

## New faculty section

Many new professors at West Lafayette introduce themselves inside in an eight-page pullout section, which is a joint project of the Office of the Provost and *Inside Purdue*.

The section also includes a page introducing the 2007-08 members of APSAC.

## Text messaging test seeking participants

Purdue plans to test a text messaging system for emergency notifications in late September, and the test needs more people to register their cell phone numbers.

By the end of last week, about 6,000 students, faculty and staff had signed up, said Scott Ksander, executive director of information technology networks and security. To be valid, the test needs three times that.

To register, go to [www.purdue.edu/securepurdue](http://www.purdue.edu/securepurdue) and click on "Change My Password." Enter your career account name and password, then select the "Emergency Contact Information" link.

This registered information will be used only for tests of this system and for actual emergencies involving public safety.

## Correction

In the Aug. 16 issue, the caption for the page 1 photo at the Indiana Black Expo incorrectly identified Ishbah Cox, recruitment coordinator for the College of Engineering.

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## Healthy Purdue's wellness incentive still within reach

As Healthy Purdue 2007 heads into its final months, it's not too late to earn \$250 as part of the Wellness Achievement Incentive.

Faculty, staff, long-term disability participants, spouses and same-sex domestic partners have until Nov. 9 to finish the incentive's wellness criteria. To be eligible for the incentive, participants also must have completed a wellness screening and a Health-Path® Questionnaire by Feb. 28.

Incentive participants earn

an apple each time they complete one of the wellness criteria. Once participants have earned five apples, they qualify for the \$250 (before taxes) incentive, which will be made as a credit to the employee's paycheck in early 2008.

The wellness criteria include a variety of opportunities to participate in health promotion. Purdue's vendor, StayWell Health Management, provides health coaching, online healthy living



programs, and online health education centers. Purdue's campuses offer presentations and programs, and participants may also complete three self-tracked criteria.

New offerings available this fall to help participants earn their apples include online health

awareness presentations. The following topics are available: Cholesterol: The Good and the Bad, Healthy Eating and You, Navigating Your Health Benefits Resources Online, Nutritious Choices for Busy Living, Self-Care Techniques, and Blood Pressure Basics.

With enrollment in the Self-Care Techniques presentation, participants receive a

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## Almost ready for liftoff



PHOTO BY MARK SIMONS

Students Ashley Hart and Robert Parenti watch workers put the finishing touches on Neil Armstrong Hall of Engineering on Aug. 29. The \$53.2 million building will house the School of Aeronautics and Astronautics, School of Materials Engineering, Department of Engineering Education, and several engineering programs, including the Minorities in Engineering Program, Women in Engineering Program and Engineering Projects in Community Service, or EPICS. Faculty members are currently moving their offices and labs into the building, and students will start taking classes there in January.

## Purdue names interim VP for physical facilities

Joseph Mikesell, senior director of engineering, utilities and construction, has been named the University's interim vice president for physical facilities.

"Joe has extensive experience managing facilities construction, maintenance and operations, as well as personnel administration, planning and budgeting," said Morgan R. Olsen, executive vice president and treasurer, in announcing the selection Aug. 28.

Mikesell succeeds Wayne Kjo-naas, who is retiring after holding the position for 14 years.

Olsen said a committee will be formed to conduct a national search for a permanent replacement, targeted to be completed by the end of this academic year.



Mikesell

The vice president for physical facilities is responsible for 1,900 employees and the operation, maintenance, planning and construction of campus lands and facilities on

all four Purdue campuses.

Besides his previous area, Mikesell now oversees buildings and grounds, facilities planning and construction, the police and fire departments, radiological and environmental management, parking, transportation, Purdue Airport, central machine shop, printing services, central stores, material receiving and distribution, and campus mail.

Mikesell has worked for the University since graduating from Purdue with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1972.

## Personal data on ESS needs to be correct

All employees should take the time to make sure their information is up-to-date and accurate in Employee Self-Service.

Since ESS became available in July, many faculty and staff have enjoyed the convenience of viewing their salary statements online and being able to change their personal information on file with the University.

Converting data from several old systems to the OnePurdue database involved automated comparisons and translations to new formats. In addition, there is information in OnePurdue that did not exist in the old "legacy" database, and a few categories have changed.

Although numerous audits and validations were performed before the new Human Resources and Payroll systems went live, it is important that all employees make sure their information is accurate.

It is especially important that employees check information now because Purdue is getting ready to publish its faculty and staff rosters and directory for next year and will report Employee Equal Opportunity Commission (EEOC) data to the federal government soon.

Even if you have requested that your personal information (home address, phone number, etc.) not be published in the directory, it is vital that this data is accurate and current with the University in case it ever needs to

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## Data, lab assets, shutdown belong in emergency plan

Fires, floods, tornadoes and any number of other disasters could strike campus and affect everything we do on campus — but an emergency plan can prevent many complications.

A subcommittee of the University's Pandemic Preparedness Committee has been working to ensure that faculty and staff have the information they need to be better prepared for any emergency, including ones with extended disruption of research.

"To date, our campus emergencies have consisted mainly of short closures for snow emergencies," Victor Lechtenberg, interim provost, wrote in a memo to faculty. "Although we hope it never happens, it is not hard to imagine scenarios that might necessitate a longer suspension of classes, or even a full emergency closure of the campus." At Virginia Tech, for example, a building was closed for an extended period of time, significantly disrupting research and forcing a move of classes.

Holly Schrank, professor of consumer sciences and retailing

and co-chair of the Academic and Research Subcommittee, has worked to develop documents that outline best practices for researchers and teachers as they consider emergency preparedness.

"Fortunately, there are advance preparations we can

make that will help mitigate the negative impacts and protect our people and assets," Schrank says. "We want to point out a few steps to take now that will save months of problems and agony later."

Steps to take and questions that faculty should consider:

- **Protect data.** Regularly make copies of important teaching and research data and keep copies in multiple locations.

"One broken pipe that happens to flow over your computer could be a costly setback," Schrank says.

- **Identify irreplaceable assets,** e.g. cell lines or animals. How would you manage them in an emergency? Take some time to make and confirm arrangements for a back-up location in the event of power outage. Consider stockpiling cell media and animal supplies.

- **In the event of building damage,** what would be most important to salvage from your work area? Where could it be relocated? Make a list now.

- **If there is a complete campus closure,** do you have a checklist for closing down your operations and for restarting them?

- **An emergency will likely increase absenteeism.** In the case of a pandemic, absence is expected to run 30-40 percent. Consider cross-training staff to cover for each other. Make sure mitigation strategies are already in place.

- **Prepare your household.** Have emergency plans and supplies in place. An emergency does not leave time to go get them.

"Research shows that successful recovery from disasters requires planning beforehand," Schrank says. "But it also requires good decisions as the disaster unfolds. Involve your colleagues in addressing these issues now, and planning so that if your team is faced with an emergency situation, you will have decided what needs to be done and are prepared to do it."

A helpful Web site for emergency preparedness is at [www.itap.purdue.edu/tlt/faculty](http://www.itap.purdue.edu/tlt/faculty). It includes classroom and research issues, useful mitigation strategies, and links to household emergency planning information.

## Procedures include coping with bomb threat

Purdue emergency preparedness personnel are reminding faculty and staff that procedures are in place in the event of a bomb threat that is called in or e-mailed in to campus offices.

Carol Shelby, senior director of environmental health and public safety, says individuals at universities around the country have received bomb threats by email during the past week or so.

"More than 10 universities, including the University of Iowa and the University of Akron (Ohio) have received threats," Shelby says, "Some of them have been building specific, and some of them have named the entire campus. None of these email

threats has resulted in an actual event. All of them have been determined to be a hoax."

Shelby says anyone who receives a bomb threat by any means should follow the University's normal bomb threat procedure.

- **Call the Purdue Police Department** (call 911).

- **Do not delete the e-mail or voicemail.** An officer will come to your location to gather additional information.

Emergency procedures information is at [www.purdue.edu/emergency\\_preparedness](http://www.purdue.edu/emergency_preparedness). The Emergency Procedures Handbook is available as a link on the left side of the page.

## Month to lift up Latino past and present

Purdue's Latino Cultural Center will help lead the local celebration of Latino Heritage Month on Sept. 15-Oct. 15 with the theme "Igniting Our History."

Purdue's events are part of the national Hispanic Heritage Month, which is observing 20 years as monthlong occasion and 40 years overall.

"We are always looking for new people to get involved," says LCC director Maricela Alvarado. "As always, people of all ethnicities are encouraged to help plan and participate in these exciting activities."

President France A. Córdoba is scheduled to help start the celebration at 4 p.m. Sept. 14 with an open house at the center, 600 N. Russell St. Free cinnamon sugar-bread treats of warm churros provide a taste of Latino culture around the world.

All LHM events are free and open to the public. Events include a film viewing, the Latino Scholars Forum, a cultural show, a book discussion, a lecture, a faculty-staff reception and a trip to Chicago for a conference.

Córdoba also will give opening remarks at the Sept. 19 scholars forum. The forum's keynote speaker will be Rodrigo Banuelos, head of the Department of Mathematics.

A schedule is on the Calendar page under "Special Events." For more information, see the center's revamped Web site at [www.purdue.edu/lcc](http://www.purdue.edu/lcc).

LCC, established in 2003, now is at 600 N. Russell St.

## Faculty-staff group initiates forum, adding to list of creative achievements

A Latino Scholars Forum is Purdue's unique addition this year to Latino Heritage Month.

The Sept. 19 forum is sponsored by the Latino Faculty and Staff Association (LaFaSA), which sprouted from efforts by Angelica Duran, associate professor of English, in 2002 in the planning of the Latino Cultural Center. LCC opened and LaFaSA became a true group in 2003.

LaFaSA has grown steadily in strength and service, says its president since 2004, Kimber Nicoletti.

"At the beginning, it was an e-mail list," she says. "Then we added monthly meetings as well as informal lunches and an after-hours event called "Copitas." A copita is a small glass.

As LCC programming and groups developed, LaFaSA found ways "to be a strong ally," says Nicoletti, who works in Purdue Extension as director of outreach for CARE: Communities Against Rape Initiative. That has included a role in most LCC activities and leadership retreats.

In fall 2006, LaFaSA started Comida para Estudiar (Food for Studying) during dead week.

"If you know about students," she says, "you know they like free food." The occasion also provided informal interaction for students with faculty and staff.

Through its networking, LaFaSA also has provided seasonal help for staff members whose jobs and paychecks do not include holiday breaks.



PHOTO BY MARK SIMONS

Kimber Nicoletti, president of LaFaSA.

Co-sponsor of this month's inaugural forum is the Purdue chapter of SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science).

President France A. Córdoba will give opening remarks. Rodrigo Banuelos, head of the Department of Mathematics, is the morning keynote speaker.

The forum has support from the Office of the Provost and other offices on campus.

The forum will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 214, Stewart Center.

Registration for the forum is requested by Sept. 10, and is required for the event's luncheon. To register, e-mail to Gina Rupp at [ruggp@purdue.edu](mailto:ruggp@purdue.edu).

Luncheon speaker will be Adriela Fernandez, the new associate dean for academic programs in the College of Liberal Arts.

### September: National Preparedness Month

The Department of Homeland Security is sponsoring the fourth annual National Preparedness Month in September to influence Americans to prepare for emergencies.

Purdue supports this initiative and emphasizes the concept of "emergency preparedness is everyone's responsibility."

Ron Wright, Purdue director of emergency preparedness and planning, says all staff are encouraged to prepare themselves, their families and their organizations for unexpected events.

Purdue's Emergency Preparedness Web site at [www.purdue.edu/emergency\\_preparedness](http://www.purdue.edu/emergency_preparedness) is the focal point for University emergency preparedness information. The site contains planning information, response procedures, the Warning Notification System, links to informational sites and much more.

Additionally, Ready America at [www.ready.gov/American/index.html](http://www.ready.gov/American/index.html) and Citizens Corps at [www.citizenscorps.gov/](http://www.citizenscorps.gov/) provide many resources and tips to prepare for the "unexpected."

Wright urges faculty and staff to review these resources and plan now.

Questions can be addressed to the Campus Emergency Preparedness and Planning Office at 49-40446 or [rdwright@purdue.edu](mailto:rdwright@purdue.edu).

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# Spokesman takes pride in promoting United Way campaign

The smiles on the faces at the Lafayette Adult Resource Academy were confirmation for Jeff Buchanan that he was doing the right thing.

"Those smiles, that look of pride, was priceless," Buchanan says of the 15 or so adults from countries such as Turkey, India, China and Afghanistan who were learning to speak English at LARA, an agency of the United Way. "They were able to say who they were and where they were from, and that was a great success for them. I love that. I love seeing people succeed."

Buchanan visited LARA and several other agencies in his training as a United Way loaned campaign representative. A training coordinator with Sponsored Program Services at Purdue, Buchanan says being an LCR for Purdue's 2007 United Way Campaign is "a labor of love."

"I enjoy being able to talk to people about what I think is the glue that keeps this community together," he says. "I've been part of many of these agencies in the years I've lived here, and I'm continually impressed at how many lives these United Way agencies touch."



