University of Washington—Tacoma 23rd Annual Commencement Honors

Congratulations Kylie Lanthorn 2013 Chancellor’s Medalist!

UW Tacoma’s highest academic award, the chancellor’s medal, goes to the undergraduate student with the most distinguished overall academic record. Candidates rank in the top 5 percent of their class, and must submit two faculty recommendations as well as an essay reflecting his or her commitment to the mission of UW Tacoma.

This year’s Chancellor’s Medal went to IAS’s KYLIE LANTHORN, who majored in Arts, Media and Culture. Kylie is the first Chancellor’s Medalist recipient to have entered UW Tacoma as a freshman. Her article on Coca-Cola’s “Greenwashing” practices was published in the Augsburg Honors Review. She’s curated an exhibition at the Tacoma Museum of Glass, and she’s been closely involved with the latest campus art project: Portraits of Tacomans by Photographer Dawoud Bey. Kylie will soon be pursuing a Ph.D. in communications. Congratulations Kylie!

Congratulations to two UWT students, and their faculty advisors, for receiving UW Library Research Awards. These awards are open to all undergraduates on all three campuses and are quite competitive.

*Kylie Lanthorn (IAS) won one of the grand prizes for her project entitled, The Subversion of Free Play: A Study of the Impacts of Parental Philosophies and Socioeconomic Factors on Television Usage of Children* (Click to download). She worked with Dr. Ellen Moore in IAS.

*Hope St. John (Urban Studies) received an honorable mention for her project entitled, Kamagasaki: The Legacy of Poverty and Uprising in Urban Spaces.* She worked with Dr. Lisa Hoffman in Urban Studies.

You can see all the award winners by visiting: [http://www.lib.washington.edu/researchaward](http://www.lib.washington.edu/researchaward)

Congratulations Summa Cum Laude Honors:

*Heather Carrie, Law and Policy, & Robert James Tournay, Environmental Science* (Click hyperlinks for listing of following honors’ names)

Baccalaureate Honors  Faculty Honors  Global Honors  IAS Honors
Beta Gamma Sigma International Phi Alpha Theta History, UWT Alpha Zeta Gamma Honors  Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing Phi Alpha Honor Society, UWT XI PI

In Honor of Professor, June Lowenberg’s Retirement:

Phillips’ Hall overflowed with those who paid tribute to her remarkable teaching, mentoring, and caring skills. From former students, to faculty across the university, administration, and family members, they all spoke of Dr. Lowenberg’s impact on their lives and careers. The May 13, 2013 event recognized her distinguished career in the Nursing and Healthcare Leadership Programs at the University of Washington Tacoma. As typical of her humble nature, Dr. Lowenberg’s only request was a keepsake picture of herself with the nursing faculty and staff. Her longtime friend and colleague, Dr. Marjorie Dobratz presents this gift at the celebration.

Professor & Graduate Coordinator, Nursing & Healthcare Leadership, Dr. Marjorie Dobratz
End of Year Report, Campus Fellows June 12, 2013

Each of our three Campus Fellows groups is developing draft recommendations; you can expect their final recommendations sometime this fall. Here is the end-of-year status for each of the three groups.

**Quantitative Literacy**

**Members:** *Doug Wills, Business (chair, dtwills@uw.edu)*
Cynthia Stanich, IAS, Peter Selkin, IAS, Julie Eaton, IAS, Linda Dawson, IAS

**Status and Draft Recommendations:** This summer the QL group will prepare a grant proposal to NSF identifying ways to improve students’ preparation in STEM content. The proposal will identify practices, policies and resources that would improve QL among UWT students. Some examples include: creating a quantitative steering committee on campus; expanding the Summer Bridge program to offer a Quantitative Refresher course; including quantitative SLOs in the UWT Core curriculum; developing more collaborative opportunities between faculty and the TLC; and establishing a quantitative intensive (QI) designation for courses.

**Writing**

**Members:** *Alison Cardinal, IAS (chair, acardin@uw.edu)*
Michael Kula, IAS, Deirdre Raynor, IAS, Nicole Blair, IAS

**Status and Draft Recommendations:** The Writing group will bring consultants to campus from the Council of Writing Program Administrators this fall. WPA is national association of writing professionals that provides consulting services to campuses seeking to improve their writing. In advance of this visit, the Writing group is now preparing a self-study of writing at UWT which will in part be based on a faculty survey ([https://catalyst.uw.edu/webq/survey/acardin/205208](https://catalyst.uw.edu/webq/survey/acardin/205208)). The group anticipates making recommendations on the sequencing of writing assignments in classes; the writing requirements for transfer students; the resources needed to help faculty incorporate writing into their courses; and possibly around the need to hire a Writing Across the Curriculum coordinator.

**Online**

**Members:** *Matt Kelley, Urban Studies (chair, MJK3LL3Y@uw.edu)*
Jeff Cohen, Social Work, Jenny Quinn, IAS, Ruth Vanderpool, IAS, Sushil Oswal, IAS

**Status and Draft Recommendations:** The Online group is developing recommendation for the campus’ online learning policy. Sixty faculty members participated in an online learning survey this spring, and based on those results, members are identifying the key topics to address. Next year the group will supplement this with a survey of students. This fall the group will 1) study the issues that emerged from the faculty survey in more depth, and 2) collect a more complete set of student data, with an eye toward developing recommendations for our campus.

