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This photo shows the Tennessee State Capitol illuminated in Ukraine's colors signifying the Volunteer State's support for the nation. (Photo courtesy Tennessee Secretary of State)

FORUM TO ADDRESS CRISIS IN UKRAINE

The ongoing crisis in Ukraine will be discussed during the first Global Affairs Forum set for 5 p.m., Wed., March 9, in the North Reading Room of UT Martin's Paul Meek Library. The new forum series features expert analysis about current events and issues. The series, co-sponsored by the university's College of Business and Global Affairs and the Paul Meek Library, is free

and open to the public.

The panel discussion will present different views from UT Martin experts about the ongoing crisis in Ukraine and will seek to offer a complete picture about the current situation. Scheduled to appear are Drs. Philip Acree Cavalier, university provost and senior vice chancellor for academic affairs; Chara Van Horn, associate

professor of communications; Alice-Catherine Carls, Tom Elam Distinguished Professor of History; Carrie Humphreys, assistant professor of political science; and Adnan Rasool, assistant professor of political science. Josh Thompson, a senior political science major from Union City, will moderate the panel.

Forum parking will be

available in the Paul Meek Library parking lot on Wayne Fisher Drive off Mt. Pelia Road. Parking permits are available at www.utm.edu/departments/publicsafety by selecting the "Online Visitor Parking Permit" link. For more information, contact Dr. Adnan Rasool at arasool1@utm.edu or Dr. Carrie Humphreys at chumph16@utm.edu.

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Mahmoud Haddad, Dr. professor of finance, was MoneyGeek's featured in recent online story titled "Are 0% APR Credit Cards worth it?" You can find the story and his related comments about secured credit cards in the "Ask the Experts" O&A here and here. MoneyGeek, based in San Francisco, is a financial website that offers information and advice from experts on various personal finance topics.



Dr. Art Hunt, professor of mass media and strategic communication, presented "An his paper, Invitation to HI TEA: Steven Beebe's C.S. Lewis and the Craft Communication," for Twenty-First Annual Christianity in the Academy Conference under the theme, "Mere Christianity in the Post-Christian West: Where We Stand 80 Years After the Radio Talks," Feb. 5, at Union University in Jackson.



Dr. Dexter Davis, associate professor of sport business, led his ninth group of UT Martin students to attend and work a Super Bowl when they traveled west for Super Bowl LXI on Feb. 13 at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles. The students began their trip with a first-ever opportunity to work events associated with a National Hockey League All-Star game, which was held Feb. 5 at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas. Davis is quoted in this Dickson Post Article (Dickson, Tennessee) in the March 2 edition that features a story about local student Caitlin Pierce who was among the 12 students to make the trip.



Dr. Laura G. Foltz served as the finance evaluator on the SACSCOC On-Site Review Committee, Feb. 22 - 24. This accreditation visit is her fourth time serving as a finance evaluator for SACSCOC; cumulatively, she has reviewed six institutions.



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In Memory

We're sad to report the death March 4 of Bea Burress, a Union City resident. Bea was retired supervisor for what was then known as Printing and Duplicating Services. She came to the university in June 1977 and retired in February 1997. The complete obituary is found at this link. Note that visitation is 1-2:40 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, at Edmaiston-Mosely Funeral Home. Private graveside services for family will follow.



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Welcome New Employees

Dr. Brad Baumgardner has joined UT Martin as the director of retention. Baumgardner is a student success professional with over a decade of experience in advising, instruction, and program development. Brad is committed to providing advocacy, support and guidance for students through the integration of data informed approaches and relationship driven student success models.







SPRING SPEAKER SERIES – Dr. Derek Greenfield a motivational speaker specializing in "inclusive excellence and positive change" leads a diversity and inclusion workshop Monday, March 7, in the Boling University Center's Duncan Ballroom. Greenfield is one of six speakers in the Office Student Life and Multicultural Affairs' spring speaker series. The series is open to faculty, staff and students and will continue through the end of the month. Other speakers in the series include Caroline Bennett (March 10), Damarius Coleman-Everet (March 12), David Kirkman (March 15), Virgie Tovar (March 17), and Linda Sarsour (March 30). For more information on the spring speaker series, contact Anthony Prewitt at aprewitt@utm.edu.



