



All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Calendar of Events

- 8/29 Monday Night Classes Beginning 6 p.m. & after
- 9/1 **Labor Day-No Classes**
- 9/2 Follow Regular Tuesday Class Schedule
Last Day to Drop classes
- 9/3 Last Day to: Add Classes, Submit "Credit-By-Exam" form, Submit "Intent to Graduate" form for May 2009,
Submit "Pass/Fail Option" Card, Submit "Repeat of Course" card
- 4 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Bloomsburg, Soccer Field
- 9/4 11a.m.- Organizational Fair, Kelchner
2 p.m.

Convocation Kicks Off 152nd Academic Year

The 152nd academic year at Mansfield University got underway with Convocation on Monday.

J. Richard Walker, professor emeritus of Mathematics, was this year's featured speaker. In his address entitled "An issue You Should Care About," Walker said, "I am told that the Mansfield theme for the coming year is dissent, so today I am here to point out one way where the government has gone terribly wrong. I'm here to dissent from the government's policy on torture."

After building his case against the government's use of torture and saying, "My concern for this issue is not of sympathy for the terrorists, but out of concern for American ideals," Walker urged the assembly to educate themselves and express themselves to government officials on the use of torture.

"To quote Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson, U.S. Army retired, 'Torture and its use are not American. They are foreign to us. We must exorcise them from our souls and make amends,'" Walker said.

President Maravene Loeschke welcomed the campus community to the beginning of a new academic year and addressed many of her remarks toward the incoming freshman class.

Recalling her meeting with members of the Class of 1958 during Alumni Weekend last June, Loeschke talked about the great memories they shared and the feeling that Mansfield and the people they met here helped shape their lives for the better.

"As impossible as it is for you to imagine now," she said. "Your journey to your 50th reunion starts today. Give yourselves permission to have big dreams and big goals and the courage and the discipline you need to achieve them."

To listen to both speeches, go to podcast.mansfield.edu

Convocation is presented by the Mansfield University Senate.

Seigart to Conduct Health Care Research in Australia

Denise Seigart, professor of Health Sciences at Mansfield University, has received a visiting professor fellowship at Charles Sturt University in Australia.

She will spend September and October in Australia conducting research on school based health care.

"This will be an international comparison of how health care is provided through schools for children in the U.S., Australia and Canada," Seigart said. "It's an extension of my dissertation research, where I compared

usual school health care--school nurses--to the newer model of school-based health centers, which are generally staffed by nurse practitioners.”

In the spring, Seigart plans on continuing her research at Nipissing University in Canada.

“I am extremely excited to have this opportunity, and plan to do many presentations and publish several articles, and perhaps a book, after completing this study,” she said.

DiMarco Honored by *Library Journal*

Scott DiMarco, director of Library and Information Resource at Mansfield University, has been named the 2008 Audio Reviewer of the Year by *Library Journal*.

DiMarco has been reviewing audio books, covering a wide range of topics, for *Library Journal* since 2002.

"I first started listening to audio books because they helped a long commute or trip go by and I felt it was a better use of my time," Dimarco said. "But then I really got hooked."

DiMarco's review of *Reconciliation: Islam, Democracy, and the West* by Benazir Bhutto appears in the August 15 issue of *Library Journal*.

Library Journal is a trade publication for librarians. Founded in 1876 by Melvil Dewey, inventor of the Dewey decimal system, it reports news about the library world, emphasizing public libraries, and offers feature articles about aspects of professional practice. It also reviews library-related materials and equipment.

Civil Rights Activist Margaret Rozga to Speak & Perform on September 17

The Frederick Douglass Institute (FDI) at Mansfield University will present *March on Milwaukee: Putting History into Play*, a lecture/performance by Margaret Rozga on Wednesday, September 17, at 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The performance is free and open to the public.

Margaret (Peggy) Rozga began her civil rights work in 1965 when she worked on a voter registration project in Bullock County, AL. She then participated in the Open Housing protests in Milwaukee in 1967.

Her play, *March on Milwaukee: A Memoir of the Open Housing Protests*, is based on her experience in the civil rights movement in Milwaukee. The play has been produced four times since its debut production at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha in April 2007.

Rozga's Mansfield presentation will address what makes ordinary people make the extraordinary decision to stand up against injustice when injustice is the status quo. She will give a lecture about the civil rights movement in Milwaukee, which will include a brief stage reading of part of her play by MU President Maravene Loeschke and a group of MU students.

