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Two Science & Engineering professors are award winners at last week's Fall Convocation

DR. JEFFREY L. COFFER WAS NAMED RECIPIENT of the 2009 Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and Scholar during Fall Convocation last week in Ed Landreth Auditorium. A member of the chemistry faculty since 1990, he has served as department chair since 2003. **Chancellor Victor J. Boschini Jr.** made the award presentation, which comes with a \$20,000 check.

Recognized both for his research in the field of nanostructure silicon and as an educator, Jeff has published more than 100 peer reviewed papers in prestigious scientific journals, presented over 150 seminars, has three patents and advised 15 Ph.D. students. Twenty-two undergraduates have completed research projects under his direction.

Stephen Weis, professor of engineering, received the Wassenich Award for Mentoring in the TCU Community. A check for \$3,000 goes with the recognition.

Steve says he subscribes to Theodore Roosevelt's credo: "Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care." He

says he learned it as a student at the U.S. Naval Academy where the toughest professor in his major was also the most beloved. The man is still his mentor today.

Watching his former students learn and grow, get their engineering degrees and go on into productive careers (particularly those who had great obstacles to overcome just to make it through college) are among his most joyful memories of mentoring, he notes. One of them who was greatly influenced by Steve's friendly encouragement recalls a recent dinner with Steve and his wife, recalling past students. "He remembered every name, remembered where they worked after they left TCU, remembered what made them unique, remembered when he had last spoken to them, and remembered what they were doing now," he said.

TCU alumni Mark and Linda Wassenich of Dallas established this award in 1999 in appreciation for the mentoring they received as TCU students. The couple were in the Convocation audience. ♦

Author Karen Armstrong speaking at first Daryl D. Schmidt Lectureship Oct. 6

KAREN ARMSTRONG, WHOSE INSIGHTFUL observations of spirituality throughout the world have garnered wide acclaim, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6 in the University Union ballroom. Her topic is "Religion in an Age of Terror: Perils and Possibilities."

She is the first guest for the Daryl D. Schmidt Lectureship on Religion in Public Life, recently established by the TCU Religion Department in memory of a longtime colleague. Ms. Armstrong and the late Dr. Schmidt often spoke at the same scholarly conferences and were united in their desire to promote and raise religious literacy.

The Schmidt Lectureship commemorates the life and work of longtime TCU Religion Department faculty member and chair, Dr. Daryl D. Schmidt, a New Testament scholar who believed that scholars should and can make a difference in society. Dr. Schmidt passed away in 2006.

Tickets for the lecture are \$10 and available through www.rel.tcu.edu. For more information, phone ext. 7440.

* A fulltime writer and broadcaster since 1982, Karen Armstrong is the bestselling author of 15 books, including *Muhammad: A Biography of the Prophet* (1991), *A History of God* (1993),

Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths (1996), *The Great Transformation: The Beginning of Our Religious Traditions* (2006) and *The Bible: A Biography* (2007). Her work has been translated into 45 languages.

* Her newest book, *The Case for God* to be released in late September, is a nuanced exploration of the part religion plays in human life, past and present.

* She has three times addressed members of the United States Congress on religious issues.

* Among her American television appearances are the PBS programs *Bill Moyer's Journal*, *Frontline* and *Genesis: A Living Conversation*.

* She received one of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Award (Freedom of Worship) in 2008, for her contribution to better understanding among religions in an era of confrontation and violence.

* She is currently at work on a worldwide interreligious Charter for Compassion that recognizes The Golden Rule as fundamental in all world religions. ♦

EVENTS

Now-Oct. 11

Avish Khabrehzdah: Solace, So Old, So New exhibition at Fort Worth Contemporary Arts, 2900 W. Berry Street. Call ext 2588 for information.

