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New Students, New Smiles, New Beginnings!

Faculty & Staff Kudos

Ms. Patsy Krech, Academic Advisor, II

Ms. Krech has been invited to Honorary membership in the Golden Key International Honour Society. Her selection as an Honorary Member was based on her commitment as a college advisor and her dedication to the University of Memphis. She will be presented with a certificate at a reception on Sunday, November 8 in Rose Theater.

The primary objective of Golden Key is the recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship in all undergraduate and graduate fields of study. Membership to Golden Key is gained by invitation only and is extended to the top 15% of sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students.

Memphis and the Paradox of Place

Dr. Wanda Rushing signs her latest book on November 7, 3:30 pm, Memphis/Shelby County Room, Benjamin Hooks Central Library, 3030 Poplar, Memphis, TN 38111. Call 901-415-2700 for more information. ...view flyer

President Shirley Rafnes will receive "E" Award

U of M president Shirley Rafnes has been selected to receive the "E" Award (for Excellence, Equity and Economic Advocacy for Women) from the Tennessee Economic Council on Women. The award is presented to women who have distinguished themselves in a specific field or life commitment that has contributed to improving the lives of girls and women in Tennessee.

The three "E" award recipients will be honored at the annual Economic Summit for Women on Monday, Oct. 19, in Franklin, Tenn. ...Read More

Center for Information Assurance

The Center for Information Assurance (CIA) has been designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence by the DHS and NSA. The Center is committed to community cyber security research and to community education concerning this crucial issue.

Dr D'Ann Penner's book on New Orleans and Katrina wins Congressional Black Caucus award

The 2009 Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust Leadership in Journalism Award went to *Overcoming Katrina: African American Voices from the Crescent City and Beyond*, by Dr D'Ann Penner and Dr Keith C. Ferdinand, with a foreword by former president Jimmy Carter. Published by Palgrave Macmillan earlier in 2009, the book has received wide critical acclaim. (For fuller information about the book, read our articles for 26 August 2008 and 4 February 2009. Extracts from reviews may be found on the Macmillan Web site for the book).

Dr Penner taught Russian and Soviet history at The University of Memphis and was director of the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change. Intending to enter law school, after leaving The University of Memphis she first was a Visiting Scholar at the Center for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University, senior consultant at the Institute for Women's Policy Research, and Social Justice Fellow at the Office of the Appellate Defender in New York City. She is now attending her first year of law school at Loyola University and is a Scholar in Residence at the Southern Institute for Education and Research at Tulane University.

Robert Smalley, CERI

Bevis, M., Kendrick, E., Smalley, R., Jr., Dalziel, I., Caccamise, D., Sasgen, I., Helsen, M., Taylor, F., Zhou, H., Brown, A., Raleigh, D., Willis, M., Wilson, T., and Konfal, S., Geodetic measurements of vertical crustal seclivity in West Antarctica and the implications for ice mass balance, *Geochimistry Geophysics Geosystems*, an electronic Journal of the Earth Sciences, published by AGU and the Geochemical Society, Vol. 10, No. 10, October, 2009 Awards and Service

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