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Author Hampton Sides returns for lecture April 3



Best-selling author Hampton Sides returns to his native Memphis to read from his collection of works and discuss narrative writing in the digital age at the next Marcus W. Orr Center for the Humanities Lecture on April 3. The lecture will begin at 6 p.m. in the University Center Theatre with a welcoming reception at 5:30 p.m. in the theatre lobby.

The event is free and open to the public.

The author of six books and numerous magazine articles will talk about his inspirations, his writing process and his hopes for reinvigorating the narrative tradition despite the hostility leveled at narrative history by some academic historians. In his talk “Telling Stories: The Art and Craft of Narrative History,” Sides will argue that the secret to making people care about their history comes down to two words: tell stories.

His visit to Memphis on the eve of the 46th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is especially appropriate given that his book, *Hellhound On His Trail*, provides a gripping account of the assassination and international manhunt for James Earl Ray.

Sides' other works have also merited national and international acclaim. His World War II narrative *Ghost Soldiers* sold more than a million copies, was translated into a dozen foreign languages and was the basis for the 2005 Miramax film *The Great Raid*. *Blood and Thunder*, the story of controversial frontiersman Kit Carson, was named one of the 10 Best Books of 2006 by *Time* magazine.

He is an editor-at-large for *Outside Magazine* and has written for such periodicals as *National Geographic*, *The New Yorker*, *Esquire*, *Preservation* and *Men's Journal*. His work has been nominated twice for National Magazine Awards for feature writing.

SPH will honor four public health "champions" at luncheon



Dr. Paul Batalden, a prominent expert on health care improvement, will be the keynote speaker at the University of Memphis School of Public Health 2014 Awards Luncheon. The event will be held Wednesday, April 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the University Center River Room.

The School will recognize four individuals with the Public Health Champion Award: Doug McGowen, director of the Memphis Innovation Delivery Team; Ed Rafalski, senior vice president, Strategic Planning and Marketing, for Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare; William Tuttle, vice president, Planning Memphis Metro Market, for Baptist Memorial Health Care; and Memphis Mayor A C Wharton.

The luncheon is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Lisa Krull at ljkrull@memphis.edu or 678-3316.

Batalden is professor emeritus of pediatrics, community and family medicine and the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice at The Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College and guest professor of quality improvement and leadership at Jönköping University in Sweden.

He currently is interested in the multiple knowledge systems and disciplines that inform the improvement of health and health care.

Help Memphis refugees through awareness event, donation drive

The Graduate Student Association at the University of Memphis is working to spread awareness of Memphis refugees and raise donations to assist them.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to an awareness event April 3 from noon to 2 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. The event will feature live music, food, a sale of jewelry made by refugees, refugee speakers and presentations.

The donation drive is running now through April 3. This week the drive is focusing on household items, including kitchen utensils, furniture, cleaning supplies, alarm clocks, pillows, blankets, appliances, lamps and rugs. Also needed are items for babies and children, including clothes, cribs, toys, playpens, diapers, bottles and bibs, and school supplies, such as pens, notebooks, backpacks and calculators.

Cash donations are also welcome. Bring all donations to the Administration Building, room 214 or 215. All proceeds go to the World Relief and Refugee Empowerment Program.

The drive is co-sponsored by the Diversity Committee and the Graduate Association for African-American History.

For more information, contact the Graduate School Office at 678-4212.

Announcements



Go “batty” at TIGUrS Speaker Series today

Bats will be the subject of the second installment in the TIGUrS’ Guests in the Garden Speaker Series. Dr. Mike Kennedy of the U of M Department of Biological Sciences will present “Let’s Talk About Bats” March 31 at 11:30 a.m. in the University Center Shelby Room (room 342).

The event is free and open to everyone.

In the past 10 years, 7 million North American bats have been killed due to white nose syndrome. Kennedy will discuss the loss and how to help conserve bats and bat habitats in the Mid-South.