PHOTO BY MARK SIMONS

Jeff Buchanan, training coordinator in Sponsored Program Services, is Purdue's loaned campaign representative for the 2007 United Way Campaign.

The 25 United Way agencies offer 70 programs that in one way or another address these issues: basic needs and financial stability, health and wellness, or children and families.

"By being a part of the community, not apart from the com-

munity, you learn how important it is to connect with people," Buchanan says. "You learn that we are all in this together, that we can touch lives, that sometimes life takes crazy bounces, and that it's OK to ask for help."

He knows that from his own

## United Way facts

- Purdue United Way Campaign goal: \$720,000
- Community goal: \$4.85 million
- Purdue United Way Campaign chair: Robert Wild, assistant head of Department of Chemistry; vice chair: Roger Blalock, senior associate athletics director
- Purdue UW campaign kickoff: Sept. 18
- Pledge card distribution: week of Sept. 18
- Information: Purdue United Way office at 49-49240 or [www.purdue.edu/unitedway](http://www.purdue.edu/unitedway).

experience as a young father who moved to Lafayette with a wife, a young daughter, a child on the way and, he says, "not two pennies to spare."

When his wife mentioned that the little ones would need vaccinations, Buchanan says, he was angry and worried that he wasn't able to provide what his family needed. What would they do?

Then, the family learned about the Tippecanoe County

Community Health Clinic.

"I was so upset by what I perceived as my inability to take care of my family," Buchanan says. "Then, I realized that this is a community, it's a team effort. I could ask for help, and I could help others as well."

He visited the health clinic this year as part of the United Way training and was pleased to tell his story and offer his thanks and encouragement for the clinic's mission.

Since that early experience with a United Way agency, Buchanan says, he has been part of other agencies such as the YWCA and has coached youth softball, among other volunteer efforts.

"We don't realize how many of the services we enjoy in this community are the result of the work of United Way agencies," he says. "I really feel like it is an honor and a privilege to be able to tell people about the caring people of the United Way."

Buchanan is available to talk about the United Way Campaign with any group, office or department. Most presentations are 10 to 25 minutes long. To get him on your schedule, call 49-48715 or send a fax to 49-41360.

## Enrollment achieving many goals

This fall, 39,102 students are taking classes at its West Lafayette campus, in line with overall enrollment goals and compared with 39,228 in fall 2006, Purdue reported last week.

System-wide, Purdue enrollment is an estimated 70,075, compared with 69,594 a year ago.

"We are right on target," says Thomas Robinson, vice president for student services. "Our West Lafayette campus goal is to stabilize enrollment at this level."

"Because the university enrolled a relatively larger class of freshman students last year, and that group is still taking classes, we held our number of first-time students to 6,888 this year compared to 7,518 last fall. Maintaining stability is necessary because the West Lafayette campus is at capacity."

A record 25,929 applied to be in the Purdue freshman class.

"Interest in a Purdue education remains high," Robinson says. "The credentials of the incoming freshman class are among the best in Purdue's history, with an increase in test scores and high school GPAs compared to last year."

The freshman class includes 87 National Merit Scholars, which is among the most in the Big Ten.

Purdue also has enrolled

## West Lafayette students by college or school

Here are fall enrollment figures at West Lafayette. The format is undergraduate, graduate and total.

- Agriculture: 2,479 + 491 = 2,970
- Consumer and Family Sciences: 1,879 + 175 = 2,054
- Education: 919 + 410 = 1,329
- Engineering: 6,215 + 2,277 = 8,492
- Liberal Arts: 6,486 + 1,155 = 7,641
- Management: 2,746 + 669 = 3,415
- Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Sciences: 1,893 + 210 + 660 professional-level = 2,763
- Science: 2,740 + 1,012 = 3,752
- Technology: 3,883 + 271 = 4,154
- Veterinary Medicine: 392 + 102 + 262 professional-level = 756
- Undergraduate Studies (not decided on a major): 1,336
- Non-degree undergraduate students: 218
- Graduate interdisciplinary: 222

1,091 Twenty-first Century Scholars. The program provides low-income students with tuition to attend a higher education institution in exchange for earning good grades and keeping a good citizenship pledge.

The number of enrolled students who identify themselves as African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic or Native American has increased by 98 over fall 2006. This represents 13.7 percent of the U.S. students at Purdue, compared with 13.3 percent last year.

The number of international students is 4,994 of which 434, a Purdue record, are first-year undergraduate students. There are 2,042 international undergraduates, as well as 2,952 graduate and professional students.

"Keeping our enrollment consistent with our strategic planning reflects the efforts of many people

across campus, not just the central Purdue enrollment management team," Robinson says.

Graduate School enrollment was stable at 6,994. Professional programs in pharmacy and veterinary medicine, with 922 students, grew by seven.

## Other Purdue campuses

The following are estimated fall 2007 (actual fall 2006):

- Purdue Calumet: 9,450 (9,303).
- Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne: 11,943 (11,672).
- Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis: 4,277 in Purdue programs (4,277).
- Purdue North Central: 3,950 (3,724).
- College of Technology statewide: 772 equivalent full-time students (780).

## Native American center opens

Purdue's new Native American Educational and Cultural Center is open and has its first director.

Verónica Hirsch was chosen to lead the University's efforts to provide outreach to Native American communities in Indiana and beyond. Hirsch had been at the University of Arizona, where she had most recently served as graduate program coordinator for the soil, water and environmental science department.

"I am excited to be at Purdue and to be part of the process of making the University a welcoming place for current and



Hirsch

prospective Native American students," Hirsch says. "I believe that this portion of the country does provide fertile ground to make meaningful connections with Native American students and communities."

"Indiana is a little bit different in that Arizona has 22 federally recognized tribes, and Indiana has none — although Indiana does possess state-recognized tribes. However, there is a rich tradition of Native American cultural contributions in this part of the country. I'm excited to take on the challenges that this area presents."

Purdue's creation of the Native American Educational and Cultural Center, housed in South Campus Courts-B, is the result of

## Dedication ceremony

A dedication ceremony for the new Native American Educational and Cultural Center is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.-noon Oct. 6. President France A. Córdoba will speak at 10 a.m.

a \$1.2 million grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and the campus-wide Mosaic initiative, which is the cornerstone for all multicultural educational projects at the University.

Hirsch's goals include strong growth in Native American student recruitment and retention. At least initially, she will emphasize graduate programs in STEM disciplines, aiming to have 28 Native Americans in those programs in three years.

"During my initial year, I want to widely broadcast to Indian country at large the wealth of opportunities available at Purdue University," Hirsch says.

Hirsch received a master's degree in American Indian studies with an emphasis on federal Indian law from the University of Arizona. While completing her degree, she was at various times a research assistant, teaching assistant, writing consultant, academic resource specialist for Native American Student Affairs and anthropology teacher in a summer program for incoming freshmen.

## Retirement plan resource Financial Learning Initiative proving popular

More Purdue employees are finding out through the Financial Learning Initiative that it's never too early — or too late — to start planning for retirement.

Approximately 1,000 Purdue faculty and staff members have participated in the initiative by attending educational sessions within their departments and scheduling an individual retirement planning meeting.

Staff Benefits started the program in late 2006 to educate faculty and staff about how best to prepare financially for retirement. The initiative was created in partnership with APSAC, the Administrative and Professional Staff Advisory Committee, and also was endorsed by the admin-

istration; CSSAC, the Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee; the Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee; and PURA, the Purdue University Retirees Association.

The Financial Learning Initiative was designed to achieve two major goals: to help faculty and staff understand the retirement benefits provided by Purdue and to help employees plan for a successful and financially stable retirement based on their own financial needs.

"The initiative has been met with even more positive enthusiasm than we thought it would be," says Teresa Wesner, benefit manager for retirement/life/disability. "Since the beginning of

### Earn an apple

Faculty and staff who participate in one of the Financial Learning Initiative sessions within their department can earn a "Red Apple" for the Healthy Purdue wellness achievement program. The

deadline to complete the wellness criteria is Nov. 9. Openings are still available for the sessions in October, and departments are encouraged to contact Staff Benefits at 49-61964 to schedule a time.

the program, we have met with approximately 1,000 faculty and staff members in small group meetings.

"About half of the individuals we met with elected to meet individually with a retirement counselor as a follow-up to review their personal retirement plans, and many of these individuals

have made changes to their current plans.

"We've seen a variety of actions taken by these individuals — some people change how and where they are investing their funds, others have increased their level of retirement savings, while still others have decided to make changes to their retirement with

plans outside Purdue such as Roth IRAs. The outreach is not about any particular outcome, but it is about helping to ensure that employees are taking active steps to stay on track for planning and saving for retirement."

The Financial Learning Initiative will continue into 2008. Departments can schedule a financial learning session by calling Staff Benefits at 49-61964.

Faculty and staff can schedule an appointment for individual retirement counseling while attending a Financial Learning Initiative session in their department. To schedule an individual meeting without attending one of the group sessions, call TIAA-CREF at 463-1152.



ANDERSON UNIVERSITY PHOTO

The Anderson University Flagship Center provides an up-to-date home for College of Technology academic programs, as well as some of Anderson University's programs. The \$7 million facility is part of the Flagship Enterprise Center, a business incubator focused on high technology.

### Building opens for Technology at Anderson

The College of Technology's program at Anderson, Ind., is sharing a new home with Anderson University's business and adult learning programs.

The Anderson University Flagship Center, visible from I-69 and part of the nonprofit incubator Flagship Enterprise Center, provides needed space and ready access to high-tech businesses.

The three-story, 53,000-square-foot, \$7 million building

was dedicated Aug. 16. It will strengthen the 20-year partnership of Technology and Anderson University, says Dennis Depew, the college's dean.

Purdue offers bachelor's degrees in both industrial technology and organizational leadership and supervision, and associate's degrees in computer and information technology, electrical engineering technology, and OLS through programs at Anderson.

## Resume handling to make transition with system

Purdue will begin using its new employment application system, Taleo, on Oct. 1.

The transition to Taleo will require the closure of jobs now posted on the current system, Resumix. Human Resource Services has created the following schedule to better manage the changeover:

- Sept. 13 will be the last day to post a job on the Purdue Web site using the current Resumix employment application system.

- Sept. 20 will be the last day applicants can access the current employment Web site to submit a resume or a referral request until the switch to Taleo is complete.

- On Sept. 21, supervisors will receive their last group of resumes for any job posted on or before Sept. 13.

- On Oct. 1, the first posting of jobs will occur in Taleo, and applicants will regain access to the site for submitting resumes and referral requests.

"During the time between Sept. 13 and Oct. 1, Human Resource Services will be working closely with hiring managers to discuss their applicant pools, close their positions in Resumix,

and transfer jobs to the new Taleo system," says Shaun Sengsanith, employment manager. "We also will be entering jobs received after Sept. 13 and communicating with applicants about the new system and the process for applying."

To help hiring supervisors efficiently manage this process, Human Resource Services is offering the following options:

- If a position has been posted on or before Sept. 13 and the hiring supervisor is satisfied with the applicant pool, the job posting can be removed on or before Sept. 20. In this case, the position will be filled using the Resumix system, and no additional resumes will be forwarded.

If the job cannot be filled with the current applicant pool, the job will still need to be closed in Resumix on or before Sept. 20. The position can be reopened in Taleo on Oct. 1. Supervisors will not be required to submit new posting forms, and new resumes will be sent out five business days after Oct. 1.

- For job postings received after Sept. 13, the positions will be posted in Taleo on Oct. 1. Super-

visors will receive new resumes after five business days.

"Taleo will bring an intuitive and user-friendly employment system for both applicants and hiring supervisors," Sengsanith says. "It will provide enhanced customer communication and electronic data collection capabilities."

"We are excited about the benefits the University will reap from Taleo, and we thank our applicants and hiring supervisors in advance for their cooperation during our transition period."

Though Purdue will soon have a new employment application system, the employment process will not change. Applicants will still apply online, and recruiters will continue to review every resume on an individual basis.

Resumes of applicants meeting the minimum qualifications of the position will be forwarded to the hiring department for review.

Questions can be directed to hiring supervisors' employment consultants or to Sengsanith at shaun@purdue.edu.

## Magazine's undergraduate rankings put Purdue high

Purdue's undergraduate programs again rated among the top in the country according to rankings by U.S. News & World Report.

The College of Engineering tied for ninth nationally among doctorate-granting public universities, sharing the slot with Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Texas. In specialty rankings, the college earned two top-five rankings — in industrial/manufacturing engineering and agricultural and biological engineering — with a total of 10 disciplines in the top 20.

Krannert School of Manage-

ment undergraduate program tied No. 21 slot. The school tied for No. 12 among business schools at public universities.

Krannert's undergraduate program also fared well in specialty rankings, earning two top-five rankings — in production/operations management and quantitative analysis/methods — and a total of five in the top 25.

Purdue's overall undergraduate programs at public national universities ranked No. 24, tied with University of Connecticut and University of Iowa.

