

MAY 31, 2016

**THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE** of Currently for the 2015-16 academic year. The newsletter will be published once in midsummer and will resume weekly publication in the fall.

## Faculty and staff recognized with University excellence awards

Nine faculty and academic professionals are being recognized this spring with 2016 [excellence awards](#) for their outstanding instruction, university service and/or scholarship. Each recipient will receive a \$2,500 honorarium. The award winners are Daniel Ballhorn, Emily Ford, Andrew Fountain, Dundar Kocaoglu, Robert Liebman, Natan Meir, Meg Merrick and Becky Sanchez.

## Commencement speakers to receive honorary degrees

Paul De Muniz (right) and Jeffrey Sachs will receive honorary degrees and speak at the University's commencement ceremonies Sunday, June 12, at the Rose Quarter Moda Center. De Muniz, a sociology alumnus and former Oregon chief justice, will speak at the 10 a.m. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ceremony. Sachs, director of Columbia University's Earth Institute, will speak at the 3:30 p.m. Professional Schools ceremony.

## Champions of diversity honored

The 12th Annual President's Diversity Awards, held Wednesday, May 25, honored faculty Kim Williams and Esperanza De La Vega, staff Patrick Vilaflores and CeCe Ridder, and the Cultural Sustainability Task Force for their efforts at expanding and advocating for racial, ethnic, sexual and physical diversity on the PSU campus. Student awards were also given. [READ MORE](#)

## MBA named a top program for affordability and social impact

Portland State's MBA program ranked in the top 15 affordable MBA programs in the most recent issue of *Conscious Company* magazine. The magazine scored schools based on affordability (under \$110,000), along with their curriculum in social impact, environmental sustainability, and social entrepreneurship. The PSU MBA was recognized for providing a triple-bottom-line education in a cost-effective manner. [READ MORE](#)

## Athletics unveils new logo and branding

Portland State, in partnership with Nike, [unveiled a new look for PSU athletics last week](#). The new lettering, shield and Viking image were created by Nike designers and can already be found on clothing and other items for sale in the PSU Bookstore and Smith Union Spirit Store. "We're launching a new identity, but it's a lot more than that," said PSU Athletic Director Mark Rountree. "It's a new era for the Portland State Vikings and comes on the heels of one of the most successful seasons in school history."

## Health Management and Policy programs commended and reaccredited

Commended for the breadth of experiences offered to students, the Health Management and Policy master's programs have been reaccredited for seven years by the Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education. The programs are offered through the Hatfield School of Government in the College of Urban and Public Affairs. Opportunities for students to interact with health care professionals and organizations as well as field-based integrative experiences were praised during the accreditation process.

## PSU sustainability community confers annual awards

Faculty, staff and students received excellence awards at the ninth annual PSU Sustainability Celebration held on campus May 26. The award for Excellence in Sustainability Research went to Amy Lubitow. Corey Griffin earned the Excellence in Teaching and Sustainability award, and Tichelle Sorensen was presented with the award for Excellence in Promoting Campus Sustainability. Planning, Construction and Real Estate received the Outstanding Department award, and the Roy W. Koch Award for Sustainability was presented to Olyssa Starry. [READ MORE](#)

## Find accommodations at PSU's hotel

Need a hotel room for an out-of-town visitor or space for an event or meeting? Deep discounts are offered to PSU departments and employees at [University Place Hotel and Conference Center](#). The hotel, owned and operated by Portland State, is located on campus at 310 SW Lincoln St. and includes 235 rooms, seasonal pool, complimentary breakfast and on-site car rental. Discounted rooms can be booked on University Place's new website using promo code A1234. The savings can also be used for friends and family of staff, faculty, and students. Quote requests for event space may also be made online.

## Business dean resigns

Dan Connolly, dean of PSU's School of Business Administration, has announced he will resign effective June 30, 2016. "It has been a privilege to serve as dean of the School of Business Administration over the past year," he wrote in a [message to the SBA faculty and staff](#) on May 19. "We have accomplished a great deal together, and I look forward to watching the SBA flourish in the years to come."

## NOTICES

[Summer registration is open at Little Vikings Child Care](#). The center welcomes children of faculty, staff and students—ages 6-weeks to 12 years old.

Hear your colleagues sing during the free [PSU Community Spring Concert](#) starting at 7:30 p.m. June 6 in 75 Lincoln Hall.

The Intensive English Language Program will share with faculty, staff and students its new [Pathways Program advising and retention initiative](#) from 4 to 5 p.m., June 6, in 402C University Center Building.

The campus community is invited to [review and comment](#) on a draft Alcohol at University Event Policy.

A memorial service honoring [Ron Narode](#), Curriculum and Instruction faculty member who passed away in February, is scheduled for July 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Smith Union Ballroom.

CURRENTLY IS PUBLISHED online every Monday during the academic year. News items should be sent to the Office of University Communications (mail code: UCOMM; e-mail address: [currently@pdx.edu](mailto:currently@pdx.edu)) by the Tuesday noon before publication.

