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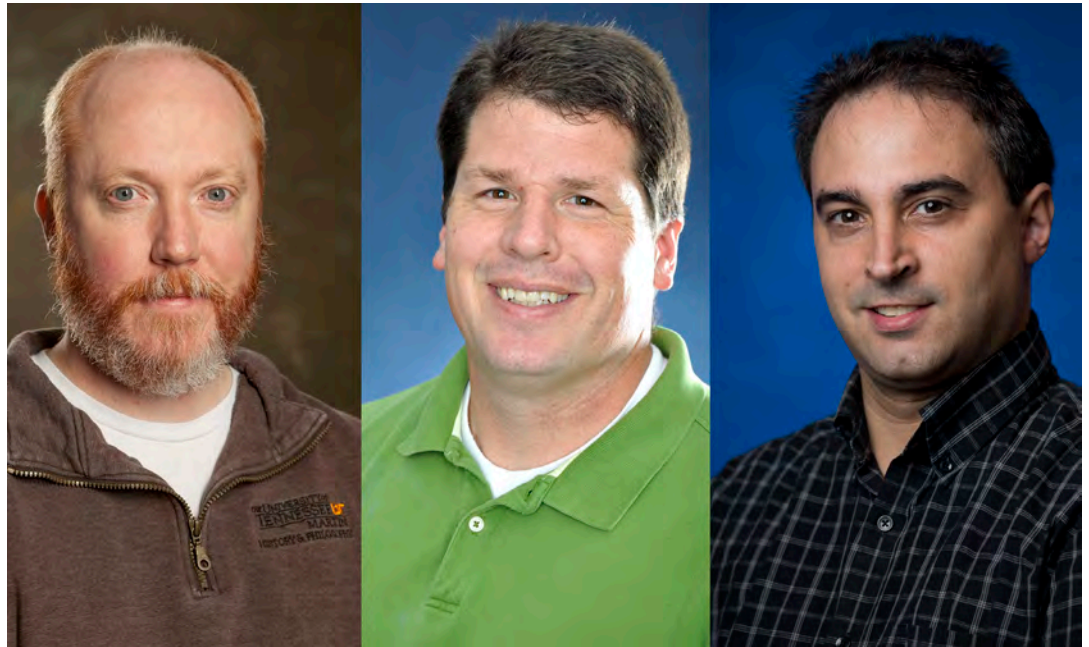
Three receive UT Martin Faculty Research Grants

Three UT Martin faculty members have received internal faculty research grants through the UT Martin Faculty Research Grant Program to participate in organized programs of study and research and further their knowledge in relation to the courses they teach.

Dr. Timothy Smith, lecturer of history; **Dr. Charles Bradshaw**, associate professor of English; and **Dr. Anton Garcia-Fernandez**, assistant professor of Spanish, have been chosen to receive grant assistance for the 2017-18 academic year.

Smith will conduct research to produce a modern, comprehensive, academic account of Benjamin Grierson's "Epic Raid through the Civil War in Mississippi." Smith will research several manuscript repositories in Washington, D.C., Illinois and Mississippi as the basis for a narrative and analytical history of the raid. The completed manuscript will be considered for publication.

Bradshaw will research Mark Twain's novella "A Horse's Tail" and use the British Library in London as a basis for research tying Twain's references to Buffalo Bill and his Wild West Show to popular sentiment



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in both America and Europe. He will spend the remainder of his time drafting a scholarly introduction to the novella for the University of Nebraska Press.

Garcia-Fernandez will use his leave period to write a book-length study of Alvaro Cunqueiro Mora's body of work. Mora is a Galician novelist, poet, playwright and journalist whose often-overlooked literary work

made crucial contributions to the world of Spanish literature. Garcia-Fernandez will conduct research of Mora's works in both Spanish and Galician to compose a paper for academic presentation and publication.