The data for determining the nation's best institutions of

higher education come from questionnaires sent to all accredited four-year colleges and universities. The magazine then determines rankings based on measures in seven broad categories: peer assessment, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving and graduation rate.

The magazine bases its specialty rankings on ratings by deans and senior faculty in those disciplines at peer institutions.

Information on the rankings can be found at [http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/rankindex\\_brief.php](http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/rankindex_brief.php).

## Steffey's parents, Purdue reach settlement

The University and the parents of Wade Steffey have reached a settlement that will provide a \$500,000 payment to the family and create a \$100,000 endowment for a scholarship in the deceased student's name.

"This agreement brings to a close a tragic chapter in the history of the Purdue family," said Joseph Bennett, vice president for university relations. "The entire university community continues to mourn for the loss of this young man and for the pain that was felt most intensely by Wade's family and close friends."

"The settlement provides financial compensation for the family and also assures that Wade's memory will live on

through the students who have access to a Purdue education because of the scholarship."

Under the terms of the settlement, Wade's father, Dale Steffey, and mother, Dawn Adams, will give up any further claim to remuneration from Purdue, Bennett said. The Wade Steffey Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to students from Indiana to attend Purdue.

Bennett said the scholarship will be awarded initially for the fall semester 2008. It will be administered through Purdue's Division of Financial Aid.

The settlement to Wade Steffey's parents was paid in a lump sum Aug. 21 from the university's insurance reserves, Bennett said.

# Calendar

Events are free unless noted. Ticket prices are for single events, not any series or discount offers. The online calendar for the West Lafayette campus is at <http://calendar.purdue.edu>, which has a link on the Purdue home page at [www.purdue.edu](http://www.purdue.edu).

## Athletics

For tickets, call Athletic Ticket Office, (765) 494-3194 or (800) 49-SPORT [497-7678].

### Wednesday, Sept. 5

■ Soccer (women's) vs. Xavier. 5:30 p.m. Varsity Soccer Complex. Tickets: public, \$5; students, \$2.

### Friday, Sept. 7

■ Cross country. Great American Legends. 4 p.m. Varsity Cross Country Course (near tennis and soccer facilities).

### Saturday, Sept. 8

■ Football vs. Eastern Illinois. Noon. Ross-Ade Stadium. Tickets: public, \$39; youth/student, \$21.

### Wednesday, Sept. 12

■ Soccer (women's) vs. Valparaiso. 5 p.m. Varsity Soccer Complex. Tickets: public, \$5; students, \$2.

### Friday, Sept. 14

■ Cross country. Indiana Intercollegiate. 3:30 p.m. Varsity Cross Country Course (near tennis and soccer facilities).

■ Soccer (women's) vs. Morehead State. 5 p.m. Varsity Soccer Complex. Tickets: public, \$5; students, \$2.

### Saturday, Sept. 15

■ Football vs. Central Michigan. Band Day/Family Day. Noon. Ross-Ade Stadium. Tickets: public, \$45; youth/student, \$21; through Sept. 8, employees may use CSSAC coupon from July 10 or Aug. 16 *Inside Purdue* to buy \$39 tickets for \$20. Other game day information is under Special Events.

### Sunday, Sept. 16

■ Soccer (women's) vs. Bowling Green. 1 p.m. Varsity Soccer Complex. Tickets: public, \$5; students, \$2.

### Friday, Sept. 21

■ Soccer (women's) vs. Oregon. 5 p.m. Varsity Soccer Complex. Tickets: public, \$5; students, \$2.

### Sunday, Sept. 23

■ Soccer (women's) vs. Western Michigan. 1 p.m. Varsity Soccer Complex. Tickets: public, \$5; students, \$2.

### Friday, Sept. 28

■ Soccer (women's) vs. Wisconsin. 5 p.m. Varsity Soccer Complex. Tickets: public, \$5; students \$2.  
■ Volleyball (women's) vs. Ohio State. 7 p.m. Intercollegiate Athletic Facility. Tickets: adult, \$9-\$8; student, \$6-\$5.

### Saturday, Sept. 29

■ Football vs. Notre Dame. TBA. Ross-Ade Stadium. Tickets: \$65 if available (limit 25).  
■ Volleyball (women's) vs. Penn State. 8 p.m. Intercollegiate Athletic Facility. Tickets: adult, \$9-\$8; student, \$6-\$5.

### Sunday, Sept. 30

■ Soccer (women's) vs. Northwestern. 1 p.m. Varsity Soccer Complex. Tickets: public, \$5; students, \$2.

### Saturday, Oct. 6

■ Football vs. Ohio State. 8 p.m. Ross-Ade Stadium. Tickets: \$65 if available (limit 25).

## Exhibitions

### Ongoing

■ MONDAY-FRIDAY. Rueff Galleries, Pao Hall. Patti and Rusty Rueff Department of Visual and Performing Arts. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. 49-62958.  
◆ Sept. 7-13: "Kodak Moments." Artists Fabian Winkler and Shannon McMullen; inflatables "Blam" and "Grrr!" plus interactive sound installation "Waves." Opening reception 6 p.m. Sept. 6. Artists' lecture 12:30 p.m. Sept. 10.

### Through Oct. 7

■ Purdue University Galleries. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, plus Thursday until 8 p.m.; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Robert L. Ringel Gallery, PMU, and Stewart Center Gallery. 49-67899 or [galleries@purdue.edu](mailto:galleries@purdue.edu) or [www.purdue.edu/galleries](http://www.purdue.edu/galleries).

◆ "The Beaded Prayers Project." Project has 4,500 amulets from 35 nations sealed in packets in African tradition. Robert L. Ringel Gallery.

Sept. 13: Brown bag lecture by artist curator Sonya Clark; noon. Public reception for the artist; 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 13: Workshop by pre-registration only; after reception. Participants can make two packets: one to keep, one to add to project. Limited space: to register, 49-67899.

◆ "Deborah Muirhead: Fly Away." Paintings, drawings, prints and artist books in abstract style with themes from story, history, archaeology and genealogy. Stewart Center Gallery.

Aug. 30: Artist's lecture followed by reception. 5:30 p.m. Lecture in Room 322, STEW.

## Films

### Ongoing

■ FRIDAY and SATURDAY. Flicks at Fowler film series. 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Fowler Hall, STEW. Admission: public, \$4; Purdue student ID, \$2. Films subject to change. 49-48976.  
◆ Sept. 21-22: TBA.

### Wednesday, Sept. 5

■ World Film Forum. "Face of Jizo" (2004; subtitles, 99 min.). Host: Kazumi Hatasa, Japanese. Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures. 5 p.m. WL Public Library, 208 W. Columbia St.

## Lectures

### Ongoing

■ TUESDAYS. College Teaching Workshop Series 1: Basics of Teaching. For faculty, staff and grad students. Center for Instructional Excellence. Sept. 4-Nov. 20 except Oct. 9 and 16. Except as noted, 9-10:30 a.m. Registration required: [www.cie.purdue.edu](http://www.cie.purdue.edu).

◆ Sept. 11: "University Policies and Procedures Related to Teaching."  
◆ Sept. 18: "Designing Instruction."  
◆ Sept. 25: "Presentation Techniques."  
◆ Oct. 2: "Using Discussion."

■ THURSDAYS. College Teaching Workshop Series 2: Expanding Your Teaching Toolkit. For faculty, staff, grad students. Center for Instructional Excellence. Five events through Oct. 11. Except as noted, 9-10:30 a.m. Registration required: [www.cie.purdue.edu](http://www.cie.purdue.edu).  
◆ Sept. 13: "An Interview with Indiana's Teacher of the Year." Randy Roberts, history. Host: Tom Turpin, entomology. With Q&A time. (Changed date.)  
◆ Sept. 20: "Theatrical Techniques for Teaching in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)." Laura Clavio, Convocations; and Tom Turpin, entomology.

◆ Sept. 27: "Learning Activities to Improve Teaching (New Tricks for an Old Trade)." Jane Kirkpatrick, nursing.

◆ Oct. 4: "Teaching Effective Labs: Learning by Doing." Mike Jacob, electrical engineering technology; and Jim Russell, CIE.

■ OCCASIONAL. AAO workshops. Affirmative Action Office. To register or for more information, [aaopurdue.edu](mailto:aaopurdue.edu) or 49-47253 (voice) or 49-61343 (TTY).

◆ Sept. 11 (Tu): "Faculty Search and Screen Essentials." 2-3 p.m. Room 320, STEW.

◆ Sept. 18 (Tu): "Accommodating Diabetes in the Workplace." ADA Audio Conference. 2-3:30 p.m. Room 320, STEW.

### Thursday, Sept. 6

■ Discovery Park patent presentation. John Calvert, USPTO representative. "Role of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office: 21st Century Strategic Plan, Educating the Public on Patents and Trademarks." 7-8:30 p.m. Room 121, Burton Morgan Center.

### Monday, Sept. 10

■ American Association of University Women branch meeting. Speaker: Diana Prieto, director of the Affirmation Action Office, on sexual harassment at work and school, and related Purdue policies. Noon. Room 111, Felix Haas Hall. More on AAUW at [www.purdue.edu/humanrel/wro/](http://www.purdue.edu/humanrel/wro/).

### Wednesday, Sept. 12

■ Purdue University Libraries Distinguished Lecture. Ishmael Beah, former child warrior in Sierra Leone, now U.S. college graduate and author. "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier." 8 p.m. Loeb Playhouse, STEW. See [www.lib.purdue.edu](http://www.lib.purdue.edu).

### Wednesday, Sept. 19

■ Jewish Studies Lecture Series. Shari Troy, theatre history, IPFW. "Pesach in Havana 2006: A Cuban Odyssey." 12:30 p.m. Room 313, STEW. 49-47965 or [wengera@purdue.edu](mailto:wengera@purdue.edu).

■ History Department lecture. Barbara Weinstein, NYU, president of American Historical Association. "Academic Freedom in the Age of Homeland Security." 7:30-9 p.m. Fowler Hall, STEW. [doughurt@purdue.edu](mailto:doughurt@purdue.edu) or 49-44132.

### Monday, Sept. 24

■ New Faculty Mentoring Workshop. Graduate School. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Room 314, STEW. [spencerc@purdue.edu](mailto:spencerc@purdue.edu) or [www.gradschool.purdue.edu/](http://www.gradschool.purdue.edu/). Also Oct. 10, 2-4 p.m.

■ Accreditation public meeting. Regarding Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology's reaccreditation of the Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences. 4 p.m. Room 318, STEW. 49-66418.

■ Jewish Studies Evening Lecture. Norman Finkelstein, Xavier Univ. "The Sacred, the Secular, and the Book: The Problem of the Jewish Literary Imagination." 8 p.m. Krannert Auditorium, Krannert Building. 49-47965 or [wengera@purdue.edu](mailto:wengera@purdue.edu).

### Tuesday, Sept. 25

■ Michael Eric Dyson on "African Americans in the Academy: Climate and Conflict." Black Graduate Association, Office of the Provost, Black Cultural Center. 8 p.m. Loeb Playhouse, STEW.

### Friday, Sept. 28

■ Interdepartmental Nutrition Program Seminar. Dr. Esra Tasali, Univ. of Chicago Medical Center, on sleep deprivation, appetite regulation and diabetes risk. Department of Foods and Nutrition. 10:30 a.m. Room 290, Beer-ing Hall. [mccammack@purdue.edu](mailto:mccammack@purdue.edu).

## Calendar item deadlines

- Sept. 21, for the Oct. 2 issue (events of Oct. 2-31).
- Oct. 12, for the Oct. 23 issue (events of Nov. 1-30).
- Submit items at [dhowell@purdue.edu](mailto:dhowell@purdue.edu), by fax at 496-1725, or at 417 ENAD. No phone submissions, but for questions call 49-42028.

## Music & Variety

Tickets are available at campus box offices or at 49-43933 or (800) 914-SHOW [-7469]. Prices are given for single-show tickets; a box office handling fee may be added.

### Friday, Sept. 7

■ Jim Gaffigan, comedy for all ages. Convocations, special event. 8 p.m. Elliott Hall of Music. \$34-\$22.

### Saturday, Sept. 8

■ Game Day Concerts. 9 a.m.: Jazz bands. Slayter Center. 10 a.m.: "All-American" Marching Band's "Thrill on the Hill" at Slayter Center. Noon: Kickoff. Post-game: Marching Band marches from stadium to Purdue Mall for concert. Purdue Bands; 49-66785 or [kcmatter@purdue.edu](mailto:kcmatter@purdue.edu).

### Sunday, Sept. 9

■ PMO Kids Choir auditions. Purdue Musical Organizations. Unchanged voices, ages 9-13. 2-5 p.m. PMO offices, Elliott Hall of Music. 49-43941.

### Saturday, Sept. 15

■ Game Day Concerts. Band Day. 9 a.m.: Jazz bands. Slayter Center. 10 a.m.: "All-American" Marching Band's "Thrill on the Hill" at Slayter Center. Noon: Kickoff. Halftime: Band Day performances with high school bands. Post-game: Marching Band marches from stadium to Purdue Mall for concert. Purdue Bands; 49-66785 or [kcmatter@purdue.edu](mailto:kcmatter@purdue.edu).

