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FSU and Johns Hopkins Faculty Collaborate on Vapor Sensor Technology



Dr. Wudyalew Wondmagegn, an FSU engineering faculty member, center, with his students, Nicholas Baicar, left, and Spencer Hamblin, will deploy computer models to simulate vapor sensors as part of a National Science Foundation Grant in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University.

Vapor sensors are critical for modern life, monitoring industrial processes, ensuring air quality, detecting security threats and even aiding in medical diagnostics. One emerging technology offers great promise for cheaper, more versatile vapor sensors: organic semiconductors (OSC). Unfortunately, OSC vapor sensors are not quite ready for widespread use.

Dr. Wudyalew Wondmagegn, an associate professor of electrical engineering at FSU, and Dr. Howard Katz, a professor of materials science and engineering at Johns Hopkins University, are combining their expertise to improve OSC vapor sensor tech. Their collaborative inter-university research project is supported by a three-year \$438,463 grant from the National Science Foundation, approximately \$160,000 of which will fund research at FSU.

OSCs are small, simple, inexpensive to produce and as mechanically flexible as plastic. However, environmental factors like heat, humidity and other gases can degrade the current OSC vapor sensors in as little as a few hours, causing readings to drift. That drift renders them unreliable in most real-world situations.

Wondmagegn and Katz are developing strategies to overcome or counteract those drifting outputs.

The two teams will test changes to the materials and design of individual OSC vapor sensors to optimize performance, collaborating regularly to refine their improvements.

At FSU, Wondmagegn's students will deploy computer models to simulate those sensors in service. Wondmagegn and his team will then design circuits of sensors to preserve sensitivity while minimizing output drift.

At JHU, Katz's team will physically produce various OSC sensor designs and collect experimental data on actual sensor performance over time.

The research project will also include STEM outreach efforts to high school students, both in Western Maryland and in Baltimore.

For info, contact Wondmagegn at wwondmagegn@frostburg.edu. Read the full release [here](#).

Music

Unless otherwise noted, events will take place in Pealer Recital Hall and are free and open to the public. For info, contact FSU's Department of Music at 301-687-4109.

Dates for Opera Theatre Changed to Dec. 5 and 10

FSU's Opera Theatre will present "An Evening of Operetta" on **Wednesday, Dec. 5**, and **Monday, Dec. 10**, at 7:30 p.m.

Directed by **Gregory Scott Stuart**, the concert will feature excerpts from light opera, including scenes from operettas by Arthur Sullivan, Emmerich Kálmán's "Die Csárdásfürstin" ("The Gypsy Princess") and Jacques Offenbach's one-act charmer, "Le mariage aux lanternes" ("The Lantern-Light Marriage").

English composer Sullivan is best known for 14 operatic collaborations with the dramatist W.S. Gilbert, including "H.M.S. Pinafore," "The Pirates of Penzance" and "The Mikado." His works include 24 operas, 11 major orchestral works, 10 choral works and oratorios, two ballets, incidental music to several plays and numerous church pieces, songs, and piano and chamber pieces. His hymns and songs include "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and "The Lost Chord."

"Die Csárdásfürstin" is an operetta in three acts by Hungarian composer Kálmán. It premiered in Vienna at the Johann Strauss-Theater in 1915. Numerous film versions and recordings have been made. The operetta is beloved across Europe, particularly in Hungary, Austria, Germany and the former Soviet Union, where it was adapted into a popular film. It is arguably Kálmán's most successful work.

"Le mariage aux lanternes," a work in Offenbach's more pastoral and sentimental style, was first performed at the Théâtre des Bouffes Parisiens in Paris in 1857. In this story, a young farmer, Guillot, has feelings for his orphan cousin Denise, who was entrusted to him by their uncle Mathurin. Guillot hides his feelings by treating her roughly, driving the young girl to despair. Both write to their uncle – he for money and she for advice. Each receives a letter about "treasure" that can be found under the great tree when the evening church bells peal.

Opera students include sopranos **Rachel Cox** and **Alana James**, mezzo-soprano **Kayla Elsaesser** and tenors **Gabriel Harper** and **Christian Scott**. Pianist **Dr. Joseph Yungen** will accompany the group.

String Duo and Guitar Showcase Concert

FSU's Department of Music will present the String Duo and Guitar Showcase Concert on **Wednesday, Nov. 14**, at 7:30 p.m.