The UT Martin Faculty Research Grant Program is designed to provide compensation for faculty conducting preliminary studies

leading to external grant proposals for long-term support or publication. Regular, full-time UT Martin faculty are welcome to apply.

For more information on the grant program or the current or past recipients, contact the Office of Research, Grants and Contracts at 731-881-7015.

Chancellor Carver speaks at national NCAA meeting

UT Martin Chancellor **Keith Carver** served as an invited speaker July 19 during the NCAA/Women Leaders Executive Institute in Kansas City, Mo.

Carver and his co-presenter,

Dr. Mark Nook, president of Northern Iowa University, spoke on the topic "Why We Hire Who We Hire." The presentation focused on the perspectives of university chancellors and presidents when filling major

athletics positions, specifically the traits and qualities sought in directors and commissioners.

The Women Leaders Executive Institute is a program designed for women working in the field of intercollegiate athletics who

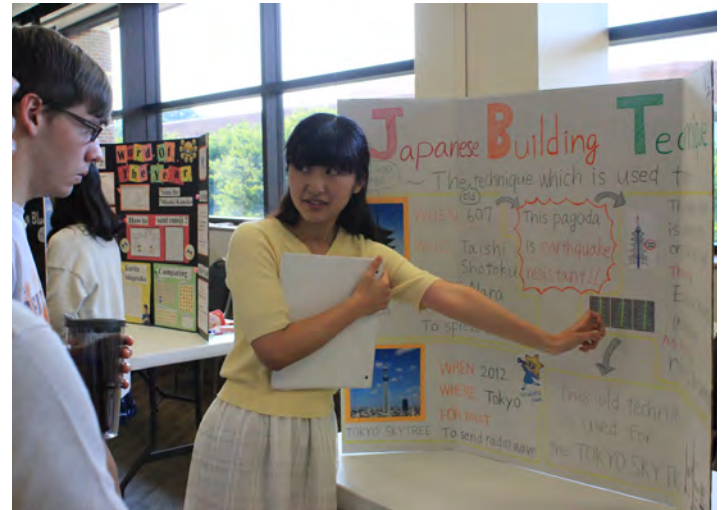
possess the skillset and have the intention to become athletics directors or commissioners within the next five years.

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Several UT Martin faculty and staff members have given presentations for the Kiwanis Club of Martin in the past months. **Dr. Chris Baxter** (above, left), professor of political science, spoke June 14 on the firing of former FBI director James Comey by President Donald Trump. He also discussed similar historical cases such as the Iran-Contra investigation, Whitewater and Watergate. **Mike Pierce** (not pictured), UT Martin's farm manager, spoke to the group June 28 on UT Martin's apiary project, which raises bees on the UT Martin farm. Students Kiersten Bell and Travis Prather joined Pierce to discuss their work with the beehives. **Dr. Charley Deal** (above, right), associate vice chancellor for alumni relations and annual giving and executive director of the WestStar Leadership Program, spoke July 26 on the history of the WestStar program, which is the oldest and largest leadership program in Tennessee.



The Office of International Programs and International Admissions and the UT Martin STEM Center for Teaching and Learning recently partnered to host an international STEM showcase July 20. Forty-seven students taking listening and speaking classes in English this summer made and presented 18 posters on STEM topics of their choice, including "Pepper the Robot," "Instant Food" and "The Psychology of Love." **Sarah Haig**, associate professor of graphic design; **Dr. Jason Alexander**, assistant professor of physics, and **Dr. Carrie Humphreys**, assistant professor of political science and international studies, served as showcase judges. **Lynn Patterson**, **Phillip Taylor**, **Caroline Ideus** and **Meghan Lupole** are instructing the speaking courses this summer. (above) Haruka Shimazaki explains her poster on the Japanese techniques for building pagodas. She received a best-poster award.



Drs. John Glass and **Chris Hill**, both in the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages, recently returned from spending a week as guests of the University Fellows Program at Samford University in Birmingham, where they participated in the 2017 Teaching the Christian Intellectual Tradition Conference.



