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Foundation Grants Promote Curricular Growth

McGregor Fund Supports Collaborative Studies Program

Through a \$100,000 grant from the Detroit-based McGregor Fund, faculty across the University will focus on developing a unique freshman year experience for incoming students. The Collaborative Studies Program links key general education courses so that faculty members and students form a community of learners, reading and discussing similar texts and engaging in service learning experiences to reinforce their learning. "This is an opportunity to impart a distinctive sense of what it means to be a student at Madonna University," remarked Dr. Ernest Nolan, Vice President for Academic Administration. "The program makes meaningful connections among the liberal arts disciplines and makes explicit the University's mission of service." This two-year project will be directed by Dr. Karen Ross, Dean of the College of Social Sciences, with the assistance of Ursula Murray, Director of Academic Advising, who has been the chief advocate for the Collaborative Studies Program for the past several years.

3M Innovation Grant Establishes Grief and Bereavement Center

An idea that originated with the Hospice Education Advisory Board, the Madonna University Grief and Bereavement Center will become a reality through a \$50,000 grant from the 3M Corporation. Directed by Dr. Kelly Rhoades, chair of the hospice education department, the 3M Innovation Grant project will develop collaborative ties with local hospices within metropolitan Detroit, where hospice graduate students trained in bereavement counseling techniques will engage in semester-long placements. In this way, the University's hospice program will make a meaningful contribution to the ability of the partnering hospices to provide high quality grief services for terminally ill patients and their families and loved ones. The project also involves offering workshops and developing additional online instruction on hospice and bereavement topics to provide needed training to hospice workers across the state of Michigan. "The hospice education program is a point of pride for the University," said Dr. Nolan, "and the 3M award acknowledges the critical importance of the hospice movement, which allows individuals to approach death with dignity and solace."



The talent and creativity of the faculty find expression in projects that address the learning needs of the University's diverse student body and benefit the community at large

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The Japan Seminar contributes to an institution-wide effort to internationalize the curriculum to reflect the global dimensions of the 21st century

National Japan Seminar Selects Third MU Faculty Team

The Japan Faculty and Curriculum Development Seminar, a cooperative project of the Association of American Colleges & Universities and the University of Pennsylvania, has selected a third team of Madonna University faculty members for participation in 2002-03. As in the past, the program consists of a series of readings with online discussion groups, followed by a three-week trip to Japan in July 2002. The participants then work to incorporate content on Japan into their courses during the 2002-03 academic year. This year's participants are:

- **Dr. Dwight Lang**, professor of sociology, who will make a comparative analysis of Japanese and American social structures, including the impact of religion in both societies.
- **Barbara Jean Scott**, assistant professor of social work, who will examine the education of social workers in Japan and the issues that social workers need to address there.

The past teams have included: Dr. Kathleen O'Dowd (English and communication arts), Dr. Denise St. Arnault (nursing), Dennis Bozyk (history), Dr. Anita Herman (gerontology), Dr. Cecilia Donohue (English and communication arts), and Douglas Semivan (fine arts).

Clinical Psychology Program Initiates Low-Fee Counseling Center

Drawing on the talents of licensed clinicians in the surrounding area to supervise students in the Master's of Clinical Psychology program, Dr. Robert Cohen, associate professor of psychology, and Dr. Edythe Woods, chair and professor of psychology, have instituted a low-fee counseling center for students and the community. Outfitting the counseling rooms was made possible through a \$10,000 grant from the United Jewish Fund-Moscow Philanthropic. The center opened for the spring-summer 2002 semester with the graduate students responsible for much of the organization and staffi



The American Association for Higher Education Selects MU for Study of Expanded Definition of Scholarship

Madonna University was selected to submit an article for an AAHE monograph on how the expanded definition of scholarship advanced by Ernest Boyer in his seminal work, *Scholarship Reconsidered*, has influenced the campus culture at various kinds of higher education institutions across the nation. Dennis Bozyk, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee and associate professor of history, has accepted this responsibility, which includes conducting a series of interviews with representatives from each of the colleges in order to gather perceptions and opinions. Two years ago, the University sponsored a Task Force on Redefining Scholarship, chaired by Dr. Phyllis Brenner (nursing), which initiated a study of Boyer's work. With this honor comes a \$5,000 award

Next Cycle of PHHE Project Focuses on Dissemination

Madonna University has received a fifth year of funding (\$4,500) from the Program for Health in Higher Education (PHHE) to continue its work on integrating content on HIV/AIDS across the curriculum. Directed by Mary Mitsch of the College of Nursing and Health, the project will sponsor a second round of curriculum development awards to faculty members at Detroit-area colleges and universities. The recipients will develop modules or courses that expose students to multiple perspectives on HIV/AIDS. Faculty members funded during the first cycle of stipends will serve as

2002 Faculty Excellence Awards Announced

The ad hoc Selection Committee for the 2002 Faculty Excellence Awards has recognized four faculty colleagues for their outstanding contributions to the teaching-learning community at Madonna University. They will be recognized with a certificate and monetary award at the Fall Faculty Conference in August.

