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Monday, January 28, 2013

**SPECIAL NOTICES:**

**ENTER TO WIN A NEW 2011 GMC TERRAIN:** Purchase a ticket to a home football game or to a men's or women's basketball game for ONLY \$5 each and enter to win a new 2011 GMC Terrain compliments of LaFontaine Automotive Group, Eastern Michigan University and Pakmode Media + Marketing. Go to [EMU Tickets](#) and enter promo code "wincar." The giveaway will take place at the February 23 Men's Basketball game. For a complete list of all the Rules and Regulations, click on [Enter to Win at GMC Terrain](#) for more information. Contact Ted Coutilish at 487-6981 or email at [tcoutili@emich.edu](mailto:tcoutili@emich.edu) if you have questions.

**ASSOCIATE PROVOST & ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH CANDIDATE ON CAMPUS:** The campus community is welcome to attend the following open forum with Dr. David Forde, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts and Life Sciences and Professor of Sociology at the University of North Texas at Dallas **today, January 28**, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., in room 350, in the Student Center.

**STUDENTS FOR LIFE MEETING:** Students for Life will meet **tonight, January 28**, at 6:30 p.m., in Room 104 of the Student Center. Chris Gast, Right to Life of Michigan Education/Special Events/Youth Outreach Coordinator will join us to discuss upcoming events and we will make plans for our involvement in the young adult prolife conference at Christ the King in Ann Arbor on March 9. Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend.

**SUBMISSIONS TO EMU TODAY:** Please note, **EMU TODAY** is a internal daily e-blast sent to faculty and staff only. To submit an announcement or post an event, please forward your entry electronically to [emu\\_today@emich.edu](mailto:emu_today@emich.edu). Please be sure to format your entry with a title and include a description of the event, where the event will be held (room and building), the date and time, and a contact name, phone number and/or e-mail address. For questions, contact Debra Johnson at 487-2484.

**NOTE: An asterisk denotes a new item.**

## Lectures and Meetings

\* "LIVING THE DREAM" PRESENTATION: The Office of Nutrition Services presents Tracy Boggs, RD on **Tuesday, January 29**, at 6:30 p.m., in the Halle Library Auditorium. Boggs is an Eastern dietetics graduate who has worked as a dietitian in food service, long term care, WIC, and sales. She is now the National Sales Director and Corporate Dietitian for JTM Food Group. Boggs will talk about her career path that led to her to "living the dream." This event is open to students, faculty, and staff. For more information, contact 487-6572 or [chhs\\_nutrition@emich.edu](mailto:chhs_nutrition@emich.edu).

FACULTY RESEARCH BROWN BAG: The Center For Entrepreneurship, in conjunction the Management Department Research Committee will jointly host a faculty research brown bag as part of Sesi Entrepreneurship Conference Week on **Wednesday, February 6** from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., on the fourth floor in the Dean's Conference Room of the College of Business. This session will include several short research presentations and a idea sharing session. We are asking for your valuable participation. Please let us know if you are interested in presenting research that you are working on or have recently completed. We are seeking (15 minute or less) presentations. Lunch will be provided. Please reply at your earliest convenience so we can appropriately arrange for food. **Submit your proposal and RSVP to Paul Nucci** at [pnucci@emich.edu](mailto:pnucci@emich.edu). (02/04)

MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: The McNair Scholars Program is accepting applications until Friday, February 15. Engage in challenging research with a faculty mentor and receive a \$2,500 stipend to conduct the research and gain valuable assistance in applying to graduate programs. Applicants must have a minimum 2.85 GPA, low-income and first-generation, or members of an underrepresented group. RSVP to Cindy Rodrigues at [cindy.rodrigues@emich.edu](mailto:cindy.rodrigues@emich.edu) or call 487-8240. To learn more, give us a call or come to one of the group information meetings listed below:

- **Thursday, January 31**, 6:30 p.m., Wise Hall, 1st Floor
- **Tuesday, February 5**, 11 a.m., Wise Hall, 1st Floor
- **Wednesday, February 6**, 12 p.m., Wise Hall, 1st Floor
- **Monday, February 11**, 8:30 p.m., Wise Hall, 1st Floor

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETINGS: Graduate Council meetings will be held during the following dates from 2:15 - 4 p.m., in Room 203, Marshall. Contact Susan Anderson at 487-0042 or email at [sanderson1@emich.edu](mailto:sanderson1@emich.edu) with questions.