Dr. Rachna Tewari, assistant professor of agricultural economics, recently organized a teaching symposium titled "Examining Teaching and

Learning in Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics Across Multiple Institutions: Classroom Assessments and Other Innovative Strategies" at the Western Agricultural Economics Association Meetings held July 9-11 in Lake Tahoe, Nev. **Drs. Joey Mehlhorn** and **Bonnie Daniel** were co-authors from UT Martin. Collaborators on this scholarship of teaching and learning forum included faculty from Colorado State University, Texas Tech University, West Texas A&M University, California State University-Chico and Angelo State University.

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Dr. Arthur Hunt, professor of communications, recently presented during the 18th-annual convention of the Media Ecology Association held at Saint Mary's College in Moraga, Calif. The convention focused on "Spirituality, Technology and Ecology."

Dr. Ty Perry passed the Level II Chartered Financial Analyst exam during the June 2017 testing session. According to the CFA Institute, only 47 percent of test takers passed this exam. Perry has now completed two thirds of the required testing in this certification process and plans to apply the knowledge he has gained to his upcoming courses.



Dr. Bob Peckham, professor emeritus of French, organized a session called "Backing into the Future - Crisis and Promise of College French" at the American Association of Teachers of French Annual Convention held July 17 in Saint Louis, Mo. The presentations answered questions raised in a Modern Language Association college enrollment survey for 2009-2013. Peckham also moderated a session called "La Mémoire des Eaux: The French in North America as a Story of Waterways."



Dana Gatewood (left) and **Sheila Patterson** (center), both with the Student Success Center, recently attended supplemental instruction supervisor training at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, Mo. Gatewood was certified as a supplemental instruction supervisor during this training, and Patterson renewed her certification. They are pictured with **Dr. Rodney Smith**, interim director of the International Center for Supplemental Instruction.

Countdown to Canvas!

Please contact the Instructional Technology Center if you need Canvas training. Blackboard will no longer be accessible after **Aug. 31.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

UT Tribute picnic with President Joe DiPietro

4:30 p.m. • Aug. 31

Football tickets also available for \$5 each (adults). Fireworks will be presented during and after the game. RSVP to Dorothy Gillon at 731-881-7501.

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UT Martin faculty from various academic areas are still hosting Saturday Morning Science events at the Discovery Park of America in Union City. On July 15, **Dr. Jennifer Esbenshade**, assistant professor of chemistry, led an event titled “Playing with Polymers,” assisted by **Dr. John Overcash**, assistant professor of chemistry and co-director of the UT Martin STEM Center for Teaching and Learning; Logan Rahm, a junior chemistry major; and three rising seniors from Greenfield High School.



(above, l-r) **Drs. Glenna Sumner, Mahmoud Haddad and Nell Gullet**, all with the Department of Accounting, Finance, Economics and Political Science, recently had a paper titled “An Excel-Based Approach for Teaching Markowitz’s Portfolio Optimization Theory” accepted for publication in the “Journal of Economics and Finance Education,” volume 16, number two.

UT Martin trains future professionals at forensics academy

College students from across the country gathered in Oak Ridge this past month to spend three weeks studying forensic science from some of the top instructors in the country. The National Forensic Academy Collegiate Program is hosted by the University of Tennessee Law Enforcement Innovation Center and designed in part by UT Martin.

“There is no other program like this in the country with the quality of instructors we bring in,” said **Dr. Brian Donavant**, UT Martin professor of criminal justice and instructor of record for the collegiate academy. Donavant helped design the academy’s curriculum when the program began in 2012.

The 2017 class had a maximum enrollment of 28 students, and every seat was filled with another dozen names on the waiting list. Students from California, Nebraska, Connecticut, Utah, Wyoming and other areas joined those

from Tennessee to complete the elite academy that will put them ahead of their fellow criminal justice graduates.

