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African-American scholar: Black History Month's Bryant Forum

A Harvard University professor recognized widely as the most notable scholar of African-American studies in America speaks at Bryant on February 27.

Henry Louis Gates Jr., who was recruited by Harvard to rebuild its African-American studies program, will speak in Janikies Auditorium at 4 p.m. at a Bryant Forum presentation in Black History Month. Title of his address: "Remembering James Baldwin."

Gates, 40, who also directs Harvard's W.E.B. DuBois Institute, was described in a 1991 *Boston Globe Magazine* story as one of "academe's hottest and most controversial properties." The story went on to say:

"Gates--Skip to his family and friends--writes theoretical tomes for scholars and pop-culture essays for *The New York Times*. He edits anthologies, writes forewords, gets black plays produced on Broadway. He jets around the country, lecturing on African-American literature, on multiculturalism, on black identity. He jousts with educational conservatives such as William Bennett and Allan Bloom. When 2 Live Crew, the black rap group, needed an expert witness to help them beat an obscenity charge in Florida last year, they called Gates."

Gates has taught also at Duke

University, Cornell University, and Yale University, where he earned a BA in history in 1973. His MA and PhD degrees in English language and literature were earned at Clare College, The University of Cambridge, England.

A prolific and controversial writer, Gates has won a variety of prizes and awards, including the American Book Award in 1989 for "The Signifying Monkey," a critical work about African-American oral tradition. He also has edited a host of black literary works and has been awarded five honorary degrees.

Gates also received in 1981 a five-year MacArthur Foundation "genius grant."



African-American scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr. speaks at Bryant on February 27.



Traditional African drumming, dance jolt Janikies

Bryant's celebration of Black History Month continued last week with a performance of traditional West African drumming and dance and Afro-Caribbean "funk" music by "MIKATA," an eight-piece ensemble. Other Black History Month events still to come: a February 27 address by African-American scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr. (see separate story); Extravaganza Night (variety show, two professional bands, lip-sync contest, poetry readings, dance, modeling) on February 29.



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GOOD NEIGHBORS
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Second art exhibition ends

The second art exhibit in the president's office ended recently when adjunct professor Thomas Russell (l) presented one of his paintings to President Trueheart as a gift to the College. Twelve paintings from Russell's Antinomii Series were on display in the president's office since November.

English professor teaching in Spain

Bryant professor Joe Urgo is teaching in Spain this semester as a Fulbright scholar.

An associate professor of English, Urgo is teaching American literature and culture at the Universities of Oviedo and Leon. He is the second Bryant professor to receive a Fulbright since 1989.

Urgo's lectureship coincides with the 200th anniversary of Columbus' trip to the new world and the holding of the summer Olympics in Barcelona.

"There is a great amount of interest in Americans and American society and culture in Spain right now," Urgo said before leaving. In addition to teaching, he will lecture at several other universities in Spain.

A prize-winning writer, Urgo had a second book, "Novel Frames: Literature as Guide to Race, Sex & History in American Culture," published this past fall. The book compares works of literature to current events. His first book, published in 1989, was titled "Faulkner's Apocrypha: A Fable, Snopes, and the Spirit of Human Rebellion." It looked at the work of American author William Faulkner.

Urgo holds PhD and MA degrees in American civilization from Brown University, a master's degree in American studies from Wesleyan University, and a BA in political science from Haverford College. He came to Bryant from Vanderbilt University, where he had a fellowship in American studies and taught English.

TEP scholars selected

Bryant has selected three new Tuition Exchange Program (TEP) scholarship recipients:

- Carol Graves, daughter of William Graves;
- Julie Anne Robinson, daughter of Harry Robinson;
- Jeffrey Medeiros, son of Carol Peluso.

The recipients were selected randomly by executive vice president

Wallie Roettger from a pool of 11 applicants.

TEP determines the number of two-year scholarships each year. Currently, 300 colleges and universities from 43 states and the District of Columbia participate.

For more information on the program, contact Carla Gardner, TEP coordinator, at ext. 6013.