U of M students will showcase research today

Undergraduate and graduate students at the U of M will showcase their research projects and scholarly activities on Monday, March 31, at the 26th annual Student Research Forum in the University Center Ballroom. The forum features poster displays representing current students from a diverse array of colleges and disciplines. This year more than 100 students will participate, representing such fields as engineering, physical and applied sciences, life/health sciences, liberal and fine arts, education, business, social and behavioral sciences and math and computer science.

Poster presentations will run from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and the awards ceremony will begin at 11:45. Up to \$3,000 in prizes will be awarded.

The multidisciplinary showcase is sponsored by the Graduate School and the Helen Hardin Honors Program.

Join a community of writers at open house April 5

Would you like to learn more about creative writing and meet other writers? Become part of a community of authors and get feedback on your work? Join University of Memphis faculty for an informal conversation about writing fiction, poetry and nonfiction. The open house will be held Saturday, April 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Memphis-Shelby County Public Library, Meeting Room C, 3030 Poplar Ave.

Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact John Bensko at jbensko@memphis.edu or call program administrator Courtney Santo at 678-3268.

Get an emotional health check-up at fair April 3

Are you feeling stressed, sad, anxious, or not sleeping well? You can find help at the annual Mental Health Fair Thursday, April 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Student Plaza. (The rain location is the University Center River Room.)

Representatives from the campus and from the Mid-South community will offer information, activities and resources for emotional health and well-being.

For more information, contact Dr. Earle Donelson at the Counseling Center, gdnlson1@memphis.edu.

Chinese language videos available

Are you interested in accessing free Chinese language videos that introduce fun and memorable idioms to intermediate-level students? Would you be interested in receiving a free corresponding supplementary guide as well?

Wayne State University has produced a weekly series of two-minute videos called "Learn a Chinese Phrase" that will help students increase their vocabulary and enhance their ability to generate new sentences in Chinese. More than 50 videos are currently available.

Wayne State's Youtube channel can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/ciwsu>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS / More listings at <http://www.memphis.edu/sga/news/index.php> or events.memphis.edu

Monday/March 31

TIGURS Guests in the Garden Speaker Series: "Let's Talk About Bats" with Dr. Mike Kennedy of the U of M Department of Biological Sciences - UC Shelby Room (room 342) - 11:30 a.m.

Midday Moves: Ab Lab - UC Alumni Mall - 12:30 to 1 p.m. - Visit memphis.edu/memphishealthy

Women's History Month Closing Reception honoring inspiring women - Rose Theatre - 2 to 4 p.m.

Concert: Violaine Melançon, violin, and Seth Knopp, piano, with Soh-Hyun Altino, violin, Lenny Schranze, viola, and Leonardo Altino, cello - Harris Concert Hall - 7:30 p.m. - Free admission - [Complete schedule](#)

Tuesday/April 1

Midday Moves - UC Alumni Mall - 12:30 to 1 p.m. - Visit memphis.edu/memphishealthy

Italian Film Festival: *Viva la liberta (Long Live Freedom)* - UC Theatre - 7 p.m. - Free and open to the public

Concert: Contemporary Chamber Players - Harris Concert Hall - 7:30 p.m. - Admission free - [Complete schedule](#)

Wednesday/April 2

Midday Moves - UC Alumni Mall - 12:30 to 1 p.m. - Visit memphis.edu/memphishealthy

Experiential Learning Lab events: "Branding Yourself for Internship Success," 1 to 2 p.m.; "Internships for the Adult Student," 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Brister Hall,

Concert: New York Wind Quintet- Harris Concert Hall - 7:30 p.m. - For ticket information, call Concerts International, 527-3067 - [Complete schedule](#)

Friday/April 4

Public Health Student Association event: Dr. Paige Powell and Christ Community Health Services will answer Affordable Care Act questions - UC lobby - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nutrition seminar: "The Benefits of Eating Nuts" - Mitchell Hall, room 403 - 11:45 a.m. - Complete schedule memphis.edu/memphishealthy

Computer Science Colloquium: "The LIDA Cognitive Model and Its Computational Architecture" by Stan Franklin, retired U of M professor - Dunn Hall, room 351 - 12:30 p.m.

