



'Righteous Among Nations' exhibit opens at museum

Before and during World War II, there were many people who risked their own lives and freedom to save Jews from being killed by Nazi Germany during the Holocaust.

These people are honored by the Yad Vashem (pronounced "YAHD vah-SHEM") with the title "Righteous Among the Nations."

An exhibit about the Righteous Among the Nations honor can be seen in the J. Houston Gordon Museum adjacent to the Corbitt Special Collections Area in the Paul Meek Library.

The Yad Vashem is the Shoah Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority of Israel and was established in 1953 by the Knesset, the legislative body of Israel. It is the official memorial in Israel dedicated to the victims of the Holocaust. The honorific title "Righteous Among the Nations" is given to non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust.

Sam Richardson, the head of special collections and archives at the Paul Meek Library, said the exhibit commemorates those who helped Jews avoid being killed during World War II.

"These people worked to help the Jews during that time by hiding them, providing them with food and doing other things to



Information panels in the "Righteous Among the Nations" exhibit at the J. Houston Gordon Museum are reflected off of a display case. Non-Jews who helped save the lives of Jewish people during the Holocaust are given the honorific "Righteous Among the Nations" title by Yad Vashem.

help them out," he said. "This exhibit is about that. It lists 22 people who earned the Righteous Among the Nations title, and it explains what it's all about."

Panels in the exhibit provide visitors with the names and the stories of people who

risked their own lives in saving Jews during the Holocaust.

As of August 2023, the "Righteous Among the Nations" honor has been bestowed upon 28,217 people, including such notable

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Author, scholar Glaude to speak at Civil Rights Conference



Glaude

Dr. Eddie S. Glaude, the William S. Tod Professor of Religion and African American Studies and the chair of the Department of African American Studies at Princeton University, will be the third and final guest speaker at the 24th annual UT Martin Civil Rights Conference.

Glaude (pronounced to rhyme with "cloud") will speak at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, in the Watkins Auditorium in the Boling University Center.

Glaude has taught at Princeton since 2002. Born in Moss Point, Mississippi, he earned a bachelor's degree in political science from

Morehouse College in Atlanta, a master's degree in African American studies from Temple University and a Ph.D. in religion from Princeton.

Henri Giles, a lecturer in the Department of Mass Media and Strategic Communication and the chairperson for the Civil Rights Conference, said Glaude is noted for his commentary on the national stage on politics and African American issues.

Giles noted that Glaude has been a columnist for Time magazine and has appeared regularly on MSNBC and political commentary

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Brittany Cole, assistant professor of finance, and students from the UT Martin Tennessee Valley Authority Investments Challenge Program (ICP) presented to the Jackson Rotary Club on Feb. 7.

The ICP is funded by the Tennessee Valley Authority, and UTM has participated in the student-managed investment fund program since its inception in 1999.

In the TVA ICP, students manage a \$500,000 domestic equity portfolio as part of the TVA's retirement trust.

At the meeting, Cole provided background on the history of the



Cole

Investments Challenge Program at UT Martin, TVA's motivation for funding a student-managed investment fund program and

her experience as both a student and faculty member in the program.

Each student provided a personal testimonial about the value of the student-managed investment fund program to them. The students spoke with attendees about how programs like the TVA program support UTM's mission as well as highlight the skill sets the students hone while taking the course.

The students consistently reiterated how they felt the program gave them real work experience without having

to leave UTM's campus, how important Bloomberg skills were to them and how communication was key to working with their teammates.

The students also fielded questions from the audience. The Jackson news station WBBJ and the West Tennessee PBS station covered the meeting and interviewed the students and Cole about the program.

Students in attendance were Aaron Bartholomew, Alex Bowker, Jake Harrison, Maria Hudson, Courtney Pemberton and Connor Williams.

Dr. Jamye Long and **Dr. Cooper Johnson**, both associate professors of management, conducted a Go Cloud Careers training titled "Ethical Values and Behavior for the Business Executive," in which they had more than 100 real-time participants.

This training covered the topics of ethics versus morals, understanding the development of individual ethical and moral

foundations, the gray area of ethics, the relationship between laws and ethics and the importance of business ethics to organizations.

