



ROUNDTABLE

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Inauguration of Emporia State University's 15th president held on March 31

EMPORIA, Kan. (March 29, 2007) – Dr. Michael R. Lane was inaugurated as the 15th president of Emporia State University on Saturday, March 31. The 2:00 p.m. ceremony in Plumb Hall's Albert Taylor Hall was followed by a reception in the Memorial Union Ballroom and Webb Lecture Hall. Lane began his service to ESU on Nov. 1, 2006.

The inauguration began with an academic procession of faculty, students, staff, guests, delegates and others. The procession featured important university symbols, including the medallion, which features the university's official logo and the words "Office of the President" and the university mace, the symbol of the president's authority. Delegates from 20 colleges and universities across the United States attended.

The roots of modern university inaugurations go back to medieval academic traditions. Today, the university inauguration serves a vital role in introducing a new leader to the community and giving the president a forum to outline his/her vision for the institution.

The academic procession concluded with "Fanfare for a Celebration" performed by the ESU Wind Ensemble and conducted by Dr. Gary D. Ziek. Additional music included performances throughout the ceremony by the Harmonious Voices of Praise and the ESU A Cappella Choir. In addition to President Lane's inaugural address, Ron Thornburg, Kansas Secretary of State and representatives of regents, students, faculty, staff and alumni gave remarks.

An accomplished scholar in the field of accounting and a highly respected administrator, Dr. Lane earned a doctorate in accounting from Texas A & M University, a master's in accounting from Northeastern University and a bachelor's in finance from Lowell Technological Institute (now the University of Massachusetts at Lowell).

A native of Melrose, Massachusetts, Dr. Lane's career in higher education began in Boston as an assistant professor of accounting at Northeastern University. As a professor at Bradley University he served as Chair of the Department of Accounting, Associate Dean of the College of Business and Director of the MBA Program. In 1994 he was named dean of the School of Business at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. He later advanced to dean of the Campbell School of Business at Berry College in Rome, Georgia. At Mansfield University of Pennsylvania, Lane served over four years as provost and vice president for academic affairs. Prior to coming to Emporia State University, he was vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost at the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith.

For more information about the inauguration, visit <http://www.emporia.edu/president/inauguration/>

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, AND WHERE

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Connie Schrock, professor, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, was elected Program Chair for the AMTE National Conference 2008.

Dr. Sheryl Lidzy, assistant professor, Department of Communication & Theatre, was appointed the 2008 division chair and the 2008 program planner at the 76th annual Central States Communication Association's 2007 annual conference in Minneapolis, MN.

Dr. Susan Nakao, lecturer, Department of Art, helped to organize and was recently elected assistant chair of a national ad hoc committee, the "Caucus on the Spiritual in Art Education (CSAE)." The first official meeting of the group was held in New York City on March 16, 2007 in conjunction with the National Art Education Association Convention and will make a bid to become a recognized group of the National Art Education Association in 2008.

Mary McDaniel, assistant director, Department of Student Wellness, was selected at president-elect of the executive board at the annual conference and business meeting of the Central College Health Association.

CONFERENCES

Jill Megredy, Registrar, attended the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officer's annual conference February 28th through March 3rd in Boston, MA.

Dr. Sheryl Lidzy, assistant professor, Department of Communication & Theatre, and **Kenna Reeves**, instructor, Department of Communication & Theatre, attended the 76th annual Central States Communication Association's 2007 annual conference in Minneapolis, MN from March 28th through April 1st. At the conference, Dr. Lidzy was panel chair for a discussion entitled, "In Sickness and in Health, unto Death do us Part: An Exploration of Health Issues Ranging from Acute Illness to Death," was panel chair for a discussion entitled, "Change...It'll do you good! Examining social responsibility for personal life changes," and was chair in a roundtable discussion entitled: "Feelings of Isolation – One year later: Has it Changed? Blazing new trails for women in the academy."

PRESENTATIONS

Elaine Henrie, director, Financial Aid, presented "Financial Aid Model for Secondary School Counselors" to the College Board Midwestern Forum in Chicago on February 26.

Jill Megredy, Registrar, serves on the Professional Development Committee for AACRAO and also presented two sessions titled "It's My First AACRAO, What Do I Do Next" and "Survivor AACRAO."