■ Purdue Sings: "An American Salute." Purdue Musical Organizations. 3 p.m. (after game). Purdue Mall. (rain location, Armory.)

### Sunday, Sept. 16

■ Dan Zanes and Friends. Convocations, Family Adventures. 3 p.m. Long Center, 111 N. Sixth St., Lafayette. \$24-\$15.

### Thursday, Sept. 20

■ Juneteenth Cotton Club Revue. Tribute to blues greats by Juneteenth Legacy Theatre. Black Cultural Center. 7 p.m. Fowler Hall, STEW.

### Friday, Sept. 28

■ "Hairspray." Convocations, Lively Arts. 8 p.m. Elliott Hall of Music. \$45-\$20.

### Saturday, Sept. 29

■ Game Day Concerts. Time TBA: "All-American" Marching Band's "Thrill on the Hill" at Slayter Center. Post-game: Marching Band marches from stadium to Purdue Mall for concert. Purdue Bands; 49-66785 or [kcmatter@purdue.edu](mailto:kcmatter@purdue.edu).

### Sunday, Sept. 30

■ Symphonic Band and Fall Concert Band. Purdue Bands. 2:30 p.m. Long Center, 111 N. Sixth St., Lafayette. 49-66785 or [kcmatter@purdue.edu](mailto:kcmatter@purdue.edu).

### Wednesday, Oct. 3

■ "The August Wilson Song Book." Black Cultural Center. Songs based on Wilson's 10-play cycle. 7 p.m. Fowler Hall, STEW.

### Thursday, Oct. 4

■ The Anoushka Shankar Project. Convocations, World Stage. 7:30 p.m. Loeb Playhouse, STEW. \$26-\$19.

### Saturday, Oct. 6

■ Game Day Concerts. 6 p.m.: "All-American" Marching Band's "Thrill on the Hill" at Slayter Center. 8 p.m.: Kickoff. Post-game: Marching Band marches from stadium to Purdue Mall for concert. Purdue Bands; 49-66785 or [kcmatter@purdue.edu](mailto:kcmatter@purdue.edu).

## Special Events

### Sept. 14 – Oct. 15

■ Latino Heritage Month. Theme "Igniting Our History." Latino Cultural Center. 49-42530 or [www.purdue.edu/lcc](http://www.purdue.edu/lcc). See also story, page 2.

◆ Sept. 14 (F): LHM opening ceremony. 4-6 p.m. LCC.

◆ Sept. 18 (Tu): Film "Flores de Otro Mundo/Flowers from Another World." 8 p.m. Room 2290, Beering Hall.

◆ Sept. 19 (W): Latino Scholars Forum. Academic presentations, discussion of career development. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Room 214, STEW. [knicolet@purdue.edu](mailto:knicolet@purdue.edu).

◆ Sept. 22 (Sa): Delta Phi Mu Cultural Show. 7 p.m. Room 210, Matthews Hall.

◆ Sept. 29 (Sa): Polilla Cafe. Book discussion on "Caucasia" by Danzy Senna. 10 a.m. LCC.

◆ Oct. 1: Address by John Coatsworth, School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. 7 p.m. Fowler Hall, STEW.

◆ Oct. 4 (Th): Latino Faculty and Staff Appreciation. 4-7 p.m. LCC.

◆ Oct. 13: AfriCaribe Conference in Chicago. 8 a.m.-8 p.m. To register, use contact information above.

### Saturday, Sept. 15

■ Family Day. Purdue Student Union Board and others. More at [www.union.purdue.edu/psub](http://www.union.purdue.edu/psub). See also Music & Variety.

◆ 7-9:30 a.m. Information table. PSUB. Great Hall, PMU.

◆ 8-9 a.m. Pancake Breakfast with host President France A. Córdova. PSUB. Armory. \$5; reservation required at [www.purdue.edu/eventsvp](http://www.purdue.edu/eventsvp). For questions, call (800) 213-3044.

◆ 9-11 a.m. Tours and open houses. Colleges, schools, departments, etc. More online.

◆ Football. Noon. See Athletics.

◆ BCC Friends and Family Day: "Now That's The Blues!" Music, storytelling, children's activities, Southern cuisine. After game. Black Cultural Center.

◆ Post-game Boilermaker BBQ. PSUB. Academy Park. With Keith Scott, Chicago blues musician; family activities. Salad-meat-dessert dinner: adults, \$10.99; < age 10, \$6.99. Tickets sold only at event.

◆ 4-11 p.m. Activities by other campus organizations.

◆ 6-8 p.m. Xtreme bowling and billiards at Union Rack & Roll (east end of PMU, downstairs). Special rates with Purdue ID for ID owner and guests.

## Theater & Dance

Tickets are available at campus box offices or at 49-43933 or (800) 914-SHOW [-7469]. Prices are given for single-show tickets; a box office handling fee may be added.

### Sept. 20-30

■ Purdue Theatre: "The Foreigner" by Larry Shue. 7:30 p.m. Sept. 20 (preview), 21-22, 26-28; 3 p.m. Sept. 23, 30; 2 p.m. Sept. 29. Nancy T. Hansen Theatre, Pao Hall. Tickets: public, \$7.50; students, \$6.

### Sept. 21-22

■ "Macbeth" presented by Actors from the London Stage. Convocations, World Stage. 8 p.m. Loeb. \$26-\$19. See item, page 8.

### Saturday, Sept. 22

■ Shakespeare in Academy Park. Purdue Student Union Board. Portrayals of favorite characters. 2-4 p.m. Academy Park. 49-48976 or [www.union.purdue.edu/psub](http://www.union.purdue.edu/psub).

# Sercle

Items of Special Interest to Clerical and Service Staff

## CSSAC chair: What are big issues that affect staff?

Gary Carter is pleased that he already has had two chances to meet with President France A. Córdoba.

As chair of the Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee for 2007-08, Carter is determined to help clerical and service staff have a voice at Purdue, and he has high hopes that Córdoba and the Purdue administration will be listening.

"We were among the first groups to get to meet with President Córdoba, and she seems to be very staff oriented," Carter, a shop painter in Physical Facilities, says. "We really are looking forward to working with her and others in the administration, and we certainly hope to be a part of developing a new strategic plan for Purdue."

CSSAC members met with Córdoba in May when she was introduced as Purdue's president. They joined APSAC representatives during a second meeting in mid-August.

"Last winter, we were able to offer some input during the presidential search process," Carter says. "And I'm really pleased that now we have been able to have that contact with her."

Carter says he and the CSSAC representatives are looking forward to a good and productive year.

"This committee wants to take on some serious issues and come up with a strategy for addressing those issues," he says.

Some of the key issues he has heard from clerical and service staff revolve around equity in pay and benefits, increasing work-

loads and decreasing staffing, and respect and morale issues, he says.

"I'm realistic enough to know that some issues can't be solved immediately," he says. "But I would like for us to target one issue and see if we can lay the groundwork and make some progress."

As CSSAC vice chair last year, Carter led the Bridge subcommittee, which receives and addresses concerns and questions from clerical and service staff.

"We do hear from some of our constituents," he says. "We know what many of the issues are, including leave time and parking fees. Again, it has to do with equity. Those are the things we hope to look at, the kinds of questions that come in most often."

Carter says communication is going to be key.

"We need to communicate with our constituents, but we also need for them to communicate with us," he says. "We think we know, but we want to make sure we know what the big concerns are among the staff."

Carter encourages all clerical and service staff to learn about the issues that concern them and to take note of CSSAC's activities.

CSSAC minutes and information about contacting CSSAC representatives are published on the CSSAC Web site, [www.purdue.edu/cssac](http://www.purdue.edu/cssac). In addition, news about CSSAC is printed on the SERCLE page in *Inside Purdue*.

Those who would like to contact CSSAC can use the Bridge form printed on the CSSAC Web site.



PHOTO BY MARK SIMONS

Gary Carter, CSSAC chair for 2007-08, is ready to help clerical and service staff address issues that affect them all.

## New members join CSSAC this month

Eight new members were welcomed in August at the monthly meeting of the Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee.

The new members, who will serve three-year terms on CSSAC, were chosen after applications and interviews in June. They officially take their places on the committee in September.

New members are:

■ District I: Elaine Bahler, library assistant, Purdue Libraries; Jaylene Nichols, clerk, Space

Management and Academic Scheduling.

■ District II: Amanda Schmidt, clerk, IT customer relations.

■ District III: Alan Farrester, refuse and recycling equipment operator, grounds; Matthew Marks, sign machine operator, operations and maintenance; Philip Cederquist, service worker, housing and food services (for two years as at-large member).

■ District IV: Marsha Griner,

linen room service worker, Shreve Hall; Dennis Hamilton, service maintenance worker, Purdue Village.

Members from regional campuses are: Ila Muller, secretary, education opportunities program, Purdue Calumet; Cecilia Kajer, secretary, academic business department, Purdue North Central; and Louise Misegades, secretary, consumer and family sciences, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

## CSSAC representatives serve on subcommittees, University committees

CSSAC members have been given committee assignments for the 2007-08 session.

Committees and members for CSSAC subcommittees are:

■ Membership: Gary Carter, chair; Maggie Grogan; Cynthia Dalton, Jamie Hendershot, Matt Marks, Ron Seward.

■ Communications: Ann Templeman, chair; Gary Carter, Danielle Sheese; Maggie Grogan; Jamie Hendershot; Ron Seward; Emily Branson.

■ Grants: Danielle Sheese (chair); Matt Marks; Marsha Griner; Loretta McKinniss.

■ Bridge: Maggie Grogan, chair; Alan Farrester; Philip Cederquist; Amanda Schmidt; Elaine Bahler.

■ Employee Discount: Jamie Hendershot, chair; Dennis

Hamilton; Alan Farrester; Doris Wilkinson; Brenda Gunion.

■ Purdue Employees Activity Program (PEAP): Ron Seward, co-chair; Emily Branson, co-chair; Cynthia Dalton; Randy Luff; Jaylene Nichols.

Members who are assigned to University committees are:

■ Campus Campaign Steering Committee: Cynthia Dalton.

■ University Parking and Traffic Committee: Alan Farrester, Amanda Schmidt.

■ Staff Appeals for Traffic Committee: Randy Luff, Danielle Sheese.

■ Health Plan Advisory Committee: Loretta McKinniss, Cynthia Dalton (alternate).

■ *Inside Purdue* editorial board: Maggie Grogan.

■ Recycling Committee:

Brenda Gunion.

■ Spring Fling: Marsha Griner, Emily Branson.

■ Child Care Advisory Committee: Elaine Bahler.

■ Faculty Compensation and Benefits: Gary Carter.

■ Campus Safety Task Force: Matt Marks, Jamie Hendershot.

■ Martin Award: Amanda Schmidt, Jaylene Nichols.

■ Voluntary Benefits: Philip Cederquist; Dennis Hamilton.

■ Recreational Sports Advisory Committee: Maggie Grogan.

■ OnePurdue Advisory Committees: Communications and change management: Gary Carter, Cynthia Dalton (alternate); Human Resources: Elaine Bahler, Doris Wilkinson (alternate); OPUS: Doris Wilkinson, Jaylene Nichols (alternate).

## ServiceAnniversaries



25 years (August): Samuel Sledd, service maintenance worker, intercollegiate athletics.

# Big repercussions to come with software for selecting classes

## Work group looking at course signup, advising

As preparations continue for OnePurdue's move to new student systems, the advisory committee for the enrollment and student services team has formed a work group to answer questions regarding online registration and scheduling.

Sungard Higher Education Banner is the software that will run the student-related applications when they are implemented in 2008 at West Lafayette and North Central. The software already is in use at the Calumet and Fort Wayne campuses.

"When Banner goes into production next year, the changes it will bring will be both numerous and noticeable," says Lori Shipley, the leader of OnePurdue's enroll-

ment and student affairs team, "and we need to decide how we're going to make it work for us."

One of Banner's major functions is its online registration component, says Registrar Bob Kubat. That component will allow students to register for classes themselves.

"This is a big change for Purdue," Kubat says, "and we're now faced with several registration-related questions that need to be answered — questions that the West Lafayette campus has never before had to address."

A 23-member work group of advisers, schedule deputies and representatives from each West Lafayette school and college has been formed to focus on registration and scheduling at West Lafayette.

The first and most impor-



tant items for the group, Kubat says, will be to establish registration priorities and define how OnePurdue changes will affect the advising process.

"OnePurdue will bring significant benefits for the hundreds of academic advisers at West Lafayette. Because students will be registering for their classes online — something that advisers have historically done for them — advisers will then have more time to counsel students not only about course selections, but career issues as well."

Sue Aufderheide, director of the undergraduate studies program and a member of the work group, agrees.

"The advising process under Banner will be better because advisers will have more time to talk with students about their academic and career goals, as opposed to having to deal with the nuts and bolts of registration," she says.

Once Banner has been fully implemented, students will not only be able to register online, but also do so at the section level.