Dressing down yields canned goods aplenty

Sorting and packing canned goods for the "Because He Lives Ministries" are members of the secretarial/clerical council: (l-r) Claire Senecal, Elaine Goodwin, Debbie Jolin and Pat Doyle. The food was donated on another "Dress Down Day" in January. Instead of the usual \$2 contribution, employees donated three cans of food for the Woonsocket soup kitchen.

Energy management saves Bryant \$\$\$

President Trueheart accepts a check for \$104,000 from Robert McCabe, president of Narragansett Electric, for a computerized energy management system on campus. Bill Gilmore, Bryant's energy coordinator, looks on.



Employees earn extra days off

One-third of Bryant's clerical and secretarial employees will be enjoying two extra days off this year for using three or fewer sick days last year.

The 42 staff members have earned the extra personal days because of their attendance records, said Jan Lewis, human resources director. A similar trial program is being instituted for public safety employees this year.

The employees and their departments:

- Helen Senecal, Karen Misiaszek, Donna Klepadlo, and Marilyn Isherwood, OIR;
- Helen Ammerman and Paulette Allaire, Grad School;
- Elaine DiCandio and Linda Martin, athletics;
- Rose Marie Droste and MaryAnn Toohar, physical plant;
- Holly Hogarth, Helen Matteson, and Pat Sinman, library;
- Debbie Jolin and Marilyn Serapiglia,

human resources;

- Donna Lamirande, Naureen McDermott, and Barbara Smyth, admissions;
- Sue Minot and Claire Pitts, bursar;
- Conny Sawyer, Dotty Scott, Jane St. Onge, Barbara Tavares, and Loraine Courmoyer, faculty coordinators;
- Gil Peterson and Eileen McAuliffe, support services;
- Linda Asselin, CMD;
- Irene Bedard, health services;
- Sheryl Canis, residence life;
- Donna Courmoyer, financial aid;
- Evelyn Deragon, post office;
- Ellie Jacquard, student affairs;
- Lorraine Lallier, switchboard;
- Tammy Leso, internship office;
- Charlotte Moskalenko, information technology;
- Janet Proulx, public information;
- Claire Senecal, Lubov Titzman, and Anita Coyne, registrar;
- Joanne Socci, sponsored research.

Research seminar series to begin

Bryant's new "Research Seminar Series" begins next week (Feb. 25) with a presentation by history professor and author Judy Barrett Litoff. She will speak in Room 2B of the Bryant Center.

The series will continue each Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. (3:15 p.m. every fourth Tuesday) with a different faculty or staff member presenting and discussing his or her current research effort. The late-afternoon session every fourth Tuesday is to accommodate those who cannot attend the lunch-hour presentations.

Refreshments and snacks will be served. Feel free to bring a bag lunch. Each seminar is designed to better acquaint the College with research being undertaken on campus.

A memo to be circulated will announce each weekly session and provide a brief abstract on the presentation. A look ahead: political science professor Glen Camp speaks at the March 3 session (3:15 p.m.); management professor Subhashish Samaddar speaks at the March 10 session (12:15 p.m.).

QUICKLY

...Professor **Chantee Lewis** addressed the Bristol Community College faculty on "Internationalizing the Curriculum." Also, Lewis has co-authored an article for the *Rhode Island Bar Journal* with attorneys Thomas Kelly and Turner Scott. Its title: "Problems in Apportionment of Military Pension in State Divorce Actions"...

...A paper by professor **Larry Lowe**, "Impact of Three Crises on Vacation Destination Selection," has been accepted for presentation at and publication in the proceedings of the Society of Travel and Tourism Annual Conference. Also accepted for presentation at and publication in the proceedings is another paper, "Marketing Research Practices of Northeast Newspapers," by Lowe and former professor George deTarnowsky...

...Professor **Eugene Amelio** addressed the Society of Governmental Accountants and Auditors on "Gift, Trust, Estate Taxes and Succession Planning"...

..."Improving Personal and Professional Productivity: Strategies for a Richer Life" was the topic of an address given by professor **Burt Fischman** at the Yankee Dental Congress last month...

...Professor **Jim Marsden's** paper, "Teaching Desktop Publishing at a Business College: Lessons/Advice from One Experience," has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Business and Technical Communication*...

...Assistant career services director **Barbara Gregory** addressed the Junior League of Rhode Island. Her topic: "Marketing Your Volunteer Experience"...

