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Seminar features ESU graduate's research on antiterrorism surveillance

Technology that detects potential terrorist activity was the subject of a seminar hosted by Emporia State University's Departments of Physical Sciences.

Mark L. Witten, Ph.D., spoke on "Development of a Biosensor for Anti-Terrorism Surveillance," at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5 in room 123 of the Cram Science Hall wing of ESU's Science Hall complex. Witten is a 1976 ESU graduate and 1992 Distinguished Alumnus designate. He now serves as a research professor of pediatrics at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center in Tucson.

Witten and research colleagues have developed biosensors that are capable of measuring trace levels of gases, radioactive materials, metals and an airborne influenza virus. Biosensors detect minute amounts of toxic substances and are frequently used in both environmental monitoring and water treatment facilities. On a larger scale, a canary in a cage, as used by miners to warn of gas, could be considered a biosensor.

"This is the kind of research that will be important in terms of detecting bioterrorist activity at its earliest stages and preventing additional injuries to health and public safety," said DeWayne Backhus, Ph.D., chair of ESU's Physical Sciences departments.

ESU math professor organizes Women Count conference

Betsy Yanik, Professor of Mathematics, organized the biennial Women Count Conference. The conference was held in August in San Jose, California.

Methods and strategies to encourage young women's interest in mathematics teaching are the focus of the biennial Women Count conference. Dr. Betsy Yanik, Professor of Mathematics at Emporia State University, has organized the past four conferences in her role as national director of the Women in Mathematics Network. The latest conference occurred Aug. 2 in San Jose, Calif.

"The purpose of the conference is to disseminate information about current successful math outreach programs for young women and to encourage the establishment of more programs throughout the nation," Yanik said. Financial support for the conference was provided by grants from the National Security Agency and the Tensor Foundation.

Participants in the Women Count conference came from California, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas, and Virginia. Yanik said the conference included sessions on sharing best practices in outreach programming, a discussion of various program formats, and brainstorming ways to develop a nationwide plan for assessment. Also, presenting a grant-writing workshop at the conference was Dr. Joe Yanik, ESU math professor. Pending funding, the next Women Count conference will be held in Portland, Oregon in 2009.

WHO, WHAT, WHEN AND WHERE

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. William Clamurro, Professor, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, has been named Director of the ESU Honors Program.

CONFERENCE

Janette C. Borst, Instructor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, represented ESU's Phi Kappa Phi chapter at the PKP Triennium in Orlando, Florida on August 9-11.

Dr. William Clamurro, Professor, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, chaired and helped organize two conference panels, one at the MLA Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in December, 2006 and one at the NEMLA conference in April, 2007. Two publications appeared: "Los otros caballeros cervantinos: Sociedad e imperio en los márgenes del Quijote," in the Anuario de Estudios Cervantinos, and "La picaresca colectiva de La novia oscura," in Colombia: tiempos de imaginación y desafío (Memorias del XIV Congreso de la Asociación de Colombianistas).

JoLanna I. Kord, Director, Department of Recreation Services, attended the Learning Reconsidered 2 Conference on July 6-7, and the Annual Assessment and Retention Conferences in St. Louis, Missouri from July 6-10th.

Dr. Michael Smith, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, attended Advanced National Leadership training with the Gamaliel Foundation in June, 2007.

Dr. Mark Stanbrough, Associate Professor, Department of Health and Physical Education, attended the National Coaching Educators' Conference in Indianapolis June 7-9, 2007. The conference was co-hosted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). Dr. Stanbrough serves as a national accreditation reviewer for the National Council for the Accreditation of Coaching Education.

Joyce Thierer, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, attended the Santa Fe Trail Association Symposium, September 27-30 in Trinidad, Colorado.

EVENTS

Janette C. Borst, Instructor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, represented ESU's Phi Kappa Phi chapter at the PKP Triennium in Orlando August 9-11.

Janette C. Borst, Instructor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, led intergenerational workshops for youth and adults on "Family Communication" at the Kansas District Lutheran Family Camp at Camp Webster, Salina, August 3-5.

Dr. Gary E. Holcomb, Associate Professor, Department of English, was the subject of a book launch party at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, in New York City, on Saturday, September 15 for his recently published book, "Claude McKay, Code Name Sasha: Queer Black Marxism and the Harlem Renaissance" published by The University Press of Florida. The event was called "McKay Day," as September 15 was Claude McKay's 118th birthday. The Schomburg Center is the leading Black Studies research library in the nation. Holcomb gave a talk: "Reading Claude McKay, Code Name Sasha: Queer Black Marxism and the Harlem Renaissance."

Joyce Thierer, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, was featured in an interview by the *Lawrence Journal-World* about her first-person narrative accounts of Civil War women. The article, titled "Act recounts role of Civil War women" appeared in Section C on pages 1 & 2 in the August 9, 2007 edition.

Joyce Thierer, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, was featured in an interview that appeared on Channel 49 ABC News' Ride into History by Dana Davis. The topic of the interview was "Women in the Civil War" and her research.

