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Six Faculty Members Named 1993-94 Distinguished Scholar-Teachers

Six UMCP faculty members have been named Distinguished Scholar-Teachers for the 1993-1994 academic year. They are William Bechhoefer, architecture; James Dally, mechanical engineering; John Gannon, computer sciences; Marla McIntosh, agronomy; Margaret Palmer, zoology; and Lee Preston, business and management.

The Distinguished Scholar-Teachers will receive \$1,000 for professional expenses, teach a University Honors course, and present a public lecture during the 1994 spring semester.

The following is a brief summary of the awardees' research interests and proposed honors course.

William Bechhoefer

Stemming from a formative encounter with Arab architecture in the late sixties, William Bechhoefer's scholarship, teaching and professional practice have reflected a commitment to exploring architecture as "a synthesis of cultural, technological and aesthetic concerns."

Since joining the School of Architecture in 1970, Bechhoefer has made countless trips to the Middle East, particularly to Amasya, Turkey. He has written extensively about urban Turkish architecture and was responsible for creating the degree concentration in International Studies in Architecture.

Bechhoefer's international experience has also influenced his proposed honors course, "Cross-Cultural Values and Architecture." Drawing on anthropology, sociology, intellectual history and economics, as well as architecture, the course would focus on "the motivations people bring to the making of built environments, with examples taken from many cultures around the world."

James Dally

For over 35 years, mechanical engineering professor James Dally has specialized in experimental mechanics, stress-wave behavior and



William Bechhoefer

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Math Professor Mikhael Gromov Wins Prestigious Wolf Prize

Math Professor Mikhael Gromov, widely believed to be the world's leading geometrician, is co-winner of the 1993 Wolf Foundation Prize in Mathematics, which is accompanied by a \$100,000 award.

The Wolf Prize, considered second only to the Nobel Prize in prestige, is presented annually by the Israel-based Wolf Foundation for outstanding achievements in medicine, chemistry, physics, agriculture, the arts, and mathematics. The Israeli president will present the award to Gromov on May 16 in Jerusalem.

Gromov won the prize for his work in symplectic and Riemannian geometry and the geometry of groups.

Gromov, who shared the prize with College de la France Professor Jacques Tits, also holds a chair in mathematics at the Institut des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques in Bures-sur-Yvette, France.

Born in Boksitogorsk, U.S.S.R., Gromov received his Ph.D. from the University of Leningrad. Since receiving his doctorate, he emigrated to France and began work at Maryland in 1991.

In addition to the Wolf Prize, Gromov

has won the Moscow Mathematics Society Prize; the Oswald Veblen Prize in Geometry from the American Mathematical Society; and the Elie Cartan Prize from the French Academy of Sciences. He is a foreign associate of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Science, and a foreign member of the French Academy of Sciences.

Gromov becomes Maryland's third Wolf Prize winner, joining Agriculture Professor Theodor Diener, who won in 1987, and Michael Fisher, the Elkins Distinguished Professor in Physics, who won in 1980.

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Conference Asks If Religion Can Build Peace in the Middle East

The locale may have been northern Maryland, but the focus was on the Middle East as some 60 scholars and clergy converged on the university's Donaldson Brown Center in Port Deposit February 20-21 to ask the question, "Can religion be a bridge to peace?"

The recent stalling of peace talks in the Middle East lent some urgency to this interfaith "trialogue" of Jews, Muslims and Christians on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Participants hailed from the U.S. and such Middle East locations as

Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, Egypt and Jordan.

The event was sponsored by Maryland's Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM) and is part of their larger Religion and Peace Project.

CIDCM is hoping to build on momentum generated by the conference with a similar meeting this June in Jerusalem featuring participants from Jerusalem's Hebrew University, Bethlehem University and the West Bank's Bir Zeit University.

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Morhman's Farewell Talk March 10

Kathryn Morhman will give her farewell talk to CORE faculty and the whole campus community on March 10 at 3:15 p.m. in 1400 Marie Mount. In her talk, "CORE, the Sequel," she will discuss the future of general education. Students and faculty are invited.