Connie Schrock, professor, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, presented “Using Portfolios for Mathematics Assessment” to the AMS-MAA Joint meetings on January 5, 2007.

Kenna Reeves, instructor, Department of Communication & Theatre, sponsored an undergraduate honors conference panel entitled: "The Question of Effective Strategy in Modern and Historical Social Movements" at the 76th annual Central States Communication Association’s 2007 annual conference in Minneapolis, MN. Communication majors Tiara Naputi, Lacey Hall, Sara Roth, and Chad Woolard each presented a research paper focusing on Social Movements.

Connie Schrock, professor, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, presented “NCATE and Performance Assessment: Their Impact on Methods Course,” at the AMTE National Conference in Dallas, TX on January 27, 2007, where she also served on the program committee.

Connie Schrock, professor, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, presented “Comics, Candles, and Cracker Jacks - What do they have in common?” at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics 85th annual meeting on March 22, 2007.

JoLanna Kord, director, Recreation Services Department, presented the results of a qualitative study entitled, “Student’s Perspectives on how Participation in Recreational Activities Affects the College Experience.” The study, conducted at ESU in the Fall of 2005, was presented at the State of Kansas National Intramural and Recreational Sports Association Workshop held at Washburn University on February 23rd, 2007.

PUBLICATIONS

Pettengill, Glenn N., Susan M. Edwards and **Dennis E. Schmitt**, “Is momentum investing a viable strategy for individual investors?” *Financial Services Review*, Vol. 15 (2006), pp. 181-197.

Kennett, Danny L., M. George Durler, and Alexis Downs, “Activity-Based Costing in Large U. S. Cities: Costs & Benefits,” *Journal of Government Financial Management*, Spring 2007, Vol. 56, No. 1, pp. 20 - 29.

Vafeas, Nikos and **James F. Waeglein**, “The Association Between Audit Committees, Compensation Incentives, and Corporate Audit Fees,” *Review of Quantitative Finance and Accounting*, 2007, Vol. 28, pp. 241 – 255.

Emily Dieker, instructor, **Amanda Steffes**, instructor, and **Sarah Tidwell**, assistant professor, all of the Department of Nursing, recently published an article titled “Safe Patient Handling Curriculum Content” in the March 2007 issue of the *Kansas Nurse*.

EMPLOYMENT SEARCH

An AA/EOE institution, Emporia State University encourages minorities and women to apply. The following positions are available and may be viewed on the ESU website at: <http://www.emporia.edu/esu/searches.htm> or at <http://www.emporia.edu/humres/classified.htm>

Assistant Professor in Public Policy/Administration, Department of Social Sciences
Instructor/Debate Coach, Department of Communication & Theatre
Assistant Professor, Department of Communication & Theatre
Assistant Professor - Journalism, Department of English
Assistant Professor of History, Department of Social Sciences
Assistant Professor, Art – Engraving, Department of Art
Assistant Professor in Art Education, Department of Art
Teacher/Artist Performer in Voice, Department of Music
Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Economics
Assistant Professor in Nursing, Department of Nursing
Assistant/Associate Professor in Marketing, Department of Business Admin & Edu
Assistant/Associate Professor in Management, Department of Business Admin & Edu
Associate Professor, Department of Accounting and Information Systems
Assistant/Associate Professor Adaptive Special Education, Department of Psychology and
Special Education
Assistant/Associate Professor in Art Therapy, Department of Psychology and Special Education
Assistant/Associate Professor in School Leadership, Department of School Leadership
Assistant/Associate Professor in School Counseling, Department of Counselor Education
Assistant Professor, Department of Instructional Design and Technology
Assistant/Associate Professor, Department of Psychology and Special Education
Head of Information and Instructional Services, Department of University Libraries and
Archives
Reference Librarian, Department of University Libraries and Archives
Assistant Director of Student Involvement – Greek Affairs, Student Life
Director, Memorial Union
Assistant Director of Career Services, Career Services
Director of Distance Education Program, School of Library and Information Management
Complex Coordinator, Residential Life
Associate Vice President, Technology and Computing Services
Program Coordinator – CBED – Limited Term, Business Administration and Education
Dean, School of Library and Information Management
Director, Multicultural Programs and Services