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Two faculty members earn Willis Award at BGSU

For the first time in its three-year history, the Clyde R. Willis Faculty Development Award has two recipients.

Dr. Alexander Goberman, communication disorders, and Dr. Jefferson Holcomb, criminal justice, have been named this year's winners of the award from the College of Health and Human Services.

The award is named for former health and human services Dean Clyde Willis, who retired in 2002 after 18 years in the position. It is given on the basis of teaching, scholarship and service during the previous year, with emphasis on accomplishments in research and with preference given to junior, probationary faculty whose accomplishments represent significant progress.

Goberman and Holcomb have each made "excellent contributions" to their respective departments, the College of Health and Human Services, BGSU and their professions, according to Dr. Linda Petrosino, the college's current dean.

"They both are making substantial progress in their academic careers in all areas of teaching, research and service," she noted, calling them "equally deserving" of the award. "Both are highly sensitive to the needs of students, and each has made contributions to improve the quality of the educational experience of their students."

Goberman has been at the University since 2000, the same year he earned his Ph.D. in communication sciences from the University of Connecticut. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in the same field from that university in 1995 and 1997, respectively.

Since coming to Bowling Green, the licensed speech-language pathologist has led the development of an undergraduate research program in the Department of Communication Disorders. Through the University, he has also received three research development grants. His research interests include acoustic analysis of speech and infant cries, variability in normal speech production, speech production in individuals with Parkinson's disease and effects of medication on Parkinsonian speech.

Goberman has been the lead author of 10 refereed papers published since 2001 and, during the same period, the lead author or presenter of seven refereed conference presentations. He is a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Subcommittee on Motor Speech Disorders and the Northwest Ohio Parkinson's Disease Foundation board.

Holcomb earned both his master's and doctoral degrees in criminology and criminal justice at Florida State University, in 1995 and 2000, respectively. His bachelor's degree in criminology is from Auburn University.

He was an instructor in sociology and criminal justice at BGSU before becoming an assistant professor in 2000. In 2004-05, he was named a Distinguished Faculty Adviser by the University and was a finalist for the Master Teacher Award.

A former probation and parole officer in Florida, Holcomb contributed to the development of BGSU's master's degree program in criminal justice and received a grant from the Anderson Foundation for creation of an annual lecture series, the Criminal Justice Forum. Since 2001, he has co-authored two books and three book chapters or monographs, and been the lead author or presenter of 10 refereed conference presentations. He also co-chairs the College of Health and Human Services' Wood County Hospital Advisory Committee.

Goberman is the second member of the communication disorders faculty to win the Willis Award. Dr. Jeffrey Searl, who has since left BGSU, was the first recipient, in 2003. Last year, the honor went to Dr. Nancy Orel, director of the gerontology program.

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Afghanistan expert to speak, receive alumnus award at graduation

Dr. Thomas E. Gouttierre, one of the world's leading experts on Afghanistan, will speak at the University's summer commencement Saturday (Aug. 6).

Gouttierre, who graduated from BGSU in 1962, is dean of international studies and programs at the University of Nebraska's Omaha campus and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and director of the Center for Afghanistan Studies at UNO.

In addition to speaking at BGSU's 253rd commencement exercises, he will be presented this year's Distinguished Alumnus Award, the highest honor bestowed by the University's Alumni Association. The award recognizes Bowling Green graduates for professional achievements in their chosen fields. Gouttierre will become the 46th graduate to receive the award.

He was also recognized by BGSU in 2001, when the University presented him an honorary doctorate of international relations degree.

Commencement exercises will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the mall in front of University Hall, weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremonies will be held at Anderson Arena. About 1,200 students are degree candidates.

Gouttierre grew up in Maumee, where he worked in his family's pastry shop and received his master pastry-baking certificate.

Prior to assuming his present position in 1974, he spent nearly 10 years in Afghanistan, where he served as a Peace Corps volunteer, a Fulbright Fellow and executive director of the Fulbright Foundation. Throughout that time, he also coached the Afghan national basketball team.

Gouttierre has continued his involvement with Afghanistan. He served as senior political affairs officer on the United Nations peacekeeping mission to Afghanistan in 1996-97, and has participated in Fulbright programs in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Norway, France, India, Nepal and Germany.