Honor Council Experiences Growing Pains

The Student Honor Council, which tries all cases of academic dishonesty on campus, is excited about possible changes that could improve its efficiency.

The Campus Senate is currently reviewing the Code of Academic Integrity, which governs the Honor Council and defines university policies on academic dishonesty. The original code called for a review during the 1992-93 academic year in order to determine any changes that would be necessary for it to "evolve."

During a special Campus Senate open hearing on January 26, opinions differed over rules concerning who could advise accused students during Honor Council hearings, but all agreed on new procedures designed to speed up the pace at which cases move through the system.

Plans for proposed changes were submitted by the Student Legal Aid Office (in conjunction with the SGA), the Honor Council, and the Office of Judicial Programs. The Adjunct Committee on Student Conduct has written a proposal using what it deemed to be the best parts of each of these plans, which the Campus Senate will vote on in April.

"One of our major problems is a lag in getting cases done," says the chairman of the Student Honor

Council, Michael Hess. "About 95-98 percent of this is due to a lack of funding."

Under the current code, a typical case could take up to three months or longer with as many as 20 letters and 30 phone calls per case. Last year the Honor Council handled 123 cases with no full-time staff.

The backlog of cases can also be attributed to the procedures used. Currently, all cases are referred to an Honor Board (made up of three students and two faculty members) to be reviewed regardless of the circumstances. Because this takes too much time, under the new proposal uncontested cases would be resolved with a standard sanction at a less formal meeting, rather than a full Honor Board Review.

"The question before us was how to speed up the process but still have it be fair to the student," Hess says.

The flow of new ideas came mostly from students, and a great deal of cooperation prevailed as the hearings went on.

The current code allows students to be advised by anyone they choose, including lawyers, during an Honor Board Review. The Honor Council and Judicial Programs proposals called for allowing only other students or faculty as advisors.

"I think the faculty made it clear that they didn't want to be involved in a protracted, adversarial process," said Gary Pavela, director of Judicial Programs. "When lawyers who don't know our system are involved, it can become that way, and it's not good for the students involved."

When the SGA and Student Legal Aid proposed going in the opposite direction by allowing lawyers the freedom to cross-examine during reviews, heated debate ensued.

Some of the new features that will be voted on include: increased funding for the Honor Council, informal conferences to resolve uncontested cases, a self-referral clause in which students who turn themselves in receive lessened sanctions, and an appeals process.

"With the recommended changes, it shows that our system is adaptable to dealing with changes that arise," says Tim Cole, legal advisor at Student Legal Aid. "It has the potential to be the kind of system that other schools can look at."

Indeed, other schools are looking at it. The Code of Academic Integrity's influence can be felt at both Rutgers University and the University of Pennsylvania, which are considering similar programs.

The university has become a founding member of the National Center for Academic Integrity, and has been asked to host its second annual conference in April. Representatives are expected to come from such schools as the University of Virginia, Princeton, and M.I.T.

—Stephen Sobek

Peace Conference

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A third leg is scheduled for next fall in Maryland, and, since the Grand Mufti of Cairo sent regards to the gathering in Port Deposit, a meeting in the Egyptian capital has also been suggested.

A series of activities at the university are also in the works for the coming months. These include forums on the status of women and the growth of Islamic organizations in the Middle East, as well as films and literary events.

During the first day of the conference, Jewish, Christian and Muslim theologians examined precedents for peace in their respective faiths. These talks frequently highlighted a disjuncture between the peaceful pronouncements of religious doctrines and the often bloody history of the three religions.

The three speakers were Rabbi Shira Lander of the Institute for Christian-Jewish Studies; David Little, a fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace; and Abdel Omran, Director of the CIDCM Population and Health

Program.

Focus on the second day shifted from theological discussion to the role religion is currently playing in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

In his talk, CIDCM Director Edy Kaufman depicted an Israeli Jewish populace deeply divided on issues of religion, peace and territorial expansion.