The FSU String Duo, directed by **Dr. Karen Lau**, will feature **Maggie Malat** on cello and **Elijah Jones** on double bass. They will perform "Menuet" from "Royal Fireworks Suite" by George Frideric Handel, "Et la lumière fut (Le temps revient)" by Werner De Bleser and "Winter" from "The Four Seasons" by Antonio Vivaldi. The duo will be joined by **Paul Zimmerman** on guitar for "Winter."

The Guitar Showcase, directed by **Patrick Sise**, features the Guitar Ensemble, which is made up of **Daniel Bedwell**, **Marshall Borleis**, **Nate Richards**, **Corey Snowden**, **Grant Stryckning**, Zimmerman and **Zou Haoran**.

The selections will include "Chôros No. 1" by Heitor Villa-Lobos, performed by Stryckning; "Etude No. 4" by Matteo Carcassi, performed by Richards; "Romance for Tree" by Takashi Yoshimatsu, performed by Borleis; "Tarantella, Op. 13, No. 13" by Johann Kaspar Mertz, performed by Bedwell; "Tico-Tico no Fubá" by Zequinha de Abreu, performed by Snowden; "Vals, Op. 8, No. 3" by Agustín Barrios, performed by Zimmerman; and "The Miller's Dance" by Manuel de Falla, a performance by the entire ensemble.

On the EDGE to Host South African Percussion Group 1st Project



CES' On the EDGE series at FSU will present the South African percussion ensemble 1st Project on **Thursday, Nov. 15**, in Lane Manicur Hall. The 7:30 p.m. performance features informal table seating, comfortable couch and armchair seating, and food and beverage options.

Based in Johannesburg, 1st Project is an industrial percussion act with a pulse of pure primal energy. Combining elements of rock, traditional African rhythms, house and Latin, the group has created an original, adrenaline-fueled style of music designed to electrify audiences of all ages.

Tickets are \$15 and may be ordered by visiting ces.frostburg.edu or by calling 1-866-849-9237 or 301-687-3137. The CES box office, located in the Lane University Center, is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Percussion Ensemble in Fall Concert

The FSU Department of Music will present the Percussion Ensemble in its fall concert on **Thursday, Nov. 15**, at 7:30 p.m.

The ensemble, under the direction of **Dr. Mackenzie Jacob LaMont**, will perform Anthony J. Cirone's "Triptych" for percussion quartet; the classic progressive rock album, "In the Court of the Crimson King," by the legendary rock group King Crimson; and the modern classic, "Stained Glass," by David R. Gillingham.

Cirone composed "Triptych," a 15-minute work in three diverse movements, in 1971. He is professor of music and chair of the Percussion Department at Indiana University in Bloomington, executive editor of percussion publications through Meredith Music Publications and a clinician for several companies. Cirone has more than 70 published titles, including textbooks, three symphonies for percussion, four sonatas, a string quartet and seven works for orchestra. Some of his most lasting contributions to the world of percussion are his many educational method books.

King Crimson celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, and the band's debut album will turn 50 in 2019. To celebrate this extremely influential group, the Percussion Ensemble will perform all five pieces from "In the Court of the Crimson King" (subtitled "An Observation by King Crimson"). The album is one of the first and most influential of the progressive rock genre, where the band largely departed from the blues influences upon which rock music was founded and combined elements of jazz, classical and symphonic music.

"Stained Glass," written in 1990 by contemporary composer Gillingham, was inspired by the beauty and color of stained glass. The first movement, "Foyers," refers to the many variations of stained glass found in the entrances of dwellings. The second movement, "Cathedrals," seeks to create the mysteriousness and grandeur of the many great cathedrals of the world. The final movement, "Sun Catchers," begins joyously and was inspired by the radiant colors reflected by a variety of multicolored sun catchers.

The Percussion Ensemble consists of *Blaine Becker, Deandre Cook, Holden DeMartino, Anthony Fasci, Christopher Hess, Cheyenne Jeffries, Kamonte Johnson, Nathan Kopit, Preston Leshinskie, Hanna Livingston, Andrew McEwen* and *Reiss Mikula*. For this performance, they will be joined by guest students *Ryan Barber* and *Garrett Spence*.

Senior Flute Recital by Shefali Shah



FSU student *Shefali Shah* will present her senior flute recital on **Saturday, Nov. 17**, at 7:30 p.m. She will be accompanied by *Dr. Joseph Yungen* on the piano and guest artist *Eftihia Arkoudis* on the flute.

Shah will perform the first movement from “Suite for Flute and Piano, Op. 34” by Charles-Marie Widor, “Ballade” by Albert Perilhou, “Maya” by Ian Clarke and “Sonata No. 1 for Flute and Piano” by Eric Ewazen.