- **Friday, February 15**
- **Friday, March 15**
- **Friday, April 12**

EMU FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: The Eastern Michigan University Foundation Board of Trustees will meet **Friday, February 15**, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 310AB, in the Student Center. The public is welcome to attend. For information, call Maria Cyars, 481-2304 or email at [mcyars@emich.edu](mailto:mcyars@emich.edu).

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING: The EMU Board of Regents will hold its first meeting in 2013 on **Tuesday, February 19** in Room 201, Welch Hall. For additional information, go to the [Board of Regents homepage](#) or contact Vicki Reaume at 487-2410 or email [vicki.reaume@emich.edu](mailto:vicki.reaume@emich.edu). Meeting times will be announced at a later date.

## Seminars and Workshops

NEUROBIOLOGIST CANDIDATES ON CAMPUS: The Biology Department is conducting a search for a Neurobiologist. The following candidate seminars for the Neurobiologist position will be conducted. The campus community is welcome to attend.

- Dr. Tom Mast, from the Department of Psychology at the University of Michigan will speak about "*Thirst Enhances Chorda tympani Salt Responses*" on **Wednesday, January 30**, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., 154 Mark Jefferson Science Complex.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACADEMIC ADVISOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: The University Advising & Career Development Center is offering a Faculty & Staff Academic Advisor Development Program again this winter semester. The program is designed for faculty and staff that provide undergraduate advising to EMU students. You can sign up for all of the sessions, or sign up for certain modules. The class is scheduled from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., in Room 310, Porter as follows:

Module 2 - Student Support Services, **Friday, February 1**

Module 3 - Academic College Sessions - **Friday, February 8**

Module 4 - Academic College Sessions - **Friday, February 15**

Module 5 - Transfer Student Advising - **Friday, February 22**

Space is limited, so please RSVP by contacting Molly Weir at 487-2171 or email at [molly.weir@emich.edu](mailto:molly.weir@emich.edu).

## Activities and Events

PLANETARIUM FEATURES THE MOVIE "STARS": Every star has a story. Some are as old as time, faint and almost forgotten. Others burn bright and end their lives in powerful explosions. The EMU planetarium will feature the movie "*Stars*," **Friday, February 8 and 22**, 7 p.m., in the Mark Jefferson Science Complex. New stars are created every day, born of vast clouds of gas and dust. Through every phase of their existence, stars release the energy that lights the Universe. Journey to the furthest reaches of our galaxy and experience both the awesome beauty and destructive power of stars.

"*Stars*," narrated by actor Mark Hamill, is the Sudekum Planetarium's first original full-dome, digital production. Adventure Science Center collaborated with the National Space Centre in Leicester, England, to create this stunning 26-minute show exploring the powerhouses of the universe and our relationship with the night sky throughout history. For more on the show, go to [Stars Movie](#). Recommended age for the movie is 13 years and older. Following the movie, participants will get to enjoy a live demonstration of the current night sky locally. Space is limited. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online at [EMU Tickets](#). Additional movie screenings will be shown on the following dates:

- Friday, March 15
- Friday, April 12 & 26

Contact Norbert Vance at [nvance@emich.edu](mailto:nvance@emich.edu) or Tom Kasper at [tkasper@emich.edu](mailto:tkasper@emich.edu) for further details about the planetarium.

**PANEL DISCUSSION:** As part of Black History Month, the Department of Africology and African American Studies presents keynote speaker Ravi Perry, **Thursday, February 7**, 1 - 4 p.m., in Room 310AB, of the Student Center. Perry will talk about "*President Barack Obama's Re-election: demography, race relations & emerging political issues.*" Panelists include Barbara Patrick, Eric Brown, Joseph Engwenyu, Ravi Perry, Gregg Barak and Robert Perry with Victor Okafor moderating. During the event, the winners of a student essay contest on Obama's presidency to be announced. Free refreshments will be available. This event is LBC credit approved. For more information, contact Victor Okafor at [vokafor@emich.edu](mailto:vokafor@emich.edu).