Shukri Abed, a senior fellow at CIDCM, addressed the growing influence of the religious Islamic movement Hamas in the West Bank and Gaza, indicating that support there may be slipping for the secular Palestine Liberation Organization.

The keynote address on "Religion, Universality, and Peace" was delivered by Landrum Bolling, of Harvard's Conflict Management Group. Bolling, whose first memories of war were of WWI, told of his experiences with war and religion in a number of twentieth century conflicts.

Other speakers included Government and Politics professor Charles Butterworth and other leaders of interfaith and peace groups.

—Solly Granatstein



CIDCM Director
Edy Kaufman

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AT COLLEGE PARK

Senate Meeting March 8

The Campus Senate meets Monday, March 8, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in 0126 Reckord Armory. Special orders of the day include a question and answer period with President William Kirwan. Agenda items include action on Senate resolutions on the UM System's Accelerated Program Review and its Common Language Requirement. Other items include motions to eliminate the Program in Food Service Administration and the Program in Experimental Foods; teaching assignments for administrators; the report on legislative hearings on spousal benefits; the policy on distinguished university professors; parking; and Title IX. For more information, call 405-5804.

NEWS

Six Named Distinguished Scholar Teachers

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fracture mechanics. He has written over 200 articles and has been elected as a fellow to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Society for Experimental Mechanics, and the American Academy of Mechanics.

But in recent years, Dally's scholarly and teaching interests have focused on engineering education. He helped develop the new freshman course, "Introduction to Engineering Design," that gives students hands-on experience to design problems at the beginning of their academic careers, rather than at the end.

Dally is also working with a study group at Vanderbilt University to prepare an upcoming book, *Paradigm Shifts in Engineering Education: The Influence of Computer and Communication Technology*.

Dally's honors course, "Mechanics of Materials," will likely include innovations in computer-aided instruction and collaborative learning. His public lecture will be on "Questioning the Curriculum in Science and Engineering."

John Gannon

A specialist in the analysis of formal software system descriptions, computer science professor John Gannon has won several grants from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Air Force and IBM.

Since 1975, he has also consistently received excellent teaching evaluations and has received teaching awards from his department, college, and from the Pan-Hellenic Council.

At this point, Gannon's proposed honors course is still to be determined.

Marla McIntosh

Admittedly "eclectic" in her research, agronomy professor Marla McIntosh's scholarly interests include work on genetic diversity of crop plants in relation to germplasm management, evaluation and develop-



James Dally

ment of a "core" germplasm for an alfalfa-related species, and (since 1979) the effects of municipal sludge disposal on tree populations and forests.

The tie that binds, though, is her statistical expertise in experimental design and data analysis. Since 1982, she has been part of a UMCP/USDA joint statistical consulting laboratory for agricultural and life scientists, and has often provided statistical guidance for her graduate students' theses and dissertations.

For her honors course, McIntosh will teach "Science and Society," a course on the "workings of science, the impacts of science on society, and ethical dilemmas related to science."

Margaret Palmer

Internationally recognized and highly regarded as an aquatic ecologist, associate professor Margaret Palmer specializes in understanding how hydrodynamics affect the dispersal processes of microscopic invertebrates (meiofauna) which inhabit marine interstitial sediments.

In recent years, she has also focused her attention on freshwater streams, which is the focus for one of the two National Science Foundation grants she is currently working on.

In 1990 she was selected as a Lilly Teaching Fellow. That same year, she also began teaching her popular "Women and Science" course, which



Lee Preston

will influence a more philosophical honors course, "Gender and Scientific Knowledge," to be taught next year.

Topics to be explored in "Gender and Scientific Knowledge" include the representation of gender differences in science, the use of sex-linked metaphors in science, and the effect of androcentric biases on scientific objectivity.

Lee Preston

Since coming to Maryland in 1980 to direct the Center for Business and Public Policy, business and management professor Lee Preston has dramatically influenced his college's curriculum.