Widor, most famous for his organ music and as organist of the Cathedral of Notre-Dame of Paris, composed “Suite for Flute and Piano, Op. 34” in 1898. The opening movement, “Moderato,” is the farthest from resembling its counterpart in a true sonata. It is more concerned with lyricism than development.

Composed in 1903, “Ballade” is a one-movement piece that begins with a slow part and alternates with a brisk tempo that demonstrates the range of the flute. The melody of the slow part keeps coming back along the piece, which finishes on it.

“Maya,” composed in 2000, is a beautifully dreamy piece. The title refers to the illusion or appearance of the phenomenal world.

Composed for flutist Marya Martin, who has championed and recorded much of Ewazen’s elegant and attractive flute music, “Sonata No 1” is cast in three movements in the grand romantic tradition.

FSU’s Department of Music to Present Jazz Combos

FSU’s Department of Music will present its Jazz Combos Fall Concert on **Monday, Nov. 19**, at 7:30 p.m. The program will feature the FSU Jazz Combo and the FSU Jazz Guitar Combo in a performance of great jazz standards and outstanding works.

The program will open with the FSU Jazz Combo, directed by *Tom Harrison*, performing “Speak No Evil” by Wayne Shorter, a piece that is closer to hard bop but still feels post-bop and avant-garde.

The next selection is “Samba for Carmen” by Paquito D’Rivera, a Cuban-born American saxophonist, clarinetist and composer who plays and composes jazz and classical music.

The combo will then perform “Jericho” by *Mirto Dorcil*, a medium swing tune based on the biblical story of Jericho. Dorcil is an FSU music performance major.

After this comes “My Funny Valentine,” a show tune from the 1937 Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart musical “Babes in Arms.” The song became a popular jazz standard, appearing on more than 1,300 albums performed by more than 600 artists. In 2015, it was inducted into the Library of Congress’s National Recording Registry.

Next up is “Donna Lee,” a bebop jazz standard attributed to Charlie Parker, although Miles Davis has also claimed authorship. “Donna Lee” is a very complex, fast-moving piece. Then, “Sister Cheryl” by Tony Williams offers a whole new concept of jazz drums played around what has been described as “controlled chaos.”

“Four on Six,” a standard written by Wes Montgomery in 1960 and his most famous self-penned tune, refers to a 4/4 rhythm superimposed over a rhythm of 6/8.

The FSU Jazz Combo will end its program with “Bolivia” by American hard bop jazz pianist Cedar Walton, a jazz standard and perhaps his best-known composition.

Jazz Combo members are *Caitlyn Rund* on alto saxophone, *Hanna Livingston* on the trumpet and violin, Dorcil on piano, *Grant Stryckning* and *Corey Snowden* on guitars and *Ryan Barber* on drums.

Next, the FSU Jazz Guitar Combo, directed by *Anthony Ambroso*, will start with “Sonnymoon for Two,” where the great tenor saxophonist Sonny Rollins takes a simple melodic phrase and twists it so many ways that it sounds like a musical pretzel.

This will be followed by “All Blues,” a jazz composition by Miles Davis that first appeared on the influential 1959 album “Kind of Blue,” and “I’ll Remember April,” a popular song and jazz standard written by Gene de Paul, with lyrics by Patricia Johnston and Don Raye, that made its debut in the 1942 Abbott and Costello comedy “Ride ‘Em Cowboy.”

The Jazz Guitar Combo will end with “Happy People” by Kenny Garrett, which demonstrates the respected saxophonist’s ability to create a solid, richly varied collection. This eclectic, multilayered offering reflects Garrett’s wide-ranging sources of inspiration, including his long-held fascination with Far Eastern music.

The Jazz Guitar Combo consists of Stryckning on guitar, *DeAndre Cook* on trombone, *Garret Spence* on bass and *Blaine Becker* on drums.

Theatre

Theatre and Dance Presents ‘The Best Christmas Pageant Ever’

This holiday season, FSU’s Department of Theatre and Dance will host a production of Barbara Robinson’s “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!” Directed by *Mairzy Yost-Rushton*, performances will take place in the Pealer Center Drama Theatre on **Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, and Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 6 through 8**, at 7:30 p.m., with three matinee performances on **Sunday, Dec. 2, Saturday, Dec. 8, and Sunday, Dec. 9**, at 2 p.m.

Christmas is coming, and with it comes the church nativity pageant – that sweet yearly event with adorable children dressed in daddy's bathrobe and tinsel halos. Not this year! A broken leg, a new director and "the worst kids in the whole history of the world" all add up to hilarious mayhem that's holiday fun for the whole family! Local children join the FSU cast of this timeless classic.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for FSU employees and senior citizens and \$7 for students.

