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TAMIKA MALLORY TO SPEAK AT UT MARTIN CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE



Tamika Mallory

UT Martin's 23rd annual Civil Rights Conference will feature a final keynote address from Tamika Mallory at 6 p.m., March 6, in the Boling University Center's Watkins Auditorium. The conference has addressed the theme "Who Will Stand in the Gap? - A Clarion Call for Justice Seekers."

Mallory is an award-winning

social justice leader, movement strategist and author of "State of Emergency: How We Win in the Country We Built." Her presentation is titled "Intersections of Trauma, Mental Health, and Addiction in the Black Community," and it will be moderated by **Dr. Danny Pirtle**, associate professor of criminal justice, and Hannah Bilger, graduate

assistant for the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will be livestreamed on [UT Martin Webcasting](#) via YouTube.

For more information about this event, contact **Henri Giles**, conference chairperson and lecturer of mass media and strategic communication, at hgiles1@utm.edu.

UT Martin Office Of Student Life hosts annual Greek Fest Week

The UT Martin Office of Student Life and Multicultural Affairs will host Greek Fest, a weeklong celebration of UT Martin Greek life March 6-10 on the main campus. This week focuses on bringing current and alumni members of Greek life together to fellowship and serve the community.

The first opportunity for organizations to gain points began Feb. 23 at the UT Martin basketball doubleheaders. Organizations that attended the games earned five points for participating and five additional points if 50% or more of their chapter attended. The organizations will also be participating in a penny war, with the funds going toward the winning chapter's philanthropy.

Greek Fest officially begins March 6 with "Make your

mark Monday." The Greek community is encouraged to wear their letters and attend the 9:45 p.m. showing of Creed III at Cine Theatres in Martin.

Chapters will gather for service night March 7 to help pack Narcan bags for the Weakley County Prevention Coalition. Participating members will earn hours toward their organization's yearly overall service goals.

At 6 p.m., March 8, Dr. Diandra Renee will host the D.R.E.A.M. Workshop in Watkins Auditorium. Renee is a two-time TED Speaker and known for her advocacy for racial equality within families, education and storytelling.

Line dance will be held at 7 p.m., March 9, and the Step Show will be held at 7 p.m., March 10, both in the Skyhawk



Students in the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority volunteer for a service night during Greek Fest 2022.

Fieldhouse. For each event, organizations will receive five points for participating with additional points awarded in each category. Third place will receive five additional points, second place will receive 10 additional points, and first place will receive 15 additional points.

Line dance tickets are \$5, Step Show tickets are \$10, and both may be purchased via Event Brite. These events are open to the public.

For more information, contact **Rachel Stephens**, director of student life, at 731-881-7527 or rstephe5@utm.edu.

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On March 3, **Dr. Amy Yeung**, professor of music, and **Dr. Chan Mi Jean**, lecturer of music, performed songs written by African-American composer Margaret Bonds at the 7th Annual Music by Women Festival hosted by Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Mississippi.



Drs. Cooper Johnson and Jamye Long, both associate professors of management, led a training for Go Cloud Careers titled "How to Make the Best Decisions." The seminar was joined by 143 participants. Go Cloud Careers focuses on helping their clients build elite technology careers through specialized training and development opportunities.

In Memory



Elsie Mary Templeton, 99, a retired housing custodian, passed away Saturday, Feb. 25, in Memphis. Services are at 10 a.m., Friday, March 10, at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Memphis. Interment will follow at 2 p.m. that afternoon at Parham Cemetery in Martin. Ms. Templeton retired in 1988 following more than 33 years of university service. She is pictured receiving a certificate from the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers, one of many honors she earned for her work, in a presentation by **Earl Wright**, retired director of housing.

Ed Sargent
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featuring

- SHELLEY Carol**
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- YOUNG Heo**
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GRAND CHALLENGES

The latest issue of *Our Tennessee*, the UT System's magazine for alumni, is out, and it contains two feature stories involving UT Martin faculty, staff and alumni. The UT System selected three "Grand Challenges" to address in this issue: K-12 education, substance misuse and rural community decline. Physical copies have been mailed to all departments on campus, and you can see the stories online at our.tennessee.edu.

Open Education Week focuses on affordable textbook



UT Martin and the Textbook Affordability Leadership Team is participating in a global, weeklong event called Open Education Week (OE Week), March 6-10, in partnership with the Tennessee Higher Education Commission's Tennessee Open Education Week 2023. The goal is to raise awareness, showcase initiatives and celebrate the impact of open education on teaching and learning worldwide.

The 2023 Tennessee Open Education Week events provide opportunities to learn about cutting-edge work in Tennessee, listen to Tennessee students, and link to national conversations. The schedule of events on the Tennessee Open Education Week 2023 website provides a forum for promotion, participation and curation. Dawson Gremmels, UT Martin SGA president, will participate in the student panel scheduled for this Friday, March 10.

Open Education Week is an annual celebration sponsored by [OE Global](#), highlighting various ways Open Education is making a difference in education. The full schedule can be found by visiting the [Open Education Week](#) website. Open Education Week has been observed since 2013 and is one of the leading global community events for raising awareness and showcasing exemplary open-education work worldwide.

To show support for Tennessee Open Education Week, UTM faculty and staff will wear "Ask Me About OER" buttons as they raise awareness about OER and textbook affordability. For more information, email utmoeer@listserv.utm.edu or, to stay up to date and learn more information about OER and textbook affordability, follow [@utmtextbookaffordability](#) on Instagram and like UT Martin Textbook Affordability on Facebook.



HENRY PARKER HONORED DURING CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE – Dr. Henry Parker (center), UT Martin professor of philosophy, was presented a plaque Feb. 7 during the university's Civil Rights Conference recognizing his long association with the event. Parker will retire at the end of the current academic year after teaching at the university since fall 1990. His total teaching career spans 67 years. Participating in the presentation were (l, r) Alisha Melton, executive director, Office of Research, Outreach and Economic Development; Austin Ferrell, educator lecturer and Call Me MiSTER program co-coordinator; Henri Giles, lecturer, Department of Mass Media and Strategic Communication; Parker; Dominique Crockett, director of equity and diversity and Title IX coordinator; Dr. Danny Pirtle, associate professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences; and Kameron Echols, interim assistant director, Office of Multicultural Affairs.

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MEMORIAL LECTURE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
DR. LYNN ALEXANDER

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DICKENS AND VICTORIAN NOVEL ILLUSTRATION



7:00 PM
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YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN

UT Martin's department of visual and theatre arts showcased John Gordon's "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" last week in the Harriet Fulton Theatre located in the Fine Arts Building on the main campus. "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," directed by Melanie Hollis, is a two-act musical that explores life's great questions through the eyes of the beloved Peanuts comic strip characters originally created by Charles M. Schultz. Pictured is Gabriel Rogers, of Jackson, as Snoopy.

You Tell Me

- **Question** - Why is spring break so late this year and last? Who decides when spring break occurs?
- **Answer** - The decision about spring-break dates is made by the Calendar Committee, a group appointed annually by the university's Committee on Committees. The decision is based on aligning the university's spring break with that of Weakley County Schools.

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

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