Participants were encouraged to ask questions, and they expressed interest in gaining advice when faced with questionable situations that present a conflict between personal ethical boundaries and professional responsibilities.



Long



Johnson

The Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board funded a proposal by lead principal investigator **Dr. Anthony R. Delmond**, co-principal investigator **Dr. Aaron Scott**, **Dr. Joey Mehlhorn**, **Dr. Rachna Tewari**, **Dr. Isaac Lepcha** and **Dr. Bethany Wolters**.

Delmond presented the proposal, "Using a Dynamic Crop Modeling System to

Simulate Soybean Yields under Varying Climate Conditions and Management Practices," to the Soybean Promotion Board in Jackson on Feb. 8.

The board voted to fund the project for the full \$20,000 requested.

The purpose of this research is to utilize crop modeling software - specifically Decision Support System for

Agrotechnology Transfer - to investigate how changing weather patterns in Tennessee are likely to affect soybean yields and shift management practices for soybean growers.

This project will employ several UTM students across various disciplines to conduct research and disseminate the group's findings to a range of audiences.



Delmond

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Dr. Scott Parrott, professor of agriculture economics, presented the paper, “High Impact and High Returns: Translating Textbook Learning to Tangible Career Skills Using Student Managed Investment Funds,” at the 2024 Southern Agricultural Economics Associations annual meetings in Atlanta on Feb. 5.

Dr. Brittany Cole, assistant professor of finance, and **Dr. Joey Mehlhorn**, professor of agriculture economics, are co-authors on the paper, and both attended the session to help answer questions.

The paper examines the benefits students receive from the experiential learning opportunities student managed investment funds provide. The College of Business and Global Affairs and the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences offer experiential learning courses in which students trade real money for investing purposes.

Students in the courses were surveyed for their opinion on the value these types of courses offer.

Students overwhelmingly agree that the real-world experience, technical skills



Parrott

and fundamental analysis skills are extremely valuable to them as part of their university education.

The findings demonstrate



Mehlhorn

the importance of experiential learning opportunities to students while also supporting UT Martin’s mission for student success.

Investiture ceremony set for March 15 in Elam Center

UT Martin will hold a formal investiture for its new chancellor, Dr. Yancy Freeman, at 2 p.m. Friday, March 15, in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

The public is invited to attend this historic event.

This will be the first time for the university to have an investiture for a new chancellor, and the ceremony provides a sense of pride, history and tradition for the university and its stakeholders.

The theme of the investiture event – which includes an academic procession, investiture ceremony and reception – is “Ready, Set, Soar!”

An investiture is a formal installation or ceremony that a person undergoes in gaining a high office.

The word “investiture” comes from the Latin words meaning “to clothe in” or “to enrobe,” indicating a ceremony in which the officeholder would receive the robes or other garments



Chancellor Yancy Freeman will be the focus of an investiture ceremony March 15 in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center.

associated with that position or office.

Freeman started as a recruiter while pursuing a master’s degree at UT Chattanooga, then became that university’s associate director of admissions.

He served as the UTC vice chancellor for enrollment management and student success in 2017 and was then named vice chancellor of enrollment management and student affairs in 2018 before

being named UT Martin’s 12th chancellor on Aug. 9, 2023.

Freeman is also the first African-American chancellor to serve at an undergraduate University of Tennessee campus.

Dignitaries from colleges and universities across Tennessee and across the nation have been invited to witness the official induction of Freeman as UT Martin chancellor. Governmental and civic leaders and other notable people have also been invited to attend this historic ceremony.

The investiture serves as a platform to celebrate the university’s commitment to academic excellence and its mission. Hosting such an event underscores the importance of recognizing and supporting the new chancellor’s role in guiding the university community toward its collective goals.

For more information about the UT Martin investiture ceremony, visit investiture.utm.edu.

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people as Corrie ten Boom of The Netherlands, author of "The Hiding Place," and Oskar Schindler of Germany of "Schindler's List" fame.

Only five Americans have received the honor, including Tennessean Roddie Edmonds of Knoxville.