Tickets can be purchased online by visiting www.frostburg.edu/TheatreDance and clicking "Buy Tickets Now." For info, call the Theatre and Dance box office at 301-687-7462.

Workshops

Falun Gong Exercise Workshop



Dr. Hongqi Li, a professor in FSU's Department of Biology, will host a Falun Gong Exercise Workshop on **Wednesday, Nov. 14**, at 6:30 p.m. in Compton 226. Falun Gong (also called Falun Dafa), which follows the principles of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance, includes slow-moving exercise and sitting meditation. Li started practicing Falun Gong in 1995 because of illness and wants to share the benefits of this exercise. The workshop is free and open to the public. It will probably last longer than one hour.

For info, contact Li at hli@frostburg.edu.

Visual Arts

'In the Shadows and Under the Bed' Exhibit at Roper Gallery



An image by Greg Orfanos, left, and one by David Ferreira that will appear in the Roper exhibit.

FSU's Department of Visual Arts will present "In the Shadows and Under the Bed: The Elusive Creatures and Entities of Myth, Legend, Literature, Film and Folklore," a collection of works by artists Greg Orfanos and David Ferreira, **through Tuesday, Nov. 20**, in the Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery in FSU's Fine Arts building. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

This exhibit features various paintings, drawings, mixed media works and sculptures depicting monsters as seen through history and some that have yet to be revealed.

Orfanos, an illustration-instructor at Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, Mass., since 2011, is a mixed media artist who works primarily with acrylic paint and collage. Though a narrative is always prominent in his paintings, it is often portrayed in a surreal and allegorical way.

Ferreira has built a career as an illustrator, teacher and fine artist, drawing inspiration from the Old Masters of the Renaissance, comic books, Samurai films and pop culture. He is an assistant professor of illustration and drawing at Montserrat College of Art.

For info, contact the Department of Visual Arts at 301-687-4797. Gallery hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday.

Points of Pride

FSU Presents Outstanding Mentor Award to Three Faculty Members



From left, Outstanding Mentors **Dr. Paul Bernhardt**, **Dr. Daniel Moorehead** and **Dr. Thomas Sigerstad**

FSU presented the Outstanding Mentor Award to three new nominees at this year's Career Expo luncheon. The three recipients were **Dr. Paul Bernhardt** of the Department of Psychology, **Dr. Daniel Moorehead** of the Department of Sociology and **Dr. Thomas Sigerstad** of the Department of Management.

Bernhardt, an associate professor of psychology, was nominated by **Melanie Rowe-Partridge '11**. Bernhardt was acknowledged for his hard work and dedication to have his students understand his material and succeed in other areas as well.

Moorehead was nominated for his outstanding teaching and support for his students by **Laura Nichols '09**. He has worked at FSU for 12 years in the Department of Sociology. Moorehead is also involved in school committees, such as the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Handbook Subcommittee.

Sigerstad was nominated by **Nicole D'Atri '08**, for his excellent teaching skills and genuine support for his students in and outside of class. He has worked at FSU for almost 20 years.

The Outstanding Mentor Award is presented by the FSU Career and Professional Development Center. For info, call 301-687-4403. Read the full release [here](#).

NAVPA Elects FSU's Dabrowski to Board



The National Association of Veterans Program Administrators (NAVPA) recently elected FSU's director of Veterans Services, **Danielle Dabrowski**, to the NAVPA Board of Directors as Region II Delegate. Dabrowski was also elected to the Executive Board as the organization's treasurer.

As a member of the Executive Board, Dabrowski will be in direct contact with the U.S. Departments of Veterans Affairs, Education and Defense, as well as offer input to the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees, Maryland College Collaboration and other national and regional professional organizations concerning NAVPA's mission.

For info, visit www.navpa.org/board-of-directors.

FSU's Duncan Interviewed by Sci-Fi Magazine



Andy Duncan, an associate professor in FSU's Department of English, is the subject of a six-page interview in the November 2018 issue of *Locus* – The Magazine of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Field. The issue also includes a review of Duncan's new collection "An Agent of Utopia," which reviewer Gary K. Wolfe calls "brilliant." "There are few contemporary writers in any genre so immediately identifiable by voice alone as Andy Duncan," he said.

For info, visit <https://locusmag.com/2018/11/issue-694-table-of-contents-november-2018> and <http://smallbeerpress.com/forthcoming/2018/05/02/agent-of-utopia>.