Faculty Assembly Chair, Katie Baird

**New Webpage for Class B Legislation on the UWT Faculty Assembly Website**

Last month Faculty Assembly's Executive Committee passed three separate pieces of Class B Legislation:

*May 1, 2013: Class B Legislation Regarding Budget Advice* ([Click to view](http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/faculty-assembly/faculty-assembly-approved-legislation))

This legislation establishes the Executive Council as the place where faculty provide advice and consultation over the campus’ budget.

*May 15, 2013: Class B Legislation Regarding Academic Misconduct*

This legislation was passed in response to past missteps in the handling of faculty allegations of academic misconduct. The legislation identifies a new process by which Faculty Assembly is kept abreast of decision-making over allegations of academic misconduct.

*May 15, 2013: Class B Legislation Regarding Faculty Oversight of Academic Units*

This legislation establishes criteria ensuring that all academic units on campus have appropriate faculty oversight.

To read more about these three, please visit: [http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/faculty-assembly/faculty-assembly-approved-legislation](http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/faculty-assembly/faculty-assembly-approved-legislation)
Update from Faculty Senate Meeting, Thursday, May 16, 2013

This, the last regular Senate meeting of the academic year, also marked the 75th anniversary of shared governance at the University of Washington: the Senate’s first meeting took place on May 18, 1938.

Chair Jim Gregory (UW-S, History) summarized the Senate’s activities this year which included legislation to revise elements of the tenure and promotion process, the establishment in the curriculum of a long sought after diversity requirement, and on-going discussions with the administration on a number of topics, most prominently the reform of the merit and salary process, the status of non-tenure line instructional faculty, and the question of intellectual property. He also pointed out that the students had advised of their support for a modest tuition increase, provided it was applied to funding faculty salary increases.

President Michael Young reported to the faculty on a number of items. Most prominent was the question of potential merit raises, beginning this coming fall. While the Administration supported them, the Legislature had gone into recess so the question remains unresolved.

Provost Ana Mari Cauce most significantly spoke on the ongoing discussions with the Lecturer Workgroups, pointing out that the process was most advanced on the Bothell and Tacoma campuses. She reported that there seemed to be agreement on the propositions that, whenever possible, hiring in lecturer ranks should follow competitive processes (she claimed these could be completed within one month’s time) and that when searches had not been open position renewals would be reviewed after three years. However, she continued to hold that EEOC rules would not readily permit promotions or longer term contracts for extant Lecturers, a view which the Lecturer Workgroups dispute.

At this meeting, the Senate gave second consideration to changes to Ch. 24-54. Under the Code, final approval of these changes requires a vote of the faculty via Catalyst. The changes in question provide for additional points of notification and response for T&P candidates where a chair, dean, vice-chancellor or chancellor puts forth a negative report.

The Senate also received reports from the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and the Faculty Council on Teaching and Learning (reports are part of the agenda). Scott Woodward, Director of Athletics was questioned by the Chair and several senators about the potential for his unit to make contributions to the instructional budget of the University. Woodward refused to answer, remaining completely silent in response to follow-up questions and comments.

On a personal note, this marks the end of my second term as your senator. I would like to express my gratitude for the support of the UWT faculty and, in particular, Faculty Assembly Chair Katie Baird. Also, I would like urge my colleagues to consider serving on the Senate: it is a unique opportunity to represent our campus and ensure that Tacoma-specific issues are considered. It is also a wonderful chance to make connections with other faculty from among the three campuses of the University.

Associate Professor, Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, Michael Forman
University of Washington—Tacoma 23rd Annual Commencement Ceremony
Friday, June 14, 2013
10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Tacoma Dome, 2727 East D Street, Tacoma, WA 98402
For more information: tcommence@uw.edu

Celebrate with Faculty and Staff at the Swiss immediately after the ceremony!

Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences: Scholarly Selections, "The Aesthetics of the Unseen: Knowing Self, Knowing Other In “The Grass is Singing”
Thursday, June 20, 2013
6:30 pm
Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Ave., Tacoma, WA 98402
http://www.washingtonhistory.org/default.aspx

UW Tacoma Doctorate in Educational Leadership Celebration
Saturday, June 22, 2013
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
William Phillip Hall, 1918 Pacific Ave, Tacoma, WA 98402
For more info, contact Ashley Bradley at bradley8@uw.edu or Call 253-692-4367
Register Now!
http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/educational-leadership-edd

Tacoma Art Museum - You Are Invited: Special Exhibition Opening Event!
Colleagues – You and a guest are invited to this upcoming exhibition opening event at the Tacoma Art Museum, later this month. Please RSVP by replying to Thomas Duke (IAS ’05) at TDuke@TacomaArtMuseum.org (T: 253.272.4258 x3042) directly or by using the link at the bottom of this message. Hope to see you here for this special occasion! Scott Pinkston
Tacoma Art Museum | 1701 Pacific Avenue | Tacoma, WA 98402 | 253.272.4258
www.TacomaArtMuseum.org | info@TacomaArtMuseum.org

Paint the Park Purple, “Tacoma Rainiers vs. Iowa Cubs”
Saturday, August 3, 2013
Gates open at 6:00 pm; game begins at 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Cheney Stadium, 2502 South Tyler Street, Tacoma, WA 98405
For more info: 253-692-5753 or eventuwt@uw.edu

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