has announced that alumna **Katelyn Lucas (’12 International Studies)**, has been awarded a 2013 Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship. Administered for the US Department of State by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowships develop a source of men and women whose academic backgrounds fulfill the skill needs of the State Department and who are dedicated to representing America’s interests abroad. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellows receive financial support towards a two-year, full-time master’s degree program in fields such as public policy, international affairs, public administration, and other related academic fields. Fellows participate in one domestic and one overseas internship. Upon the completion of their master’s degree, they commit to three years as a Foreign Service Officer. Katelyn will be attending Marquette University for her master’s degree.

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In the media and around the community

Swarnjit Arora (Economics) was featured in a Milwaukee Magazine article about the many religions practiced throughout the Milwaukee community. Swarnjit is a prominent and active leader in the Sikh community.

The College’s Atmospheric Science program and its forecasting unit, Innovative Weather, continue to build their reputation as leaders in severe weather research. Professor Clark Evans and recent M.S. graduate Brock Burghardt were in Norman, Oklahoma, during the spring tornado outbreak as part of the 2013 NOAA Hazardous Weather Testbed Spring Forecasting Experiment, helping to evaluate the latest advances in thunderstorm forecasting, detection, and analysis. Michael Westendorf provided commentary to Fox 6 about the Oklahoma tornados http://bit.ly/1c621ht, and students from the Atmospheric Science Club who were also in Oklahoma spoke to Fox 6. http://bit.ly/127ekbF. Two faculty members – Clark Evans and Paul Roebé – are part of the Mesoscale Predictability Experiment which seeks to better predict spring thunderstorms in Colorado’s Front Range and the adjacent Great Plains. Funded by the National Science Foundation, UWM scientists joined an elite group of researchers from a very select list: the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR); Colorado State University (CSU); the University at Albany, State University of New York; Purdue University; and NOAA’s National Severe Storms Laboratory (NSSL). http://bit.ly/12ZZSot

Photography by Marc Tasman (Journalism, Advertising & Media Studies) is on display as part of the Jewish Artists’ Laboratory at the Jewish Community Center. His series of eight family portraits entitled, “Dear Family, I Love You,” is inspired by love and loss of families. The exhibit is on display through August 14. http://bit.ly/173p1gH

Jeffery Sommers (Africology) wrote an op-ed on the “Timely Departure of Sergei Guriev” for Izvestia, one of Russia’s top newspapers.

People in Print


Srdjan Joksimovic, Jovana Divljakovic, Michael L. Van Linn, Zdravko Varagic, Gordana Brajko, Marija M. Milinkovic, Wenyuan Yin, Tamara Timic, Werner Sieghart, James M. Cook (all Chemistry), Miroslav M. Savic, “Benzodiazepine – Induced Spatial Learning Deficits in Rats are Regulated by the Degree of Modulation of α1 GABA Receptors,” European Neuropsychopharmacology, Vol. 23(5), pp. 390-399, May 2013. http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.euroneuro.2012.05.003


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Junior Allison Cottrell, a Japanese major, has received a Japanese government Japan Studies scholarship, one of the most highly-competitive awards offered in this field. Throughout the one-year tenure of her scholarship, Allison will study in Japan where she will receive a $1,200 monthly stipend, round-trip airfare to and from Japan, and all of her university tuition and fees.

In a past edition of In Focus, we told you about the Encyclopedia of Milwaukee project, a print and online resource in development which will provide comprehensive coverage of the history of the Milwaukee metropolitan area. In addition to their $250,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the project has now received a $50,000 grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

Benjamin Johnson (History) has been named one of the co-editors of The Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era along with Robert Johnston from the University of Illinois at Chicago. In a statement, Johnson and Johnston stated: “The scholarship on the period from 1865 to 1920 has never been more interesting and eclectic, and we expect that the journal will continue to reflect the current vibrancy of the field. At the same time, both the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era have over the last decade become major contested icons in our public culture, with those on the left fighting against a second ‘Gilded Age,’ and those on the right contending that the roots of all American political evils stem from the reformers of ‘the Progressive Era.’ We welcome scholars to use JGAPE as a way to participate in these momentous civic discussions.” They hope to add new features to the journal including sections on public history, teaching, and visual media.

Congratulations to Chris Dickerson, Urban Planning master and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) certificate student, recipient of an ESRI Student Assistantship. ESRI is a global company that provides analytic knowledge and tools to help businesses, nonprofits and government agencies create responsible and sustainable solutions to problems at local and global scales. Their Student Assistantship Program sponsors up to 60 students every year to attend their annual international user conference where 12,000 software users gather to learn more about GIS technology and share their ideas and knowledge. The assistantship includes full registration for the conference, hotel accommodations and a small stipend for meals.

Brian Corry, an Arrowhead High School science teacher and participant in the College’s Research Experience for Teachers program, was selected as a presenter at the ChemEd Conference, an international gathering of chemistry educators.

LUNAR LIGHT

Fridays @ the Planetarium through July 19 (no show July 5). See planetarium.uwm.edu.

7:00 p.m. $2
Students Clean Up at Milwaukee Press Club Awards
by Jane Hampden Daley, Journalism, Advertising & Media Studies

Journalism, Advertising and Media Studies students picked up 16 awards for reporting, writing and production at the Milwaukee Press Club Gridiron Awards Dinner in May. Producing stories for UWM PantherVision and Media Milwaukee, UWM students were tough statewide competitors; Marquette students won 17 awards and UW-Madison students received 14.

Journalist Cokie Roberts of ABC and NPR was the Press Club’s Sacred Cat Award winner. University of Wisconsin-Madison Director of Athletics Barry Alvarez won the Headliner Award.

Eighteen students and family members represented UWM at the dinner and ceremony, held at the InterContinental Milwaukee Hotel.

JAMS students Maggie Schleicher, Miranda Rosenkranz, Howard Sapiro and James Gutierrez attend the Milwaukee Press Club Excellence in Journalism Awards. James won a first-place award for radio news reporting.


The Compass Scholarship program graduated its first cohort of students including Aaron Fehl, Nickolas Gryga, Helen Steinhauser, and Brittany Suttner. Funded by the National Science Foundation, the program provided up to $10,000 scholarships for four years. [http://youtu.be/4R679dg88IE](http://youtu.be/4R679dg88IE)

Construction continues on the Kenwood Interdisciplinary Research Complex, on the northwest corner of Maryland and Kenwood, the future home for science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields including the College’s Department of Physics. A live web cam is available to watch the progress of construction. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy in Spring 2015. [http://www4.uwm.edu/research-impact/irc/index.cfm](http://www4.uwm.edu/research-impact/irc/index.cfm)

Jordan Johansen and her parents celebrate her first-place award for online multi-media feature reporting at the Milwaukee Press Club awards.