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Open forums continue this week as two searches move forward



Dr. Eric Link, provost candidate



Dr. Steven Ralston, provost candidate



Tim Duncan, athletics director candidate



Kurt McGuffin, athletics director candidate

Open forums continue this week for both the provost/vice chancellor for academic affairs and director of intercollegiate athletics positions. Two candidates in each search will visit campus this week to meet with faculty, staff and students and answer questions from the community.

All open forums for the provost/vice chancellor position will begin at 3:30 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium. All sessions are open to the public.

Dr. Eric Link will conduct a forum session this afternoon. Link is dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. The College of Arts and Sciences is the largest

college at IPFW and includes 17 departments and programs, as well as a number of research centers, interdisciplinary programs and outreach activities. Link holds a bachelor's degree from Evangel University, a master's degree from Southwest Missouri State University and a doctorate from Purdue University.

Dr. Steven Ralston will visit campus on Thursday. Ralston is the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Morehead State University, where he oversees four academic colleges, several success and development centers, the honors program, college library and other areas relating to the academic success of university students. He holds

a bachelor's degree from Old Dominion University, a master's degree from the University of Tennessee and a doctorate from Indiana University.

All open forums for the director of intercollegiate athletics position will begin at 2:30 p.m. in room 229 of the Boling University Center.

Tim Duncan will visit campus today. Duncan is currently the director of athletics for Clayton State University in Morrow, Ga. Since accepting that position in 2014, Duncan has been involved in student development, recruitment and hiring of head coaching staff, budget management, athlete compliance and fundraising. He holds a bachelor's degree

in business administration from Memphis State University and a master's degree in sports administration from Grambling State University.

Kurt McGuffin will conduct a forum session on Wednesday afternoon. McGuffin currently serves as director of athletics for Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, Mo. In the past six years with the university, McGuffin has been involved in budget management and fundraising, facility enhancements and the addition of new athletic options. He holds a Bachelor of Science in education from Kansas State University and a Master of Science in education from Wichita State University.

Remaining Open Forums

Provost candidates, 3:30-5 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium

Dr. Eric Link – April 17
Dr. Steven Ralston – April 20

Athletics director candidates, 2:30-3:30 in the Boling University Center, room 229

Tim Duncan – April 17
Kurt McGuffin – April 19
Steve Schofield – April 25

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Dr. Arthur Hunt (above, left), professor of communication, and **Dr. Michelle Merwin** (above, right), professor of psychology, have been chosen to serve as mentors to the third faculty learning community cohort.

Hunt is a past recipient of the Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award, the Featured Scholar Award and the Outstanding Junior Faculty Member of the Year Award from the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. Merwin is a widely published researcher and is a past recipient of the Cunningham Outstanding Teacher/Scholar Award and the Hal and Alma Reagan Faculty Leave Award.

Members of the third cohort are **Dr. Patrick Baker**, assistant professor of business law, **Dr. Jennifer Esbenshade**, assistant professor of chemistry; **Dr. Carrie Humphreys**, assistant professor of political science; **Dr. Ajit Korgoakar**, assistant professor of health and human performance; and **Kevin Shell**, assistant professor of theatre arts.



Faculty learning communities are small groups of faculty members who have been with UT Martin for five years or fewer. Cohorts meet to discuss common concerns among new faculty and collaborate on issues related to the scholarship of teaching and learning. Participating mentees will learn to improve the effectiveness of their teaching and negotiate the demands of research, creative endeavors, teaching and service. Each mentee will also have an opportunity to create a scholarly work on the topic of teaching or learning within his or her discipline.

This program is funded through the U.S. Department of Education's Strengthening Institutions Program, which "helps eligible institutions of higher education to become self-sufficient and expand their capacity to serve low-income students by providing funds to improve and strengthen the academic quality, institutional management and fiscal stability of eligible institutions."



Dr. Eric Pelren, professor of wildlife biology, has been named a fellow with The Wildlife Society. The lifetime appointment is awarded to "recognize current TWS members who have distinguished themselves through exceptional service to the wildlife profession and have been members for at least 10 years," according to the TWS website. It is the highest honor given by The Wildlife Society. Read the full story in [the April news archives](#).