In addition to routinely teaching highly-rated courses in the undergraduate, MBA, and doctoral programs, Preston helped establish the Center for International Business and Education Research through U.S. Department of Education grants. He also organized the development of an international business and foreign language program on campus.

For his honors seminar, "After the Earth Summit," Preston will focus on the developments leading up to the Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit, the actual deliberations and results achieved, and the national and international policy issues raised at the summit.

—John Fritz



Marla McIntosh



Margaret Palmer



John Gannon

Performing Arts Center Was a Long Time Coming

Though Maryland's proposed performing arts center has made front page headlines in the past two weeks, the plan has been in the works for about fifteen years, with a university committee meeting on the issue during the last seven.

The proposal was thrust into the limelight, and the construction schedule accelerated, recently when the state and Prince George's county governments decided to team up to build the center, now due for completion

by the end of the decade.

The center's \$83 million price tag will be spread over six fiscal years starting in FY 1994, with the facility to be constructed in two phases. The first phase for music would be completed in 1996, followed by the theater phase slated for completion in the year 2000.

The center will be a single building housing four performance halls, rehearsal space, a performing arts library, and even a full-scale restaurant.

"It will definitely be the biggest structure on this campus," says Jon Boone, acting executive director of the Music Department, who has been working on the project for about 15 years. The center is due to occupy 300,000 square feet and be over 100 feet tall.

The center's concert hall will seat 800 to 1000, contrary to a figure of 1500 cited in a February 23 *Washing-*

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CALENDAR

March 8-15

Calendar Guidelines

The *OUTLOOK* Calendar publishes university-sponsored events, subject to space availability. Preference is given to free, on-campus events. The deadline is two weeks before the Monday of the week in which the event occurs. Mail listings with date, time, title of event, speaker, sponsoring organization, location, fee (if any), and number to call for information to: Calendar Editor, 2101 Turner Lab, or fax to 314-9344. Calendar phone numbers listed as 4-xxxx or 5-xxxx stand for the prefix 314- or 405- respectively. Events are free and open to the public unless noted by an asterisk (*). For more information, call 405-7339.

8 MONDAY

University College Arts Program Photography Exhibit: "Impressions—East and West," 8-8 daily, UMUC Conference Center Gallery, through March 28. Call 985-7154 for info.

Art Gallery Exhibition, "Art/Nature/Society," selections from the permanent collection, through April 16. Call 5-2763 for info.

President's Commission on Women's Affairs Meeting, Committee reports on Women's Health and Workplace Environment, noon-2 p.m., 2118 Lee. Call 5-5806 for info.

Math Colloquium: "Stability and Instability for Manufacturing Systems," Thomas Seidman, UMBC, 3 p.m., 3206 Math. Call 5-5021 for info.

Campus Senate Meeting, 3:30-6:30 p.m., 0126 Reckord Armory. Call 5-5805 for info.

Contemporary Spanish Cinema: *Los Santos Inocentes*, (Mario Camus, 1984), 4 p.m., Language House. In Spanish with English subtitles. Call 5-6441 for info.

Entomology Colloquium: "Molecular Phylogenies of the Yucca Moths and Their Allies," Jonathan Brown, Bucknell, 4 p.m., 0200 Symons. Call 5-3911 for info.

Computer Science Colloquium: "Global Scientific Computing Via a Flock of Condors," Miron Livny, U. of Wisconsin, 4 p.m., 0111 Classroom Building (106). Call 5-2661 for info.

Horticulture Colloquium: "Evaporative Cooling as the Basis for Genetic Heat Resistance in Pima Cotton," John Radin, USDA, 4 p.m., 0128 Holzapfel. Call 5-4374 for info.

Space Science Seminar: "The Evolution of Cosmic ray Mass Composition in

Photon Field," A.S. Ambartsumian, Yerevan Physics Institute, Armenia, 4:30 p.m., 1113 Computer and Space Sciences. Call 5-4855 for info.