"I've met Dr. Rozga at more than one Civil Rights conference," Lynn Pifer, FDI director and professor of English at MU, said. "I heard her speak at the 40th anniversary of the march on Milwaukee and I've seen a performance of her play. I'm very excited about this lecture/performance as well as the level of involvement by MU people."

Rozga teaches multi-cultural literature and creative writing at the University of Wisconsin -- Waukesha. In 2007, she received the UW Colleges Chancellor's award for outstanding achievement for the events she organized to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Milwaukee's open housing marches.

She has published poems and essays in many literary journals including *Poetry Midwest*, *Main Channel Voices*, *Nimrod*, *The Humanist*, *The Rambler*, *Wisconsin Magazine of History* and *Out of Line*.

Rozga has also exhibited work nationally in six collaborative shows with visual artists. She has had residencies at the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology and at the Ragdale Foundation.

The FDI at MU is an interdisciplinary collaborative between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs dedicated to following the intellectual heritage and principles of Frederick Douglass and other distinguished individuals from all backgrounds.

The Institute promotes programs that will enhance the learning experience and help students develop an understanding and appreciation of human dignity and diversity.

For further information about the FDI, check online at www.mansfield.edu/FDI/

SCHOLARS SPOTLIGHT

Brad Holtman, English & Modern Languages, has been named treasurer of the American Association for Netherlandic Studies (AANS). The AANS aims to promote scholarship in disciplines dealing with Dutch culture, including literature, linguistics, Dutch language study, history, and art, as well as Afrikaans, Dutch Caribbean and Indonesian studies. The AANS has an international membership, including scholars from the USA, Canada, The Netherlands, Belgium, France, South Africa and a number of other countries. Holtman also presented a paper last June at the 14th Interdisciplinary Conference on Netherlandic Studies of the AANS, held at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The paper, "From Düsseldorf to Dallas: Dutch Writers in German and English," discussed aspects of the reception of Dutch literary works in translation on the American vs. German markets. Holtman's current sabbatical project is a literary translation into English of a novel by contemporary Dutch author A.F.Th. van der Heijden.

Holly Pieper, Communication & Theatre, has authored the public relations study website for Pearson Education, Inc. The site is based on content from three texts: *Public Relations: Strategies and Tactics 8e* by Wilcox and Cameron, *Public Relations: A Values-Driven Approach 4e* by Guth and Marsh, and *Public Relations Today: Managing Competition and Conflict 1e* by Cameron, Wilcox, Rebe, and Shin. The content includes practice tests (true/false, multiple choice and essay questions), weblinks and flashcards. The site can be viewed at www.abpublicrel.com

Nancy Sidell, Social Work, Anthropology & Sociology, had her article "An Exploration of Non-Sexual Dual Relationships in Rural Public Child Welfare Settings" published in the *Journal of Child Public Welfare* (Volume 1, Number 4).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Any student or employee who has not picked up their new One-Card, the new ID card, should do so at the CCSI Office, Alumni Hall, Room 327.
- Class cancellation information is on the University website. Click on the "Class and Events Cancellation Notices" button on the main page for each days class and event cancellations. In addition to calling the class cancellation hotline, faculty are to leave messages about cancellations on their office voicemail.
- To make Updater submissions, submit event information, story ideas and everything that is Mansfield, us the online PR Request Form. It's on the My.mansfield page of the MU website, in the center column under "Featured Locations."

SPORTS UPDATE

The MU field hockey squad will open their season with three road games in three days this weekend. The Mountaineers visit Southern Connecticut on Friday, Bentley on Saturday and Bryant on Monday. The first home game will be next Saturday, September 6 at noon against Mercyhurst.

The women's soccer squad opened their season at Goldey Beacom on Thursday. The Mountaineers will be home to take on Bloomsburg on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The cross county teams will open their season next Saturday, September 6 at the Seagull Opener in Salisbury, MD.

The sprint football team will scrimmage Princeton on September 20, 1 p.m. at Karl Van Norman Field.

The Mountaineers will play the first game in program history when Cornell comes to Mansfield for a 12:30 p.m. kick-off on September 27.

For all the latest Mountaineer information and scores, check online at gomounties.com

THE BOTTOM LINE

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world"

--Albert Einstein