Participating students receive a crash-course in fingerprinting, blood spatter analysis, crime scene investigation, DNA analysis and anthropology, among other subjects. The three-week collegiate academy is a condensed version of the 10-week academy completed by law enforcement professionals each year.

“They (the students) are getting the same training that a law enforcement officer would get if they went through a forensic program, and actually they’re getting more training than most officers have had in their careers,” said Dan Anselment, lead instructor for the academy. “For these students to get this type of training, they’re already going to be a step ahead for any agency, any employer they may go to.”

Melanie Allen, a UT Martin

senior from Milan, has made a career in crime scene investigation a lifelong goal.

“I was five, and I walked in and my parents were watching CSI and I said, ‘I’m going to do that.’ I’ve stuck with it ever since,” she said. Allen was one of seven UT Martin students to complete the academy this year, and she immediately recognized the value of the unique hands-on experience.

“I will have more training than the normal person would (when applying for jobs), so this will definitely set me apart,” she said.

Students from all parts of the country traveled to participate in this one-of-a-kind experience. All participating students must apply and be admitted to UT Martin in order to enroll in the academy, and they receive nine hours of college credit in return for their investment.

“This is the sixth year we’ve hosted this collegiate academy, and we only have 137 graduates,”



GETTING DIRTY – **Brandyn Brown**, from Martin, works with a team to explore a grave site during an exercise with the National Forensics Academy Collegiate Program.

said Donavant. “That tells you how selective this program is.”

Read the full story and see additional photos in [the UT Martin news archive](#).

UT Martin contributes to international biological database



LEARNING THE ROPES – Dr. Lisa Krueger, associate professor of biology, and student Elizabeth Longwell (center), of Centerville, work to photograph herbarium specimens using lightbox equipment.

UT Martin is one of Tennessee's nine current members of the Southeastern Regional Network of Expertise and Collections, which is working to digitize collected plant samples from across the Southeastern region for domestic and international research purposes.

By participating in this network, specimens found in UT Martin's herbarium – a collection of preserved plant samples for scientific study – will be added to an online database that includes specimens from across the United States and other countries such as China

and Great Britain.

The UT Martin herbarium includes 4,000-5,000 samples dating back at least to 1963 and perhaps farther. **Dr. Lisa Krueger**, UT Martin associate professor of biology, and several student and faculty volunteers will spend the next two to three weeks barcoding, imaging and entering each individual specimen into the database so that scientists around the world will have access to information previously only housed in Brehm Hall.

"We've got all these musea all around the country, most of them associated with universities,

and the data are (inaccessible). If we can create national and international databases of biological specimens – the millions of biological specimens that have been collected since the time Europeans first started exploring North America – then we've got huge data sets," said Dr. Joey Shaw, professor of biology at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and leader of SERNEC's Tennessee branch.

Shaw estimates there are 850,000 collected specimens from Tennessee housed in Tennessee herbaria, which does not count Tennessee

specimens potentially housed in outside herbaria such as those at Harvard or Yale universities. With an estimated 3,000 plant species living in Tennessee, this creates a large amount of potential information about each species.

"Before we started this project, very few of the specimens out of those 850,000 were accessible unless you physically went to the place where they were held," said Dr. Ashley Morris, associate professor of biology at Middle Tennessee State University, which is also a SERNEC member. "This is huge not just from the perspective of big-picture science questions, but from the perspective of botanists in Tennessee and the Southeastern United States who may just be trying to monitor rare species. ... They'll be able to go online and see what other records there are. It will be a more up-to-date assessment of what we do and don't know about our flora."

The regional project is funded by a National Science Foundation – Advancing Digitization of Biodiversity Collections grant. The Southeastern Regional Network of Expertise and Collections originally began with more than 200 collections in 12 states and has grown since the project's beginning.

UT Martin Sick Leave Bank

For the quarter ending June 30, 2017:

The quarter began with 204 bank members. One member was added and seven were terminated, ending the quarter with 198 bank members.

