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WARDLAW AMONG TOP 25 WOMEN OF HOUSTON

Alvia Wardlaw, curator of the University Museum, has been selected as one of the top 25 women of Houston. Hard work, sacrifice and perseverance are just a few qualities of the top 25 women. Standing strong in 2007, these women have proven they can break through any glass ceiling. This illustrious group of honorees consists of civic and cultural trailblazers, entrepreneurs and corporate executives. Friends, family and colleagues applauded the accomplishments of these outstanding leaders during a private cocktail reception at Hotel Derek on Thursday, November 1 at 7:00p.m.

NELDA LEWIS—SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR

For many months we have been lauding **Nelda Lewis** for being selected as the “Social Worker of the Year” by the National Association of Social Workers. She received the award in hand when the ceremony was held Friday, October 19, 2007, in San Antonio, Texas. Among the criteria used to judge Lewis were service to the community, service to the organization and her involvement in mentoring and training future social workers. Applauding and supporting Lewis at this event were her family and members of the Social Work Department.

DEPARTMENT SEMINARS AND ACTIVITIES

The Department of Fine Arts presented a symposium, “Art as a Business,” featuring **Leonard Brown**, Visiting Associate Professor of Art, on Tuesday, October 30, 2007, in the Biggers Art Center—Room 115.

The Department of Psychology collaborated with the Counseling Department to sponsor a Depression Screening on October 11, 2007. Many participants took advantage of the screening.

Freshmen Honor Students from the English Department presented James Weldon Johnson’s “God’s Trombones: Seven Negro Sermons in Verse” on November 1, 2007, 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Martin Luther King Center Auditorium—Room 104. **Iva Woods** is the instructor and was responsible for this event.

The Department of English presented its annual Poetry Day Program on Tuesday, October 2, 2007. The theme for this year was “Poetry Lite: The Humorous Side of Verse.” The chairs of this event were **Michael Sollars** and **Donna Kilgore-Kimble**.

The Department of Foreign Languages and the Department of English held an exhibit to honor, remember and celebrate people who have died during the past years on Wednesday, October 31, 2007. They also celebrated Dia De los Muertos/ Day of the Dead where speakers explained the ofrenda (altar) and decorations used in this event. Pan de muerto, a special bread, was prepared for this observance.

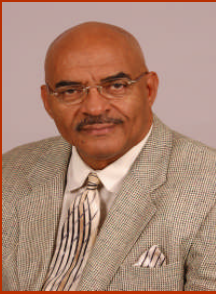
On September 19 the Department of Sociology began its Fall Lecture Series with a presentation by L. Alex Swan. Swan presented a lecture titled, “We Are Family: Family Types by Member Relationships and Interactions.” On October 11 the department sponsored a lecture by Dr. Hayward Horton (State University of New York at Albany).



Nelda Lewis
Associate Professor
Social Work Dept.



Carmen Garcia
Chair
Foreign Languages



Howard Harris
Professor



Nupur Chaudhuri
Associate Professor



Tommy Woods
Associate Professor



Earl Wright II
Chair
Sociology

DEPARTMENT SEMINARS AND ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

THE AWARD WINNING TSU JAZZ ENSEMBLE

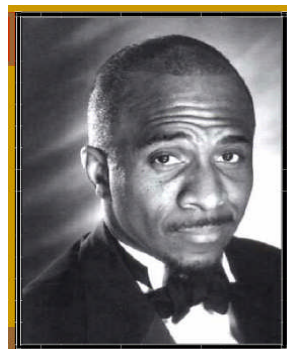
From the 1970's through 2007, the TSU Jazz Ensemble has brought home top honors. In all cases it has made the university and the greater Houston area proud. Now it has an opportunity to become more visible in the music world. To assist the students in this effort and in staying in school via scholarship, the Houston Ministers Against Crime spearheaded a benefit banquet on November 2, 2007 at the Power Center. To make a contribution to this endeavor, call Howard Harris at (713) 313-7316.

FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Nupur Chaudhuri and Merline Pitre (History, Geography and Economics) attended the Southern Historical Association Conference in Richmond, Virginia, on November 1-3, 2007. Both professors hold offices in the organization.

Tommy Woods (Psychology) has submitted two manuscripts for publication consideration. The first manuscript entitled, "Topological Analysis of the Schizoid Disposition: Toward A Visuospatial Model" was submitted to The Journal of Contemporary Psychotherapy. The second manuscript entitled, "The Visuospatial Representation of Schizoid Dynamics" was submitted to the Journal of Professional Counseling: Practice, Theory and Research.

Jason Oby (Fine Arts) recently returned from Japan where he traveled with a delegation from Mayor Bill White's office. He performed in a concert and made other appearances with the 12-member Houston Choral singing Texas specific music as a cultural exchange. Oby also visited middle school music programs and performed a lecture recital at the College at Senzoku.



Jason Oby
Associate Professor

Alexis Brooks de Vita (English) served as a judge to the Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers' Colorado Gold Conference in Denver, September 30, 2007. Three of the entries she judged made it to the finals and one of the three won first place. Amazon.com accepted for publication two of her short memoirs about living in Uganda during Idi Amin's reign and two of her magical realism stories.

On October 27, **Earl Wright II (Sociology)** presented a paper at the Mid-South Sociological Association meeting held in Mobile, Alabama. Wright's paper, "What Makes Your Work Sociological?," examined the challenges experienced by sociologists engaged in historical research. In addition to presenting a research paper, Wright participated in a Committee on Minorities panel of which he is a member of the Executive Council, panel that examined the important issues facing African Americans in the organization.

Linda Johnson-Burgess and Betty Taylor-Thompson (English) participated in a symposium, "Plagiarism/Till/Africana Theory Symposium" at the University of Missouri at Columbia on October 12-13, 2007. Burgess gave a talk on Africana Theory and Taylor-Thompson served as a moderator. They both served as panelists at a roundtable discussion on October 13, 2007. Taylor-Thompson also has a chapter in the new book, Contemporary Africana Theory, Thought and Action: A Guide to Africana Studies.



Daniel Adams
Professor



First Place
Decorated Car Division

FACULTY IN THE NEWS CONTINUED

Daniel Adams (Fine Arts) is the author of an article entitled "2007 PAS Composition Winners" published in the October 2007 issue of Percussive Notes, the journal of the Percussive Arts Society.

Kudos to the Ocean of Soul and its director, **Richard Lee**, for a magnificent performance at the Grambling State University Homecoming, October 28, 2007.

DEPARTMENTS WIN IN HOMECOMING PARADE

The Department of English won first place in the Decorated Car category and the Department of Foreign Languages was awarded second place in the Motorized Vehicle category of the 2007 TSU Homecoming Parade. The Human Services and Consumer Sciences Department won first place in the categories of Lobby Decoration and Office Decoration. The Department also won third place in the Door Decoration and Truck categories, and second place in the Car category.

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Miryan Boles and El Club De Espanol participated in the International Fashion Show held on October 15, 2007 in the Student Center. Students wore Ecuadorian native attire to show the diversity of cultures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each faculty member is asked to update his/her resume and submit it to the respective chair.

Faculty members may apply for seed grants for travel and research by securing applications and submitting proposals to the Research Center. For more information, please call the Office of Sponsored Programs.

Students whose names do not appear on the class roll should be directed to the Registrar's Office.

Please call the Dean's Office if you would like to make a presentation at the next session of the Chat-an-Hour Club.

Tenure and Promotion materials are due in the Dean's Office by November 9, 2007.

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