**SESI ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONFERENCE:** The Center for Entrepreneurship at the College of Business is proud to present the Sesi Entrepreneurship Conference, **Friday, February 8**, in the Student Center. The Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization of EMU is hosting the event and students and faculty are invited to listen to entrepreneurs as they share their successes and failures. The Skandalaris Business Plan Competition will also be held the conference which includes a continental breakfast and a sit-down lunch. The event is *FREE* but online registration is required. ALL EMU students and faculty and staff are invited to attend. To register or read more about the conference, go to [Sesi Entrepreneurship Conference homepage](#) or contact Jessica Smith of CEO for more details via email at [jsmit204@emich.edu](mailto:jsmit204@emich.edu). (02/05)

\* **DIVERSITY CAREER FAIR:** Eastern's Annual Diversity Career Fair will take place on **Wednesday, February 13**, 12 - 3 p.m., in the Student Center Ballroom. This is an excellent opportunity for students to meet with recruiters from various companies that promote diversity both inside and outside their organizations. This career fair is open to any student seeking an internship or entry-level career opportunity. Registration is strongly encouraged and can be done online at [emiversitycareerfair2013.eventbrite.com/](http://emiversitycareerfair2013.eventbrite.com/). For additional information, you may contact Ebony Jones in the University Advising & Career Development Center at 487-0400 or [ejones49@emich.edu](mailto:ejones49@emich.edu).

**GAMERS FOR GIVING 2013:** The interactive entertainment industry will focus on Eastern Michigan University as video game enthusiasts from across the country convene to participate in one of the Midwest's premier gaming events, Gamers for Giving 2013, **Saturday, February 16 and Sunday, February 17**, in the Student Center grand ballroom. Information and registration for this year's event can be found at [Gamers for Giving](#). A live stream will broadcast at [twitch.tv/LANFest](http://twitch.tv/LANFest).

Founded in 2008 by current EMU student Zach Wigal, Gamers for Giving is a non-profit competitive gaming tournament & LAN party that helps raise money for the charity initiatives of Gamers Outreach Foundation. The organization, a 501(c)(3) non-profit within the video game industry, facilitates activities such as building portable gaming carts for children's hospitals (dubbed "GO Karts") and sending video game care packages to troops overseas.

In partnership with companies such as Astro Gaming and the Intel LANFest series, Gamers for Giving features tournaments with cash prizes for the hardcore enthusiast, as well as casual activities for those who enjoy the light-spirited side of gaming. Headline activities include a Halo 4 tournament, a Call of Duty Black Ops 2 tournament, a League of Legends tournament, a StarCraft 2 tournament, and a BYOC (bring your own computer) LAN Party. Entry fees from the event directly support Gamers Outreach programs. Sponsored by EMU Student Government. Contact Zach Wigal at [zwigal@emich.edu](mailto:zwigal@emich.edu) for more information.

\* "HUSTLE YOUR HEART OUT" FUNDRAISER: The Center for Multicultural Affairs at Eastern will host the 2nd Annual "Hustle Your Heart Out" fundraiser to benefit the American Heart Association, on **Monday, February 18**, 7 - 11 p.m., in the Student Center Ballroom A&B.

The entire campus community is invited to participate. The event is free but a donation is suggested at the door. Last year, over 300 students, faculty, staff and members of the community danced the night away to support the American Heart Association. There will be a DJ playing the latest hustle songs with well-known dance instructors Mr. Smooth from Detroit, Teddy Jam from EzGlide and Sherry Hawkins from Dance with Elegance who will teach the crowd the hustle and lead the night. The American Heart Association will have a booth and be registering individuals who are interested in participating in the Heart Walk in May. Appetizers and beverages will be provided. For more information, Zara Northover at [znorthov@emich.edu](mailto:znorthov@emich.edu). Check out our [Facebook Fanpage](#).

