2011 Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching

Ohio State Newark faculty member receives university’s highest teaching award

When someone truly loves what they do, their enthusiasm is infectious and inspiring. That’s exactly how students of Melissa K. Jungers, Ph.D., describe the Ohio State Newark associate professor of psychology.

It is Jungers’ passion for and dedication to teaching that recently earned her one of the university’s highest honors. In March, Jungers became one of eleven Ohio State University faculty members to receive the 2011 Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching.

“Professor Jungers is a fabulous teacher,” wrote one former student in the nomination packet. “No question is too small or unintelligent. She is willing to help students in any way she can and seems to truly want us to succeed.” Likewise, many of Jungers’ nominators made special note of how her teaching style and enthusiasm for the subject helped them learn difficult concepts.

“I took an upper-level course with Dr. Jungers during my last quarter as an undergrad, and although the book and subject matter were extremely challenging to me, she was able to explain the concepts, emphasize the important material, and incorporate group assignments that made cognitive science not only understandable but exciting to learn about as well.”

On a blustery day in mid-March, Ohio State legend Archie Griffin surprised Jungers during a class session to present her with the award. Griffin, senior vice president for alumni relations and president/CEO of the Ohio State Alumni Association, was joined by about a dozen of Jungers’ family members, psychology department colleagues, staff members, and William L. MacDonald, dean and director, Ohio State Newark.

Jungers earned a Ph.D. in Cognitive/Experimental Psychology from Ohio State in 2003. She was awarded the Ohio State Newark Teaching Excellence Award in 2010 and the Faculty Service Award in 2008.

“Melissa really is a fabulous teacher,” said MacDonald. “She not only makes her subject accessible, but she truly cares about her students.”

Second consecutive year Ohio State Newark faculty member honored

Richard Shiels, Ph.D., associate professor of history at Ohio State Newark, and director of the Newark Earthworks Center, received the award in 2010.

For our faculty members to be honored with this distinguished award two years consecutively is a wonderful tribute to the exceptionally high caliber of teaching Ohio State Newark has to offer,” added MacDonald.

The Ohio State Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching honors faculty members for superior teaching. Recipients are nominated by present and former students and colleagues and are chosen by a committee of alumni, students, and faculty. They receive a cash award of $3,000, made possible by contributions from the Alumni Association, friends of Ohio State, and the Office of Academic Affairs. They also receive a $1,200 increase in their base salaries from the Office of Academic Affairs. The recipients will be inducted into the university’s Academy of Teaching, which provides leadership for the improvement of teaching at Ohio State.
Throughout the 2010-2011 academic year, The Ohio State University has been on a journey to move from excellence to eminence. At Ohio State, we define excellence as striving for the best in the standards we set, the results we produce, the relationships we are in, and the dedicated service we provide.

To become eminent, Ohio State University President E. Gordon Gee called upon all Ohio State units to work together as one university driven by a common vision, aligned by a compelling mission, united in our values and focused on the following six strategic goals:

• adopt one university perspective
• place students first
• further develop our highly diverse faculty and staff and create a high performance culture
• achieve world class research prominence
• increase outreach and collaboration
• promote operational and financial soundness and simplicity

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Throughout this issue of Profiles, you will see examples of Ohio State Newark’s many initiatives, awards, and programs that are making a difference in the lives of students and community members across our region.

I’m especially pleased to share news of several highly notable university programs and accomplishments of the last months of the academic year. In March, Melissa Jungers, associate professor of psychology, received the Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching. Melissa received the award from Archie Griffin, senior vice president for alumni relations and president/CEO of the Alumni Association, who traveled to Newark for the surprise classroom presentation.

During the past year, Ohio State Newark revitalized our commitment to educational access through our outreach and engagement efforts. From college planning workshops for parents to mentoring programs with local elementary school students, Ohio State Newark has reached out to a record number of community members to raise educational awareness in Licking County.

Finally, the Next Generation Challenge scholarship campaign will provide critical access to the university for generations of future students. This call to action by longtime campus supporters Gib and Lou Reese will raise endowed funds by matching gifts and multi-year pledges dollar-for-dollar up to $10 million to support scholarships benefiting students attending Ohio State Newark in perpetuity.

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How to give

Granville philanthropists J. Gilbert and Louella H. Reese are calling the community to action – their $10 million challenge will raise endowed funds to support scholarships benefiting students attending The Ohio State University at Newark and Central Ohio Technical College in perpetuity. The Reeses will match up to $10 million for all gifts and multi-year pledges made before June 30, 2012, to support the growth of endowed scholarships for Ohio State Newark and COTC students.

