Symposia Descriptions  S ‘15
Honors Program

Lieutenant-General The Honorable Roméo A. Dallaire
Wednesday, January 28 at 4:00 pm in Sykes Chapel/Center for Faith & Values

The Rwandan Genocide
Appointed Force Commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda (UNAMIR) prior to and during the 1994 genocide, LGen Dallaire provided the United Nations with information about the planned massacre, which ultimately took more than 800,000 lives in less than 100 days. Yet permission to intervene was denied and the UN withdrew its peacekeeping forces. LGen Dallaire, along with a small contingent of Ghanaian soldiers and military observers, disobeyed the command to withdraw and remained in Rwanda to fulfill their ethical obligation to protect those who sought refuge with the UN forces.

LGen Dallaire's courage and leadership during this mission earned him the Meritorious Service Cross, the United States Legion of Merit, the Aegis Award on Genocide Prevention, and the affection and admiration of people around the globe. His defiant dedication to humanity during that mission is well-documented in The Last Just Man, Shake Hands with the Devil: The Journey of Romeo Dallaire, The Lion, The Fox, and The Eagle, as are the personal consequences he continues to suffer and his subsequent commitment to fellow victims of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Dr. Simon Schuler, UT Professor of Physics
Thursday, February 5 at 4:00 pm in Reeves Theater, 2nd Floor of Vaughn Ctr.

The Origins of Extrasolar Planets
Simon Schuler, assistant professor of physics doesn't think that we are alone in the Universe. He thinks the first step to finding other life is to find planets like Earth that are in the “habitable zone” of a star, where the temperature is not too hot or too cold and liquid water can exist. One of Schuler's current research projects may help scientists find these planets more quickly.

Professors Susan Taylor Lennon and Susannah LeMarquand, UT Dance Dept.
Thursday, February 12 at 4:00 pm in Edison Building, Room 101

Happening Here, There, and Everywhere: UT Dance through the Ages
On the stage, in the art gallery, in the streets and in the park—the whole campus has served as a place for UT students to perform over time. Join us in a retrospective look at both traditional dancing in unexpected places and very unusual dancing in the most ordinary of spots over the past 40 years.
Mr. Don Hutson, author of *The One Minute Negotiator*
Wednesday, February 18 at 8:00 am, 9th Floor of Vaughn Center

**Keynote Speaker for the 2015 Leadership Summit**

Don Hutson is an author and expert on Entrepreneurship & Success Through Selling Value. As CEO of U. S. Learning, a corporate training entity, and the producer of US Learning Network Radio’s training and coaching programs, Don’s clientele spans 22 countries. His client list includes over two-thirds of the Fortune 500, and he is featured in over 100 training films. He is CEO of U.S. Learning, Chairman of Executive Books, and makes some 75 speaking appearances per year and has appeared on national television where he has been featured on both PBS and Fox News.

Dr. Emilio Toro, UT Professor of Mathematics
Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm, Reeves Theater, 2nd Floor of Vaughn Ctr.

**Galileo and the Roots of Modern Astronomy**

The Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei is credited as one of the founders of modern science. In this talk, amply illustrated with photographs, we will examine the work of several astronomers that preceded Galileo, his own contributions to astronomy, and the implications his findings had on the development of modern astronomy.

Professor Kristen Foltz, UT Department of Speech
Tuesday, March 3 at 12:00 noon in Library Room AV2

**Student Perceptions of Tattoos**

Historically, there was a shift in the discourse about tattoos as they are now referred to in a more palatable manner as "body art". Even though body art is considered more mainstream in society than ever before, there are extreme biases against tattoos in the corporate work place. A questionnaire of business speech students investigated whether students were aware of these stereotypes and generally what the current generation of college students entering the work force thought about tattoos in an employment context.