The College of Business and Global Affairs recognized several faculty members for outstanding performance during its annual awards banquet April 11. **Dr. Nell Gullett**, professor of finance; **Dr. Paula Moore**, associate professor of accounting and business law; and **Dr. Patrick Baker**, assistant professor of business law, were all honored for excellence in undergraduate teaching. **Dr. Mike McCullough**, professor of management; **Moore**; **Dr. Bill Davis**, professor of



Dr. Patrick Baker, assistant professor of business law, co-presented research during the 28th-annual Environment Virginia Symposium. He collaborated to present "Impediments to a Healthy Post-Coal Appalachia" with co-authors Priscilla Norwood Harris, Vilnius University Faculty of Law, and Rebecca Lund, a UT Martin senior. Baker also presented "The Tale of Three Case Studies: Clean Water Act Violations in TN, VA and WV" with Harris.

economics; and **Dr. Denise Williams**, associate professor of information systems, were all recognized for excellence in graduate teaching. **Dr. Ashley Kilburn**, professor of marketing, and **Dr. Sean Walker**, associate professor of management, were both honored for excellence in research. **Darlene Adkins**, lecturer of accounting, received the Bob Figgins Mentoring Award for Outstanding Service to Students, which is given by the college every two years.

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COMMUNITY AWARD – Kayce Beam (center), director of the UT Martin Jackson Center, was recently named the Jackson Exchange Club Exchangite of the Year for 2016. She is pictured with Dr. Brian Donavant (left), interim director, Office of Educational Outreach, and Jessica Carden, administrative specialist at the UT Martin Jackson Center.



SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver and Weakley County Mayor Jake Bynum welcomed representatives from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development and Designsensory advertising agency of Knoxville to campus April 4 to discuss UT Martin's participation in a Weakley County promotional video. The visit included a campus tour to highlight points of interest at the university. Pictured in the Champions Club at Hardy M. Graham Stadium are (l-r) Mayor Bynum; Justin Lane, ECD marketing director; Joseph Nother, Designsensory principal and executive creative director; Ryan Bush, ECD marketing manager; and Chancellor Carver.



UT LICENSING OFFICE VISITS – Calista Drone (center), university bookstore manager, is pictured with Mike Keener and Katrina Sims, both of the UT Office of Trademark Licensing. Keener and Sims offered a presentation and answered questions April 6 about the university's licensing program through staff training provided by the Office of Educational Outreach. Sims is the licensing contact for UT Martin. More about the licensing program is available [online](#).



A SPECIAL NOTE – Dr. Bill Waterman, director of athletic bands and instructor of music, conducted the UT Martin Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble during a performance at the State Music Educators Association Conference at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center in Nashville. This is the first time the ensemble has been selected to perform as a spotlight group at the event. Pictured (l-r) are Waterman and student musicians Cayla Infield, Jacob Luker, Charles Taylor, Logan Priestley and Stephen Courtney. The ensemble will end the semester with a performance at noon, April 20, outside the Boling University Center.

Community Presentation

Dr. Deane Arganbright, former professor and chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, will give a presentation on his overseas teaching experiences beginning at 7 p.m., April 18, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin. Arganbright and his wife, Susan,

have lived in Papua New Guinea, Australia, South Korea and Austria, and the presentation will focus on academic practices around the world. He will also host a display of mathematical graphics April 17-22, also at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Children's author, Holocaust survivor to speak April 20

Anita Lobel, an award-winning children's author and illustrator, will speak at the University of Tennessee at Martin beginning at 7:30 p.m., April 20, in the Paul Meek Library. Her presentation, "Crossing Sven's Bridge, A Tennessee Talk," is part of the university's Paul Meek Literary Legacy Speaker Series.

Born in Krakow, Poland, in 1934, Lobel's early life was marked by fear and danger. "For five years, the only life I had known involved running, hiding and being hungry," she said. She and her brother avoided Nazi capture until 1944, at which point they were found and sent

to a series of concentration camps.

The Swedish Red Cross was able to rescue the children in 1945, and they were reunited with their parents in Stockholm, Sweden, two years later. Lobel attended school for the first time at the age of 12 and was drawn to the fine arts and literature.