During his career, he has testified on various topics related to Afghanistan, U.S.-Pakistani relations, international terrorism and human rights before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on International Relations, as well as the British Parliament, the French National Assembly, the Norwegian Storting and the U.N. Select Committee on Human Rights. He also has conducted orientation programs for U.S. military assigned to Afghanistan.

Gouttierre speaks, reads and writes Afghan Persian (Dari), Iranian Persian (Farsi) and Tajikistani Persian. He has published numerous magazine and newspaper articles, co-authored a two-volume language textbook, and was project director for the development of the 23,000-word Dari-English Dictionary.

Founder of BGSU marine lab to receive honorary degree

Cynthia Collin Stong, founder of the BGSU marine biology laboratory, will be presented an honorary doctorate in marine science education by the University at summer commencement.

The University is honoring Stong, a resident of Key Colony Beach, Fla., for her dedication to students and teaching, leadership in marine biology education, service to BGSU and lifetime of achievements in her field.

Stong taught at BGSU from 1962-93 and is the person most responsible for the development

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of its courses in marine biology. She became interested in marine biology when she received a summer scholarship to study at a marine laboratory from her alma mater, Wellesley College.

After obtaining her master's degree from Brown University in 1962, she joined Bowling Green's biological sciences faculty. Stong gradually developed the curriculum for a marine biology focus while establishing a marine laboratory that has been described as unequalled on any inland college campus in the nation.

For 30 years she directed an annual marine biology field trip during the University's spring break, returning to campus with living marine specimens that enhanced the laboratory collection. She developed an "Ocean Focus" curriculum for teachers in grades K-12 with funding from the National Science Foundation. In collaboration with University Honors students in the marine biology program, she produced a children's ocean activity book, *Sea Sense and Fun Sense*.

While a member of the faculty, Stong received the Master Teacher Award from the University's Alumni Association and the Distinguished Educator Award from the College of Arts and Sciences. In addition, the annual marine biology scholarship she started has been renamed in her honor.

Since relocating to the Florida Keys in 1993, Stong has been involved in environmental planning with the Boot Key Harbor Committee, the Key Colony Beach City Utility Board and the Florida Bay Watch program. She also has served as marine biology lecturer on cruise ships to Alaska's Inside Passage.

Stong continues her involvement in science education with several Ohio high school teachers from her "Ocean Focus" program and interacts with the high school students on their field trips to the Keys.

University to award degrees to 1,200 students Saturday

Students, parents, faculty and friends will gather on the lawn in front of University Hall Saturday (Aug. 6) for BGSU's 253rd commencement exercises. The University will award degrees to more than 1,200 students.

Summer graduation will begin at 9:30 a.m. President Sidney A. Ribeau will preside. In the event of rain, graduation will be held in Anderson Arena.

The summer graduating class includes 657 students who will receive graduate degrees. They include 47 doctoral candidates, 598 master's degree candidates, two candidates for the doctor of education degree and 10 candidates for the specialist degree in education.

Of the roughly 580 students receiving bachelor's degrees, 54 are expected to graduate with honors. One student, Megan Elaine Campbell of Carrollton, is expected to graduate summa cum laude, for maintaining a grade point average between 3.9 and 4.0. Fifteen degree candidates are expected to graduate magna cum laude, for maintaining grade averages in the 3.76-3.9 range, and 38 candidates are eligible for cum laude recognition, for averages in the 3.5-3.75 range. Two students receiving associate degrees will graduate with distinction.

The graduating students represent 69 Ohio counties, 36 states and 26 nations.

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CALENDAR

Monday, Aug. 1

Bingo, noon, Falcon's Nest, Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Sponsored by Union Programming.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

Weight Watchers @ Work, noon-1 p.m., 314 Union. Sponsored by Union Programming. **W. Heinlen Hall Lecture Series**, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 123 Overman Hall, "Conjugated Organic Materials with Unusual Ground- and Excited-State Electronic Properties," by Michael J. Therien of the University of Pennsylvania.

Wednesday, Aug. 3

Grilling on the Green, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., outside the Falcon's Nest, Union. Sponsored by University Dining Services.