"Again, this will be something completely new for Purdue," Kubat says, "and it raises a number of other questions we need to consider."

How the new online registration will affect the advising process will also change how the University conducts Day on Campus, when incoming freshmen meet their advisers and register for fall classes.

"Obviously advising is a major part of this event, so it will be affected, but we need to determine exactly how," Kubat says.

"That's why the academic community is so well represented in this work group, and why every school and college was invited to participate."

The work group has been meeting regularly since July 9. It plans to complete its work sometime this fall.

"This work group," Aufderheide says, "is helping to set the course for how the whole transition to Banner will take place and what the new processes will be like once they are in place."

More information, including frequently asked questions about enrollment and student services, is at [www.purdue.edu/onepurdue](http://www.purdue.edu/onepurdue).

## ESS – Fact check needed now

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make an emergency contact on your behalf.

To check and update information, go to OnePurdue online at [www.purdue.edu/onepurdue](http://www.purdue.edu/onepurdue), click on the "Portal Login" button on the left side, log in to OnePurdue and click on the "Employee Self-Service" tab at the top.

Three very important things need to be confirmed — or, if necessary, corrected — now:

■ **Area code:** Since area codes were not in the old database, that field in OnePurdue was filled based on where you work. For example, if you work at the West Lafayette campus, OnePurdue automatically listed your area code as 765. If that is not your area code, it needs to be corrected by Aug. 31.

■ **Education information:** There are new options for this in the OnePurdue database. For example, the new system recognizes two curriculum categories, such as a double major or major/minor. Other education data also may have converted differently, or possibly not at all. Make sure the information there for you is correct and complete or it could be listed in the directory or roster inaccurately.

■ **Self-identification Information:** There are now options to select multiple races — and in any combination that applies to you. In addition, there is a new category called "Military Status" (along with veteran and disability status). This data is important to Purdue's Affirmative Action Office for its mandated reports to federal agencies.

## Salary statement streamlined

Monthly pay information on Employee Self-Service (ESS) now appears and prints on one page for most employees, not three, says Andy Waters, OnePurdue senior director of ERP implementation.

"The statements might be two pages for some faculty and staff members if they have extra deductions or bank accounts to list," Waters says.

To view salary statements in ESS, go to [www.purdue.edu/onepurdue](http://www.purdue.edu/onepurdue), click the "Portal Login" button in the left column, log in with your career account ID and password, and click on the "Employee Self-Service" tab near the top of the window.

## Campus fire chief appointed

Kevin Ply, an 18-year veteran of the Purdue University Fire Department, is now its chief.

"Kevin understands the need for training and collaboration with career and volunteer fire departments in and around the Purdue community," says Carol Shelby, senior director of environmental health and public safety. "His positive attitude and leadership skills made him stand out from other candidates."

Ply, who had been interim chief since March, says he is happy with the department's ability to respond to emergencies but hopes to continue its growth in other ways.

"The Purdue Fire Department is dedicated to serving the Purdue community for fire response, medical response and transport,"

he says. "In the future, I'd like to expand our public education programs, especially about fire prevention on campus and in off-campus housing, such as in cooperative houses, fraternities and sororities."



Ply

Ply says he will continue to encourage relationships with other emergency units in the area to heighten emergency preparedness in Indiana Department of Homeland Security District 4.

Ply has more than 23 years as an emergency medical technician.

He succeeds Ken Alling, who had been fire chief since 2000.

## Purdue Theatre to present stirring season

The familiar expression "from the sublime to the ridiculous" can give a sense for the range in the 2007-08 Purdue Theatre season.

Among the six productions of major works, next spring's modern classic "Marat/Sade" will mark the Purdue debut of director Gordon McCall, who has joined the faculty with nearly three decades in an esteemed international career as actor, director and artistic director.

The season opens Sept. 20. Here is a play-by-play look from Joel Ebarb, interim chair of the Division of Theatre in the Patti and Rusty Rueff Department of Visual and Performing Arts:

"We begin with 'The For-eigner' by Larry Shue, a charming melodramatic comedy filled with sharp verbal humor and plenty of physical comedy. That is followed by John Guare's cyclonic drama 'Six Degrees of Separation.' The

fall semester ends with a modern retelling of Euripides' 'The Women of Troy,' a timely examination of the aftershocks of war.

"The spring semester opens with 'The Underpants,' Steve Martin's modern translation of Carl Sternheim's 1910 farce about what happens when you literally and figuratively get your knickers in a twist. We shift gears with our fifth offering of the year by presenting Peter Weiss' edgy and exciting modern classic 'Marat/Sade.' We wrap things up with the always engaging and energetic musical 'Hair,' the affirmation of youthful idealism first presented in 1967."

The entire title of "Marat/Sade" is "The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade."

Due to the mature content of its productions and as a courtesy to other patrons, Purdue Theatre discourages attendance by children under age 10. For questions about the policy or a particular production, call 49-43084.

The lineup is divided into the Marquee Series in the Nancy T. Hansen Theatre and the Horizon Series in the Carole and Gordon Mallett Theatre, both in Pao Hall. Single-performance ticket prices vary from \$18 to \$6.50.

Season tickets are available in discounted packages. Tickets are on sale, and season brochures are available free, at the campus box offices in Pao Hall and Stewart Center. Ticket sales are offered as well at 49-43933 or (800) 914-SHOW.

"We hope that the season not only entertains but enlightens our local and university audience," Ebarb says.

## Fall golf event to preview NCAA championship at Purdue

A weekend of top-level collegiate men's golf will provide a treat for fans and a step for Purdue toward hosting the national championship in the spring.

The 2007 PING/Golfweek Preview on Sept. 22-23 at Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex will feature golfers from 15 universities.

The 54-hole event, which is free and open to the public, is a preview of potential participants in the 2008 NCAA Men's Golf Championships.

Devon Brouse, golf head coach and director of golf operations, and Purdue will host the championships May 28-31 on the Kampen Course. The par 72 course is 7,467 yards.

The Sept. 22-23 format:

■ Saturday: 36 holes; 9 a.m. shotgun start.

■ Sunday: 18 holes; 8:30 a.m. start on No. 1 and No. 10.

The scheduled teams are Alabama, Arizona State, Charlotte, Coastal Carolina, Florida, Florida State, Georgia State, Lamar, Louisville, Minnesota, Oklahoma State, Purdue, Southern California, Texas A&M and UNLV.

Live scoring by Golfstat will be at [www.golfstatresults.com](http://www.golfstatresults.com). After each round, results will be at [www.purduesports.com](http://www.purduesports.com).



Brouse

# New history banners, video board to add to game day experience

A new video board and banners inside the stadium, and additional pre-game pageantry outside, will await football fans this Saturday when Purdue plays Eastern Illinois in Ross-Ade Stadium.

Kickoff is at 1 p.m., and police say leaving home early and heeding posted signs and officers' directions will help make for smooth travels on game day. Updated parking information is available online at [www.purduesports.com](http://www.purduesports.com).

Pre-game festivities this year include Boilermaker Streetfest, which begins three hours before kickoff along the west side of Mackey Arena. Streetfest features inflatable and interactive games, autograph sessions with Purdue athletics teams, and appearances by the cheerleaders and Purdue Pete.

Two hours before kickoff, the "All-American" Marching Band will present the "Thrill on the Hill" pep session at Slayter Center. After



IMAGE PROVIDED BY INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

A new series of banners will feature highlights of Purdue football history, including consensus All-America selections, Purdue's Big Ten championship teams and rivalry trophies. The 58 banners will hang from the rafters in the concourses.

the pep session, the band take a new route to the stadium and will march up Beering Drive and perform outside the north end of the Ross-Ade before marching down North University Drive and into the field from the south end.

New this year, the football team will walk from the Union Club Hotel through campus to its locker room, giving fans a chance cheer on the Boilermakers along the route. Departure time from PMU will vary, but it generally

will be two hours before kickoff.

Inside the stadium, a new \$1.7 million video board behind the south end zone will enhance replay with clearer and crisper picture quality. And in the concourses, fans will see a series of

football banners hanging from the rafters. The 58 banners feature Purdue's Big Ten championship teams, consensus All-America selections, rivalry trophies, Purdue traditions, the "All-American" Marching Band, and fan montages from throughout Purdue football history.

## Football game day facts

■ The Athletic Ticket Office opens four hours before kickoff in the Intercollegiate Athletic Facility.

■ Tickets for Saturday's game (Sept. 8) against Eastern Illinois are \$20 for the South End Zone and \$39 for the main stadium.

■ Concession stands outside the stadium open three hours before kickoff.

■ Gates to Ross-Ade Stadium open 90 minutes before kickoff.

■ Radio pregame tailgate show begins three hours before kickoff on WAZY (96.5 FM).

## TLT upgrades labs for fall

Throughout the summer, ITaP's teaching and learning technologies (TLT) staff members installed more than 25 software upgrades on campus lab PCs and Macintosh computers.

Staff also replaced many desktop computers in the instructional labs and increased the digital equipment and collaboration spaces in

the Digital Learning Collaboratory in Hicks Undergraduate Library.

TLT reports such changes on an update located on the ITaP Web site.

The update also addresses ongoing issues of concern to instructors.

Most recently, TLT listed compatibility issues concerning Microsoft Vista and Office 2007, as well as Excel's faulty regression tool and Microsoft's discontinuation of FrontPage.

Although Office 2007 is now installed in the instructional labs, both Excel and FrontPage 2003 also are available. For users who need to use MS Office 2003 products, the complete Office 2003 suite is available on Software Remote at <https://goremote.ics.purdue.edu/>.

TLT staff advise instructors to bookmark the site and check the changes update periodically during the year because they post changes and problems as they learn about them.

The changes update is at [www.itap.purdue.edu/tlt/announcements/Fall2007.cfm](http://www.itap.purdue.edu/tlt/announcements/Fall2007.cfm).

## Apples – Wellness is goal

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complimentary book, "Healthier at Home."

A complete list of offerings available from your campus wellness program can be found at [www.purdue.edu/healthypurdue](http://www.purdue.edu/healthypurdue).

The status of completed apples can be checked at [www.purdue.edu/healthypurdue](http://www.purdue.edu/healthypurdue) (click on "Wellness Criteria"). Participants use their career account and password to log in, and then select "Wellness Criteria Tracking" from the left navigation bar.

It takes six to eight weeks for a completed workshop or program to show up on the wellness criteria tracking.

WorkLife Programs continues

to address the technical challenges users have experienced with logging into the registration system and viewing their apples.

"We're working on the issues," says Julie Huetteman, program manager for health and wellness. "We're available to help if participants are experiencing difficulty with the system."

Anyone with questions about the apples they have completed or about the Wellness Achievement Incentive can contact their campus wellness program:

■ West Lafayette: 49-45461, [worklife@purdue.edu](mailto:worklife@purdue.edu)

■ Calumet: (219) 989-2709, [lowry@calumet.purdue.edu](mailto:lowry@calumet.purdue.edu)

■ Fort Wayne: (260) 481-5748, [tillapau@ipfw.edu](mailto:tillapau@ipfw.edu)

■ North Central: (219) 785-5519, [tlaux@pnc.edu](mailto:tlaux@pnc.edu)

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### Grad school expo to draw Big Ten and more

More than 40 institutions of higher education will converge Sept. 24 on the West Lafayette campus for the Big 10+ Graduate School Exposition.

Students interested in pursuing graduate study in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, agriculture, pharmacy, veterinary medicine and related disciplines can network and go to workshops on funding graduate study, applying to graduate school and choosing a graduate program.

The National Science Foundation and a panel of industry representatives, professors and current graduate students will make presentations.

Student registration is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door, and travel scholarships are available. Advance registration and more on the event are at [www.gradschool.purdue.edu/gradexpo](http://www.gradschool.purdue.edu/gradexpo).

### Purdue Women's Club offering fall activities

The Purdue Women's Club has several events soon:

■ Sept. 6: Lecture Series. 6:30 p.m. Sharon Versyp and members of the women's basketball team will speak. Join us for a light diner at Jane's Deli. Contact Karen Michler, 743-7052.

■ Sept. 13: Newcomers Coffee. 7-9 p.m. Information and refreshments. Contact Marge Skeel, 586-6437.

■ Oct. 4: Fall Luncheon and Interest Group Fair. Ballrooms, PMU. The fair begins at 11:15 a.m.; lunch is at noon with guest speaker President France A. Cordova. Contact Patty Coolbaugh, 463-3394.

### 'Macbeth' troupe offering class visits, ticket deals

Through today, faculty members and graduate instructors have two ways to make educational use of the Sept. 18-22 visit by the actors ensemble that will perform "Macbeth."

Presented by Purdue Conventions, the renowned Actors from the London Stage can speak to classes not only on Shakespeare, theater and literature, but also communication and business.

To schedule an AFTLS actor for a class Sept. 18-21, contact Stacey Mickelbart at 49-49071. The deadline is today. More details are at [www.purdue.edu/convos/pdf/AFTLS.pdf](http://www.purdue.edu/convos/pdf/AFTLS.pdf).

