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**THIS WEEK's Next Issue: June 3**  
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**"The Delta – Everything Southern!" Conference celebrates region**



In its eighth year, "The Delta – Everything Southern!" Conference at the U of M will offer a day of distinguished speakers, images and music of the Mississippi Delta. The conference will be held Friday, June 7, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Michael D. Rose Theatre. It is presented by the University Libraries with the support of Friends of the University Libraries. The event will feature speakers on topics as diverse as high-tech farming in the Delta, indigenous music of the region, Native American history and the Vicksburg Campaign.

In the afternoon, participants may choose three of the five breakout sessions to spend time with their favorite experts and guest panelists. The registration cost is \$75. The fee includes breakfast, lunch, entertainment, break refreshments and parking in the adjacent Zach Curlin garage. Registration for "The Delta – Everything Southern!" is available online at

[www.memphis.edu/deltaconference/register.php](http://www.memphis.edu/deltaconference/register.php). More information is available online at [www.memphis.edu/deltaconference](http://www.memphis.edu/deltaconference) or by contacting Jennifer Schnabel at 678-8210 or [jschnbel@memphis.edu](mailto:jschnbel@memphis.edu). Read more at <http://www.memphis.edu/mediaroom/releases/may13/delta.php>.

## Campus celebrated Community Health Building groundbreaking



The U of M broke ground May 13 on the Community Health Building which will house the Loewenberg School of Nursing and the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders. The building will be located on the University's Park Avenue Campus.

Donors contributed more than \$15 million in private support in order to qualify for \$45 million in matching funds from the state of Tennessee. The Community Health Building was a priority capital project in the University's \$250 million *Empowering the Dream* Centennial Campaign, which is set to conclude June 30.

Construction on the Community Health Building should begin by this fall and take about two years, said Tony Poteet, assistant vice president for Campus Planning and Design. Read more at <http://www.memphis.edu/mediaroom/releases/may13/health.php>.

## U of M given grant for innovative program for school administrators

The Tennessee Department of Education has awarded the U of M a \$777,894 TN LEAD grant over the next year to conduct an intensive training program for principals and other school administrators. The program helps principals work with teachers to incorporate best instructional practices that will lead to improved student performance.

These funds, awarded to the state of Tennessee through a U.S. Department of Education Race to the Top grant, will enhance principals' effectiveness as instructional leaders in their schools, a role that goes beyond the traditional school management model.

Forty-eight school administrators from eight school districts in the Southwest Tennessee Rural Educational Cooperative and the new unified Shelby County School District will participate in the Executive Development Program created by the National Institute for School Leadership. Dr. Jim Mitchell, school leader in residence in the U of M's Department of Leadership, will direct the project. Read more at <http://www.memphis.edu/mediaroom/releases/may13/lead.php>.

## Green Tip



### Dispose of hazardous chemicals the green way

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) provides services designed to support research and teaching. EH&S assists all University units with management of hazardous chemicals, sources of ionizing radiation and biological agents.

These services continue to evolve as a result of input and guidance from the Biological Safety Committee, Chemical Hygiene Committee and Radiation Safety Committee. For any campus person who will store, use, create or dispose of chemicals, EH&S has links to resources that

will help you protect people, the environment and facilities. The resources provided through the EH&S website will also help reduce accidents and injuries, and protect University assets while complying with regulatory requirements. Information on biological safety, radiation safety, chemical safety, occupational safety and hazardous waste is available from <http://www.memphis.edu/ehs>.

## Announcements



### **Spring University of Memphis Magazine distributed**

The spring 2013 *University of Memphis Magazine* has been distributed. If you failed to receive a copy, contact Greg Russell at [grussll@memphis.edu](mailto:grussll@memphis.edu) and we will mail you one.

### **Julie Graves named new director of development for the School of Public Health**

Julie Graves has been named director of development for the School of Public Health at the U of M. Since 2010, Graves has been assistant director for the University's Hooks Institute for Social Change. In her new role, Graves will work closely with the dean of the School of Public Health to increase its visibility, and to maximize financial gift support to the institution by seeking private contributions in order to increase the margin of excellence of its educational and research programs. Read more at <http://www.memphis.edu/mediaroom/releases/may13/graves.php>.

### **Kemmons Wilson School wins Hospitality Entrepreneurship Summit**

A team of students from the U of M's Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality & Resort Management placed first at the annual Hospitality Entrepreneurial Summit. This was the second time in three years that a team from the Wilson School won the competition. (The School did not participate last year.) The summit, held April 13-14 at the University of Delaware, drew more than 200 students from 12 universities and a dozen high schools. The U of M won the award for the best business plan in the College and University category. Read more at <http://www.memphis.edu/mediaroom/releases/may13/entrepreneurshipsummit.php>.