Campus Recreation Services, softball, ultimate frisbee, and inner tube water polo team managers' meeting, open to students, faculty and staff, 5 p.m., 0131 Reckord Armory. Entries open March 9-24, 1104 Reckord Armory. Call 4-7218 for info.

Faculty Piano Recital, Gregory Sioles, featuring music by Bach, Beethoven, Bartok, Barber and Liszt, 8 p.m., Tawes Recital Hall. Call 5-5488 for info.

9 TUESDAY

Center for International Extension Development Brown Bag Seminar: "Privatization, Trade and Investment in Europe's Newly Emerging Economies," Richard D. Abbott, University of Idaho, noon-1 p.m., 0115 Symons. Call 5-1253 for info.

Committee on Africa and Africa in the Americas Brown Bag Lunch: "Victoria Matthew's *The Value of Race Literature*: A Fitting Response," Shirley Logan and Psyche Williams, noon-2 p.m., 1120N F.S. Key. Call 5-2118 for info.

Center for Teaching Excellence Conversations About Teaching: "Outstanding Course and Teaching Innovations on Campus: Why They Did it—And How," 12:30-2 p.m., Maryland Room, Marie Mount. Call 5-3154 for info.

Returning Students' Workshop, Writing Skills, 1-2 p.m., 2201 Shoemaker. Call 4-7693 for info.

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Seminar: "Foraging and Reproductive Energetics of Pinnipeds: Life History and Evolutionary Implications," Dan Costa, UC Santa Cruz, noon, 1208 Zoo/Psych. Call 5-6884 for info.

UM Baseball vs. Virginia Commonwealth, 2:30 p.m., Shipley Field. Call 4-7122 for info.

Committee on History and Philosophy of Science Lecture: "Automated Discovery in Large-Scale Biological Data Bases," Lawrence Hunter, NIH, 4:15-6 p.m., 1407 Chemistry. Call 5-5691 for info.

Artist Scholarship Benefit Series: "The Pleasures of Music," University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra, conducted by William Hudson, music by Mozart, Bernstein, and Prokofiev, 7:30 p.m., Kennedy Center Terrace Theater. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$9 students and seniors. Call (202) 467-4600 for ticket info.*

10 WEDNESDAY

Gallery Talks: "Nature as a Source and Subject in Contemporary Prints and Photos," Terry Gips, "Rural America and the Land: Mural Studies and Prints of the 1930s," Michelle Kloss, noon, Art Gallery. Call 5-2763 for info.

Counseling Center Research and Development Meeting: "A New Summer Initiative: College Success Prep—A Model for Black Male Achievement," Mary Cothran, noon-1 p.m., 0106 Shoemaker. Call 4-7691 for info.

Molecular and Cell Biology Seminar: "Developmental Changes in Drosophila 24 Genome Organization During Oogenesis," Allen Spradling, Carnegie Institution, 12:05 p.m., 1208 Zoo/Psych. Call 5-6991 for info.

Overeaters Anonymous Meeting, 1-2 p.m., 3100E Health Center, weekly meeting open to campus community. Call 4-8142 for info.

UM Baseball vs. Virginia Commonwealth, 2:30 p.m., Shipley Field. Call 4-7122 for info.

Graduate Student Government Meeting, 3-5 p.m., 1143 Stamp Student Union. Call 4-8630 for info.

Astronomy Colloquium: "Molecular Clouds and Star Formation in the Outer Galaxy," Eugene deGeus, 4 p.m., 1113 Computer and Space Sciences. Call 5-3001 for info.

University of Maryland Concert Band, conducted by Robert E. Foster, Jr., 8

p.m., UMUC Conference Center. Call 5-5548 for info.

Piano Recital, Gail Niwa performs works by Bach-Busoni, Chopin, Szymanowski, Tchaikovsky, and Liapunov, 8 p.m., Tawes Recital Hall. Call 681-1199 for info.