Midday Moves - UC Alumni Mall - 12:30 to 1 p.m. - Visit memphis.edu/memphishealthy

CERI Colloquium Speaker Series - "The Forefront of Deep Submergence Geophysics: Magnetic 'Moments' on Geodynamics and Carbon Sequestration" with Masako Tominaga - CERI Seminar Room, 3892 Central Ave. - 3 p.m.

Biomedical Engineering Seminar: "Nanotechnologies for Intracellular Delivery of Cardiovascular Biotherapies" with Craig L. Duvall of Vanderbilt University - Engineering Administration, room 203 - 3:30 p.m. - [More details](#)

Free HIV testing: Screenings by trained HIV counselors from Planned Parenthood of the Greater Memphis

room 101

Army ROTC Leadership Training Course information session - UC, room 338 - 1 p.m.

Softball: Tigers vs. Austin Peay - Softball Complex, Park Avenue Campus - 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. - Visit gotigersgo.com

Cognitive Sciences seminar: “Results of Data Mining Student Vocabulary Learning” with Phil Pavlik of the U of M - FedEx Institute of Technology, room 405 - 4 p.m.

Thursday/April 3

Mental Health Fair - Student Plaza (rain location, UC River Room) - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Graduate Student Association event: Spreading Awareness of Memphis Refugees and Raising Donations - UC Ballroom - noon to 2 p.m.; collecting donations for refugees through April 3, Administration Building, room 214 and 215

Midday Moves - UC Alumni Mall - 12:30 to 1 p.m. - Visit memphis.edu/memphishealthy

Biological Sciences Seminar: “Regulation of HDL Receptor SR-BI Expression by the Multi PDZ Domain Adaptor Protein PDZK1” by Dr. Oliver Kocher of Harvard Medical School - Ellington Hall auditorium - 4 p.m.

Lecture: “Telling Stories: The Art and Craft of Narrative History” with Hampton Sides, historian, author and journalist - UC Theatre - Reception 5:30 p.m., lecture 6 p.m. - Free and open to the public

William R. Eubanks Distinguished Lecture in Interior Design with Verda Alexander, 2011 Designer of the Year - Fogelman Executive Center, room 123 - 6 p.m. - Free and open to the public

Sustainability Roundtable panel discussion: “What is Sustainability?” - Memphis Botanic Garden, 750 Cherry Rd. - 6 to 8 p.m. - Free and open to the public - For more information, call 636-4100

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Region - UC, room 338 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Call 678-4545

Art exhibit: Opening reception for “Disappearing Ink,” curated by John Salvest - Art Museum - 5 to 7:30 p.m. - Exhibit runs through June 28

Italian Film Festival: *The Women Workers' War* and *La Miglior Offerta (The Best Offer)* - UC Theatre - 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. - Free and open to the public

Memphis International Guitar Festival with Lily Afshar, classical guitar - Harris Concert Hall - 7:30 p.m. - For ticket information, call 678-2541 - [Complete schedule](#)

Saturday/April 5

Gallery talk: “Disappearing Ink” - Art Museum - 11:30 a.m.

Softball: Tigers vs. Temple - Softball Complex, Park Avenue Campus - 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. - Visit gotigersgo.com

Creative Writing Open House - Memphis-Shelby County Public Library, Meeting Room C, 3030 Poplar Ave. - 2 to 4 p.m. - For more information, contact John Bensko at jbensko@memphis.edu or Courtney Santo at 678-3268

Memphis International Guitar Festival with Aaron Larget-Caplan, classical guitar - Harris Concert Hall - 7:30 p.m. - For ticket information, call 678-2541 - [Complete schedule](#)

Sunday/April 6

Softball: Tigers vs. Temple - Softball Complex, Park Avenue Campus - noon - Visit gotigersgo.com

Concert: University Singers and Chamber Choir - St. Anne Catholic Church, 706 S. Highland St. - 4 p.m. - Admission free - [Complete schedule](#)

Memphis International Guitar Festival with Rene Izquierdo, classical guitar - Harris Concert Hall - 7:30 p.m. - For ticket information, call 678-2541 - [Complete schedule](#)

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