...Professor **Wally Wood** was one of 10 computer ethics experts interviewed for an article, "Ethics: Easier Said Than Done," in a recent issue of *Ethics* magazine...

...Professor **Subhashish Samaddar** presented two papers at the 1991 National Conference of Decision Sciences Institute in Florida. His topics: "An Intelligent Systems Architecture: OR/MS and Expert Systems in Tandem" and "Flexible Loading and Operations of MRP Based Production Systems: A Simulation Experiment"...

...Adjunct professor **Jack Keigwin** is serving as a state judge in Rhode Island for The Blue Chip Enterprise Initiative. The program is a national networking and information-sharing effort to help America's small businesses compete more effectively and recognize their accomplishments through The Blue Chip Enterprise Award...

By the way...

by Gloria Yahn

- Congratulations to **Lauren, daughter of Joyce Jenks** of the development office, on her recent induction into Phi Beta Kappa at Wheaton College. Lauren will graduate this May.
- A warm welcome back to **Mary Alice Conlon** of the development office. On leave after the birth of her son, Mary Alice returned to work last Monday.
- **Jean Dominici**, the College's secretary, tells me her **son**, Christopher, will marry Christine Lapiere on March 7. After the wedding, the newlyweds will make their home in Virginia Beach, where Christopher has accepted a position at TV Channel 3 as creative director. Good luck and congratulations to the Dominicis.
- **Gail Valentine** of the business affairs office **returned** to work today **after** a two-week vacation in **Hawaii** with her husband, Bill, a former Bryant purchasing director. It seems Bill won air fare in a recent drawing. A nice way to break up the winter, Valentines!
- January 4 was the **wedding day** of **Saeed Roohani** of the accounting department. His bride is S. Diane Bridges, whom he married at the United Presbyterian Church in Sandersville, MS. A reception followed at the church. Congratulations to them!
- **Doug Fitzgerald** of the accounting department tells me his **son**, Scott, a senior at Lincoln-Sudbury High School, won the **starring role** in his high school's play. Scott played Parolles in Shakespeare's "All's Well That Ends Well."
- **OOPS!** In the last issue of *Bryant's Business*, the **locations** of two faculty suite coordinators were **incorrectly identified**. Lorraine Cournoyer is located in suite E and Doty Scott is in suite B. My apologies for any confusion!

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New Faces



Susan C. Goodwin
Assistant Director,
Major and Planned Giving

Susan Goodwin came to Bryant from the United Way of Southeastern New England, where she was a loaned executive in the major gifts division and as an assistant vice-president in the commercial real estate group of Fleet National Bank for four years.

Goodwin also has worked as a research assistant for a management consulting firm and as a software marketing representative. She holds a BA in English and French from Williams College and has studied at the Institute of European Studies in France.



Doris Horridge
Health Educator

Doris Horridge came to Bryant from Rhode Island College (RIC), where she was a health educator. She also has taught health and physical education in the Burrillville and Mansfield (MA) school systems. Horridge, of South Attleboro (MA), holds MEd and BS degrees in health and physical education from RIC.

In her new post, Horridge will direct, in particular, the new substance-abuse prevention program on campus. She also will develop and coordinate new and existing health education programs, and serve as a resource on and off campus. A key task will be the hiring and training of 25 "peer educators," who will be taught to influence attitudes and behavior toward substance abuse.



Juan Alvarez '89
Assistant Director, Admissions

Juan Alvarez '89 returned to Bryant after spending a year in food service management and a year as an admissions counselor at Alfred University. As a Bryant student, he also served as a volunteer tour guide and student ambassador for the admissions office, and was active in the Minority Business Student Association and *The Archway*.

Alvarez's degree is in business communications. He transferred to Bryant after completing an associate degree in business from CCRI.



Joyce E. Jenks
Administrative Secretary,
Development Office

Joyce Jenks came to Bryant after serving as an administrative assistant to the regional human resources manager for Shawmut Bank's southeastern Massachusetts office. She also worked for Shawmut Bank as an administrative assistant to the consumer area manager.

A Bryant graduate, Jenks also was self-employed as a decorative artist for nine years, and she worked as a church secretary for five years.