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UT Martin Selmer Center issues first Lee Scholarship

Aaron Hasapis, a police officer in Bolivar, was the first recipient of the Robert Kirk Lee Scholarship at the UT Martin Selmer Center. He was announced as the winner at the start of the 2023-24 school year.

Hasapis (pronounced “HASS-sup-iss”) was halfway through his degree when he made the decision to focus more on his family. Now that his daughter is older, he decided it was time to return to school and finish what he started.

Like many of the other students at the center, Hasapis is a nontraditional student who balances a hectic life of work and school.

He was happy to find out that he would receive the first Robert Kirk Lee Scholarship, and he knows that it will help with the cost of tuition and books this year.

“My plans are to further my career in law enforcement,” he said, adding that he is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice, seeking to graduate in the summer of 2024.

UT Martin Selmer Center Director Alan Youngerman said the Robert Kirk Lee



Bolivar Police Officer Aaron Hasapis is shown at his pinning ceremony in February 2022 with his daughter Adyson. Hasapis is the first recipient of the Robert Kirk Lee Scholarship at the UT Martin Selmer Center.

Scholarship will help several people coming to the Selmer Center gain a strong education that can lead to better employment.

“This scholarship is dedicated to criminal

justice majors,” he said. “A lot of our students are nontraditional students and don’t have access to all of the scholarships like the

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‘Lunch at the Library’ expands library literacy



Students, faculty, staff and even people from off-campus can come to the Paul Meek Library each Tuesday at lunchtime to enjoy an informative program throughout the fall semester.

A program called “Lunch at the Library” features helpful programs like “Evaluating Web Resources,” “Media Literacy,” “Drop-In Reference Support” and more.

The programs are held in the Active Learning Classroom of the library in Room 152

from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. each Tuesday. Participants are invited to bring a lunch and enjoy the program in a relaxed atmosphere. Audience members are also invited to ask questions.

Dr. John LaDue, assistant professor and information literacy librarian at the Paul Meek Library, coordinates the program and said the program is a chance for the library to provide an in-depth

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Long

Dr. Jamye Long, associate professor of management, **Dr. Cooper Johnson**, associate professor of management, and **Dr. Sam Faught**, professor of management, had their article titled “The need to practice what we teach: Sticky floor in 11 states’ universities” accepted for publication in the Journal of Instructional Pedagogies.

The article focuses on the public universities from 11 southern U.S. states during the 2022-23 academic year.

These institutions’ administrative positions from their colleges of business to their upper administrative officers are analyzed regarding their gender compositions of those holding these positions and how their employment practices reflect their true gender diversity, equal opportunity and fair employment practices.

Of particular interest is the sticky floor effect, in which administrative opportunities given to women are explored.

The article also seeks to compare those university practices against the emphasis placed within their business courses on fair employment lectures.



Johnson



Faught

Dr. Harriette L. Spiegel, lecturer in the department of educational studies, and **Julie Alexander**, assessment coordinator for the Educator Preparation Program, were selected to serve as content proposal/session peer-reviewers for the 2024 American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) annual conference, to be held Feb. 16-18 in Denver.

As the leading voice on educator preparation, AACTE welcomes thought leaders from both the higher education and PK-12 communities to share their perspective on addressing current issues and providing innovative ways to approach that which has yet to be considered in educator preparation. AACTE celebrates diverse voices to innovate, assess, and propel the profession into the future.



Speigel



Alexander

Dr. Jamie Mantoath, executive director of enrollment services and student engagement, was recently accepted into the eighth cohort of the Complete Tennessee Leadership Institute.

Twenty-six leaders from higher education, K-12, business and nonprofit sectors were selected for the one-year program that will allow them to understand key higher education and workforce data and develop regional advocacy strategies to ensure more students are earning degrees and credentials that prepare them for careers.



Mantoath

The CTLI is a partnership of the State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE) and The Hunt Institute.

In Memory

The department of music will hold a memorial service at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21, for music major **Avery Hall**, who passed away July 26 at the age of 20.

The service will be held in the Harriet Fulton Theatre.

The program is scheduled to include a combination of short performances by music department ensembles in which she was involved.

The university community is invited. Avery’s family members and friends will attend.

**View photos online
at utm.edu/photo**

Richards named Featured Faculty Scholar for fall

Dr. Amy Richards, a faculty member in the department of family and consumer sciences, has been selected as the fall semester Featured Faculty Scholar.