11 THURSDAY

Afro-American Studies Conference: "Racial Identity, Gender, and Skin Color," Valerie Smith, U. of California and Bettye Collier Thomas, Temple U., 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Maryland Room, Marie Mount. Call 5-1158 for info.

Mammography Screening Registration, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3100 Health Center. Actual screenings on March 25 and 26. Call 4-8090 for info.

Returning Students' Workshop: "Multiple Roles," weekly discussion and support group to help women manage a variety of roles, 11 a.m.-noon, 2201 Shoemaker. Call 4-7693 for info.

Commission on Women's Affairs Women of Color Committee Annual Program: "Listening to Women's Voices and Sharing Cultural Expressions: Celebrating Our Diversity," features speakers, performers, and open mike, noon-2 p.m., Grand Ballroom Lounge, Stamp Student Union. Call 5-5617 for info.

Meteorology Seminar: "Deformation in Planetary-Scale Flows," Randy Dole, NOAA, 3:30 p.m., 2114 Computer and Space Science. Call 5-5392 for info.

Committee on History and Philosophy of Science Lecture: "Data Archaeology: Managing Hundreds of Terabytes of Data," Helen Wood, NOAA, 4:15-6 p.m., 1407 Chemistry. Call 5-5691 for info.

Reliability Seminar: "Integrated Reliability Growth," Larry Crow, AT&T, 5:15-6:15 p.m., 2110 Chemical and Nuclear Engineering. Call 5-3887 for info.

Physics is Phun Lecture-Demonstration: "The Sounds of Science," Richard E. Berg, 7-8:45 p.m., Physics Lecture Hall. Call 5-5994 for info.

Reckord Armory Gym Closes, 9 p.m., until March 22. Call 4-7218 for info.

12 FRIDAY

Campus Recreation Services, no aerobics or water aerobics until March 22. Call 4-7218 for info.

Geology Seminar: "Graduate Student Day II," R. Winston, J. Jarriel, C. Brown, 11 a.m., 0103 Hornbake. Call 5-4089 for info.

HHP Facilities Close, 1 p.m., until March 22. Call 4-7218 for info.

First National Bank of Maryland Research Colloquium in Finance: "Auctions of Divisible Goods: On the Rationale for the Treasury Experiment," Kerry Back, Washington U., 1-2:30 p.m., 1203 MPA. Call 5-2256 for info.

Mental Health Lunch 'N' Learn Seminar: "Brain Function and Mental Illness—Part II," Steve Taube, Psychiatrist, 1-2 p.m., 3100E Health Center. Call 4-8106 for info.

Commission on Women's Affairs Lecture: "The Relationship of TQM to Associate Staff and Other Administrators," Judy Olian, 2:30-4 p.m., Tyser Auditorium. Call 5-2327 for info.



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13 SATURDAY

2nd Annual College Park Pow-Wow, March 13-14, Native American performers, crafts, and food, 10 a.m.-11 p.m., Grand Ballroom, Stamp Student Union. Admission is \$5 adults, \$3 students and seniors, free for children under 6. Call (703) 914-0411 for info.*

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14 SUNDAY

2nd Annual College Park Pow-Wow, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. See Mar. 13 for details.*

15 MONDAY

Academic Spring Break, March 15-21. The university will be closed March 18-19.

Performing Arts Center

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ton Post article.

The center will also include a 600-seat proscenium theater, a 250-seat experimental theater, and a 200-seat recital hall for solo or chamber music performances.

Although there was pressure to make the concert hall much bigger, the university planning committee decided that too large a hall would compromise the educational goals of the center.

"When it's a 1500 to 2000-seat hall, student voices don't carry very well, and it's not a very good educational experience," says Boone.

In addition to its primary goal of serving the university's theater, dance and music departments, the center will be home to such groups as the Prince George's Philharmonic and the Maryland Opera Society.

The construction process will start with a national competition to select an architect, to be chosen by Thanksgiving.

Although the committee has not yet settled on a location for the center, Boone believes it will be built along University Boulevard, somewhere between that street's dormitories and the President's House.

—Solly Granatstein