The winners of the 2002 Faculty Excellence Awards are as follows:

Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching Effectiveness and Innovation

- Corinne Kee, Instructor of Nursing

Faculty Excellence Award for Professional Development and Accomplishment

- Dr. Edythe Woods, Professor of Psychology

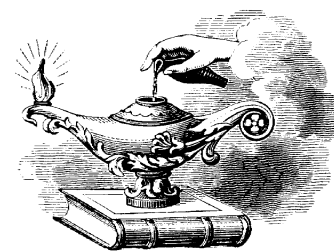
Faculty Excellence Award for Adjunct Faculty

- Marilyn Goering, Adjunct Instructor of Gerontology

Faculty Award from Graduating Seniors

- Marvin Weingarden, Associate Professor of Mathematics

The members of the 2002 Selection Committee included: Michael Cummings, Chair (library), Richard Benedict (education), Miriam Long (mathematics), Dr. Kathleen Cross (nursing), Kathleen Richards (merchandising management), Dr. James O'Neill (psychology), Dr. Kevin Eyster (English and communication arts), and Mary Mitsch (2001 recipient of the Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching Effectiveness and Innovation).



The faculty excellence awards represent an acknowledgment by one's peers of outstanding service to the University, its students, and one's professional discipline.

Detroit Cultural Affairs Department Funds Diversity Mural

Under the leadership of Ozzie Rivera, the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) was awarded a grant of \$2,000 from the Detroit Cultural Affairs Department and Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs for the creation of a multi-cultural theme wall mural in the PREP Center attached to OMA, which provides tutoring and other academic support services to at-risk students. Detroit artist Hector Perez and his student Omar Paulk have been commissioned for the design and execution of the mural.

Summer 2002 Course Development Stipends

Summer stipends sponsored by the University's Title III project will engage a new cadre of faculty members in training to be certified online instructors and result in ten courses adapted for online delivery. The participating faculty members include the following:

<i>Faculty Member</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Course</i>
Catherine Griffin	Nursing	NUR 4950
Marilyn Harton	Nursing	NUR 3010
Joel Hearshen	History	PSC 3210
Dr. Matthew Kuofie	Mathematics	MTH 2350
Karen Marold	Nursing/hospice	NUR 4220
Rob Micallef	Religious studies	RST 3500
Dr. Mary Minock	English and comm. arts	ENG 3100
Dr. Kathleen Quigley	Biology	BIO 3710
Helene Rottenberg	Music	MUS 2020
Dr. Edythe Woods	Psychology	BGS 4950



~ Faculty News Beat ~

- The Michigan Campus Compact has awarded a \$2,500 venture grant to **Dr. Andrew Domzalski** to develop service learning opportunities for graduate students to teach English as a second language at LASED in southwest Detroit.
- **Dr. Lorraine Jakubielski** (education) was selected as a participant in the Curriculum Study Tour of Poland organized by the University of Michigan Center for Russian and East European Studies, with the support of a Fulbright-Hays Group Project Grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education.
- The College of Nursing and Health was awarded a second grant of \$34,269 for Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships based on a proposal written by **Dr. Millie Braunstein**, retiring chair of graduate programs in nursing.
- **Sherry Klisz**, director of the Center for Personalized Instruction and the TRIO Program, received the President's Award from the Michigan Chapter of the Mid-American Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MI-MAEOPP) for her years of exceptional service and dedication as chair of the Educational Foundation Committee.
- The art department, under the leadership of **Douglas Semivan**, was awarded a grant from the Wayne County Commission for the Arts for the exhibition "Artists Among Us, Poets Among Us." Two mixed media works on paper by **Semivan** have also been purchased for the permanent collection of the Detroit Institute of Arts.
- Under the leadership of **Dr. Ted Biermann**, Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, a team of science faculty members has been selected to participate in Summer Institute 2002, sponsored by the Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities Project (SENCER) at Santa Clara University. A travel award of \$3,500 will assist with costs.

Important Dates

- Fall 2002 Faculty Conference
Monday, August 26, 2002
9:30-1:00 p.m. – Kresge Hall
- College/School Meetings
Tuesday, August 27, 2002
- Community Gathering
Wednesday, August 28, 2002
- Classes Begin
Tuesday, September 3, 2002
- Thanksgiving Recess Begins
November 27 (4:00 p.m.)
- End of Fall Semester: December 14

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