Now-Sept. 30

27th annual *Art in the Metroplex* exhibition, selected new works in painting drawing, photography, printmaking, sculpture and mixed media by North Texas artists, Moudy Gallery, Moudy Bldg. North, 2805 S. University Drive, free admission.*

Today

HR – Mondays with Amy Goodson, noon-1 p.m., Kelly Center, Cox C. Call ext. 5103 for more information.

Sept. 16

TCU Volunteer Fair, 11 a.m.-2p.m., Library Mall (rain site: BLUU). Call ext. 5336 or contact r.boyd@tcu.edu for more information.

HR - What's on Your Bookshelf with Dave Lieber, noon-1 p.m., Smith 104A. Call ext. 5103 for more information.

Sept. 17

FTDM Series presents *Adam's Rib* (1949), 7 p.m., Moudy 164S. Call ext. 7630 for more information.

TCU Symphony, **German Gutiérrez**, conductor, 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.**

Sept. 19

TCU football vs. Texas State, 6 p.m., Amon Carter Stadium.***

Sept. 21

Faculty & Friends Chamber Music Series, "American Music: Blessinger, Meyn and Holby," **Jesús Castro-Balbi**, artistic director, 7 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall. Admission \$10, free with TCU ID.

*Call art and art history at ext. 7643.

**Call the School of Music at ext. 7602.

***Call the athletic ticket office at ext. 7967.

TCU's iPhone application hits the airwaves today

TCU WILL LAUNCH "ITCU," A NEW IPHONE application today.

"Research has shown the iPhone is the third most popular platform to access www.tcu.edu, and TCU students appear to be eager to access other TCU resources from their mobile devices. We wanted to better gauge this demand from students and the TCU community by releasing iTCU," said **Bryan Lucas**, executive director of technology resources. "We are one of only around a dozen schools with any such application."

The free application, which will be available in the iTunes App Store, will feature a GPS-enabled interactive map of the University's campus, a directory feature, course information, official events, official news, images of campus, (Turn to **iPhone** on Page 2)

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athletics schedules and scores, and University content on YouTube and iTunesU. TCU will seek student feedback to enhance the application in the future. The application will also offer a low bandwidth Web page for other smart phones that offers some of the functionality of the iPhone application.

TCU continues to seek new ways to market to and reach its constituents. "This project was a joint effort," said Victor Neil, director of Website management. "It is important to integrate all of our communication tools at TCU, so our marketing & communication department worked with our technology resources department to establish a mobile portal that represents the TCU brand in look and feel."

TCU worked with developers from TerriblyClever Design, now part of Blackboard Inc., to develop the application. The TCU application is a version of Blackboard's MobilEdu™, the category-defining suite of iPhone and mobile Web applications for education. Intended to support students' mobile lifestyle, MobileEdu allows institutions to deliver a rich set of campus life services and content to mobile devices, uniquely branded for each institution, to better connect current students, parents, faculty, prospective students and alumni to the campus experience in a way that wasn't possible before.

For more information about MobilEdu, please visit <http://blackboard.com/Company/MobilEdu.aspx>. ♦

Wellness 2010 Photo Contest Continues

Human Resources is getting some great pictures for the 2010 Wellness Calendar Photo Contest! They ask the campus community to please keep them coming in! Your photo

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may be the one we need to fill that January slot. Send your pictures (in high resolution jpeg format) to tcuwellness@tcu.edu. Put the words "Photo Contest" in the subject line and attach your pictures. Deadline to submit your photos is Sept. 20, 2009. ♦

"Faculty and Friends" Chamber Music Series opens next Monday

THE NEW SEASON FOR TCU'S "FACULTY AND Friends" Chamber Music Series begins next Monday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in PepsiCo Recital Hall.

The program is "American Tales" according to **Jesús Castro-Balbi**, artistic director for the programs. There also will be a world premiere of *The Paul Bunyan Suite*, composed by Martin Blessinger.

