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News

The John Glenn School of Public Affairs presents "Obstacles and Opportunities: The Challenges Ahead for the Obama Administration": Three national experts offer their insight on the role and responsibilities of the new executive branch. All events will take place at the Faculty Club Grand Lounge, located at 181 S. Oval Dr. on the campus of The Ohio State University.

- **Rob Portman, "The Budget Challenges Facing the New Administration," January 13, 4 p.m.:** Former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, United States Trade Representative, and Director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, Rob Portman offers his unique perspective on the budgeting challenges that today's economy poses.

- **Dr. Paul C. Light, "A Government Ill Executed: The Decline of the Federal Service and How to Reverse It," January 26, 4:30 p.m.; presented as the 2009 Deborah Jones Merritt BookMarks Lecture:** Dr. Paul C. Light is NYU Wagner's Paulette Goddard Professor of Public Service, with expertise in bureaucracy, civil service, Congress, entitlement programs, the executive branch, government reform, nonprofit effectiveness, organizational change, and the political appointment process.

- **Clarence Page, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, "Obama's Presidential Drama," February 17, 4:30 p.m., presented as the 2009 Stanley Muroff Civil Liberties Forum:** Clarence Page, the 1989 Pulitzer Prize winner for *Commentary*, has been a columnist and a member of the *Chicago Tribune's* editorial board since July 1984. His column is syndicated nationally by Tribune Media Services in close to 200 papers. Page is also a regular contributor of essays to *The News Hour With Jim Lehrer* and *News and Notes with Ed Gordon* on National Public Radio. He has hosted documentaries on the Public Broadcasting System and served as a regular panelist on national programs including ABC's *This Week* and BET's weekly *Lead Story* news panel program.

RSVP: All events are free and open to the public, but seating is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to RSVP for these events, please visit <http://www.glennschool.osu.edu/> or call 614-688-3206.

Digital Storytelling Showcase, Friday, January 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Science & Engineering Library, Room 060: The Digital Storytelling Showcase is back, featuring an all new collection of short multi-media presentations created by faculty and staff campus-wide. After an immersion workshop in Photoshop, iMovie and Garage Band,



and a series of intensive story development roundtables, participants this quarter's Digital Storytelling program will present their work and answer questions about the production process. Projects in this quarter's showcase were created by members of the Theater Department, the University Libraries, the College of Education, the College of Dentistry, the Fisher College of Business, and more.

Libraries Launch Work-Study Recruitment Program: The Libraries will be launching a two-week campaign this week to recruit students eligible for work-study for jobs with the OSU Libraries. Students working in a work-study position job save the system money, because the salaries are not paid by the Libraries. There are several dozen positions that could be filled through the campaign.

Libraries New Web Design Posted: The page design for the upcoming revamp of the Libraries web site can be viewed on the [LIPP blog](#). Check it out!

Libraries Starting Volunteer Program: The OSU Libraries will begin a volunteer program in 2009 designed to provide worthwhile opportunities for service while providing Libraries staff with some help for completing important tasks.

The program will initially be targeted to assist areas of the Libraries that have been impacted by the current hiring freeze, as well as with units which could use assistance with ongoing tasks. While not intended to replace staff, the volunteer program will provide an opportunity to recruit help from qualified individuals, so units can address current work and backlogs.

The program will be coordinated through the Libraries' Communications Office, with support from the Human Resources Department. Postings of volunteer opportunities in areas identified by the system's assistant directors will begin in January. Communications Coordinator Larry Allen will work with staff to prepare "job descriptions" for individual volunteer opportunities, and work with individual units to be sure the necessary training and follow-up procedures are in place.

Volunteer opportunities will initially be listed on a number of web sites designed to connect individuals with specific skills and interests to various volunteer jobs. The Libraries will also work closely with the Friends of the Libraries and the OSU Alumni Association in recruiting interested individuals for volunteer tasks.

If your unit could use a volunteer, please ask your manager to contact Larry and discuss the need in more detail. If you know of someone who might be interested in volunteering to work at the Libraries, have them contact Larry at 292-8999, allen.916@osu.edu.

Content Management System (CMS) Will Make Life with the Internet easier: Are you charged with creating and maintaining pages on our web site—a duty that makes you crazy because it's such a complicated process (html this, ftp that, etc.)? A content management system (CMS) is a computer application used to create, edit, manage, and publish content in a consistently organized fashion. In other words, it makes the job easier. Read about SilverStripe, the CMS system selected to use with our web site, on the [LIPP blog](#).