Tara Tansil-Gentry spotlighted as OVC Basketball Legend

Tara Tansil-Gentry was recognized last week as an Ohio Valley Conference Basketball Legend during the UT Martin women's basketball game against SIUE at the OVC Basketball Championship in Evansville, Indiana.

Tansil-Gentry, along with others from across the conference, including Belmont's Darby Maggard (who is currently an assistant coach with the Skyhawk women's basketball program), was spotlighted with a video board recognition and PA announcement.

A native Greenfield, Tansil-Gentry was a part of the Skyhawk women's basketball program for nearly two decades (four as a player, eight as an assistant coach, five as the head coach). She played at UT Martin under head coach Sharman Coley from 1991-95 and was a key contributor for a program that was transitioning from the NCAA Division II ranks to Division Las the then-

Lady Pacers joined the OVC right before her sophomore season.

In January 1996, Tansil-Gentry had her No. 24 jersey retired in the rafters of the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center, becoming just the third player to accomplish that feat. She was honored again in 2000 when she was inducted into the UT Martin Athletics Hall of Fame.

The OVC began its tradition of recognizing men's and women's basketball legends from each of its member institutions in 2015. After the initiative was put on pause last year, Tansil-Gentry becomes the seventh Skyhawk representative to receive the honor - joining Mike Meschede (2020), Pat Head Summitt (2019), Jared Newson (2018), Jasmine Newsome (2017), Lester Hudson (2016) and Heather Butler (2015).

For more information on the OVC Basketball Legends program, visit this link.

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Tewari named Featured Faculty Scholar



Dr. Rachna Tewari, associate professor of agricultural economics, has been named UT Martin's Featured Faculty Scholar for the spring 2022 semester. Tewari will be honored with a reception at 3 p.m. March 14 in the Paul Meek Library, and examples of her research will be displayed in a case near the library's main entrance. Her name will also be added to a plaque permanently displayed in the library.

Tewari began her career at UT Martin in 2013 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 2017. She holds a bachelor's degree from Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University in Hyderabad, India, master's degrees from Symbiosis International University in Pune, India, and West Texas A&M University and a doctoral degree from Texas Technical University.

The event will be held in the North Reading Room of the library and is open to the public. It will also be livestreamed here.

For more information, contact the Office of University Relations at 731-881-7615.

UTHSC hosts Opioid Conference

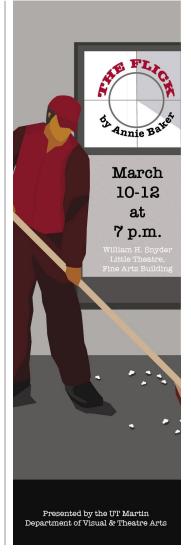
The University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Nursing ANEW grant is hosting its 2nd Annual Opioid Conference, "Serving Families affected by Opioids," May 2-3 at Shelby Farms FedEx Event Center in Memphis.

Registration is free, and continuing education units for nurses, physicians and pharmacists will be awarded.

There will be an optional pre-conference on telehealth the morning of May 2 and the Opioid Conference will start around noon.

Conference details, including a conference overview, agenda, speakers, venue information and hotel availability are available here.

To register, click "take course" and you will receive an email confirmation that you've been registered.



You Tell Me

- Question How does someone make a request for Chancellor Carver to attend an event?
- Answer A <u>Chancellor's Scheduling Request Form</u> is listed on the Chancellor's Corner menu. Requestors are asked to complete all information, including Chancellor Carver's anticipated involvement at the event. Because of his busy schedule, everyone is asked to complete the form and submit it as early as possible. His attendance is not guaranteed, but he tries to accept as many invitations as possible. This form is for use both by persons associated with the university and those who aren't affiliated with UT Martin.

Submit your questions anonymously to the Suggestion Box link at www.utm.edu/suggestionbox.

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