Take Note

FSU Children's Literature Centre Hosts 15th Annual Storybook Holiday



FSU's Literature Centre will begin its season of cheer with its 15th annual Storybook Holiday celebration on **Saturday, Dec. 1**, in downtown Frostburg. The festivities begin at 8 a.m. and end with a holiday-themed movie, "It's a Wonderful Life," starting at 7:30 p.m.

The event is welcoming to all ages and features a parade, storybook readings, cookie decorating and many more family-friendly activities. In addition, attendees get the chance to meet Santa and children's book author Colleen Driscoll.

The day of events begins with Breakfast With the Elves at 8 a.m. at Hotel Gunter at 11 W. Main St. Tickets are \$6 per person and are sold in advance at the hotel. After a delicious breakfast, some of the elves will battle one another in the Elf Olympics at the Broadway parking lot at 9:30 a.m. When the friendly competition ends, attendees can view the Mountain City Center for the Arts kickoff performance at 10:15 a.m. before the parade in front of Hotel Gunter. The fun run, Run Your Bells Off for Autism, will start the parade at 10:30 a.m.

Following the parade, from 11 a.m. to noon, Tail Waggin' Tutors will provide storybook readings at the Frostburg Community Library at 65 E. Main St. There will also be readings from noon to 1 p.m. at Frostburg United Methodist Church and from 1 to 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, both on Main Street. At 11:30 a.m., the Frostburg Dance Academy will perform at the Broadway parking lot.

In addition, a variety of high-spirited seasonal activities will take place at City Place, 14 S. Water St., from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the Elves' Secret Workshop, letter writing to Santa, photos with elves and a miniature train display. Craft vendors will also display their items for sale.

Also at 11:30 a.m., West Virginia author Driscoll will begin her presentation at the Frostburg Community Center at 27 S. Water St. Later, from 2 to 3 p.m., she will host a book signing at City Place. Driscoll is the author of "Piper the Elf Trains Santa." Books can be purchased at Main Street Books.

Free cookie decorating and a cookie contest will take place from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Hotel Gunter. Other attractions include Sticker Stops, where kids can fill their winter bookmarks with stickers to win a prize, face painting and balloon animals at the American Legion at 27 W. Main St., crafts at several shops along Main Street, Cocoa With the PoPo at the Frostburg Public Safety Building at 37 S. Broadway, business and restaurant specials and a miniature railroad display beside City Place. Children can also visit Santa's House at P.S. Hair Design at 20 S. Broadway.

As the activities of the day come to an end, the Festival of Trees takes place at City Place from 6 to 7 p.m. Celebrators will meet Santa, cookie contest awards will be announced and a performance by the Arion Band will be featured. The last activity takes place at the Palace Theatre, 31 E. Main St., at 7:30 p.m., with a showing of the 1946 movie classic, "It's a Wonderful Life," directed by Frank Capra and starring James Stewart and Donna Reed. Tickets are being sold in advance at Main Street Books and cost \$5 per person.

For info, call 301-687-3133 or email clc@frostburg.edu. Updates can also be found at www.facebook.com/clcfstu.

No Shuttle Service Nov. 12



There will be no shuttle service on Veterans Day, which will be observed **Monday, Nov. 12**.

'Walk of Democracy' Open to Campus and Community Members

Communication Leadership Lab assistants from the Department of Communication will facilitate a "Walk of Democracy" program on **Wednesday, Nov. 14**, at 5 p.m. in Lane 108. This interactive dialogue event aims to help keep constructive conversations going across

political perspectives following the midterm elections. The event is inspired in part by discussions happening this semester in LEAD 201 Leadership Theories and Practices and CMST 350 Intercultural Communication about the book "Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit" (2011) by Parker Palmer. Because the purpose of a democracy is to distribute power among public voices to build a community where people feel like their perspectives are valued, the "Walk of Democracy" will be an event open to the campus and community that provides a safe space for voicing political beliefs and exploring how democracy happens.

For info or to partner on the event, contact lab coordinator Dr. Elesha Ruminski at 301-697-7747 or elruminski@frostburg.edu. More information on the Communication Leadership Lab can be found at <https://frostburgdialogue.org>.

Have a Great Technology Idea You Want to Commercialize?

The FSU Office of Sponsored Programs invites faculty, students and area businesses in Garrett, Allegany and Washington counties to apply to attend a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Proposal Lab designed to help you compete for Phase I SBIR funding. The federal SBIR program provides grants of seed funding of up to \$150,000 to small businesses to prove innovative ideas. The SBIR Proposal Lab is designed to help applicants write proposals for innovative technologies that could be commercialized. Phase I awardees become eligible to apply for Phase II funding for up to \$1,000,000 to commercialize their idea.