Also, with or without a classroom residency, faculty and graduate instructors who incorporate "Macbeth" into a course's curriculum in some way may request vouchers for their students to receive \$10 tickets to "Macbeth" on Sept. 21 and 22.

To request vouchers, call 49-49071 or download the form at [www.purdue.edu/convos/Subsidized\\_ticket.doc](http://www.purdue.edu/convos/Subsidized_ticket.doc).

### TAP office established in Columbus

The Technical Assistance Program, which connects Indiana businesses with Purdue resources, opened its seventh office Aug. 21 in Columbus.

Denise Kneeven, a continuous improvement and quality engineer for the Batesville Casket Co., is director of the office, which is at the Columbus Learning Center.

TAP also has offices in Indianapolis, Kokomo, Merrillville, Anderson, Fort Wayne and Rising

Sun. An office in Jasper is to open this fall. TAP served 413 employers in 69 counties in 2006-07.

### eStadium technology goes to high school at Jeff

Purdue's interdisciplinary Center for Wireless Systems and Applications and the Office of Information Technology at Purdue are guiding students at Lafayette Jefferson High School on their own version of Purdue's eStadium, called eStadium@Jeff.

The project, just introduced at home football games, may be the first such project at a high school.

Using eStadium, fans can view replays, up-to-the-minute statistics and more on cell phones, wi-fi devices and the Internet.

### Roads and parking

The Armory parking lot will close for events Sept. 10-12 and Sept. 19. In each case, reserved spaces will remain available.

## Deaths

**Thomas L. Everett**, 65, died Aug. 14 in Delphi. He was a carpenter at Purdue for more than 30 years, retiring in 2001-02. Memorials: American Heart Association.

**Mary E. Fuqua** died Aug. 22 in West Lafayette. She was professor emerita of foods and nutrition and associate dean emerita of the College of Consumer and Family Sciences, serving on the faculty from 1963 to her retirement in December 1987. She was very active in University, professional and community organizations. Memorials: Mary E. Fuqua Graduate Scholarship Fund in Foods and Nutrition.



## Welcome to new faculty at West Lafayette

### About this section

In 2006-07, 120 people joined the faculty at West Lafayette in tenure-track positions, 47 of them under the Strategic Plan.

To help introduce new faculty to the Purdue community, the Office of the Provost invited them to provide mini-profiles for Inside Purdue.

Responses are arranged by school.

### LIBRARIES

#### Mary E. (Beth) McNeil

Associate dean / professor  
Information Resources and Scholarly Communication  
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**Degree:** 1989, Univ. of Illinois

**Previously at:** Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln

**Teaching interests:** Library management, scholarly communication

**Research interests:** scholarly communication issues, organization of information, access to information and resources, library administration and management

**Why Purdue?** Purdue Libraries' excellent reputation and the opportunity to work with Libraries faculty and staff on the important and timely issues related to information resources and scholarly communication

#### Suzanne M. Ward

Head / professor  
Resource Sharing  
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**Degree:** A.M.L.S., Univ. of Michigan

**Previously at:**

**Teaching interests:**

**Research interests:** Resource sharing, collection development, managing low-use materials

**Why Purdue?** I have been at Purdue for 20 years but was promoted to the faculty this spring.

#### Michael C. Witt

Interdisciplinary research librarian / assistant professor of library science

Libraries  
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**Degree:** M.L.S., 2006, Indiana Univ.-Indianapolis

**Previously at:** Came from industry  
**Teaching interests:** Discovery learning and the effective location and use of new forms and formats of information

**Research interests:** The development and application of new technologies to preserve and

improve access to information including digital libraries, institutional data repositories, and library and information systems interoperability

**Why Purdue?** I chose Purdue for its collaborative interdisciplinary research environment involving many of the best people in their respective fields and tremendous opportunities to do interesting and meaningful work.

### AGRICULTURE

#### Grzegorz A. Buczkowski

Research assistant professor and director, Industrial Affiliates Program

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**Degree:** Ph.D., 2003, North Carolina State Univ.

**Previously at:** Ohio State Univ.

**Teaching interests:** As a research faculty member, I do not have any formal teaching duties, but I do enjoy educating the public about insects.

**Research interests:** My research program addresses pest problems associated with the structural aspect of the urban environment and focuses on the basic biology, behavior, and ecology of two of the most economically-important groups of structural pests, ants and termites.

**Why Purdue?** Initially, that's where the job was and I knew Purdue was a top-ranking institution. It's been a great decision, and I would definitely choose Purdue again.

#### Indrajeet Chaubey

Associate professor  
Agricultural and Biological Engineering, and Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

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**Degree:** Ph.D., Oklahoma State Univ.

**Previously at:** Univ. of Arkansas

**Teaching interests:** Ecohydrology, nonpoint source pollution, watershed modeling

**Research interests:** Solute and sediment transport at various spatial/temporal scales, development and assessment of best management practices to minimize nonpoint source pollution, spatial variability of natural processes on hydrology/water quality

**Why Purdue?** Excellent reputation for quality teaching and research programs

#### W. Scott Downey

Assistant professor  
Ag Economics and Consumer Sciences and Retailing  
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**Degree:** 2007, Purdue Univ.

**Previously at:** Cal Poly, Purdue

**Teaching interests:** Selling and sales management, marketing

**Research interests:** Psychological constructs in interactions between buyers and sellers at all levels; specific focus on agribusiness interactions between capital, input, and service companies and their small and large farm customers

**Why Purdue?** Agribusiness reputation, great community, flexibility to pursue teaching/research strengths, support for engagement

#### Kee-Hong Kim

Assistant professor  
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**Degree:** Ph.D., 1999, Rutgers Univ.

**Previously at:** Medical College of Wisconsin

**Teaching interests:** Functional food and health, nutrigenomics, molecular biology of obesity, diabetes mellitus and metabolic syndrome

**Research interests:** Bioactive food components and obesity biology; transcriptional and signaling regulation of differentiation program and inflammatory response of adipocytes

**Why Purdue?** Best to study the health effect of food components

#### Neil A. Knobloch

Assistant professor  
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**Degree:** Ph.D., 2002, Ohio State Univ.

**Previously at:** Univ. of Illinois

**Teaching interests:** Human capital development, research methods and learner-centered teaching strategies in outreach education

**Research interests:** Understanding how experiential learning develops human capital through outreach and informal education; specifically, how inquiry and context develops science literacy in Indiana youth and motivates them to pursue careers in the life sciences

**Why Purdue?** I chose Purdue for three reasons: (a) a respected university that believes in the land-grant mission; (b) YDAE is strategically positioned to focus on relevant 21st century issues; and (c) a supportive environment for interdisciplinary collaboration.

#### Roberto G. Lopez

Assistant professor  
Horticulture and Landscape Architecture  
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**Degree:** 2007, Michigan State Univ.

**Teaching interests:** Floriculture production, plant propagation, international horticulture, and horticulture study abroad programs

**Research interests:** Understanding how environmental stresses affect plant growth, development, quality and subsequent performance, and 2) quantifying physiological responses of ornamental plants to controlled environment manipulation and production

**Why Purdue?** Purdue has a strong commitment of providing excellent educational and outreach programs in the plant sciences and research-based information in the local, national, and international arenas.

#### Michael R. Saunders

Assistant professor  
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**Degree:** 2006, Univ. of Maine

**Previously at:** Univ. of Maine

**Teaching interests:** Silviculture, stand dynamics, growth and yield modeling, spatial statistics

**Research interests:** Increasing variability in silvicultural treatments; influence of silviculture on wildlife habitat and diversity; landscape approaches to balancing forest conservation and timber production; spatiotemporal patterns in forest structure

**Why Purdue?** I was very impressed by the department and the university, in general. There appears to be a great deal of financial and in-kind support for forestry both within the university and at the state level.

#### Miroslav Sedlak

Research assistant professor  
Agricultural and Biological Engineering / Laboratory of Renewable Resources Engineering  
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**Degree:** Ph.D., 1993, Academy of Science, Czech Republic

**Research interests:** My research interest is in improving the ability of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* to efficiently and economically produce bio-fuels and chemicals from renewable resources. I use systems biology and metabolic engineering approaches to achieve this goal.

**Why Purdue?** I have chosen Purdue University because it is the world leader in the research and development of technology for production of bio-fuel from renewable materials.

#### Luc Valentin

Associate professor  
Agricultural Economics  
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**Degree:** Ph.D. in economics, 2007, Kansas State Univ.

**Previously at:** Ecole Supérieure d'Agriculture de Purpan

**Teaching interests:** Help students become tomorrow's agriculture leaders by providing them with the farm management tools they need

**Research interests:** To provide valuable information to help agriculture make the transition toward the new era created by precision agriculture

**Why Purdue?** One of the best universities in the world that provides a very collegiate atmosphere to contribute to make the world a better place

#### Changlu Wang

Research assistant professor  
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**Degree:** 1998, West Virginia U.

**Previously at:** Chinese Academy of Forestry

**Research interests:** Urban pest management with a focus on cockroaches, ants and bedbugs

**Why Purdue?** Excellent research facilities and stimulating environment

#### Hao Zhang

Forestry and Natural Resources  
See listing under Science

### CONSUMER AND FAMILY SCIENCES

#### W. Scott Downey

Consumer Sciences and Retailing  
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#### Melissa M. Franks

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**Degree:** 1993, Kent State Univ.

**Previously at:** Univ. of Michigan

**Teaching interests:** Theoretical and methodological foundations and advances in marriage and family science

**Research interests:** Dyadic processes in the management of chronic illness, particularly the influence of spouses' involvement in the daily management of their partner's illness on the health and well-being of both partners

**Why Purdue?** The high quality of scholarship of CDFS faculty together with the student training and research opportunities offered by the Center for Aging and the Life Course

**Sejin Ha**

Assistant professor  
Consumer Sciences and Retailing  
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Degree: Ph.D. in 2007

**Teaching interests:** My teaching interests include retailing, merchandising, consumer behavior and customer relationship marketing

**Research interests:** My research interests focus on understanding how retail marketing affects consumer behavior within a variety of product and/or service environments.

**Why Purdue?** I liked the people I met during my interview. I also thought Purdue's commitment to excellence in research and teaching fits with where I would like to work.

**Megan A. McCrorry**

Assistant professor  
Foods and Nutrition (75%);  
Psychological Sciences (25%)  
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Degree: Ph.D.

**Previously at:** Bastyr Univ.; Tufts Univ.

**Teaching interests:** Psychology of eating, general nutrition, community nutrition, nutrition assessment

**Research interests:** Eating patterns such as snacking, meal skipping, dietary variety and obesity — how they affect weight control; underlying psychological and social reasons that certain eating patterns develop, and how to improve them

**Why Purdue?** Primarily: opportunity to collaborate with excellent colleagues; the variety of resources available; my desire to live in a university town and be at a well-known and highly respected institution

**EDUCATION****Johannes M.J. Strobel**

Curriculum and Instruction  
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**William R. Watson**

Assistant professor  
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Degree: Ph.D., 2007, Indiana Univ.

**Previously at:** Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis  
**Teaching interests:** The use of technology for maximizing educational effectiveness, learner engagement, and support of customized and learner-centered instruction

**Research interests:** Advanced technology applications for meeting the needs of today's learners with a focus on the design and application of video games for education

**Why Purdue?** Unique opportunities for collaboration across the university and students who can provide the technological skills to maximize my research

**ENGINEERING****Jean P. Allain**

Assistant professor  
Nuclear Engineering  
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Degree: Ph.D., 2001, Univ. of Illinois

**Previously at:** California State Polytechnic Univ.

**Teaching interests:** Materials science in nuclear engineering and radiation interaction with matter, plasma-surface interactions, surface physics

**Research interests:** Surface and interface science, in-situ surface characterization techniques, synergistic radiation interactions with soft matter, magnetic nuclear fusion, and inorganic surface-biomaterial interface response to radiation

**Why Purdue?** Purdue has world-class resources and facilities in the areas of nanotechnology and biomaterials engineering. Purdue was the right place to pursue my interests in radiation interactions with soft matter and nanotechnology in nuclear engineering.

**Joerg Appenzeller**

Professor  
Electrical and Computer Engineering  
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Degree: Ph.D., 1995, RWTH Aachen Univ. (Germany)

**Teaching interests:** Expose students to state-of-the-art technology at an early stage

**Research interests:** Use nano-materials such as carbon nanotubes, nanowires, etc., to create electrical devices with unique function

**Why Purdue?** Purdue is the place where theory and experiment join.

**Monica E. Cardella**

Assistant professor  
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Degree: Ph.D. (industrial engineering), 2006, Univ. of Washington

**Previously at:** Stanford Univ.

**Teaching interests:** Engineering design, user-centered design, introduction to engineering, research methods for engineering education

**Research interests:** Engineering education, K-12 engineering education, engineering design, mathematical thinking, visual thinking, cognitive engineering, user-centered design

**Why Purdue?** Opportunity to work on an exciting new P-12 STEM Education Initiative; opportunity to work with a great community within the Engineering Education department

**Gary J. Cheng**

Assistant professor  
Industrial Engineering  
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Degree: 2002, Columbia Univ.

