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The UT Martin Advisory Board will meet at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20, in Room 206AB of the Ed and Carolyn Boling University Center. Information about the meeting is available by calling the Office of University Relations at 731-881-7615. UT Martin Chancellor Yancy Freeman is pictured in this photo from a UT Martin Advisory Board meeting earlier this year.

UTM Advisory Board to meet Sept. 20

The UT Martin Advisory Board will meet at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20, in Room 206AB of the Ed and Carolyn Boling University Center.

The meeting is open to the public and available for viewing via livestream at www.utm.edu/abmeeting. The video of the full meeting will be archived for later viewing.

Agenda items include:

- Call to order and roll call
- Opening remarks
- Approval of minutes
- Election of chairperson
- Recognition of UT President Award

winners

- Welcome Weekend and start of semester activities
- Housing update
- Enrollment and retention update
- Fiscal Year 2024 recap
- Strategic Plan update
- Comments by the chancellor
- Closing remarks by the chair
- Adjournment

The agenda and associated meeting materials are available at www.utm.edu/advisoryboard or by contacting Bud Grimes, Office of University Relations, at rgrimes@

utm.edu or call 731-881-7615.

Anyone with a disability or otherwise needing assistance related to this meeting can contact Grimes to request auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate attendance. Contact can be made in person; by writing, email, telephone or otherwise; and should be received no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 18.

UT Martin also distributes this notice to all faculty and staff as part of its compliance with providing adequate public notice. For more information, contact the Office of University Relations at 731-881-7615.

YoUTMs

highlighting the excellence of our faculty and staff

Dr. Jamye Long and Dr. Cooper Johnson, both professors of management, participated in a livestream virtual roundtable discussion titled “Soft Skills in Tech: Why They are Critical to a Successful Tech Career” with Go Cloud Careers.

Joining them were the Go Cloud Career’s chief operating officer, chief technology officer and chief content and experience officer.

The conversation included the topics of why soft skills



Long

are critical to a successful tech career and how they can set a person apart from peers, advice



Johnson

on how to get promoted in tech by enhancing communication, leadership and collaboration

skills, insights from Go Cloud architects on how to build an elite tech career and achieve long-term success and the role of soft skills in tech and how they complement technical expertise in career development.

The event included participants from around the world, including Nigeria, South Africa, Canada and the United States.

The livestream was recorded and currently has about 550 views.

Sargolzaei to speak in Phi Kappa Phi Faculty Lecture

Dr. Saman Sargolzaei, associate professor of engineering, will present the Fall Phi Kappa Phi Faculty Lecture at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 26, in Room 206 of the Boling University Center.

His lecture will explore the ethical, legal and cultural conundrums attached to research and technologies that affect the human brain.

Neuroethics is an emerging field that addresses the implications of advancements in neuroscience and neurotechnology.

Public and private efforts over the last decade have developed new tools to deepen understanding of the human brain, with technologies capable



Sargolzaei

of sensing, recording and decoding brain signals.

Other research has sought to stimulate, modify and augment brain function.

“While current work has predominantly focused on medical and therapeutic uses, there are already examples of

commercial technologies for wellness, behavior modification, education and gaming,” Sargolzaei said.

Responsible development and use of neurotechnologies will require significant and open collaboration among societal stakeholders, engineers, scientists, policymakers and corporations.

Sargolzaei directs the Brain Autonomy and Resiliency Lab, where he leads interdisciplinary projects funded in areas such as autonomous vehicles, virtual reality and agricultural cybersecurity.

His doctoral research at Florida International University explored the role of

brain networks in diagnosing and evaluating neurological disorders such as epilepsy and Alzheimer’s disease.

Other graduate and postdoctoral research has included the mapping of neural pathways, implantable assistive technologies and the effects of mild traumatic brain injury and concussion on brain networks.

The event is hosted by the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. The event is open to the public. Reservations are not required but may be made through UT Martin’s Runway events page.

For more information, contact Dr. Chris Hill, president of Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 127 at 731-881-7292.

Dr. Mahmoud Haddad, professor of finance, presented his research titled “Intrinsic Value of Digital Assets, Valuation Methods: Are Digital Assets a Class of Investable Assets?” at the 41st Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crimes, Sept. 1-8, at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom.



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Submit a YoUTM or question to addenda@utm.edu!

New faculty, staff welcomed with reception



New UTM faculty and staff members attended the annual New Faculty and Staff Welcome Dinner Aug. 27 at the Champions Club at Hardy M. Graham Stadium. Those new members included (front row, L-R) Dr. Kassie Baron, Mallory Edwards, Luke Love, Dr. Bob Lowe, Dr. Richard West, Ashney Williams, Dr. Steve Elliott, Arianne Boma, Jake Bynum, Allison Castleman, Dr. Brandt Gibson, Shelley Stout, Dr. Jamye Long, Sean Hackett, Ava Abad, Heather Hodges, (back row, L-R) Zach Forsythe, Dr. Anthony Delmond, Melissa M. Wood, Atlantis Taylor, Stephanie Morton, Dr. Jennifer Dickerson, Dr. Jaycob Warfel, Dr. Kailyn Hall, Dr. Kristi Gatto, Danielle Moody, Colton Burress, Maddie Bowlds, Daniel Farmer, Dr. Cayce Batts, Dr. Lisa Clifton, Luke Winters, Tori Sims, Sherry Shanklin, Amanda Jackson, Tonya Evans, Courtney Roberts and Cayce Wainscott. Dr. Ali Nasirian attended the dinner but is not pictured.