The lab starts on **Wednesday, Nov. 21**, and runs five workshops and two reviews until **Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019**, in Rockville or Salisbury, Md. This lab will focus on helping Maryland small businesses compete for available Federal Research and Development seed money. The lab will accept up to 30 Maryland applicants, with a preference given to women-owned, socioeconomically disadvantaged and rural Maryland small businesses.

The cost of the lab is \$500. If selected, the Division of Regional Development and Engagement will pay the tuition for anyone that applies through FSU.

To apply, contact Brandon Mason, Small Business Development Center consultant, at FSUbwason@frostburg.edu.

Auditions for Theatre and Dance Production of '5 by Ives'

The Department of Theatre and Dance will hold auditions for its first spring show, "5 by Ives," featuring a series of one-act plays by comedic playwright David Ives, **Monday, Dec. 3**, from 7 to 10 p.m. in Pealer Center room 224, with callbacks the following night, as necessary.

All students are welcome to audition for the production. Rehearsals will take place **Monday through Thursday and Saturday from Monday, Jan. 28, 2019, through performances, Friday, March 1, through Saturday, March 9.**

For a breakdown of the one-act plays and casting requirements, contact the director, Darrell Rushton, at dsrushton@frostburg.edu. Interested students can stop by Pealer Center room 302 to check out a script.

Free Walk-In Flu Vaccine Clinics

The Garrett County Health Department will conduct its last free walk-in flu vaccine clinic at the Brady Health Center on **Friday, Dec. 7**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bring your insurance card, but if you have no health insurance, there will be no out-of-pocket expense.

For info, contact the Garrett County Health Department at 301-334-7770.

Calling All Honors Students!

Are you an Honors student who would like to add public speaking, research, scholarship and writing experience to your resume? See **Dr. Greg Wood**, associate professor of history and director of the Honors Program, at Fuller House about presenting a paper or poster at the upcoming Maryland Collegiate Honors Council conference, which will be held at Morgan State University in Baltimore on **Friday, March 1, and Saturday, March 2, 2019**. The MCHC conference features student presentations from colleges throughout the state, and you should be there to represent FSU! If you've written or crafted a research paper or poster for an earlier course, or are working on one this semester, you should put it to work for you.

Abstracts (or a short written summary of your project) for proposals are due **Friday, Dec. 14**. Contact Wood at gwood@frostburg.edu to talk about crafting an abstract for your project.

The Honors Program will cover expenses for your hotel and transportation to the conference.

Leadership Studies Minor Course Offerings for Spring 2019

[Leadership Studies](#) is an interdisciplinary minor that complements the learning of students in any major. Core courses offered this spring are listed below, and many options from the [Leadership Values and Skills and Leadership Environments elective categories](#) are also being offered. Note that prerequisite requirements for core LEAD courses can be waived for students who want to explore the study and practice of leadership before they declare the minor. This spring, students will have opportunities to reflect on their leadership development using FSU's [Leadership Competency Model](#) in LEAD 101 and to work on dialogue and deliberation projects, including the planning of the Annual Leadership Residency program, through the [Communication Leadership Lab](#) in LEAD 401. For info or if you would like to become a member of the minor's Advisory Committee, contact **Dr. Elesha Ruminski**, coordinator of Leadership Studies, at elruminski@frostburg.edu.

Spring 2019 LEAD Course Offerings:

- CMST 102-601 Introduction to Human Communication (3 cr.): Variable times and instructors

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- LEAD 101-001 Introduction to Leadership Studies (3 cr.): Tuesday and Thursday, 2 to 3:45 p.m., *Dr. Molly Stoltz*
 - LEAD 401-601 Citizen Leader (4 cr.): Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., Ruminski

It's Snowing! Should I Stay or Should I Go?



Make sure you know how to find out if FSU will be closed, have a delayed opening or close early on bad weather days.

The most reliable information regarding delayed openings and cancellations will be from FSU-controlled outlets (University voicemail, email, Burg Alerts and website). Notification of delays or closures will be made through these outlets:

- At the Main University Number (301-687-4000, option 2) after 6 a.m.
- Via Burg Alert text and email alerts. More information is below.
- Through campus email.
- On top of the main page of the FSU website.
- Via Twitter: <https://twitter.com/frostburgstate>.
- On the FSU Facebook page: www.facebook.com/frostburgstateuniversity.
- Through local radio stations.