Gifts can be made to the Newark Campus Development Fund, a permanent, locally controlled endowment that provides funding for innovative projects and scholarships at COTC and Ohio State Newark as well as to COTC and Ohio State Newark directly.

Additional ways to give:

• IRA Charitable Rollover until December 31, 2011 – persons 70.5 years or older can make an outright gift directly from their IRA to a qualified charity of up to $100,000 per year without paying income tax on the distribution.
• Other gifts – cash, stocks, multi-year pledges, Charitable Lead Trusts, Charitable Gift Annuity, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Charitable Bequests, Retained Life Estate, Retirement Plan Assets and Life Insurance. Some of these types of gifts will allow a donor to earn income for the duration of their life. Some businesses are working to establish payroll deduction.

If you would like more information about giving, or would like a campaign representative to speak to your business or group, please contact Jennifer Roberts, director of development, at 740.364.9644.

William L. MacDonald, Ph.D., Dean and Director
Director of enrollment honored

Ann Donahue, longtime director of enrollment at Ohio State Newark, was awarded the prestigious M. Jeanne Talley Human Relations Award by the Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling at the group’s 2011 spring conference. The award recognizes an individual whose contributions have led to the enhancement of relations among people of diverse cultures, ethnic groups, or with special needs. It has been awarded annually since 1989.

Intercultural sessions provide insight to staff and faculty

The third consecutive Intercultural Relations Series brought together staff and faculty members at both The Ohio State University at Newark and Central Ohio Technical College. In the three-workshop series, participants sought to increase their knowledge about diversity and cultural awareness. Participants who attended all three workshops were honored at a celebration in April 2011. The series is a collaborative effort between the Office of Human Resources, the Office of Student Life, and the Diversity Committee.

Faculty book wins national award

Ohio State Newark Associate Professor of Latin American History Alcira Dueñas, Ph.D., recently received the Thomas McGann Award from the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies. Dueñas won the national award for her 2010 book, *Indians and Mestizos in the “Lettered City” Reshaping Justice, Social Hierarchy, and Political Culture in Colonial Peru*. The Thomas McGann Award is presented annually for the outstanding book published by a member of the association during the previous calendar year. Published by the University of Colorado Press, *Indians and Mestizos in the “Lettered City”* explores how scholars contributed to social change and transformation of colonial culture through legal, cultural, and political activism, and how, ultimately, their significant colonial critiques and campaigns redefined colonial public life and discourse. It will be of interest to scholars and students of colonial history, colonial literature, Hispanic studies, and Latin American studies. Dueñas, a former Fulbright scholar, obtained her Ph.D. in Latin American History at Ohio State in 2001 and her B.A. in Economics at the University of Bogotá JTL, Colombia.

Getting greener all the time

In March 2011, the shared campus of The Ohio State University at Newark and Central Ohio Technical College recycled 1.28 tons of paper—saving 3.99 cubic yards of landfill space.
Though there’s no official motto for Ohio State Newark’s Office of Outreach and Engagement, change is synonymous with all that they do. Through broadening Ohio State Newark’s commitment to educational access, Community Access Director Katie Rappaport is working to ensure that all students, regardless of resources or financial status, have the opportunity to pursue post-secondary education and training.

“Our work is focused on four critical areas,” noted Rappaport. “These are availability, affordability, academic preparation, and aspiration. We want to inspire people of all ages to strive toward education beyond high school and to help motivate students in elementary and high school to prepare themselves academically for college.”

The Office of Outreach and Engagement’s many programs, partnerships, and initiatives are helping not only shape the lives of current Ohio State students, faculty and staff members, but also of Licking County youth and parents, and members of community and partner organizations.

**Agents for change**

Ohio State Newark students attended the IMPACT National Student Conference on Service, Advocacy and Social Action in March 2011. The IMPACT Conference is a platform for college students to gather together to discuss issues, ideology, and philosophy of social change.

**PROGRAMS AND COLLABORATIONS**

The mission of the Office of Access and Engagement is to establish meaningful partnerships and opportunities within our local community. We focus primarily on educational access, developing students as civically engaged leaders and service scholars, and supporting the community through campus awareness and collaboration.

- **EXPLORE College** - College planning workshops for parents with elementary school students and College Club led by Ohio State Newark students for K-5.

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters** - A mentoring program matching faculty, staff and students with elementary school students in Newark City Schools.

- **LeFevre Fellows** – An autumn quarter service learning course that awards $1,500 for 60 hours of service in the winter and spring quarters.