## EVENTS

**May 31**  
[Resilient Pacific Northwest Program: Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Engaging Students through Writing and Community-based Learning](#)

[Workers and Thieves: Labor Movements and Popular Uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt](#)

[OIT Workshop: Intermediate Excel](#)

[Arcing the Horizon and Thinking in Spheres: The Feldbach Altarpiece \(ca. 1460\)](#)

[Junior Recital: Alexander Demaderios, Jazz Bass](#)

[Junior Recital: Josephine Petersen, Classical Voice](#)

**June 1**  
[PSU Bike Challenge Awards Party](#)

[Civil and Environmental Engineering MS Project Presentation: Andy Kading](#)

[The Invention of High Efficiency Blue LEDs and Future Lighting](#)

[Drama! Dance! Drums! 2016](#)

**June 2**  
[2016 Oregon-China Conference on Business, Education and Culture](#)

[Civil and Environmental Engineering MS Project Presentation: Hussein Al-Zubaidi](#)

[OAI Jumpstart Writing Program](#)

[Cultivating Powerful Roots: Fearless Chicana/Latina Reading and Discussion with Maya Christina Gonzalez](#)

[Resilient Pacific Northwest Program: Natural Disaster Awareness for Community Leaders](#)

[Anthropology End of Year Celebration & Newsletter](#)

[Junior Recital: Darya Babenko, Classical Voice](#)

[Junior Recital: Daniel Vega, Composition](#)

**June 3**  
[Chinese Culture & Conversation Circle at the Portland LanSu Chinese Garden](#)

[Junior Recital: JD Davis, Jazz Bass](#)

[2016 Art History Awards Ceremony & Keynote: The Work of Art as Performer](#)

[Maseeh Mathematics & Statistics Colloquium: The Tail Condition for Leonard Pairs](#)

[Chemistry Seminar: Chemistry Honors Presentations](#)

[Junior Recital: Alexandra Habecker, Classical Voice](#)

[Friendtorship: Rockwood Stories Visual Art Exhibition](#)

[Senior Recital: Marlakay Alverson, Classical Voice](#)

[2016 Student Film + Video Festival!](#)

[Dragon Boat Festival Celebration](#)

**June 4**  
[Outdoor Program Trip: Frog Lake SUP](#)

[Archaeology Roadshow: The Archaeology of Dwellings](#)

[Senior Recital: Zachary Banks, Cello](#)

[Voce d'amore 2016](#)

[BTF Cinema4Cause Presents: Yarmin](#)

**June 5**  
[Senior Recital: Joanna Meline, Classical Voice](#)

**June 6**  
[Business Briefing Breakfast: Corporate Social Responsibility in Global Supply Chain](#)

[OAI Jumpstart Writing Program](#)

[PSU Faculty Senate Regular Meeting](#)

[PSU Community Chorus Spring Concert](#)

**June 7**  
[Senior Recital: Jonathan DeBruyn, Violin](#)

**June 8**  
[2016 PSU Pitchfest](#)

[OIT Workshop: Google Groups](#)

**June 9**  
[Faculty & Staff Second Thursday Social Club](#)

[Master of Architecture Thesis Show Opening Reception](#)

[Senior Recital: Thomas DeNicola, Composition](#)

**June 10**  
[OIT Workshop: Intro to DataMaster](#)

[OIT Workshop: Exploring DataMaster Reports](#)

[Emerging/Developed: 2016 BFA Exhibition](#)

**June 11**  
[The Ginko: A Living Fossil](#)

[Senior Recital: Viet Block, Violin](#)

**June 13**  
[Harvest Share: Free Fresh Fruits & Vegetables](#)

**June 14**  
[Delivering Relevance: Email Marketing for the Modern Marketer](#)

[OIT Workshop: Intro to Excel](#)

**June 15**  
[Sustainability Research and Education Faculty Workshop](#)

**June 19**  
[47th Silicon Symposium](#)

**June 20-24**  
[OAI Weeklong Faculty Writing Retreat](#)

**June 21**  
[OIT Workshop: Intro to DataMaster](#)

[OIT Workshop: Exploring DataMaster Reports](#)

**June 22**  
[OIT Workshop: Google Mail Setup, Shortcuts, Tips, Chat, Tasks](#)

[Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra at PSU](#)

**June 23**  
[OIT Workshop: Google Calendar, Google+, Hangouts](#)

**June 24**  
[Climate Migration Symposium](#)

**June 29**  
[OIT Workshop: Computer Basics](#)

**June 30**  
[OIT Workshop: Google Drive Documents, Presentations, Drawings](#)

## PEOPLE

Kathi Inman Berens, Amy Lubitow, Michael McGregor

## PRESENTED

Talya Bauer, David Caughlin, David Cadiz, Allison Ellis, Dan Connolly, Lisa Washaw, Clive Knights, Travis Bell, Bob Liebman, Sheila Martin, Anne McClanan, Mellie Pullman, Charles Rynerson, Judy BlueHorse Skelton

## PUBLISHED/EXHIBITED

Pat Boas, Peter Boghossian, Paula Carder, Gretchen Luhr, Jacklyn Kohon, Andrew Fountain, Susan Kirtley, Rossitza B. Wooster

## ADDITIONAL LINKS

Currently  
Events  
Athletics News & Schedules  
Training & Development  
Vacancies  
HR Policies, Contracts and Forms  
University Policy Library  
University Place Hotel & Conference Center  
PSOM 2016