No new requests were granted or denied during this quarter.

The beginning balance was 5,525.39 hours, with 560 hours granted and 389.90 hours recovered for a final balance of 5,355.29 hours.

Year to date, there have been 17 members added and 16 members terminated from the bank. A total of 10 requests have been made, with eight granted and two denied.

PLAN A TRAVEL STUDY!

Contact Lorrie Jackson (881-3582) or Jewel Franklin (881-1023) to make it happen!



4-H ROUNDUP – State council members for Tennessee 4-H are shown posing in front of the Boling University Center prior to the start of the 94th-annual Roundup and All-Star Conference, held on campus last week. More than 300 4-H delegates representing almost every county in Tennessee gathered for a week of competitions, the election of 2018 officers and a service-learning project. The theme for the week was “Made From Scratch.”

UPDATE YOUR LOOK!

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Economic development and chamber of commerce officials joined Chancellor Keith Carver on July 21 in the Dunagan Alumni Center to discuss the university’s role in the region’s economic development. The meeting sought to open lines of communication between the region’s top economic development teams and the university and identify common goals. Carver opened the session with brief remarks and then moderated a discussion that also included university staff members serving as resource participants. Pictured (left to right) are Kingsley Brock, Gibson County director of economic development; Charlie Moore, executive director for the Crockett County Chamber of Commerce; and Chancellor Carver.



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Topics and facilitator announced for fall 2017 faculty teaching effectiveness workshops



Dr. David Schumann (above), who served as both the William J. Taylor Distinguished Professor of Business and the inaugural director of the

Teaching and Learning Center at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, will facilitate UT Martin’s fall 2017 faculty teaching and effectiveness workshop.

Two sessions will be held Aug. 24 in the Boling University Center. The first session, focusing on “Rapport, Respect and Relevance: Getting our Students Excited about Learning,” will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. and will be highly interactive. Participants in this session will focus on elements of building and sustaining student rapport, encouraging

mutual respect and shared responsibility, the co-creation of value, and employing content relevance as a means of energizing students.

The second session, titled “How Can We Turn our Innovative Teaching Practices into Research and Publishing Opportunities?” will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. This session is specifically designed for faculty members who have been teaching for five years or fewer. Participants will work together to develop strategies for turning innovative teaching and learning practice into research.

Schumann earned his bachelor’s degree in education at the University of Arizona, a master’s degree in counseling education at Arizona State University, and both master’s and doctoral degrees in social psychology at the University of Missouri. He joined the UT faculty in 1985 in the College of Business Administration.

Seating for both workshops is limited. To register, contact **Jennifer Rea** in the Office of Research, Grants and Contracts at jblack32@utm.edu or 731-881-7015.

Calendar

- **Aug. 4** - SOAR; Boling University Center; 8 a.m.
- **Aug. 4** - City of Martin filming an Economic Development Council video on campus
- **Aug. 10** - UT Martin Somerville Center donor and alumni reception; UT Martin Somerville Center
- **Aug. 11** - Summer 2 and full-summer classes end
- **Aug. 14** - Summer 2 and full-summer grades due
- **Aug. 14** - Administrative retreat; Boling University Center, room 111; 8 a.m.



END OF SUMMER BASH – Ninety high school students and their guests attended UT Martin’s third-annual End of Summer Bash event July 28. The afternoon included a campus tour, informational sessions and a “Rec Rampage” social event at the Student Recreation Center. Potential students were able to speak with administrative and academic representatives from a variety of areas and interact with other potential students who could one day become their classmates. (left) Admissions counselor Natalie Medling is shown leading a campus tour near the residence halls.

You Tell Me

- **Question** - Why is the parking lot south of the Bob Carroll Football Building closed?
- **Answer** - The installation and repair of the steam line created a ditch in this area. This ditch is being excavated and filled with concrete. The parking lot was closed beginning last Friday, July 28, and will remain closed through Aug. 9.

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

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