**Teaching interests:** Manufacturing process, material processing, computer and manufacturing, nontraditional manufacturing, micro/nano manufacturing



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Mary Johnson, associate professor of aviation technology and industrial technology, listens to a presentation at New Faculty Orientation on Aug. 16 in the West Faculty Lounge at Purdue Memorial Union.

**Research interests:** Advanced material processing, micro/nano manufacturing, laser material processing, 3-D bulk structural nanomaterials, synthesis and processing of biomaterials, multilayer functional coating, mechanical/physical property enhancement of materials

**Why Purdue?** Purdue is the best place to conduct manufacturing research and teaching. I see a much broader interest in my research than at any other place.

**Ahmed Hassanein**

Professor  
Nuclear Engineering  
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Degree: Ph.D., 1982, Univ. of Wisconsin

**Teaching interests:** Would like to teach nuclear engineering, physics, and material courses both for graduate and undergraduate students.

**Research interests:** Conduct magnetic and inertial fusion research, nuclear and high-energy physics, extreme ultra-violet lithography, laser and discharge plasma physics.

**Why Purdue?** Engineering school at Purdue is among the top U.S. engineering colleges.

**Igor Jovanovic**

Assistant professor  
Nuclear Engineering  
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Degree: Ph.D., 2001, Univ. of California, Berkeley

**Previously at:** Univ. of California, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

**Teaching interests:** Ultrafast and high-power lasers in nuclear engineering, nuclear fusion, radiation detection

**Research interests:** Radiation detection, ultrafast optics, nonlinear optics, high-power lasers and advanced photon sources, nuclear fusion

**Why Purdue?** To work with some of the world's best bringing the benefits and joy of science and engineering to the next generation

**Nicole L. Key**

Assistant professor  
Mechanical Engineering  
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Degree: 2007, Purdue Univ.

**Teaching interests:** I will be teaching courses in fluid mechanics, propulsion, and turbomachinery.

**Research interests:** My research interests include aerothermal aspects of turbomachinery, axial and radial compressor performance, and experimental methods in fluid mechanics.

**Why Purdue?** The RAMP laboratories consist of world-class high-speed experimental compressor research facilities and instrumentation. This provides the unique opportunity to work with excellent facilities, students and faculty.

**Young L. Kim**

Assistant professor  
Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering  
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Degree: Ph.D., 2005, Northwestern Univ.

**Previously at:** Postdoctoral fellow, Northwestern Univ., Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago

**Teaching interests:** Biophotonics/biomedical optics and epidemiology for bioengineers

**Research interests:** Understanding light propagation in biological tissue, developing advanced biophotonics techniques for the quantification of physiological conditions and diseases such as cancer, and further translating these techniques to clinical settings

**Why Purdue?** Purdue has been a true leader in biomedical research and technology advances, and the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering will provide more opportunities to revolutionize biomedical engineering education and research.

**Nan Kong**

Assistant professor  
Biomedical Engineering  
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Degree: Ph.D., 2006, Univ. of Pittsburgh

**Previously at:** Univ. of South Florida

**Teaching interests:** Health systems engineering, operations research, stochastic/discrete/network optimization, logistics

**Research interests:** Health care engineering, health applications, medical decision making, organ transplantation and allocation policy improvement, rural area medicine, telemedicine, stochastic integer programming, stochastic dynamic programming, robust optimization/control

**Why Purdue?** Being a researcher and educator in a well-respected, first-class university has always been my dream. Purdue biomedical engineering and the Regenstrief Center provide a unique interdisciplinary research environment.

**Seokcheon Lee**

Assistant professor  
Industrial Engineering  
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Degree: 2005, Pennsylvania State Univ.

**Previously at:** Purdue

**Teaching interests:** Distributed control, supply chain management, design of experiments, quality control, engineering economy

**Research interests:** Distributed control methodologies based on the principles from economics, swarm intelligence, machine learning, and complex network theory

**Why Purdue?** IE department is ranked high and has many known people. Engineering is great overall. The city is safe and the schools for children are good. I love this place.

**Jim D. Litster**

Professor  
Chemical Engineering (75%); Industrial and Physical Pharmacy (25%)

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Degree: Ph.D., 1985, Univ. of Queensland (Australia)

**Previously at:** Univ. of Queensland; head of School of Engineering

**Teaching interests:** Particle technology and particle design, project-centered curriculum in chemical engineering

**Research interests:** Particle design and formulation engineering, i.e., the production of novel particles with specific attributes controlled by particle size, morphology and surface properties. Particular interest in granulation and agglomeration, and crystallization of bioactives. Application areas include pharmaceuticals, consumer goods, food, ceramics and high-value materials.

**Why Purdue?** I was recruited specifically to the new Engineering Research Centre in Pharmaceutical Engineering; its interdisciplinary opportunities are exciting. One of the world's best colleges of engineering; its reputation in innovative engineering education.

**Ashlie Martini**

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Mechanical Engineering  
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**Degree:** 2007, Northwestern Univ.

**Research interests:** Tribology and interface engineering, molecular modeling of nanoscale interfaces, simulation-based interface design, hydraulic drive system tribology

**Venkatesh M. Merwade**

Assistant professor  
Civil engineering  
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**Degree:** Ph.D., 2004, Univ. of Texas at Austin

**Previously at:** Univ. of Texas at Austin

**Teaching interests:** Hydrology, hydraulics, GIS applications in water resources

**Research interests:** Application of GIS in water resources, hydraulic and hydrologic modeling, hydrologic information systems, cyberinfrastructure for hydrology and environmental systems

**Why Purdue?** Purdue has a great engineering school consistently ranked among the top 10 in the nation. It provides great opportunities for interdisciplinary work and collaborative activities through several Discovery Park research centers.

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**Why Purdue?** Strength in analytical chemistry instrumentation and engineering

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**Research interests:** Integrating gender theory, educational theory, sociology and engineering studies to understand academic engineering epistemology and practice through qualitative methodologies

**Why Purdue?** Purdue is at the forefront of the developing field of engineering education, and my new department seems not only supportive but excited about my research.

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**Research interests:** Multidisciplinary research integrating engineering and the social science perspectives into engineering design and design management, sustainable systems, engineering education and professional development and knowledge management.

**Why Purdue?** Opportunity to be part of the new Department of Engineering Education

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**Why Purdue?** Interdisciplinary research opportunities, world-class research facilities, faculty excellence

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**Why Purdue?** Purdue is generally recognized as a leader in the engineering community and is known for placing equal, or near-equal, emphasis on research and teaching ventures.

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**Why Purdue?** High-quality engineering program. Especially the heat transfer is very active in ME.

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APSAC also sponsors forums and other events, as well as a grant program.

The capsules on this page show name, end of term, department, contact information, area represented, and APSAC subcommittee seats.



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Four subcommittees form the core of APSAC. Fuller descriptions and member lists are at [www.purdue.edu/apsac](http://www.purdue.edu/apsac).

■ **Communications:** Composed of liaison members from the three other subcommittees. Publicity, the Web site and communication to a/p staff.

■ **Compensation & Benefits:** Current salary structures, health benefits, leave policies, retirement issues, and other related concerns of a/p staff.

■ **Membership & Staff Relations:** Membership recruitment, election of officers, member unity and relations with a/p staff.

■ **Professional Development:** Career-related issues including orientation and training. Forums and guest speakers, including Richard Hadley Professional Development events. APSAC professional development grants to a/p staff.

The Executive Committee is made up of the APSAC chair, the vice chair, the chair

of each of the four subcommittees, and resource staff members.

## Other University committees

APSAC is represented on a number of University-wide committees. Descriptions and member assignments are online.

- Campus Safety Task Force.
- Faculty Compensation & Benefits.
- Health Plan Advisory Committee.
- Inside Purdue Editorial Board.
- Martin Award.
- OnePurdue Change Management & Communications Advisory Committee.
- OnePurdue Human Resources Advisory Committee.
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- Parking and Traffic.
- Recycling.
- Spring Fling.
- Staff Appeal Board for Traffic Regulations.
- Voluntary Benefits Task Force.

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complex domains. Designing open-ended learning environments. Social computing applications in education. History of technology/engineering

**Research interests:** Problem solving in ill-structured and complex domains. Design identities. Virtual worlds and social computing. Engineering in K-12. Historical reasoning in engineering. Design/development of open-ended learning environments

**Why Purdue?** Excellent reputation. New initiatives (P-12 STEM initiative; Department of Engineering Education). Collaborative colleagues

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**Why Purdue?** I chose Purdue because of the unique combination of world-class research and a family-friendly environment. I am originally from the area, and the opportunity to return and be at a great university is a truly great opportunity.

#### Fu Zhao

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**Why Purdue?** 1) signature areas and interdisciplinary research; 2) reputation, especially in engineering; 3) competitive startup package

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**Why Purdue?** I choose to come to Purdue due to its reputation and research orientation as well as the exciting opportunity to help establish the Arabic studies program with friendly and supportive colleagues.

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**Why Purdue?** The chance to be at a world-class research university in the family-friendly and inexpensive location of the Midwest was too much to turn down.

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**Why Purdue?** I chose Purdue in order to be part of a growing and dynamic anthropology department with strong colleagues in all of the subdisciplines and a university environment that is supportive of research and education.

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**Research interests:** Industrial design with a focus on materials and processes

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**Research interests:** Uganda; Africa; Idi Amin; militarism and gender; post-colonial politics (Africa)

**Why Purdue?** The opportunity to teach and conduct research on the topics that interest me the most. The potential for research and teaching support is fabulous and everyone is very friendly. I am honored to be here.

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**Research interests:** The efficacy of using mass communication to change health attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors, especially those related to the prevention and detection of cancer. The utility of specific communication strategies (e.g., gain-frames) and communication channels (e.g., newspapers) to improve public health

**Why choose Purdue?** Great faculty, wonderful reputation, and exciting opportunities to engage in international research

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**Research interests:** I study historical and contemporary discourse about health using rhetorical criticism, interviewing and other qualitative methods. I explore health disparities that fall along the lines of gender, race and class.

**Why Purdue?** Purdue has wonderful research facilities and resources, excellent opportunities for collaboration with other faculty members, and outstanding undergraduate and graduate students.

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**Why Purdue?** Great school, great department, close to family; I like Boilermakers

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**Why Purdue?** Purdue has a growing anthropology program, and a strong reputation in advanced technological analysis promising excellent collaborative potential for archaeology and the hard sciences.

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**Research interests:** The relationship between literature, the environment, the history of colonial and postcolonial cultures, subjectivity, and land relations; the enclosure movement; and alternative modes of national and social formations in the 21st century

**Why Purdue?** Its outstanding English department, and the chance to work as associate editor for one of the leading international journals in my field: Modern Fiction Studies.



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Yaman Kaakeh (left) and Jasmine Gonzalvo, both incoming professors in the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, get to know one another during a break at New Faculty Orientation on Aug. 16 in Purdue Memorial Union.

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**Research interests:** Directing professional theatre productions nationally and internationally, writing research books and articles focused on directing and life in professional theatre. I've been a professional director, actor and artistic director in Canada, the U.S., Ireland and Australia for 27 years.

**Why Purdue?** I'm inspired by the values and education given to generations of students by 100 years of Purdue theatre, by Purdue's outstanding international reputation, and by its philosophy of always reaching for the top.

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**Teaching interests:** The practice of professional theatrical lighting design and its relationship to other design disciplines

**Research interests:** Creative activity in stage lighting design including my continued work in major opera venues both nationally and internationally

**Why Purdue?** I chose Purdue for a variety of reasons including a combination of a beautiful new facility, an energetic faculty and strong school reputation. It's also closer to Wrigley Field!

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**Research interests:** Broadly, my substantive research interests are in the area of child mental health and social disadvantage; my methodological research interests involve longitudinal modeling.

**Why Purdue?** Purdue is a great fit for my interests and career goals. The opportunity to expand my quantitative research program as well as to teach a diverse student body is welcome and exciting.

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**Research interests:** My research interests include legal history, inheritance law, the legal history of sanity, and the history of property and family.

**Why Purdue?** An exciting environment for my research and working with graduate and undergraduate students; a strong commitment to the liberal arts and an international reputation as a research institution

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**Why Purdue?** Reputation: Purdue is positioned to become a center for Native American students and academic research. Location: The Wabash River and Prophetstown have the potential to become the Williamsburg of the Midwest.

**Nicole M. Simonelli**

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**Why Purdue?** Large, public research university

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**Research interests:** Social and motivational factors related to physical activity

**Why Purdue?** Purdue allows me and my spouse to pursue academic careers at a research-focused university.

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**Why Purdue?** The Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences program is ranked within the top 10 nationally and well-respected. It is an ideal time for programmatic development in medical speech-language pathology.