### **U of M Process Improvement team targeted graduation rate as focus**

The recent six-year cohort team for the U of M Administrative Process Improvement Program completed its 12-week project last October. Formed to enhance graduation rates, the team designed reports and a process for academic advisers to proactively counsel students in each first-time freshmen grouping. The intent is to advance students toward the goal of graduation through intentional contact, discussion and documentation of a degree completion plan in the UMdegree planner. Of the 315 students who remained from the fall of 2007 group, 70 graduated in the fall of 2012, making the current six-year graduation rate 40 percent. An additional 87 students intended to graduate in the spring 2013 commencement ceremony. Those numbers have yet to be certified. To learn more about this and other projects, go to [www.memphis.edu/processimprovement](http://www.memphis.edu/processimprovement). To serve on a team, contact [processimprovement@memphis.edu](mailto:processimprovement@memphis.edu).

### **Campus-Wide Elevator Modernization Project will shut down several elevators this summer**

As part of the Campus-Wide Elevator Modernization Project Phase II, work is scheduled to begin on a number of campus elevators during the next few months. The following buildings have elevators scheduled to be out of service for portions of the summer: Art and Communication Building, Ball

Hall, Clement Hall, Engineering Administration, Wilder Tower and the Fogelman College of Business & Economics. Anyone with concerns about access in these buildings should contact Student Disability Services at 678-2880. Faculty or staff in need of special accommodations should contact the Affirmative Action Office at 678-2713. All other questions should be directed to Pam Cash at [pcash@memphis.edu](mailto:pcash@memphis.edu).

### **U of M mechanical engineering student participates in Congressional Visits Day**

David Pumroy, a U of M honors student in mechanical engineering, was selected by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) to participate in Congressional Visits Day in March. Each year AIAA members — engineers, scientists, researchers, students, educators and technology executives — are selected to take part in the event in Washington, D.C. Pumroy was one of three students selected to represent the southeast region of AIAA based on his undergraduate research in astronautics. Pumroy is performing his research with Dr. Jeffrey Marchetta, associate professor in mechanical engineering, and Dr. Firouzeh Sabri, assistant professor in physics, as part of grant from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Read more at <http://www.memphis.edu/mediaroom/releases/may13/pumroy.htm>.

### **Japanese cinema every Thursday in May at the Brooks Museum**

The Brooks Museum will show a series of Japanese cinema (in Japanese with English subtitles) every Thursday in May at 7 p.m. Prior to each screening, starting at 6:15 p.m., Memphis Martial Arts will give a martial arts demonstration on the plaza outside of the Brooks Museum. Along with the samurai films, there will also be one more new Japanese film. On May 25 at 2 p.m. there will be an anime film called *Summertime*. Admission is \$6 for U of M students, \$8 for general admission. For more information, visit <http://www.brooksmuseum.org/films>.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS / More listings at [events.memphis.edu](http://events.memphis.edu)**

### **Monday/May 20**

**Art exhibit:** "Time Pools: Accessing the Aquifer" by The League of Imaginary Scientists in collaboration with the U of M (through May 24) - Art Museum - [More details](#)

**Art exhibit:** "Hole: MFA Thesis Exhibition" by M. Foster, Jessica Lund, Christine Ruby and Alexandra Pearson (through June 28) - Art & Communication Building - Galleries made possible by Martha and Robert Fogelman - Contact Kimberly Rogers at [krogers@memphis.edu](mailto:krogers@memphis.edu)

### **Tuesday/May 21**

**Professional development:** "The Respectful Workplace" - UC, room 342 - 1 to 3 p.m. - [More details and upcoming events](#)

### **Wednesday/May 22**

**Staff appreciation day:** Food coupons will be

### **Friday/May 24**

**Free HIV testing:** Screenings by trained HIV counselors from Planned Parenthood of the Greater Memphis Region - UC, room 338 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Call 678-4745 - [More details about Memphis Healthy U](#)

### **Monday/May 27**

**Administrative closing day:** U of M closed for Memorial Day - All offices will resume on May 28.

### **Wednesday/May 29**

**"Experience Counts" information session:** Brister Hall, room 220 - 4 to 7 p.m. - Contact 678-2716 - [More details](#)

### **Friday/May 31**

**Free HIV testing:** Screenings by trained HIV counselors from Planned Parenthood of the Greater Memphis Region - UC, room 338 - 10

given out for UC restaurants, which can be redeemed on May 23 or 24 - 10:30 am to 1:30 p.m. - UC, first floor - Free and open to all staff - U of M ID required to receive a food coupon - Dr. Shirley C. Raines will speak at 11 a.m. - Contact [pwillims@memphis.edu](mailto:pwillims@memphis.edu)

a.m. to 1 p.m. - Call 678-4745 - [More details about Memphis Healthy U](#)

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