**\* GIRL DEVELOPERS' SUMMIT EVENT AT EMU:** Children living with autism need the same opportunities as their typically developing peers. This is especially true for girls who are diagnosed with autism, according to Amy Sanderson, who will be a panelist at this year's Girl Developers' Summit on **Saturday, February 23**, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at the Student Center. The Summit is sponsored by Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan.

Sanderson, associate director of Family and Community Services at the Autism Collaborative Center at EMU, and her fellow panel members will discuss the effects of autism on girls and how they may be successfully integrated into group activities such as Girl Scout troops. The cost is \$45 for the general public, \$35 for registered Girl Scout Adults and \$20 for college students. The registration fees will increase by \$5 after February 1, 2013. For more information about the Summit, visit the [Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan homepage](#) or to register for the event, go to [Registration](#) or call 1-800-497-2688.

## Arts and Entertainment

FREE FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE SERIES: Campus Life's FREE Friday Night Movie series continues with *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 (PG-13)* on **Friday, February 1** with two movie showings: 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. After the birth of Renesmee, the Cullens gather other vampire clans in order to protect the child from a false allegation that puts the family in front of the Volturi. No tickets necessary. Please try to arrive at least 15 minutes early to make sure you get a seat. To see other upcoming free movies, go to [Free Friday Night Movies](#) or contact Campus Life at 487-3045, ext. 22038, or visit the [Campus Life homepage](#). You can also find them on Facebook at [fb.me/EMUcampuslife](http://fb.me/EMUcampuslife) and check out our Twitter @EMUcampuslife.

VALENTINE'S DAY BENEFIT CONCERT FEATURING "*MEASURE FOR MEASURE*:" Join the EMU Foundation for Valentine's Day and enjoy the men's choir "*Measure for Measure*," **Thursday, February 14**, at 7:30 p.m., in the Student Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$25 per reservation. The concert benefits the scholarship fund in memory of Measure for Measure's founding director and longtime EMU choir director, Dr. Leonard L. Riccinto.

In a break from their normal full-ensemble performances, not only will the entire group perform, but they will also highlight their individual talents with small group and soloist performances. Before the performance, indulge in sweets with your sweetheart starting at 7:30 p.m. The concert begins at 8 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, go to [Valentine's Day Concert RSVP](#) or contact Natalie LaDow at 487-2320 or email at [emu\\_foundationevents@emich.edu](mailto:emu_foundationevents@emich.edu) . **RSVP by Tuesday, February 5.**



URINETOWN: THE MUSICAL COMES TO QUIRK THEATRE: EMU Theatre is ready to warm up your winter with the award-winning musical comedy, "*Urinetown: The Musical.*" Directed by Pirooz Aghssa, with musical direction by Howard Cass, Urinetown: The Musical will run **February 15-17** and **February 21-24**, in Quirk Theatre. Ticket prices are \$15 regular admission, \$12 for students and seniors, \$9 for MAINSTAGE patrons, and \$7 for children ages 10-12 (not recommended for younger audiences), no further discounts apply. Tickets are available by phone at 487-2282 or in person at the Convocation Center, the Student Center ticket office or the Quirk Box Office. To purchase tickets online visit: [emutix.com](http://emutix.com). Please note that there is an additional processing fee for tickets purchased by phone or online. For more information about EMU Theatre, our season or directions to our theatres, visit [EMU Theatre](#) or, fan us on Facebook: Eastern Michigan University Theatre or follow us on Twitter: emutheatre.

TIESTO: CLUB LIFE COLLEGE INVASION TOUR BRINGS DJ TO CONVOCATION CENTER: Tiesto: Club Life College Invasion Tour brings the world's biggest DJ for a return engagement to the EMU Convocation Center, **Wednesday, February 27**. Tickets can be purchased online at [emutix.com](http://emutix.com) or call 487-2282. Tickets are \$40 for the Main Floor and \$30 for the Lower Bowl. Students can purchase the lower bowl tickets at a student rate of \$20 in person at any EMU ticket office. For more information go to the [convocation website](#) or visit the [convocation center facebook page](#).