- **Next Step Mentoring and Tutoring Program** - A 5-credit internship where college students mentor and tutor court-involved youth.

- **Student Engagement Opportunities** – Students are subsidized to attend a national undergraduate conference and charged with implementing innovative outreach upon their return.

- **Newark Campus Access Campaign** – Collaboration with Central Ohio Technical College to implement a college access campaign to raise faculty, staff, and student awareness to educational access barriers in the Newark community.

- **CAN DO Access** – An educationally access-focused partnership formed in 2009 between five local institutions: A Call to College, Central Ohio Technical College, Denison University, Newark City Schools, and The Ohio State University at Newark. The goal of CAN Do Access is to strengthen the educational aspirations and achievements of young people in our community.

- **Service Scholars** - A service/scholarship program geared toward first-generation and low-income college students.

- **Community Partners and Affiliations** – The Office of Outreach and Engagement welcomes collaboration with local and state-wide organizations committed to improving educational outcomes for all.
Faculty Lecture Series concludes another season

The 2010-2011 Faculty Lecture Series closed in May 2011 with Christine D. Warner, Ph.D., associate professor of education, presenting "What are you looking for white woman?' Research on an American Indian Reservation." Teaching and researching in culturally different classrooms presents unique challenges to any educator. For Dr. Warner, a White person, teaching high school English literature on a Hopi and Crow reservation and subsequently conducting research with Crow American Indian students and their teachers, the challenges arose from cultural and religious diversity that were a result of the researcher's reluctant admission of her own "whiteness." In her lecture, Warner considered the ethics and what was learned about "one's own ethnicity" in regard to research and teaching within diverse cultures.

Marilee Martens, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, opened the annual lecture series in November 2010 with her lecture "Williams Syndrome: A Beautiful Mystery." Robert Cook, Ph.D. assistant professor of anthropology, followed in February 2011 with "Border Issues: Culture Contact and Change in Southern Ohio, ca. A.D. 1000-1650."

Since 2005, William L. MacDonald, dean and director of The Ohio State University at Newark, has hosted the Faculty Lecture Series. Featuring three lectures each academic year, the series provides a forum in which faculty members share their areas of expertise and students learn outside the classroom. Because the series is free and open to the public, community members are invited to participate in this lively discussion and exchange of ideas.

Plans are underway for next year’s Faculty Lecture Series. Visit www.newark.osu.edu.

Community lectures

Child behavior specialists
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Child behavior specialists

Leslie Cohen, Ph.D., and Antoinette Falco presented a free talk on problem behaviors in children on May 24. The pair explored the pitfalls of conventional wisdom, widely accepted by parents, teachers, and other professionals, about how to respond to common problems such as meltdowns, picky eating, and difficulty transitioning between tasks, bedtime resistance, and school refusal. Drawing on the latest research in behavior analysis and 15 years’ experience in helping children with anxiety, ADD, Autism, Aspergers, PDD and LD to function better and feel better about themselves.

Dr. Cohen and Ms. Falco offered solutions not only for parents and teachers, but for employers, managers, and others seeking new ways to deal with problem behavior.

Cohen has a Ph.D. in psychology with a specialization in Learning and Perception from Temple University and completed her post-doctoral fellowship at the National Institute for the Psychotherapies in New York City, with a specialization in Self-Psychology. She is a licensed Psychologist and Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Falco, has directed a number of community-based arts and education projects, including Sincere Technologies in Oakland, California, the LSH Community Education and Technology Initiative in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the West Farms Community Technology Center in the Bronx, New York. She has a BA from UC Berkeley and an MFA from Mills College.

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2011 Winners Announced!

Student Research Forum

Annual student research forum

Each academic year, students are encouraged to submit research projects and proposals to be considered for a spot in the annual student research forum.

During the 2011 forum, students placed in two categories with eight winners in all. J. Andrew Roberts, Ph.D., associate professor of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology and Robert Cook, Ph.D., assistant professor of anthropology, were the coordinators.

The team of faculty judges included Robert Cook; Terri Hessler, Ph.D., education; Jolanta Janiszewska, Ph.D., engineering; Melissa Jungers, Ph.D., psychology; Mary Lightbody, Ph.D., education; David Ruderman, Ph.D., English; and Donald Yau, Ph.D., mathematics.

Oral Presentations:

• Proposed Research: First place went to Lori Devereux for “The Radical Mastectomy of Nabby Adams Smith: Living and Dying with Dignity in the Public Shadow of Two U.S. Presidents.” Laraine Tumblin placed second for “Narcissism and the Motivation to Engage in Volunteerism.”