W. Heinlen Hall Lecture Series, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 123 Overman Hall, "Utilizing Coupled-Oscillator Photophysics to Elaborate Chromophores and Materials with Exceptional Nonlinear Optical Properties," by Michael J. Therien of the University of Pennsylvania.

Thursday, Aug. 4

W. Heinlen Hall Lecture Series, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 123 Overman Hall, "Photoinduced Electron Transfer in Unusual Donor-Spacer-Acceptor Structural Motifs," by Michael J. Therien of the University of Pennsylvania.

Friday, Aug. 5

End of all summer sessions.

W. Heinlen Hall Lecture Series, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 123 Overman Hall, "In Vivo Optical Imaging Enabled by Soft-Matter Analogues of the Quantum Dots," by Michael J. Therien of the University of Pennsylvania.

Saturday, Aug. 6

Summer Commencement, 9:30-11:30 a.m., University Hall lawn.

Continuing Events

Aug. 1-5

BGeXperience Faculty Workshops, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 309 and 318 Union.

Aug. 2-5

BGeXperience Faculty Workshops, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 308 Union.

Through Sept. 4

Art Exhibition, "Songs of Remembrance," 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday through Aug. 14; times vary Monday-Sunday thereafter, 130 Union.

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FACULTY

Communication Studies. Assistant Professor. Call Catherine Cassara, 2-8349. Deadline: Oct. 1.

Management. Professor. Call Janet Hartley, 2-8645. Deadline: Dec. 1.

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR Web site at www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr.

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Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED

View job descriptions at:
www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/

The deadline to apply for the following positions, which are open to BGSU employees only, is 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5.

Administrative Assistant 2 (V-000019)—Education and Human Development Dean's Office/Student and Academic Services. Pay grade 10. Twelve-month, full-time position.

Secretary 1 (R-000021)—College of Education and Human Development. Pay grade 6. Twelve-month, full-time position.

Secretary 1 (R-000020)—Office of Disability Services (Materials Specialist). Pay grade 6. Twelve-month, part-time position.

The following position is advertised on and off campus:

Student Loan Specialist 2—Collection Specialist (V-000016)—Office of the Bursar. Pay grade 7. Twelve-month, full-time position. Deadline: 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5.

ADMINISTRATIVE

View job descriptions at:0
www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/

Assistant Director of Student-Athlete Services (V-000003)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Administrative grade 12. Review of applications began July 15 and will continue until the position is filled.

Financial Analyst (R-000006)—Student Affairs. Administrative grade 13. Review of applications begins Aug. 1 and continue until the position is filled.

Second Assistant Women's Volleyball Coach (R-000004)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Salary is commensurate with experience. Review of applications begins Aug. 1 and continue until the position is filled.

Director, Student Technology Center (V-000010)—Information Technology Services. Administrative grade 17. Deadline: Aug. 5.

Technology Support Specialist (V-000009)—Information Technology Services. Administrative grade 13. Deadline: Aug. 5.

Assistant Director of Athletic Communications (R-000013)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Salary is commensurate with experience. Review of applications will begin Aug. 12 and continue until the position is filled.

Video Coordinator/Football Operations (R-000012)—Intercollegiate Athletics. Salary is commensurate with experience. Review of applications will begin Aug. 12 and continue until the position is filled.

Associate Director of University Dining Services for Business Affairs (R-000015)—University Dining Services. Administrative grade 16. Deadline: Aug. 19.

Director, Dallas-Hamilton Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership (R-000018)—College of Business Administration. Administrative grade 18. Deadline: Aug. 18.

Study Skills Center Coordinator (V-000022)—Academic Enhancement. Administrative grade 16. Deadline: Aug. 19.

Associate Director of Residence Life for Business Affairs (V-034)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 16. Review of applications began May 13 and will continue until the position is filled.

Residence Hall Director (V-013)—Residence Life. Administrative grade 13. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

OBITUARY

Leasa Beth Orwig, 47, died July 22 in Napoleon. She was a cook in University Dining Services.

Dr. Lorrene Ort, 87, a professor emeritus of educational curriculum and instruction, died July

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25 in Bowling Green. She taught at the University from 1959-77.

Memorials may be given to the BGSU Foundation Inc. or the Lorrene and Vergil Ort Kappa Delta Pi Scholarship.