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**Teaching interests:** International finance, corporate governance, entrepreneurial finance, corporate finance

**Research interests:** International corporate governance, family firms, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate political connections

**Why Purdue?** It's a great school. Good fit for my research. I have several friends in the area.

#### Huseyin Gulen

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**Teaching interests:** Investments, portfolio management

**Research interests:** Stock market predictability, asset pricing, mutual funds, behavioral finance

**Why Purdue?** Excellent academic environment for research, growth prospects of the school, alma mater

#### Mohitosh Kejriwal

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**Teaching interests:** Statistics, econometrics

**Research interests:** Econometrics, international economics, applied macroeconomics

**Why Purdue?** Purdue has a great reputation as an undergraduate as well as a graduate institution. The faculty work in diverse fields and provide a very active research environment. I am delighted to have the opportunity to come to Purdue.

#### Kevin J. Mumford

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**Teaching interests:** Public finance, labor economics, econometrics, and microeconomic theory  
**Research interests:** Economic policy issues, especially those

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**Why Purdue?** Purdue is an excellent research university with a very good reputation, but also offers a high quality of life for my family and outstanding opportunities for my children.

#### Jin Xu

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**Degree:** Ph.D., Univ. of Chicago  
**Teaching interests:** Corporate finance, financial management, mergers and acquisitions

**Research interests:** Empirical corporate finance, capital structure, product markets, insider trading, information asymmetry

**Why Purdue?** High-quality research in my area of interest

### ■ PHARMACY, NURSING and HEALTH SCIENCES

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**Teaching interests:** Medical imaging, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), clinical application trainings of magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS)

**Research interests:** Methodological development of magnetic resonance spectroscopy techniques, including fast spectroscopic imaging techniques, for applications in clinical research and neuroscience

**Why Purdue?** Dual-career oppor-

tunity with my partner; great opportunity for collaborations with biotechnology, Biomedical Engineering and IU Medical School.

#### Jennifer L. Freeman

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**Previously at:** Postdoctoral fellow at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston

**Research interests:** Primarily in environmental toxicology and molecular cytogenetics using vertebrate aquatic model organisms (e.g., the zebrafish and *Xenopus laevis*) to assess potential impacts of contaminants at the whole genome level

#### Jasmine Gonzalvo

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**Teaching interests:** Pharmacy therapeutics, pharmacology for nurses and physical therapists, Spanish for health care professionals

**Research interests:** Diabetes, Spanish communication in the health care setting, cultural competency

**Why Purdue?** I have been affiliated with Purdue during two years of residency training. I enjoyed working with reputable individuals and look forward to continuing my professional career with Purdue.

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#### Yaman Kaakeh

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**Previously at:** Univ. of Michigan, (post-doctorate)

**Teaching interests:** Pharmacy practice, focusing on areas of pharmacology related to internal medicine and surgery

**Research interests:** Pharmacology, appropriate use of cardiovascular medications, anti-infectives, and the provision of nutrition support

**Why Purdue?** Great university (my alma mater), wonderful environment, top-rank in pharmacy, superior colleagues

#### Sonak D. Pastakia

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**Degree:** Pharm.D. (2004, Temple Univ. School of Pharmacy), M.P.H. (2007, Harvard School of Public Health)

**Teaching interests:** I am interested in HIV/AIDS and the provision of health care in resource poor settings.

**Research interests:** I'm interested in researching the impact of quality improvement initiatives in resource-poor settings. I'm also interested in researching the impact of pharmacy run disease state management programs in these settings.

**Why Purdue?** The progressive nature of Purdue's pharmacy school is evident as they are the only pharmacy school which has consistently demonstrated their commitment to improve the provision of pharmacy services in resource-poor settings.

#### Yoon Yeo

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**Degree:** Ph.D., 2003, Purdue Univ.  
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**Teaching interests:** Pharmaceuticals, drug delivery, biomaterials, regenerative medicine

**Research interests:** Pulmonary drug delivery, nanoparticle engineering for tumor targeting and intracellular drug delivery, protein delivery for tissue engineering

**Why Purdue?** Excellent research environment, reputation of the Univ. and Schools, quality of students

### ■ SCIENCE

#### Brenda Beitler Bowen

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**Degree:** Ph.D., 2005, Univ. of Utah  
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**Teaching interests:** Earth history, sedimentary geology, Mars geology, geologic remote sensing

**Research interests:** Fluid and sediment interactions in both modern and ancient sedimentary depositional environments; evolution of extreme fluids (e.g., low pH, high salinity); diagenesis; rebeds; Mars' sedimentary history; reflectance spectroscopy

**Why Purdue?** Great opportunity for developing strong research program; opportunity for dual career couple

#### Indrajeet Chaubey

Earth and Atmospheric Sciences  
See listing under Agriculture

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**Teaching interests:** solid state and condensed matter physics, quantum physics and quantum devices, semiconductor physics, atomic physics, optics

**Research interests:** experimental atomic molecular and optical physics; nanoelectronics; spintronics; nanosensors; quantum matter and quantum devices; quantum engineering and quantum information processing

**Why Purdue?** faculty and departmental support; endowed chair position; facilities at Birck Nanotechnology Center; interdisciplinary research collaboration opportunities; location and low cost of living

**Jose E. Figueroa-Lopez**

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**Degree:** Ph.D., 2004, Georgia Institute of Technology

**Previously at:** Univ. of California, Santa Barbara

**Teaching interests:** Effective teaching involves both deciding the skills the student should acquire, and discovering the best way to transmit them

**Research interests:** Nonparametric methods and portfolio optimization problems in continuous-time models. Emphasis on Levy driven and jump-diffusion models

**Why Purdue?** Purdue is an elite university in science as well as in engineering. The Department of Statistics is part of this tradition, where excellence in research through the exchange of ideas is encouraged.

**Ralph M. Kaufman**

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**Degree:** Ph.D., 1997, Univ. of Bonn, Germany

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**Teaching interests:** Graduate and undergraduate courses in topology, geometry and algebra; also history of mathematics

**Research interests:** Topology, geometry and algebra, especially structures related to moduli spaces or to quantum and string physics; in particular, operads, actions on Hochschild complexes, string topology, quantum cohomology and stringy phenomena for orbifolds

**Why Purdue?** The excellent research conditions and the renown of the university and the mathematics department in the research community. On a personal note, West Lafayette looks like a great place to raise our two sons.

**Ramana Rao Kompella**

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**Degree:** Ph.D., 2007, Univ. of California, San Diego

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**Teaching interests:** Mainly in computer networks, router architectures, network algorithms, wireless networks

**Research interests:** Router primitives for scalable measurement and monitoring, fault localization algorithms, scheduling in wireless networks to conserve power and provide service differentiation

**Why Purdue?** I felt Purdue provides the best environment to conduct high-quality research with its great reputation and well-established partnerships with industry.

**Yuk Fai Leung**

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**Degree:** Ph.D., 2002, Chinese Univ. of Hong Kong

**Previously at:** Harvard Univ.

**Teaching interests:** Genomics including theories, techniques, applications and ethical and social impacts of their applications

**Research interests:** Genomics analysis of zebrafish eye development. My lab will use tissue-specific time-series microarray expression profiling and other molecular and cellular biology tools to study eye developmental networks' dynamics.

**Why Purdue?** I like the collegial and collaborative atmosphere. This is very important for my project because it is multidisciplinary in nature and requires constant interaction with colleagues from different fields.

**Xavier M. Tricoche**

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**Degree:** Ph.D., 2002, Univ. of Kaiserslautern, Germany

**Previously at:** Univ. of Utah

**Teaching interests:** Scientific visualization, computer graphics, geometric modeling

**Research interests:** Flow visualization, large-scale data analysis, topology of dynamical systems, feature detection, computational steering, post-processing for medical imaging

**Why Purdue?** Strong potential for multidisciplinary research, students' quality, long computer science tradition

**Mark Daniel Ward**

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**Degree:** 2005, Purdue Univ.

**Previously at:** Univ. of Pennsylvania

**Teaching interests:** Analysis of algorithms and data structures, analytic combinatorics, probability theory, symbolic computation, game theory

**Research interests:** Analysis of design of algorithms and data

structures, analytic combinatorics, pattern matching, tree structures, probability theory, symbolic computation, information theory, data compression, random structures, game theory

**Why Purdue?** Purdue encourages and facilitates interdisciplinary research among both faculty and students. Purdue boasts a breadth and depth of expertise in many areas. Also, everyone is so friendly!

**Wei Xie**

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**Ph.D., 1997, Institute of High Energy Physics, Academia Sinica, Beijing**

**Previously at:** Riken-BNL Research Center, Brookhaven National Lab

**Teaching interests:** Train students' capabilities on team work, creativity, self-instruction and problem solving

**Research interests:** Properties of the hot and dense "perfect-liquid-like" matter expected to be created shortly after the "Big Bang" at RHIC and LHC; development of new detectors needed to do the physics

**Why Purdue?** One of the best universities, high-quality students, good environment for interdisciplinary collaborations, located in a town with no real estate "air bubbles."

**Chen Yang**

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**Degree:** Ph.D., 2006, Harvard Univ.

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**Teaching interests:** physical chemistry, general chemistry, nanoscience and nanotechnology

**Research interests:** Synthesis and assembly of nano materials through chemical and biological approaches; investigation of their fundamental properties and design of novel nanodevice concepts

**Why Purdue?** Excellent interdisciplinary environment, unique facilities, reputation of the university and its students

**Hao Zhang**

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**Degree:** 1995, Michigan State Univ.

**Previously at:** Washington State Univ.

**Teaching interests:** Fundamental statistics; spatial statistics; statistical applications to environmental and natural resources sciences; applied probability

**Research interests:** Statistical modeling and analysis of spatial data with application environmental sciences and natural resources; asymptotic theories for massive spatial data; computational methods and approximate inference for large spatial data; time series analysis

**Why Purdue?** I was attracted to Purdue by its reputation as a re-

search university and the ample opportunities and the campus culture for interdisciplinary research. Purdue has a long history and highly esteemed faculty in statistics.

**TECHNOLOGY****Michael Beyerlein**

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**Degree:** Ph.D., 1986, Colorado State Univ.

**Previously at:** Univ. of North Texas

**Teaching interests:** Teams and collaboration, organizational design and strategic change, group facilitation, learning and creativity in organizations, consulting

**Research interests:** All aspects of teams and collaborative work systems, organizational change and transformation, creativity and innovation, the innovation-based economy, knowledge management and the learning organization, and science education

**Why Purdue?** A research university with an emphasis on innovation and application, the fit between the challenges of the job and my competencies and interests, great people

**Mary E. Johnson**

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**Degree:** Univ. of Texas at Arlington

**Previously at:** Texas A&M Univ.-Commerce

**Teaching interests:** Process design and improvement, lean and Six Sigma, global supply chain management, capstone design and implementation

**Research interests:** Design and implementation of manufacturing, distribution, maintenance, engineering and administrative processes to improve enterprise performance; development of effective engineering and technology teaching methods

**Why Purdue?** Experience the excitement, opportunity, and reputation of this world-class university

**Timothy D. Ropp**

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**Degree:** M.S., 1998, Purdue Univ.

**Previously at:** No previous university; worked in industry and consulting

**Teaching interests:** Technology and engineering course work, primarily in aviation or similar regulated, safety/risk sensitive technologies

**Research interests:** Development of outcomes-based learning and assessment methods for learners in technology and engineering curriculum; blending technical skill sets with leadership performance management competencies sought by industry

**Why Purdue?** Graduates and faculty are held in high regard

by industry and the academic community; faculty have freedom to develop, specialize and grow, impacting quality of programs and students; excellent combination

**Shannon D. Schlueter**

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**Degree:** 2006, Iowa State Univ.

**Previously at:** Iowa State Univ.

**Teaching interests:** Applied techniques for managing, analyzing, and interpreting large collections of biological data.

**Research interests:** Algorithm and application development for genome assembly and annotation; development and deployment of bioinformatics discovery support systems

**Why Purdue?** Why Purdue? Commitment to excellence! Dedication to strategic growth!

**Haiyan Henry Zhang**

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**Degree:** Ph.D., 1996, Univ. of Michigan

**Previously at:** DaimlerChrysler Technology Center

**Teaching interests:** Design with reliability and for manufacturing, mechatronics, system control, vehicle powertrain system, etc.

**Research interests:** Product realization, manufacturing processes modeling and control, automobile powertrain and driveline, automatic transmission design and control, stability of system with time delay and its digital control, etc.

**Why Purdue?** Department of MET provides best opportunities for professional development combining my theoretical preparation and industrial experience in mechanical, electrical, hydraulic systems and control.

**VETERINARY MEDICINE****Timothy L. Ratliff**

Director

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**Degree:** Ph.D., 1977, Univ. of Arkansas

**Previously at:** Univ. of Iowa

**Teaching interests:** I am interested in continuing to train future cancer researchers, and in expanding community education on cancer prevention.

**Research interests:** My research is directed toward the understanding of the role of the immune response in cancer, specifically in gene therapy treatments for prostate cancer.

**Why Purdue?** I was attracted to Purdue because of its reputation for excellence in proteomics, nanotechnology, imaging, and drug discovery. I am excited about the opportunity to develop multidisciplinary focus groups to capitalize on current cancer research activity.