After the family's move to New York City, Lobel developed a growing portfolio of student artwork, which later led to a scholarship to the Pratt Institute. The talents learned during her education have led to a successful career in the world of children's literature. Her books have appeared on

the The New York Times Best Illustrated List, and she received a Caldecott Honor Medal for her book "On Market Street."

"I have arrived at this moment in my life, somewhat stunned, still in one piece; still at work," said Lobel. Her personal memoir, "No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War," was a finalist for the National Book Award.

Lobel will also read during Martin's first Northwest Tennessee Children's Book Festival on April 22. Her presentation is sponsored by the city of Martin and the UT Martin Paul Meek Library.

Green zone training available

"UT Martin Green Zone" signs have begun appearing outside faculty and staff offices in the past weeks. These signs indicate the employee displaying the sign has completed green zone training to better understand the complicated issues dealt with by student veterans and the many misconceptions surrounding their military service and their return to higher education.

Green zone trainees are better equipped to assist student veterans with issues such as understanding their G.I. Bills and have been given instruction on appropriate and inappropriate questions to ask a service member about his or her time in the military. These employees have also been informed about campus resources available to student veterans, including the Student Veteran Lounge in the Boling University Center and the many services offered by the new veteran services coordinator.

"Most veterans didn't join the service to go to college. Most of them joined the service to serve their country, and now they find themselves on a college campus, and they have a ton of resources they are not aware of," said Johnny Dyer, veteran services coordinator. "The branches of the service train servicemen to serve their country; they don't train them to transition back into regular life. Green zone training helps with the transition back into the civilian world so they can be successful."

If you encounter a student veteran who needs assistance, send them first to Dyer's office, located in room 265 of Clement Hall. If you would like to complete the green zone training course, contact Dyer at 731-881-1689 for future course dates and times.

Ned Ray McWherter Institute to host annual Igniting Innovation event April 20



Dr. Julie Hill, professor of music, chair of the Department of Music, and director of percussion studies

The University of Tennessee at Martin's Ned Ray McWherter Institute will host its fourth-annual Igniting Innovation event beginning at 7 p.m., April 20, in the Boling University Center's Duncan Ballroom. The community is invited to attend.

Dr. Julie Hill, professor and chair of the UT Martin Department of Music, and John Sellers, founder and CEO of the international Letters in Motion campaign and the Fernweh Fox studio in Martin, will serve as the evening's featured speakers. Hill is an award-winning musician and has performed both domestically and internationally

in solo events and as part of multiple ensembles. Sellers is a young entrepreneur and a former McWherter Institute participant. Both speakers will discuss the ability to achieve great goals from humble beginnings.

The McWherter Institute is a program designed to expose selected students to unique opportunities including both domestic and international travel, business networking events, personal promotion training and entrepreneurial instruction.

The event is free and open to the public.

Spring Surplus Auction, 10 a.m., April 22
Physical Plant warehouse
Items available for viewing from 8-10 a.m.

Scholarfest: A celebration of student achievement

Scholarfest, sponsored by UT Martin Honors Programs and the division of academic affairs, will be held on campus April 24-27. Several events have been planned for this week, including the presentation of assessment plans by campus units. Student entry proposals must be submitted by the end of business today; unit assessment presentations may be submitted through Friday, April 21.

Nurse Excellence Day planned for honors week

UT Martin's Pi Tau chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing will sponsor its annual Nurse Excellence Day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., April 24, in UT Martin's Boling University Center.

The event is part of UT Martin's Honors Week and allows senior nursing students an opportunity to present their research in the form of poster presentations.

Dr. Mary Bess Griffith, chair of the Bethel University Department of Nursing, is the keynote speaker and will discuss

her dissertation research, titled "The relationship between chemical component of tears and emotions." Griffith is a certified nurse educator, family nurse practitioner and registered nurse.

Dr. Sonja Fuqua, regional director for the Sigma Theta Tau International Honors Society of Nursing, will also address attendees. Fuqua will speak about the mission and activities of the organization within the three-state region of Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi.

The event is free and open to the public.