Edmonds enlisted in the Army in 1941 at the age of 22 and arrived in the European Theater of Operations in December 1944, just five days before the battle of the Bulge began.

During that battle, Edmonds was captured and sent to Stalag IX-B, a German prisoner of war camp. He was later sent to Stalag IX-A near Ziegenhain, Germany.

Edmonds had the rank of master sergeant and was the senior commissioned officer at the camp, made responsible for the camp's 1,275 American prisoners of war (POWs).

On their first day in Stalag IX-A – Jan. 27, 1945 – as Germany's defeat was clearly approaching, the camp's commandant ordered Edmonds to have only the Jewish-American soldiers present themselves at the next morning's assembly so they could be separated from the other prisoners.

Edmonds ordered all 1,275 soldiers to assemble outside the barracks.

The commandant rushed up to Edmonds in a fury, placed his pistol against Edmonds' head and demanded that he identify the Jewish soldiers.

Edmonds responded, "We are all Jews here," and told the commandant that if he wanted to shoot the Jews, he would have to shoot all of the prisoners. He

warned the commandant that if he harmed any of his men, he would be prosecuted for war crimes after the war, since the Geneva Convention required prisoners to only give their name, rank and serial number; religion was not required. The commandant backed down.

Edmonds is credited with saving up to 300 Jewish-American soldiers from possible death. He returned home after 100 days of captivity, but kept the event in the POW camp to himself. His son found out after Edmonds died in 1985, and Edmonds was recognized by the Yad Vashem as Righteous Among the Nations on Feb. 10, 2015.

Inspiring stories like those of Edmonds and others can be found in the exhibit. Ready2print exhibits, which made this exhibit possible, is a production of the Museums Division of Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, Israel.



It wasn't known until after he died in 1985 that Roddie Edmonds of Knoxville saved the lives of up to 300 Jewish soldiers in 1945.

The Paul Meek Library is open from 7:30 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday, from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 2 p.m. to midnight on Sunday. For more information, call the library at 731-881-7094.

This Week's UT Martin Skyhawks Home Events

Wednesday, Feb. 21

- Softball vs. Brescia, 1 p.m. (dh), Bettye Giles Softball Field
- Baseball vs. Southern Illinois, 5 p.m., Skyhawk Baseball Field

Friday, Feb. 23

- Baseball vs. Brown, 5 p.m., Skyhawk Baseball Field

Saturday, Feb. 24

- Baseball vs. Brown, 3 p.m., Skyhawk Baseball Field

Sunday, Feb. 25

- Baseball vs. Brown, 1 p.m., Skyhawk Baseball Field

Full athletics schedules can be found at utmsports.com.

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programs like "Meet the Press."

Giles said that Glaude would bring interesting points of conversation about current events to the Watkins Auditorium stage on Tuesday.

"I think that people will

see a perspective that, a lot of times, we don't see in media," she said. "He has appeared on a number of television shows: the Sunday-morning political shows, the news networks.

"So, he is a familiar voice, and I think we are fortunate to have

someone of his caliber and his intellect to be here with us to share and to break down some of those stories."

For more information on the UT Martin Civil Rights Conference, visit utm.edu/civilrightsconference.

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Roland Martin speaks at Civil Rights Conference



Top photo: Noted national commentator Roland S. Martin (center) – flanked by UT Martin’s Dr. Danny Pirtle (left) and Henri Giles, chairperson for the UT Martin Civil Rights Conference – speaks to the audience Feb. 13 about current events and how they relate to history.



Bottom photo: Roland S. Martin is greeted by UT Martin students who attended his speaking event Feb. 13 at the Watkins Auditorium in the Boling University Center.

You Tell Me

- **Question** – Some official names for university buildings, classrooms, labs and other spaces are too long for certain uses. If needed, are there acceptable second references that are more concise?
- **Answer** – Yes, you can find both the full and acceptable secondary references for university buildings and spaces in the [Guide to UT Martin Facility Namings and Dedications](#). For example, the Dr. Edward J. and Carolyn P. Boling University Center can be correctly referenced as the Boling University Center. Not all facilities have an official shortened reference, but many do. The link also includes the naming ceremony date and history of the building or area referenced.

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

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