NEW THIS YEAR: Everyone with an FSU email is now automatically signed up for Burg Alerts TO THAT EMAIL. Burg Alerts, in addition to weather notifications, alert the campus in an emergency.

You may also opt to have alerts sent as text messages to your cell phones (standard texting rates apply) and to other email addresses. To sign up, click <https://www.frostburg.edu/computing/fsualert> or click the Emergency link at the bottom of the FSU front page. Follow the instructions, using your FSU user name and password to access the site. You have the option of having alerts sent to two cell numbers and six email addresses. (You may add your family members, or they may create their own accounts at the link above.) Make sure to follow the validation steps to activate your choices.

If you spend any time in the Frostburg area, it is highly recommended that you sign up for the text alerts to ensure you are notified of emergencies or weather-related schedule changes.

Unless FSU closure is announced on the outlets above, WE ARE OPEN. Likewise, the message under option 2 at the main University number will announce the closure or announce, "There are no delays or closures at this time." (If you are a student or a faculty or staff member at a facility outside of Frostburg, officials from that facility will determine closures for those locations.)

FOR FACULTY/STAFF: Personnel compensation for closures or delays will be based on the appropriate cancellation/delay message as presented on the FSU voicemail system. A reminder: Essential personnel are required to report to work in the event of any cancellation or delay. These individuals have been notified of their "essential" status by their department heads. If you are unsure of your status, check with your supervisor.

If, in your judgment, it is not safe for you to come to work or to class while the University is still open, you must contact your supervisor and provide this information. In the event that liberal leave is announced for employees, it is expected that everyone will make an effort to report to work and class. Employees who take liberal leave will be charged for the appropriate leave time. The announcement of liberal leave DOES NOT cancel classes or relieve essential employees of their need to report to work during inclement weather.

FOR STUDENTS: The announcement of liberal leave for employees DOES NOT cancel classes. If you have concerns about your ability to make it to class in bad weather, discuss them with your faculty members before the weather turns nasty.

Depending on the severity of the weather, the Lane University Center and the Cordts PE Center may open with limited hours and services on days that classes are cancelled. This service is for students living on campus and within walking distance. Do not attempt to drive to campus if the weather is severe enough to warrant closing the University, for your own safety and for the sake of those who must work to clear parking lots and sidewalks. When it is determined that it is safe to open these buildings, announcements will be made via student email and the front page of the FSU website.

If you use SafeRide, there's a way to stay informed in case SafeRide does not run in bad weather. Text the word "saferide" to 79516. You will receive a confirmation text that tells you that you have signed up successfully. (You must be signed up for Burg Alerts to use this service.)

FOR ALL: The final decision regarding your safety resides with you. Stay warm and be safe.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL UNIVERSITY POLICE OR THE COMPUTER HELP DESK FOR WEATHER-RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS.

PLEASE DO CALL 301-687-4000, OPTION 2, check your email or check the FSU website at www.frostburg.edu.

LOCAL RADIO/TV STATIONS:

The following local radio/television stations will be notified in the event of a closing or delay:

- WFRB (105.1 FM/560 AM)
- WCBC (1270 AM/107.1 FM)

- WTBO/WRQE (1450 AM/106.1 FM)
- WVMD – The Wolf (100.1/99.9 FM)
- WDYK – Magic (100.5 FM)
- WCMD – ESPN (1230 AM)
- WDZN – (99.5 FM)
- WMSG – (1050 AM) Oakland
- WKHJ – (104.5 FM) Oakland
- WWHQ – (92.3 FM) Oakland
- WKLP – ESPN (1390 AM) Keyser
- WQZK – (94.1 FM) Keyser
- TV: WDVM-TV Hagerstown

NOTE: If there are mixed messages in the media (one station says we're open and another says we're closed) – PLEASE call the University number (301-687-4000, option 2) for clarification. That number will always be the FINAL authority in case of confusion from other sources.

Burg Peer Education Network Events for the Week



The General Body Meeting will be held on **Thursday, Nov. 15**, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Pullen 107.

For info, contact Sophia Staggers at srstaggers0@frostburg.edu.

Graduation Will Be Here Before You Know It!

It's not too early to think about graduation, especially if you intend to graduate on **Wednesday, Dec. 19**, in the Cordts PE Center.

The Colleges of Business, Education and Liberal Arts and Sciences will present their graduates at 2 p.m. Tickets will be required for admission. **Five tickets will be allotted for each graduating student. This number is based on the number of graduating students.**

If you have not yet done so, contact the Registrar's Office to complete your graduation application and check that your home mailing address is accurate in PAWS, so you'll receive all the necessary upcoming info.