• Completed Research: First place went to Carol Brown for “Landscape Influence on Pollen Limitation of Echinacea purpurea Reproduction at a Reclaimed Strip Mined Area.” Norita Yoder won second place for “Quiet Strength: Women from the Historic Peace Churches during WWII.”

Poster Presentations:

• Proposed Research: First place went to Ian Ackers and Jessica O’Hara for “Analysis of D-lactate Accumulation in the Wolf Spider Schizoscosa ocreata.” Kathryn Burtis and Joshua Robison placed second for “Narcissism and Mate Poaching.”

• Completed Research: First place went to Matt Holl with “Biofuel Production Using Low Input Prairie Grassland Species: Impacts on Arthropod Communities.” Tyler Bowlin placed second with “An Investigation into the Effect of Binaural Beats on Learning and Memory.”

The event took place on Thursday, March 10 in the John L. and Christine Warner Library and Student Center. A roundtable panel, “Next Steps: Doing Research at Ohio State,” featured faculty from Newark and Columbus, and educated students about the many research opportunities available at OSU. The panel was hosted by Adrian Rodgers, Ph.D.
University Chorus

The University Chorus at the Ohio State University at Newark ended their season on May 27 with “Broadway Favorites,” featuring selections from Alan Menken’s Beauty and the Beast, Lucy Simon’s The Secret Garden, Andrew Lloyd Webber’s The Phantom of the Opera, and Claude-Michel Schönberg’s Les Misérables. All concerts are free and open to the public.

The group is led by Paul Sanders, Ph.D., associate dean and professor of music, and accompanied by Jackie Dawson. Participation in the University Chorus is open to all, including students, staff, and faculty from Ohio State Newark and Central Ohio Technical College, as well as community members. It has entertained audiences for more than 30 years.

Great Performers Series

The Great Performers Series welcomed the Cavani String Quartet to campus for a concert on May 9. A regular at major music series and festivals throughout North America and Europe, the Cavani String Quartet has appeared at Carnegie Hall and Alice Tully Hall in New York, the Corcoran Gallery of Art and Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and the Ambassador Series in Los Angeles, among many others.

The Great Performers Series is offered free of charge and endeavors to share exciting, live music with the community. It is the brainchild of Ron Emoff, Ph.D., associate professor, School of Music and Department of Anthropology, who selects the performers and arranges and coordinates each show. Past concerts include performances by Darol Anger and Bruce Molsky on fiddle, banjo, and guitar; Anupama Bhagwat on sitar; and Jason Vieaux playing classical guitar.

Yasmina Reza’s award-winning play “Art”

Yasmina Reza’s award-winning play “Art” capped off an exciting 2010-2011 theatrical season at The Ohio State University at Newark. “Art” begins with a Parisian dermatologist, Serge, buying a plain white painting for an extremely high price. His aeronautical engineer friend Marc finds this ridiculous, and his sarcastic comments threaten their friendship. The third friend, Yvan, preoccupied with his upcoming wedding and a job in a new field, tries to hold the entire group together. By the end of the play, all three find their relationships altered, and they have enlightened the audience with their discussions on the true nature of art and friendship. The play won the prestigious Molière Prize in France, in addition to many other awards in Britain and the United States.

Earlier in the year the Department of Theatre presented the comedy “Rich’s Shorts,” by Rich Orloff; and the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning drama “Proof,” by David Auburn.

Auditions for all Ohio State Newark theatre productions are open to the community as well as staff, faculty, and students.

Throughout the year, The Ohio State University at Newark offers many lectures, concerts, and performances that are open to the public. Find out about upcoming cultural events at www.newark.osu.edu. Just look for Arts and Culture on the homepage.
Sunday, July 3
Annual Independence Day Concert & Fireworks—FREE
Featuring Sticks and Stones, the Newark-Granville
Symphony Orchestra and fireworks (display at 10 p.m.)
Sponsored by the Reese Family Foundation
Family friendly event featuring food vendors.

There’s still time to be a BUCKEYE for fall!

Want to become a Buckeye?

Attend a Buckeye Visit Day information session
at Ohio State Newark

Buckeye Visit Days are free information sessions designed for high school
students, and will provide insight into the opportunities available at Ohio
State Newark. The program includes speakers from OSU Admissions &
Advising, Student Life, and Housing. A student tour guide will lead high
school students and their guests on a tour of campus. Admission staff will provide information and answer
questions about campus resources and procedures. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are accepted.
Register online at www.newark.osu.edu or call 740.364.9548

Thursday, July 7, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Monday, August 1, 1 – 4:30 p.m.