Dr. James Lopez, UT Professor of Spanish, Language and Linguistics
Thursday, March 19 at 4:00 pm in Library Room AV2

**Mistaken Cosmologies: European and American Mappae mundi Before and After the Discovery**

Maps often reveal more about the people and cultures that create them than they do about the universe that surrounds us. The European invasion of the Western Hemisphere in the 16th century transformed the way Americans and Europeans alike viewed their place in the cosmos. This process can be traced visually in the mappae mundi, or world maps, produced during this period. Dr. James Lopez will follow this process by viewing and discussing European and Native American mappae mundi created before and after 1492.
Dr. Joanne Stevens, UT Professor of Nursing,
Monday, March 23 at 11:30 am in Library Room AV2
**Peer Active Learning Strategy (PALS) for Clinical Education: A User Friendly Model for Health Care**

This presentation offers a peer active learning strategy (PALS) approach consisting of a cognitive model and an educational design to promote critical thinking during clinical experiences. The model and design were developed for clinical instructors and preceptors who teach nursing students and new RNs, but can easily be used in allied health professions and the human service sector.

Dr. Andrew DeMil, UT Professor of Spanish, Language and Linguistics
Monday, April 6 at 5:00 pm in Library Room AV2
**The Radical Shift in Language Learning: What’s IN, What’s OUT**

In the early years of second language teaching, teachers’ observation and experience lead to the belief that in order to promote language learning, mechanical repetition and practice of linguistic rules were necessary. Since Second Language Acquisition (SLA) research began, many studies have demonstrated that what students need is the opportunity to discover meaning by themselves, thus developing their own capacities. This presentation offers examples of why everything we thought about language learning was wrong, and how a radical shift in teaching is turning the classroom on its head.

Dr. Scott Husband, UT Professor of Psychology
Wednesday, April 15 at 4:00 pm in Library Room AV2
**The Roots of Religion & the Believer’s Brain**

Religion appears to be a cross-cultural human universal, profoundly influencing the lives of billions of people in what they eat, whom they have sex with, how they raise their children, and how they structure their societies. Voltaire famously said, "If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent him.” Why DID humans invent God(s)? Dr. Husband will discuss evolutionary approaches in identifying the roots of religion, as well as how neuroscience is exploring brain systems that underlie the cognitive, affective, and social functions of religion.

Shulamith Koenig, United Nations Human Rights Prize Recipient
Saturday, April 18 at 12:00 noon on the 9th Floor of Vaughn Center
**UT Fourth Annual Human Rights Conference Keynote Speech**

Shulamith Koenig is the Founding President of PDHRE, People’s Movement for Human Rights Learning, which she founded in 1988 with the goal of creating, in the words of Nelson Mandela, a new political culture based on human rights—and to enable women and men alike to participate in the decisions that determine their lives, and live in community in dignity with one another, moving from charity to dignity guided by the holistic human rights framework. She has advocated and facilitated, in more than 60 countries, dialogue and meaningful grassroots discussions to effect societal change through learning about human rights as a way
of life, as relevant to people’s daily concerns, and enhance critical thinking and systemic analysis within the holistic human rights framework that leads to action for social and economic justice, and invigorates social responsibility.

**Honors Undergraduate Research Fellows**

**Thursday, April 23 at 4:00 pm in Trustees’ Room, 9th Floor of Vaughn Center**

**Celebrating Honors: Undergraduate Research Fellows Presentations**

Join this past year’s recipients of Honors Undergraduate Research Fellows as they present their research findings as part of “Celebrating Honors Day.” Also, meet the new 2015-2016 Honors Research Fellows.

**Dr. David Reamer, UT Professor of English, with AWRH201 students**

**Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 pm in Library Room AV2**

**Ethical Arguments about Disciplinary Controversies**

Selected Honors AWR 201 students will present their research on current controversies within their fields of study. Presentations will highlight ethical dilemmas faced by stakeholders in fields such as medicine and business, as well as the students' own research and argumentation strategies.

**Dr. Pattie Johnston and Professor Merrie Tankersley, UT Department of Education, with Education students**

**Monday, May 4 at 6:30 pm in Crescent Club, 9th Floor of Vaughn Center**

**B.E.L.I.E.V.E. (Becoming Engaged Leaders by Inspiring Education Values and Exploration)**

B.E.L.I. E.V.E. is an elite program created to foster leadership skills in targeted education majors by participating in community service projects, writing research based articles, presenting at conferences, and experiencing other opportunities that go above and beyond the curriculum of The University of Tampa Department of Education. During this symposium, BELIEVE counselors, Dr. Pattie Johnston and Professor Merrie Tankersley, along with members of the BELIEVE organization will speak about their various projects and experiences.

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