A reception and presentation will be held in her honor at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 26 at the Paul Meek Library.

Richards' presentation, "Adventures and Misadventures in Research," will review her experiences working and conducting research in nutrition, including "a bird's-eye view of 20 years of research activities with fun facts, interesting side notes not put into publications, lessons learned and tips for aspiring researchers."

Richards is an associate

professor and director of the university's didactic program in dietetics. She is a registered dietitian with degrees in exercise and food science, nutrition and family and consumer sciences.

She has also worked as an education specialist in South Dakota, where she managed U.S. Department of Agriculture grants promoting nutrition for school-aged children.

Her research has delved into a variety of interests, including nutrition for children and young adults, the relationship between yoga and weight control, gardening as an educational tool, correlations between various health factors and interdisciplinary student education.

The Featured Faculty Scholar



Richards

award is designed to recognize faculty members whose research and creative works are judged among the most prestigious on the campus. This presentation is co-sponsored by the Division of Academic Affairs and the Paul Meek Library.

The event is open to the public and will be held in Paul Meek Library, with a livestream of the presentation to be seen [here](#). A recording will be available at this site for later playback.

A reception with light refreshments will follow, and attendees can view an exhibit highlighting Richards' work. Registration is not required but can be found [here](#).

Parking for the reception will be in the library parking lot on Wayne Fisher Drive off Mt. Pelia Road. Parking permits are available online [here](#) by selecting the "Visitor Request Form." For more information, contact Dr. Erik Nordberg, dean of the Paul Meek Library, at 731-881-7070.

This Week's UT Martin Skyhawks Home Events

Monday-Tuesday,
Sept. 18-19

Golf at Grover Page Classic,
Jackson Country Club

Friday, Sept. 22

Volleyball vs. Eastern
Illinois, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23

Volleyball vs. Eastern
Illinois, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 24

Soccer vs. Little Rock,
1 p.m.



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discussion of several topics.

"Toward the beginning of the semester, we start out with more of the academic side of things," he said. "The first program was basically what the library has to offer that people might not know about. Our most recent session was 'How do you read an academic article?' because sometimes, they can be very complicated and daunting."

As the semester progresses, the programs are more related to information and information literacy.

"And it's not necessarily strictly academic," LaDue said. "We encounter information everywhere, in all parts of our life at all times. Later in the semester, we'll get into things like the difference between information, misinformation and disinformation.

"One of the fun ones we'll do for the first time this semester is 'Conspiracies and Conspiracy Theories: Preparing for the Holiday,' which will come just before the Thanksgiving break, so when people go back for Thanksgiving dinners with their families, they can be a little bit better armed."

This semester's programs include:

- Sept. 19: Searching the Web
- Sept. 26: Evaluating Web Resources
- Oct. 3: Using Zotero to Manage Citations
- Oct. 17: Using AI to Help with Research
- Oct. 24: Media Literacy
- Oct. 31: Think Tanks: What Are They and What Do They Do?
- Nov. 7: Information, Misinformation and

Disinformation

- Nov. 14: Conspiracies and Conspiracy Theories: Preparing for the Holiday

- Nov. 28: Drop-in Reference Support

"It's a much more relaxed atmosphere (than a classroom), and it's not just for students," LaDue said. "It's open to everybody: staff, faculty and the public are welcome to come if they like. I gear it more toward the students because that's who we are and what we do, but it is open to everyone."

"Lunch at the Library" programs will also be held in the spring semester.

"You can learn skills to help you succeed in college and, hopefully, learn some skills that will help you stay informed throughout your life," LaDue said.

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Senior Salute seeking offices, departments for event

Career Planning and Development and the Office of Alumni Relations will partner again for the Senior Salute event from noon to 4 p.m. on Oct. 3.

Event coordinators are looking for office representatives to attend the event that helps graduating seniors prepare for the transition from students to alumni.

Last year, several students expressed interest in having all available resources in one stop.

This event will be held in Room 206 of the Boling University Center. Booths will be available for each office that is interested in attending.

Alumni Relations will provide bags

for each senior that attends to fill with information or goodies that departments would like to have on their tables.

Any departments that have information to share with seniors are welcomed and encouraged to participate.

Offices and departments wanting to participate should sign up [here](#) by Sept. 22.

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Hope Lottery Scholarship and some of the others that are available to traditional students.

“This does give our nontraditional students an opportunity to have a scholarship to help them proceed. A lot of our nontraditionals are men and women with families who are trying to come back to school and work a full-time job while they’re coming.”