GRANTS

Beth Hanschu, Library Assistant, University Libraries and Archives, wrote a proposal to The State Library of Kansas and was awarded a \$2,000 Interlibrary Loan Development Program grant to the University Libraries and Archives to purchase English as a Second Language materials to support the ESOL Collection. Hanschu wrote the proposal and is co-administrator of the grant with **Dalene Hawthorne**.

HONORS

Dr. Sheryl Lidzy, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication & Theater, attended the Oklahoma Speech Theatre Communication Association (OSTCA) conference and received the 2007 OSTCA Outstanding Young College Teacher Award. The Outstanding Young College Teacher Award recognizes individuals early in their professional career who are showing distinction as teachers. Nominees must (a) be in their first seven years of full-time teaching, (b) be members of OSTCA and (c) attend the conference the year in which the award is presented.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. William Clamurro, Professor, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, presented: "Momento histórico, geografía moral: Quevedo y La hora de todos" at the congreso of

the Asociación Internacional de Hispanistas in Paris, France, July 9-13, and “La marca de España: Enrique Serrano y los fantasmas de la hispanidad” presented at the XV congreso of the Asociación de Colombianistas in Bogotá, Columbia, August 2007.

Dr. Alexis Downs and **Dr. Peggy Lane**, Associate Professors, Department of Accounting and Information Systems, presented: “Leadership from the Helicopter Level” to The Central Exchange group in Kansas City, Kansas, May 8, 2007.

Dr. Harvey C. Foyle, Professor, Department of Instructional Design & Technology, The Teachers College, presented the paper entitled "Browser and Search Engine Wars: Fighting Over Information Access" at the summer meeting of the National Social Science Association in Vancouver, Canada.

Dr. Heidi Hamilton, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication and Theatre, presented a paper entitled "Mothers at the Forefront of the Battle on the Homefront: Do Good Mothers Send their Children to War or Prevent them?" at the 15th Alta Conference on Argumentation in Alta, Utah in August.

Dalene Hawthorne, Assistant Professor and Head of Systems and Technical Services at the University Libraries and Archives, co-presented a program called "ERM on a Shoestring" with Jennifer Watson of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center Library at the North American Serials Interest Group meeting in Louisville, KY in June 2007 and again at the 7th Annual E-resource Workshop at Mississippi State University. Dalene and Jennifer were invited to speak again at the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions Serials Satellite Meeting in Capetown, South Africa in August 2007. The title of their paper was "Electronic Resource Management Systems: Alternative Solutions."

Dalene Hawthorne, Assistant Professor and Head of Systems and Technical Services at the University Libraries and Archives, developed a presentation entitled, "Imagine Adding Images." It was presented on her behalf by **Art Gutierrez** and **Beth Hanschu** at the Innovative User Group Meeting in San Jose, CA in May 2007.

Dr. Jeonghyun "Annie" Kim, Assistant Professor, School of Library and Information Management, presented a paper entitled "Task as a context of information seeking" at the Information: Interactions and Impact (i3) conference, held at The Department of Information Management, Aberdeen Business School, The Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, UK, on June 25-28 2007.

Dr. Mingchu Luo, Senior Institutional Researcher, TCS, Wenmin Huang, and Lofti Najjar published, "The relationship between perceptions of a Chinese high school's ethical climate and students' school performance." *Journal of Moral Education (British)*, 2007, 36(1), 93-111.

Dr. Mingchu Luo, Senior Institutional Researcher, TCS, Bruce Vieweg, associate VP and CIO, and **Christy Schreck**, institutional research analyst from Office of Institutional Research, presented two papers, “Fitting Outcomes of General Education Assessment and Other Academic Assessments to Structural Equation Modeling: What Academic Factors Affect CAAP Scores?”

and "Understanding the Effect of Student Geographic Characteristics on First-Year Persistence at a Micropolitan University." at the national 2007 Forum of AIR (Association of Institutional Research) in Kansas City on June 4-6.

Dr. Zane Swanson, Associate Professor, Department of Accounting and Information Systems, presented a paper in Paris, France earlier this month entitled "Goodwill Impairment: A Comparative Country Analysis" to the European Financial Reporting Group in September 2007 with R. Singer and A. Downs.

Joyce Thierer, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, presented "History comes alive in Kansas: an analysis of a museum's experience" at the Kansas Museum Association Conference, November 7-9.

Joyce Thierer, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, presented "Kaffir Corn: From filed grain to boosting a community" as an agricultural historian in El Dorado, KS.

Joyce Thierer, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, presented "Farming Freedom on the Plains: African American agricultural communities and societies" at the Mid-America Conference in Tulsa, OK on Thursday, September 27, 2007.

Joyce Thierer, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, presented "Elephants in the living room and other issues concerning the state of museum interpretation" at the Mountain Plains Museum Association Conference in Fargo, ND, September 10-14.

Joyce Thierer, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, presented "Fighting Beside my Brother" during the Civil War on the Western Frontier lecture series Sunday, August 12, 2007 in Lawrence, KS.

Dr. Ken Weaver, Professor/Chair, Department of Psychology and Special Education, was a keynote speaker for the first annual conference of the Oklahoma Network for the Teaching of Psychology in Oklahoma City on September 21, 2007. The title of his address was "Inspiring Students by Promoting Student Engagement."

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EMPLOYMENT SEARCH

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