Follow [@FrostburgGrad](https://twitter.com/FrostburgGrad) on Twitter or [Frostburg Graduation](https://www.facebook.com/FrostburgGraduation) on Facebook for updates and important info throughout the semester.

Full details about the ceremony can be found on the Commencement website at www.frostburg.edu/events/commencement. For info, contact Christie Bohn at 301-687-4423 or clbohn@frostburg.edu.

Get Involved

United Campus Ministry Events

The annual Campuswide Thanksgiving service will be held **Thursday, Nov. 15**, at 7 p.m. in Cook Chapel. The theme this year is Celebrating Loving Kindness.

Cook Chapel is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for personal and private prayer. There are prayer stations you can use and devotional materials you may also take each week.

For info, contact the Rev. Dr. Cindy Zirlott at c.zirlott@frostburg.edu or 540-303-2309.

Catholic Campus Ministry Announcements



Join Catholic Campus Ministry for mass every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Osborne Newman Center at 130 S. Broadway.

The group will also meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the center for Hour of Faith, featuring Bible studies, issues in Catholic social teaching, morality and doctrine, inspirational movies and games.

For info, contact the Rev. Fr. Dr. Godswill Agbagwa at 240-284-2079 or g.agbagwa@frostburg.edu. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Study Abroad

Where in the World Would You Like to Study Abroad?

For info, contact the Center for International Education at 301-687-4747 or Kara Hotchkiss at kjhotchkiss@frostburg.edu.



Rose Gause in Italy (summer 2018)

FSU students have the opportunity to study abroad all over the world.

Financial aid can be used for overseas experiences during the fall and spring semesters.

Exchange programs are available that allow students to pay FSU tuition prices.

Study Abroad Trip to Spain



Spain is a land in which synagogues, mosques and cathedrals sit side by side. In a country composed of 17 autonomous states, with five official languages and three distinct religions, there is a lot happening that isn't as simple as just "Spanish." Dive into this unexpected melting pot, where a history of international influence has formed a land of many cultures.

Dr. Heather Cisneros, an assistant professor in FSU's Department of English and Foreign Languages, will lead FSU students to Spain during May 2019.

FSU Events Calendar

For info on FSU events, go to <http://events.frostburg.edu/calendar>.

Questions? Call 301-687-4411. All information is subject to change.

Note: FSU is committed to making all of its programs, services and activities accessible to persons with disabilities. To request accommodations through the ADA Compliance Office, call 301-687-4102 or use a Voice Relay Operator at 1-800-735-2258.

Make Your Turkey the Star Attraction This Thanksgiving! (Not the Source of a Stomach Ache)



Thaw in the refrigerator (every 4 to 5 lbs. needs one day to thaw).

Cook immediately after thawing at 165 degrees F at least.

**Use a thermometer on the innermost part of the thigh and wing,
as well as the thickest portion of the breast,
to ensure that the turkey is well-cooked.**

Keep raw meat away from vegetables or other uncooked food.

VALUES AND VISION: FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2023

CORE VALUES

- Frostburg State University is a place where every student can experience a myriad of opportunities both in and out of the classroom, fostered by a sense of inclusion and close mentoring relationships with faculty and staff.
- Frostburg State University is committed to developing cultural competence and cultivating understanding of and respect for a diversity of experiences and world views that encourage each person's ability to "take the perspective of the other."

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- Frostburg State University is committed to a system of shared governance that allows faculty, staff and students to learn about the issues the University confronts and that provides a structure for meaningful input into University decisions.

OUR VISION FOR FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2023

Frostburg State University is a regionally acclaimed and nationally recognized academic institution that provides distinctive programs to support state and regional workforce needs. Faculty, staff and students foster collaboration in a welcoming and inclusive campus culture.

Students value the opportunities open for them at FSU and form close mentoring relationships with faculty and staff, who are committed to their success and well-being. Students apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to internship, civic engagement, study abroad and research experiences to meet the challenges of a complex and changing global society.

The University is integrated into the fabric of the community as a valued and respected regional asset. We are committed to making changes that secure our future while celebrating the values that reflect our history.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Focus learning on the acquisition and application of knowledge.
- Provide engaging experiences that challenge our students to excel.
- Expand regional outreach and engagement.
- Align University resources – human, fiscal and physical – with strategic priorities.

To view FSU's Strategic Plan 2018-2023 online, visit www.frostburg.edu/strategicplan.