Youngermen said Lee’s widow, Susan, wanted to establish a scholarship at the UT Martin Selmer Center in her late husband’s name. Robert Lee was an adjunct professor there since the center opened in 1998. Lee died in November 2022.

Lee earned his bachelor’s

degree in criminal justice from UT Martin in 1978. He was a member of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, serving on Gov. Lamar Alexander’s security staff.

He was also the youngest person to be elected sheriff of McNairy County, serving from 1982 to 1994, becoming the first person to serve three consecutive terms.

After his service as a sheriff, he joined the Criminal Investigation Division of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, later joining the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation before retiring in 2015.

Youngerman said the Robert Kirk Lee Scholarship could help Hasapis in many ways.

“Most local officers just

go through the academy, but these additional classes would teach other criminal justice techniques,” he said. “They teach knowledge of procedures like criminal evidence and criminal investigation and a lot of additional information beyond what they would learn in academy training.

“Plus, getting a degree in criminal justice can help someone move up in their career path, whether it’s locally with the police department or moving up to Highway Patrol. We’ve had several Tennessee Highway Patrol officers come here to finish a degree with us, and that makes them eligible for promotions through the department as well.”

Youngerman praised Susan

Lee and the Robert Lee family and others for providing scholarships to the UT Martin Selmer Center.

“We are lucky to have multiple local donors,” Youngerman said. “We give away over \$50,000 in locally-derived scholarships plus another \$50,000 in additional money for other sources – so, a total of \$100,000 in scholarships each year for our center.

“That makes it a very affordable and attractive offering for students who cannot go to the main UT Martin campus for whatever reason, and they can stay local.”

More information about the UT Martin Selmer Center can be found [here](#) or by calling 731-646-1636.

You Tell Me

• **Question** – What is the plan, or being done, to alleviate the congestion, illegal parking and lack of parking, especially for faculty and staff, on the east side of campus?

• **Answer** – Parking is definitely a concern on campus, especially with the renovations that are moving faculty and staff to other buildings on campus. Faculty and staff can park in any lot, not only the ones designated specifically for them. There is parking available; unfortunately it’s not always as convenient and often further away from the classrooms. The UTM Department of Public Safety encourages anyone who is not commuting daily to park in the outer parking lots. The Traffic and Parking Authority Committee meets regularly to review and recommend policies, rules and regulations governing vehicular traffic on campus as well as to recommend penalties for parking and traffic violations on campus. The campus police officers are assisted by student ticket writers to address illegal parking. Please note that much of the street parking around campus – such as on Lovelace Avenue – is enforced by the City of Martin, and any citations received from the city cannot be appealed to the university. If you see a specific concern in a campus parking lot, contact the department of public safety. There is more detailed information available on its [UTM website](#).

Submit your questions to Addenda at addenda@utm.edu.

World-renowned singer Esperian performs on campus

World-renowned singer Kallen Esperian performed Sept. 12 in the Harriet Fulton Theatre in the Fine Arts Building. Esperian has performed with each of the noted Three Tenors – Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras –and came to the UT Martin campus as part of the Ed Sargent Guest Artist Series. Esperian performed “Hanañera” from “Carmen by Georges Bizet, “With a Song in My Heart” by Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart and “The Man I Love” by George Gershwin. She is shown at her UT Martin performance with pianist Gary Beard.



Radiation sources should be registered by Oct. 26

Sources of ionizing radiation – including primary x-ray sources and some radioactive sources – should be registered with the state at the time of possession of the sources within less than 10 days of purchase or possession.

Radiation sources that are not registered and inspected on time will put the operator of the source and the university at risk for noncompliance to state radiation safety rules and may result in penalty and fines.

Any such radiation sources should be

reported, registered and inspected on time.

Dr. Misganaw Getaneh should be contacted as soon as possible before Oct. 26 if anyone has acquired such sources so they can be registered and scheduled for inspection.

After the initial registration, registration renewal is done every year, while inspection is done every two years.

For some important reasons, the university has been getting all its radiation sources on campus inspected on the same day. The last

inspection was done in October 2021, and the next one will be on Oct. 26.

It is important to emphasize that there is a bonus in the form of a significant reduction in annual registration renewal fees (82%) that is associated with getting the sources registered and inspected on time. This qualifies the university to pay only 18% of the regular registration renewal fee.

More details about licensing, registration and inspection rules of radiation sources for Tennessee can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

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