Vote for your favorite assessment poster April 27

The first annual Scholarfest Assessment Day will be held throughout the day April 27 in the Boling University Center Duncan Ballroom.

This event is intended to showcase the various assessment methods used and results obtained by units across campus.

Interested participants have until this Friday, April 21, to submit their entry form to the Office of SACS Accreditation, room 310 of the Hall-Moody Administration Building.

Posters will be judged by those in attendance, who will each be able to vote for up to three

presentations. The Office of the Chancellor will award \$2,500 to the first-place unit, \$1,500 to the second-place unit and \$1,000 to the third-place unit.

Poster set-up will take place from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., April 27. Judging will take place from 12:30-2:30, and posters must be removed from the ballroom by 3 p.m. All presenting units are asked to have a representative present during the judging period.

For more information or to enter, contact Patty Flowers at 731-881-3477 or Dr. Stephanie Kolitsch at 731-881-7477.

You Tell Me

• **Question** - I've noticed that on campus there are several ESA (emotional support animals). What is the policy on this? They are in most buildings and have no defined area to do their business in and are not cleaned up afterwards. For those who are allergic to these animals, what are the options? Are they allowed to roam freely anywhere on campus?

• **Answer** - Emotional support animals are not allowed in any buildings other than the residence halls. Service animals, on the other hand, are allowed to accompany their handler almost anywhere. Service animals are trained to provide a specific, necessary service for an individual with a disability, and that individual's right to bring their service animal anywhere on campus, including classes and the dining hall, is protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Emotional support animals, and the student's right to have them on campus, are protected under the Fair Housing Act, and that animal's protected presence is limited to the residence halls and designated toilet areas. It is a violation of UT Martin's housing policy for students to bring their ESAs into campus buildings, classes and the dining areas. It is also a policy violation for a student to neglect his or her responsibilities regarding cleaning up after their ESA. Students who violate these policies are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including being asked to remove the ESA from campus. Violations should be reported to the Office of Housing and/or the Office of Disability Services. Allergies that conflict with the presence of a service animal in an academic or other non-housing area can be reported to the Office of Disability Services. Service animals cannot be prevented from accompanying their handler due to allergies, but alternative arrangements for one or both parties can be considered. Allergies in the residence halls are usually discussed among roommates/suitemates prior to the ESA being approved to come on campus. (Source: Will Flowers, Office of Disability Services)

Submit your questions to the Suggestion Box link at www.utm.edu.

Sick Leave Bank quarterly report

For the quarter ending March 31, 2017, the bank's beginning membership was 207, with three terminations, bringing the bank to 204 total members. The year 2017 began with 197 bank members, and there have been 16 additions and nine terminations this year.

Five requests were made this quarter, with three grants and two denied. Ten requests have been made this year to date, with eight granted and two denied.

The bank began this quarter with 5,525.39 hours available and granted 560 and recovered 389.90 this quarter. The bank began the year with 6,061.39 hours total and conducted a needs assessment of 384 hours for a subtotal of 6,445.39 hours. The bank has granted 1,480 hours this year and recovered 389.90, for an ending balance of 5,355.29 hours.