Tenured, promoted faculty and staff honored



Those on hand for the tenure, promotion and faculty awards reception Aug. 29 at the Welcome Center in the Boling University Center were (front row, L-R) Dr. Angela Van Boenig, Dr. Barb Darroch, Dr. Adnan Rasool, Dr. Janet Wilbert, Dean Ahmad Tootoonchi, (second row, L-R) Dr. Christy Blount, Dr. Jamye Long, (third row, L-R) Chancellor Yancy Freeman, Dr. Cooper Johnson, Dr. Angie MacKewn, Dean Nancy Buschhaus, (fourth row, L-R) Dean Erik Nordberg, Dr. Genessa Smith, Dean Jeffrey Bibbee, (back row, L-R) Provote Philip Acree Cavalier, Dr. Thomas DePriest, Dean Cindy West and Dr. Anthony Delmond. Not pictured are Dr. Patrick Baker, Dr. Will Bird, Dr. Jason Devito, Dr. Renee LaFleur, Dr. Tammie Patterson, Dr. Jason Roberts, Dr. Saman Sargolzaei, Dr. Seyedali Seyedkavoosi, Dr. Todd Sherman, Dr. Justin Sims and Dr. Diana Watson.

UTM special donors luncheon held Aug. 21



The UT Martin Division of University Advancement and Chancellor Yancy Freeman hosted an appreciation luncheon Aug. 21 at the university's Dunagan Alumni Center for donors with 40 or more consecutive years of giving to UT Martin. Pictured are (front row, L-R) Judy Rayburn; Charles Rayburn; Aloha Prather; Janice Noble; Carolyn Gresham; Steve Vantrease; Mary Beard; Dr. Wallace Crider; Cathy Dunagan; (back row, L-R) Joe Brasher; Phyllis Brasher; Jacky Gullett; Vernon Prather; Jerry Carpenter; Chancellor Freeman; Vicki Vantrease; Dr. Nell Gullett; Dr. Robert Beard; Linda Crider; and Dr. Nick Dunagan, UT Martin chancellor emeritus.

This Week's Skyhawk Home Events

Sept. 16-17

- Men's golf in Grover Page Classic, Jackson

Saturday, Sept. 21

- Football vs. Missouri State, 6 p.m., Hardy M. Graham Stadium
- Full athletics schedules can be found at utmsports.com.
- Watch "Skyhawk Sports Talk" each week, archived at utmsports.com! New episodes are posted each Monday.



Reception to be hosted by Faculty Women's Club

The Faculty Women's Club will host a welcome reception for all new women faculty and staff and the wives of faculty and staff.


This event offers an opportunity to meet new colleagues.

The reception will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, in the Dunagan Alumni Center. Suggested dress is spirit wear.

Those who are not new but have not attended previous meetings are encouraged to participate in the reception.

Those who attend the reception will receive two complimentary tickets to the UT Martin-Missouri State football game following the reception at 6 p.m. The game is designated as "Community Night."

COME OUT AND JOIN US!



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- ... AND MORE

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SEPTEMBER 23. 5:00-7:00 PM.
PAUL MEEK LIBRARY.

SGA Executive Council Appreciation Dinner held



Those taking part in the Student Government Association Executive Council Appreciation Dinner on Sept. 9 at the Dunagan Alumni Center included (front row, L-R) Chief of Staff Jake Bynum, SGA Procedures Chair Lacy Collier, SGA Secretary General Scarlett Cook, SGA President Madeleine Griffey, SGA Multicultural Affairs Chair Sara Igo, SGA Campus Opportunities Chair Ella Self, SGA Academic Affairs Chair Haley Goff, Chancellor Yancy Freeman, (back row, L-R) SGA Vice President Taylor Cantrell, SGA Adviser Kameron Echols, SGA Chief Justice Alec Mothersele and SGA Adviser John Abel.

Upcoming Campus Events

Tuesday, Sept. 17

- Constitution Day program, 4 p.m., 111 Boling University Center
- “Evaluating Info Online,” 4 p.m., 152 Paul Meek Library

Wednesday, Sept. 18

- Paul Meek Library open house, 2-4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 20

- UTM Advisory Board, 1 p.m., 206 Boling University Center

Saturday, Sept. 21

- Faculty Women’s Club reception for new women faculty and staff, 3:30-5 p.m., Dunagan Alumni Center

Monday, Sept. 23

- CoMeekCon, 5-7 p.m., Paul Meek Library

Tuesday, Sept. 24

- Hawk Break, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Dunagan Alumni Center
- STEM/health care career fair, noon-4 p.m., Duncan Ballroom, Boling University Center

Thursday, Sept. 26

- Open Phone Banned Book Trivia, 6-7 p.m., Paul Meek Library (Banned Book Week is Sept. 22-28.)