University News



President Gee comments on recent state budget adjustments: On December 19, Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland ordered state spending slashed another \$640 million to plug a growing shortfall in the two-year budget ending at the end of June. OSU President Gordon Gee issued the following comments on the reductions:



Facing tough choices under extremely difficult circumstances, Governor Strickland deserves great thanks for taking action to preserve the state's commitment to its universities.

The Governor, General Assembly and the university are working as strategic and constructive partners as Ohio and the nation navigate these turbulent times. My pledge is that Ohio State will continue to work to be part of the solution to our state's economic revitalization.

While our state's leadership protects funding of our core instructional mission at public universities and colleges, the Ohio State administration is taking steps to control costs, realize savings and maintain quality. We are committed to returning maximum value for the dollars invested by our students, taxpayers and others who use or support the services we provide.

At Ohio State we also are determined to enhance and elevate our role as a \$4 billion economic engine for the state by providing a world-class education for our undergraduate, graduate and professional students and by partnering with business and government to advance discoveries and innovations and create and keep jobs.

COSI After Dark: FREE to students, faculty, and staff January 9: On Jan. 9 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m., COSI will offer free admission to all Ohio State University faculty, staff, students and family members. COSI After Dark will also offer free live entertainment, door prizes and contests, and light snacks and beverages. Complimentary roundtrip transportation will also be available from OSU to COSI. Buses will leave starting at 6:45 p.m. from the Blackburn House bus stop on West Woodruff, the Hale Center bus stop on 12th Ave., and Buckeye Village bus stop, and the bus stop between Morrill and Lincoln Towers on Cannon Drive. The buses will continue to loop between COSI and the University throughout the evening. Parking is available at COSI for \$3. For more information please e-mail Chris Hallam at Hallam.13@osu.edu or call (614) 292-3930.



This COSI event is being co-sponsored by: Honors & Scholars, Ohio Union Activities Board (OUAB), The Residence Hall Advisory Council (RHAC), Student Wellness Center (Late Night Grant) Office of Undergraduate Admissions/First Year Experience, University Housing, The University Housing Black Student Association and The *Columbus Dispatch*.

Nominations sought for Multicultural Center 2009 Awards: The Multicultural Center seeks nominations from the university and the community for eight award categories of its annual awards that recognize the intercultural achievements of individuals and groups throughout OSU and the community. Submit your nomination by Friday (2/6) and save the date to celebrate at the ceremony on Monday (5/18). For additional information and the nomination form visit, www.mcc.osu.edu or contact tstewart@studentlife.osu.edu.



Beginning with this issue, NewsNotes will feature views of the Thompson Library as the renovation work draws to a close later this year.

Pictured at left is the west atrium, one of the two atriums in the renovated library. This atrium will greet library visitors who come in through the new west entrance facing Neil Avenue. The twin atriums will provide seating and display spaces. The atriums face the Stacks Tower, which is clearly visible through the skylights.

Renovation work remains on schedule, with May 1 set as the date for the building to be turned back over to the Libraries from the construction managers.

People



Personnel Report/Provided by the OSU Libraries Human Resources Department

There are no current vacancies at the Libraries.

To comply with University procedures, employees applying for listed vacancies must complete a Promotion/Transfer Request (form 8931, Rev 9/97) during the week of the first listing of the vacancy in the University Personnel Posting (green sheet). To ensure awareness of all vacancies which have been posted, applicants should consult the weekly green sheet rather than relying on the listing in NewsNotes Online and are encouraged to attach a resume and/or other supporting documents to the form. Prospective faculty and staff applicants who are absent during the 5-day posting period and wish to apply should see Toni Morrison-Smith.

Library personnel can also review university employment opportunities at:

<https://www.jobsatosu.com/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1206709374977>

Exhibits



Faculty Recognition Book Exhibit

Through Friday, January 30

Sullivant Library

The exhibit features some of the books selected by Ohio State faculty granted tenure or promotion in 2008-09. The 133 honorees, including regular and clinical faculty from all OSU campuses, chose a title to be book-plated in their name in recognition of their accomplishments. The diversity of titles selected represents the breadth of expertise of faculty and the scope of their teaching and research.

“Picturing History: Bela Petheo, Artist of ‘The Rise of the West’”

<http://library.osu.edu/sites/exhibits/petheo>

The exhibit was curated by David Staley, associate professor of the OSU Department of History. William McNeill's *The Rise of the West* is one of the most important books written on the subject of world history. When it was published in 1963, reviewers hailed the book for the new paradigm it advocated—that civilizations did not develop in isolation but grew as a result of contact with other civilizations and the exchange of ideas and techniques that resulted—and in 1964 McNeill was awarded the National Book Award.