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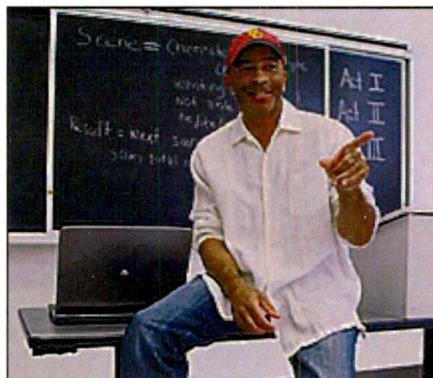
The following are news briefs about important activities and events happening at Eastern Michigan University.

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- **Screenwriter to visit EMU:** Award-winning screenwriter, producer and adjunct professor Sterling Anderson will kick off a speakers' series for students interested in writing for television and movies. Sterling's recent credits include NBC's "Medium," CBS' "The Unit" and the upcoming "Superfly" remake. An open opportunities session for all EMU students is scheduled Wednesday, Feb. 24, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Sponberg Theatre. This event is hosted by communication, media & theatre arts, English language and literature and African American Studies. For more on this guest speaker, go to blackbeltscreenwriting.com. For further information on his visit, e-mail kdamron@emich.edu or douglas.baker@emich.edu.



Anderson

- **Political science department campus comment:** The EMU Political Science Department invites the campus community to provide input and feedback to complete its review process. All interested faculty and staff are invited to review and comment on the Political Science Department program review electronically, via the REPORTS tab on my.emich through Feb. 28. Instructions for accessing and commenting on the reviews can be obtained by clicking the following link: [How to Access the Campus Comment Module](#). Further questions should be directed to Dondi Goerlitz at 487-0169 or by e-mail at dgoerlitz@emich.edu.



Swedenburg

Youth and Popular Music in the Arab World:

The "Perspectives on the Middle East" Lecture Series concludes with Ted Swedenburg, professor of anthropology at the University of Arkansas, presenting "Youth and Popular Music in the Arab World," Monday, March 8, 7 p.m., Ballroom B, Student Center. General Education LBC credit is available. For more information, contact Marty Shichtman at mschichtma1@emich.edu.

Recycling continues to increase: EMU recycled nearly 17 tons of material in January this year, compared to about 7.5 tons last January. That is an increase of more than 225 percent. For more

information on recycling, to go <http://www.emich.edu/physplant/recycling.html>.

- **Art Faculty Exhibition:** The annual Art Faculty Exhibition features the artwork of both full and adjunct faculty members, with photography, painting, mixed media, metalsmithing, video and more, through



March 12, University Gallery. For more information, contact EMU Art Galleries at emuartgalleries@gmail.com.

FACULTY ART: Professor Margaret Davis's painting, "Forager", is on display at the EMU Faculty Art Exhibition, located in University Gallery in the Student Center. The exhibit continues through March 12.

- **EMU LeaderShape call for faculty:** Campus Life is in need of five faculty and staff members to volunteer as facilitators in the EMU LeaderShape Institute. Facilitator training is Saturday, April 24, and the session runs from Sunday, April 25, through Friday, April 30. LeaderShape will take place at Echo Grove Camp in Leonard, Mich., near Auburn Hills. For more information, contact Noah Borton at nborton@emich.edu or call (734) 487-2493. For more information about LeaderShape, go to www.leadershape.org.
- **Teaching Excellence Awards nominations:** The EMU Alumni Association's Recognition and Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for the 20th Annual Teaching Excellence Awards. All faculty members who have held a full-time appointment at EMU for three or more complete academic years are eligible. For criteria and an application, go to <http://www.emich.edu/alumni/awards/tea.html>. Nominations should be forwarded to the Office for Alumni Relations, 1349 S. Huron St., Suite 2, Ypsilanti, MI by Friday, March 5. For questions, call 487-0250.
- **Women's History Month kick-off events:** Events for Eastern Michigan University's celebration of Women's History Month kick off Monday, March 8, with three events. Enjoy the Sarakot Art Exhibition, which displays the work of a young artist from Manila in the Philippines. This exhibition, scheduled March 8-19, in the Student Center Art Gallery is in collaboration with Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Meet EMU faculty and students and enjoy speakers and food from around the world during the International Women's Day Celebration March 8, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Halle Library's Carillon Room. And be sure to take part in celebrating Women's History Month with food, dancing, live music and panel discussions during the Women of Culture event March 8, 6-9 p.m., Ballroom B, in the Student Center. For more information on these events, visit www.emich.edu/womenshistorymonth or call 487-1177.



RESEARCH EXCELLENCE: At last year's Graduate Research Fair Awards ceremony, graduate student Meriah Sage (center) displays her Gerri Collins Award for Excellence. Sage is flanked by Deb deLaski-Smith, interim dean of the Graduate School (left) and Don Loppnow.

Provost Medal nominations sought:

Annually, the Graduate School gives two Graduate Assistant awards in memory of Ronald and Gerri Collins (Provost Medals). One honors a graduate assistant who excels in research and one honors a GA who excels in service to the university and community. Nominations and supporting materials may be submitted to 200 Boone Hall by Friday, March 5. Awards will be announced during the Graduate Research Fair luncheon Monday, March 22. For nomination forms, go to http://gradschool.emich.edu/ga_hiringinfo/ga_hiringinfo. For questions, contact the Graduate School at 487-0042 or e-mail graduate_school@emich.edu.

Physical Plant key information: Eastern Michigan University's Physical Plant has updated its Web site. Please visit and get acquainted with the many functions the physical plant has all over campus. Visit the "frequently asked questions" section and learn how you can obtain a key, transfer or clearance form. Is a lock change the same as re-keying a lock? What is the procedure for re-keying. Also, did you

know you have 30 days to pick up your key(s) when notified? If your key is not picked up after the 30th day, the key will be recycled and your department will be billed \$25 per key. It is important to keep up with the policy and procedure of the keys/lock changes and re-keying. To check the physical plant Web site, go to <http://www.emich.edu/physplant/>. For questions, call 487-2494 or e-mail Kay Tobias-Stachlewitz at kstachlew@emich.edu.

Why I work at Eastern Michigan University

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I used to work with doctors on a regular basis. For 15 years, I was the faculty faculty developer of osteopathic medicine at Michigan State University. I was tired of hearing doctors say, "Patients come first, education comes second." After my retirement, I found that Eastern Michigan University had a vacant position its faculty development program. Since I've been hired, I am happy to say I work with many people who believe in "Education First."

I am the director of the Bruce K. Nelson Faculty Development Center, located on the first floor of Halle Library. We're a part of the provost's office, and our goal is to promote excellence in teaching, learning and research for EMU's faculty.

Working at EMU, I work with faculty, from a diverse range of disciplines, who want to improve their professional development as educators. People may have new ideas about different classroom techniques, and I provide the support structures for them to meet with people interested in the same concept. There's always something new for faculty or me to learn or try, which makes this job always fresh!

When people come back and tell me how I've helped them in their classrooms, I feel like I've made an impact. I feel like I'm influencing the lives of not only the faculty, but the students.

I'll be moving on to the next part of my retirement in May, as an affiliate at the Global Institute for Higher Education at Michigan State. The institute will be setting up hubs of faculty development, which will help educators in Third World countries better improve their skills. I'll be able to connect people I work with here with people all over the world .

I keep telling everyone that this is the best job I've ever had, and it's at EMU! — *Contributed by Alyssa Eckles*