Performers include TCU music faculty: **Jesús Castro-Balbi** (cello), **Joe Eckert** (saxophone), **David Yeomans** (piano), **Curt Thompson** (violin), **Gary Whitman** (clarinet), **David Grogan** (baritone), **Gloria Lin** (piano) and **Janet Pummill** (piano).

Admission is free with a TCU ID. General admission is \$10, \$5 for seniors and students. Season passes to the year's four events are \$32 and available in the School of Music office in Ed Landreth Hall. ♦

Green Honors Chair for Education lectures at TCU on Sept. 29 and 30

DR. JOEL SPRING, AUTHOR OF *AMERICAN Education*, will give two public lectures as the TCU College of Education's Green Honors Chair. His first lecture, "Environmental Education, Globalization, and Consumerism," will be Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Amon G. Carter Lecture Hall, Palko 130. The second lecture on "Politics of Education" will be Wednesday, Sept. 30 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the same location. The events are open and free to attend.

Joel Spring received his Ph.D. in educational policy studies from the University of Wisconsin. He is currently a professor at Queens College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. Dr. Spring's most important textbooks are *American Education* and the *American School 1642-2004*. His major research interests are the history of education, multicultural education, Native American culture, and the politics of education. His current work focuses on globalization of education, environmental education, and consumerism. ♦

Parking meters installed

The City of Fort Worth has installed multi-space parking meters on West Bowie Street and on Bellaire Drive near Einstein Brothers Bagels where parking has previously been free.

When parking on these streets, the City recommends parking between the white brackets marked on the street, identifying the parking space by the letter marked on the curb, and selecting the appropriate letter for your space on the meter when you insert coins. ♦

NEW FACES

Victoria Barth has been hired as a graphic design specialist for the College of Science & Engineering. She received her BFA in graphic design from TCU in 1978 and MLA in 2009.

Dennis Darling is the new assistant track coach in athletics. He has a B.S. in kinesiology from the University of Houston and comes to TCU from a coaching job at UTA.

Gabriel Ogidiagba has joined residential services as a supervisor. He has an accounting degree from his native Nigeria and was previously employed at Exxon.

Kimberly Kelly Taylor is a new administrative assistant in alumni relations. She was previously employed at Pantego Christian Academy.

MARKETPLACE

Cowtown Cruisin' for a Cure will sponsor its 8th annual car show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 on Main Street downtown and cross streets from 2nd to 9th. All vehicles are welcome: rods, exotics, trucks, customs, antique, classics and motorcycles.

Early registration has closed but entrants have until 12:30 p.m. to register at the event for \$30. Awards will be presented at 3 p.m., in categories ranging from best paint, best interior and people's choice, to best of show and top 100.

Proceeds from the event benefit research on prostate cancer. Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital will offer two on-site units for free prostate cancer screenings between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For more information go to www.cowtowncruisinforacure.org. You may also phone Chris Goetz at 817-336-3366 or e-mail carcrazi@sbcglobal.net.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT: Beautiful house 3 blocks north of campus, 2710 Waits Ave. 2-3 bedrooms, one bath. Will rent short term. Call 817-921-1667.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of Sept. 9. For more information on any of these positions go to www.hr.tcu.edu.

Accompanist - Classical & Contemporary Dance

Administrative Asst. - Center for Writing Administrative Program Specialist - Tandy Student Leadership Center

Asst. Equestrian Coach - Athletics

Asst. Director Outdoor Programs - Campus Recreation

Asst. Director TCU Leadership Center - Student Development

Associate Director BLUU - University Union Client/Server Administrator - Technology Resources

Lab Assistants - HCN Learning Lab

Network Engineer - Technical Services

Painter - Facility Services

Physician - Health Center

Postdoctoral Research Associate - Chemistry

PRN-On Call - Health Center

Service Asst. (2) - Facility Services

Gardening tip from Robert Sulak (physical plant): Protect your home and lawn from drought conditions with one good soaking each week, particularly around the foundation of the house.