## Athletics

Visit the [EMU Athletics homepage](#) for information about all Eagles athletic games, schedules, rosters and much more. For ticket information, go to [EMU Tickets](#) or call the ticket office at 487-2282.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS VS. BALL STATE: The EMU Women's gymnastics team will face Ball State, **Saturday, February 9**, at 7 p.m. at Bowen Field House. The next home meet will be the Eagle Invitational on Saturday, March. 9 at Bowen Field House. For the complete schedule, go to [2013 Women's Gymnastics schedule](#) or click on [Women's Gymnastics homepage](#) for more information.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TAKES ON NORTHERN ILLINOIS: The EMU women's basketball team will play against Northern Illinois, on **Thursday, January 31**, at 7 p.m., at the Convocation Center. The game will be televised on ALL-ACCESS and can also be heard on 89.1, WEMU. The next home game will be against Ball State, Sunday, February 3, at 2 p.m., at the Convocation Center. For the complete basketball schedule, go to [2013 Women's Basketball schedule](#) or click on [Women's Basketball homepage](#) for more information. For information on tickets, go to [EMU Tickets](#) or call the EMU ticket office at 487-2282.

WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. DETROIT TITANS: The EMU Women's tennis team will take on the Detroit Titans tennis team, **Friday, February 1**, at 1 p.m., at Chippewa Club. Their next home game will be Friday, February 8, at 1 p.m. against Louisville. For the complete schedule, go to [2013 Women's Tennis schedule](#) or click on [Women's Tennis homepage](#) for more information.

MEN'S WRESTLING VS. KENT STATE: The Men's wrestling team will take on Kent State, **Friday, February 1**, at 7 p.m., at Bowen Field House. The next home wrestling match will be against Iowa State on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 1 p.m., at Bowen Field House. To see upcoming meets, go to [2013 Men's Wrestling schedule](#) or click on [Wrestling homepage](#) for more information.

MEN'S SWIM & DIVE TEAM VS. MIAMI: The EMU Men's Swimming & Diving team will take on Miami, **Saturday, February 2**, at 1 p.m. at Jones Natatorium. For upcoming meets, go to [2013 Swim & Dive schedule](#) or click on [Swim & Dive homepage](#) for more information.

MEN'S BASKETBALL WILL TAKE ON BUFFALO: The EMU men's basketball team will play against Buffalo, **Wednesday, February 6**, at 7 p.m., at the Convocation Center. The game will be televised on MAC-ACCESS and can also be heard on 89.1, WEMU. The next home game will be against Akron on Wednesday, February 13, at 7 p.m., at the Convocation Center. For the complete basketball schedule, go to [2013 Men's Basketball schedule](#) or click on [Men's Basketball homepage](#) for more information. For information on tickets, go to [EMU Tickets](#) or call the EMU ticket office at 487-2282.

MEN'S TRACK INVITATIONAL: Show your support for the Men's track team at the Silverston Invitational on **Saturday, February 16**, in Ann Arbor. The next home track meet will be the MAC Championships at Bob Parks Track Friday, February, 22 and Saturday, February 23. For additional track meets, go to [Men's Track & Field schedule](#) or click on the [Men's Track homepage](#) for more information.

**WOMEN'S TRACK MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS:** EMU will host the MAC Championships **Friday, February 22 - Saturday, February 23**, at Bob Parks Track. For upcoming track meets, go to [Women's Track schedule](#) or click on the [Women's Track & Field homepage](#) for more information.

## Reminders

**TRAINING SESSIONS ON PRIVACY ISSUES:** To ensure that Eastern and its faculty and staff are in compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements related to privacy issues, a new training session has been developed by the Office of Business and Finance. The privacy training, which is mandatory for all faculty and staff, will be offered on several different dates in an effort to accommodate schedules, and will also be offered in an online format. Faculty and staff can attend either kind of session. The first public sessions are scheduled for:

- **Tuesday, January 22**, 10 - 11 a.m., Halle Auditorium
- **Friday, January 25**, 11 - Noon, Halle Auditorium
- **Monday, January 28**, 11 - Noon, Halle Auditorium

Based on these sessions, a program will be developed for the on-line HR system called Success Factors, which will be available once developed. If you would like to arrange a training session for your department, please contact Margaret Tsilis at 487-3328. Participation is mandatory to attend one of the training sessions or complete on-line (once developed). No pre-registration is required. Additional dates will be announced. If you have any questions regarding privacy training, please contact Steve LaChance at 487-1490, or Andrea Jaeckel at 487-3328.