Events are subject to cancellation; dates and times are subject to change.



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Student Government Association

CONSTITUTION DAY SPEAKERS

“Constitutional Rights & Law Enforcement Interactions”

with

Dale Hutcherson
Weakley County Mayor/
Defense Attorney

&

Michael O’Neill
UTM Director of
Public Safety

Tuesday, September 17th
4:00PM
UC Room 111

Constitution Day program set for Sept. 17 at 4 p.m.

UTM Director of Public Safety **Michael O’Neill** and Defense Attorney and Weakley County Mayor **Dale Hutcherson** will be the guest speakers at the Student Government Association’s Constitution Day Speaker Program.

The event will be held at 4 p.m. in Room 111 of the Boling University Center.

O’Neill and Hutcherson will speak on “Constitutional Rights and Law Enforcement

Interactions” from the perspectives of law enforcement and a criminal defense attorney.

The U.S. Constitution was drafted and signed by delegates to the Constitutional Convention on Sept. 17, 1787, in Philadelphia.

It would be made official on June 21, 1788, when New Hampshire became the ninth of the 13 states (more than two-thirds) to ratify it.

Human Resources adds three new employees

The Office of Human Resources announced three new staff members.

Sarah Cornwell is a human resources associate and graduated from UT Martin in 2024 with a bachelor’s degree in mass media and strategic communication with experience in media design and digital content production. She previously worked in the Office of University Relations as a student last year.

Tania Jones is a payroll administrative coordinator and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in organizational leadership/management and an MBA in business analytics. She has experience in payroll, compliance, insurance, account receivable and payable and sales.

Edurne Lopez is an HR consultant for compensation and holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a master’s degree in economics with experience in data analysis and management.

PML FALL WORKSHOPS

- **9/3 - Finding Info @ the Library**
- **9/10 - How to Read an Academic Article**
- **9/17 - Evaluating Info Online**
- **9/24 - Citing Sources with Zotero**

Tuesdays @ 4pm
Paul Meek Library
Room 152

You Tell Me

• **Question** - What is the status of the Hall-Moody Administration Building upgrade? What is the completion date?

• **Answer** - The Administration Building project is going according to schedule and should reach a completion for Phase 1 early in 2025. Phase 2 should follow right behind it - possibly at the same time - and the hope is to have that completed in time to move the occupants back in by fall 2025. Phase 1 includes all of the building except for the east end of the first and second floors, which are involved with Phase 2. The project will replace all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire alarm and data for the entire building. Two restrooms were added to enable each floor to have men’s and women’s facilities.

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

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Martin Empty Bowls returns Oct. 19

The 21st annual Martin Empty Bowls will be held at the Martin Public Library Stage from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 19.

The event will run alongside the Fall Harvest Festival Event of the Martin Farmers Market.

Proceeds from Martin Empty Bowls will support the local food pantry from WE CARE Ministries that services Weakley County.

Martin Empty Bowls is a regional project of the larger grassroots movement called Empty Bowls Project.

This chapter of Empty Bowls was founded in 2003 by David McBeth, retired UTM art professor and potter, to help combat food insecurities in Martin.

Potter Jason Woolery and UT Martin students have been busy creating hundreds of thoughtfully handcrafted bowls in the university ceramics studio for this year's



event.

Each of these bowls will be available starting at a \$15 donation.

The public is invited to view and purchase

the handmade bowls at the Martin Public Library the day of the event.

For more information, contact Woolery at jwooler1@utm.edu.

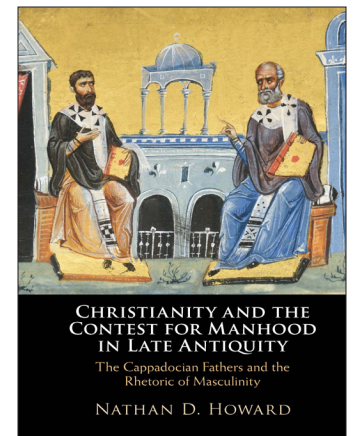
Dr. Nathan Howard, professor of history, presented a paper Aug. 8 at the 19th Oxford International Conference on Patristic Studies, a gathering of leading scholars on early Christian studies.

Howard's paper was titled "Managing Manhood: Gender and Performance in the Cappadocians' Letters."

Howard discussed how fourth-century bishops used letter writing to establish identities as Christian leaders according to classical Greek ideals of manhood.

The presentation was based on Howard's 2022 book "Christianity and the Contest for Manhood in Late Antiquity," published by Cambridge University Press.

The paperback edition of the book was released on Sept. 5 and is available on Amazon or [here](#).



At left, Dr. Nathan Howard is shown on the campus of Christ College at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. The cover of his book, "Christianity and the Contest for Manhood in Late Antiquity," is shown above. The paperback version was released Sept. 5.

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