Focus on Faculty

**Coming out of the closet: Gay men and lesbian adoptive parents - Who are they?**

Dr. Scott Ryan, Dean of the School of Social Work
Co-sponsored by the UT Arlington Library and Phi Kappa Phi
Wednesday, September 22
Central Library 6th floor Parlor
12-1pm presentation, reception at 1:30 with light refreshments

The mission of the University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work is to advance knowledge, pursue excellence, provide leadership and service for enhancing well being, and to promote social and economic justice and cultural competence. To this end, we engage in evidence-informed social work practice, often with diverse populations.

In the last few years, legislatures in a number of states have debated proposals to prohibit adoptions by same-sex couples. On the other hand, joint adoptions by same-sex couples are permitted in many states, including California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Vermont. This presentation will look at the profession of social work, our School of Social Work, and the presenter's area of interest (adoptions) and ask the question 'Should the sexual orientation of prospective adoptive parents be considered when placing children in adoptive homes?'

Focus on Faculty meetings are free and open to all, no reservations required. A light reception will follow the talk. For more information, contact Tommie Wingfield at wingfield@uta.edu or 817-272-2658. If you need a special accommodation to fully participate in this program, please contact Dianne Hengst in the Office for Students with Disabilities at the University of Texas at Arlington at 817-272-3364 (voice), 1-800-RELAY TX (TTY).

**AAFSA Sponsors Poetry Slam featuring Michael Guinn**

September 23, 6pm - 9pm
Central Library sixth floor Parlor and Atrium

The African American Faculty and Staff Association (AAFSA) is holding a Poetry Slam in the Central Library sixth floor Parlor and Atrium from 6-9pm. Free and open to all.

The first 5 students or groups to register will be able to act/perform/etc. Register by Friday Sept. 17 by sending an email to hilson@uta.edu.

This program features National Performance Poet/Author & UT Arlington Alumni Michael Guinn-MSW. Michael Guinn & Friends bring their award winning performances to UTA for one night! Find more about Michael Guinn at his personal web page: http://www.mikeguinn.com or on his facebook page http://www.facebook.com/mikeguinn1. "Saving Lives one Poem at a Time."

There will be a reception and book signing immediately following the presentation. Light Refreshments will be served. If you need a special accommodation to fully participate in this program/event, please contact Helen Hilson at 817-272-3461 or Hilson@uta.edu.
3 International Events Bring Cartography Lectures to UTA
Oct. 8 - 13, 2010

There is still time to register to attend the The Seventh Biennial Virginia Garrett Lectures on the History of Cartography on Friday, October 8, 2010 and two related symposia that follow on the weekend. The Garrett lectures have been associated since their inception with the Texas Map Society and are scheduled jointly with the TMA Fall Meeting held on Saturday, October 9, 2010.

Following the Garrett Lectures and the TMS meeting is the International Cartographic Association’s Commission on the History of Cartography meeting, scheduled Sunday, October 10 through Wednesday, October 13, 2010. All three events will be on the sixth floor of the UT Arlington Central Library. The Garrett Lectures are underwritten, in part, by the Virginia Garrett Cartographic History Endowment.

Interested in one or all of the events? There is a joint registration form on which you may choose some or all of these meetings. The fees are separated out for the lectures, banquets, and field trips. Follow this link to register.

These meetings represent several days of map presentations by an international roster of world-class scholars, authors, and collectors and are planned with the participation of Special Collections, The University of Texas at Arlington Library, Texas Map Society, and Center for Greater Southwestern Studies and the History of Cartography.

The program list is long and there are many fine speakers attending from around the world. Please download the brochure for all three events to get a complete list of speakers and their papers.

Banned Books Week - September 25–October 2, 2010

Banned Books Week (BBW) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. Held during the last week of September, Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted bannings of books across the United States.

An online exhibit is being prepared to coincide with BBW. Please check http://library.uta.edu/ for a link soon.

Let's get down to the basics:

Introduction to Adobe Dreamweaver
Thurs, Sept 30, 2010, 2-4pm
Digital Media Studio, Central Library, B29

Explore the tools necessary to use Adobe’s powerful web editing software. Learn the basics of what HTML is and how it works. Choose a layout, create tables, upload photographs, and insert hyperlinks that allow to create your space for the web. Sign up.

Word for Dissertations

Sep 30, 4-6 pm, Central Library, Rm B-20
Oct 2, 10-noon, Central Library, Rm B-20
Sign up.

Don't let Microsoft Word make writing your dissertation any harder than it already is! Learn how to use advanced features in Word 2007 to write longer documents that will make meeting the Graduate School formatting requirements a less arduous process. 2-inch margin? Table of contents? Automatic numbering of figures? No problem.

Let's get down to the basics:

Introduction to Adobe InDesign
Thurs, Oct 7, 2010, 10-12pm
Digital Media Studio, Central Library, B29

Explore the basics of Adobe’s desktop publishing software. Learn how to work with images, text, and document formats to create exciting custom page layouts. Sign up.

Library Stuff Blog

It's a catchall for library events, speakers, programs, announcements, and some interesting and at times amusing sites. It will have some overlap with this Library-News newsletter, but not all of the content is the same. http://blog.uta.edu/~dayer

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