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR LGBT EQUALITY ISSUES:** The Center for the Study of Equality and Human Rights (CSEHR) announces a Faculty Fellows program focused on the design and development for academic work focused on LGBT Equality and Human Rights. The final outcome of participation in the program will be a finished and implementable proposal for an applied academic research project, a curriculum innovation project (K-12 or post-secondary), or a community action, advocacy, and/or improvement project. Six faculty members will be selected to participate in the Fall 2013 CSEHR Faculty Fellows Program. For more information and applications, go to [Faculty Fellows Programs](#).

**2013-2014 RESEARCH AWARDS AND SPEAKER SERIES:** The Center for the Study of Equality and Human Rights (CSEHR) at Eastern Michigan University is seeking proposals for

participation in its Research Awards and Speaker Series Program. The goal of the Research Awards program is to stimulate LGBT public policy oriented academic research in the Social Sciences, Communication and Media Arts, Human Services, Education, and Arts disciplines. Faculty members working at U.S. post-secondary institutions and doctoral students in these disciplines are eligible for and encouraged to submit proposals. Email Michael Tew at [mtew@emich.edu](mailto:mtew@emich.edu) or go to [Research Awards](#) for more information.

**CSEHR ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR STUDENT LGBT RESEARCH:** The Center for the Study of Equality and Human Rights (CSEHR) is accepting proposals for LGBT student research. The Center will award a \$500.00 scholarship to one graduate student and one undergraduate student. Qualifying research must focus on equality oriented public policy associated with LGBT communities. Selected research projects will be submitted by the student and Center for possible inclusion in EMU's Undergraduate Research Symposium or the Graduate Research Fair in the Winter 2014 semester, and, will be published in the Center's *Equality Research Monograph*. For more information and applications, go to [Research Awards](#).

**EMU-ONLINE LAUNCHES MOBILE APP:** Through the use of smartphones, online learning at EMU just got easier! A new option is now available to students using Android or Apple phones with app functionality. The new app provides another option for students to participate in discussions, view course announcements and even grades for their online classes. For more information on the mobile app view the official press release. If you or any of your students are experiencing issues in downloading or using the app please send an email to [emuonline@emich.edu](mailto:emuonline@emich.edu). To read more, go to [EMU press release on new APP](#).

**DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY UPDATES:** If your Department Directory listing is not accurate, please send the updated information to: [dept\\_directory@emich.edu](mailto:dept_directory@emich.edu). For questions, contact Debra Burke at 487-6895 or by e-mail at [dburke15@emich.edu](mailto:dburke15@emich.edu). Please note that personal directory listings are populated by Banner and you will need to contact Academic HR or Staff HR to update personal listings.

**POST AN EVENT TO THE EVENTS CALENDAR:** To submit a new event, click on [Submit an Event](#), or go to the EMU website, click "calendars," then click the green button labeled "Submit an Event" (located on the bottom left) and enter your event information. If you need help or have questions, please contact Debra Johnson at [djohn144@emich.edu](mailto:djohn144@emich.edu) or call 487-2484. All events are subject to approval.

## Scholarships

SEARCH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: To find out about current scholarship opportunities, go to [search scholarships](#).

On this day...

On this day in 1915 - The Coast Guard was created by an act of the U.S. Congress to fight contraband trade and aid distressed vessels at sea.

Quote:

"The entire civil service is like a fortress, made of papers, forms and red tape." - [Alexander Ostrovsky](#)

Fact:

The first public street lighting with gas was demonstrated in [Pall Mall, London](#) on January 28, 1807 by Frederick Albert Winsor. In 1812, Parliament granted a charter to the London and Westminster [Gas Light and Coke Company](#), and the first gas company in the world came into being. Less than two years later, on December 31, 1813, the [Westminster Bridge](#) was lit by gas.