Calendar

- **April 17** - Training: Office 365: Overview for faculty and staff; Paul Meek Library, room 215; 9-10 a.m.*
- **April 17** - Training: Getting started with Canvas; Paul Meek Library, room 215; 10-11 a.m.*
- **April 17** - Training: Canvas: Intro to Building Course Content; Paul Meek Library, room 215; 11 a.m.-noon*
- **April 17** - Provost open forum: Dr. Eric Link; Watkins Auditorium; 3:30 p.m.
- **April 17** - Athletics director open forum: Tim Duncan; Boling University Center, room 229; 2:30 p.m.
- **April 17** - Concert band performance; Harriet Fulton Theatre; 7:30 p.m.
- **April 18** - Training: Getting started with Canvas; Paul Meek Library, room 215; 11 a.m.-noon*
- **April 18** - Softball vs. Ole Miss; Bettye Giles Softball Field; 5 p.m.
- **April 18** - Baseball vs. Evansville; Skyhawk Park; 6 p.m.
- **April 18** - Physics open house; Johnson Engineering and Physical Sciences Building, room 219; 6 p.m.
- **April 18** - Spring choral concert; Blankenship Recital Hall; 7:30 p.m.
- **April 19** - Clerical coffee; Duncan Ballroom; 9 a.m.
- **April 19** - Training: Getting started with Canvas; Paul Meek Library, room 215; 9-10 a.m.*
- **April 19** - Athletics director open forum: Kurt McGuffin; Boling University Center, room 229; 2:30 p.m.
- **April 19** - Training: Canvas: Intro to Building Course Content; Paul Meek Library, room 215; 3-4 p.m.*
- **April 19** - Woodwind chamber ensembles concert; Blankenship Recital Hall; 5 p.m.
- **April 19** - Baseball vs. Christian Brothers; Skyhawk Park; 6 p.m.
- **April 20** - Students of Concern Team special interest series: Classroom, Campus and the Hippocampus; Boling University Center, room 111, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- **April 20** - Training: Getting started with Canvas; Paul Meek Library, room 215; 11 a.m.-noon*
- **April 20** - Retirement reception for Dr. Ernest Moser; Boling University Center, room 206; 2:30 p.m.
- **April 20** - Provost open forum: Dr. Steven Ralston; Watkins Auditorium; 3:30 p.m.
- **April 20** - Ned Ray McWherter Institute Igniting Innovation event; Duncan Ballroom; 7 p.m.
- **April 20** - Big band and small jazz ensemble concert; Harriet Fulton Theatre; 7:30 p.m.
- **April 20** - Paul Meek Literary Legacy Speaker: Anita Lobel; Paul Meek Library; 7:30 p.m.
- **April 21** - Deadline to submit assessment poster proposals to the Office of SACS Accreditation
- **April 21** - UT Martin solar garden dedication; Boling University Center plaza; 1:30 p.m.
- **April 22** - SOAR session I; Boling University Center; 8 a.m.
- **April 22** - Spring surplus auction; Physical Plant warehouse; 10 a.m. (viewing opens at 8 a.m.)
- **April 22** - Softball vs. Eastern Kentucky; Bettye Giles Softball Field; 1 and 3 p.m.
- **April 23** - Softball vs. Morehead State; Bettye Giles Softball Field; 1 and 3 p.m.
- **April 23** - Guest artist: Eric Willie with UT Martin Percussion Ensemble; Harriet Fulton Theatre; 3 p.m.
- **April 23** - Clarinet studio recital; Blankenship Recital Hall; 5 p.m.
- **April 24-28** - I Heart UTM Week
- **April 24-28** - Honors Week and Scholarfest
- **April 24** - Nurse Excellence Day

*Register online



April 24-28

Help Captain Skyhawk raise \$300,000 in five days! Be a Captain's Challenge Champion by promoting the challenge on social media, pledging a gift, and encouraging friends, family and classmates to #beutmproud!

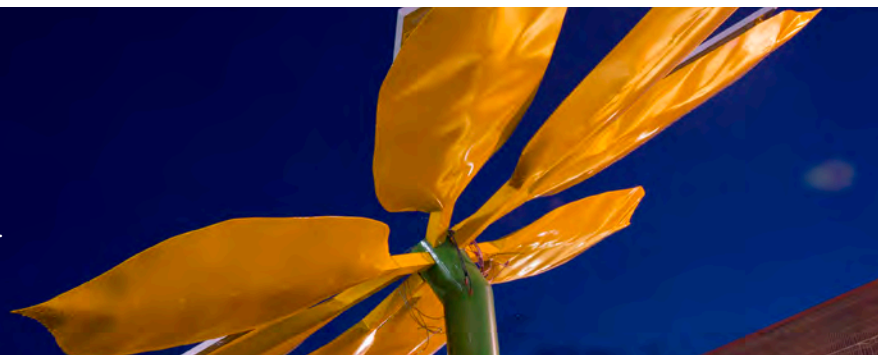
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Join Us

for a dedication of the
UT Martin Solar Garden
at 1:30 p.m., April 21,
in the Boling University Center plaza.

Refreshments to follow.



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