

FEBRUARY 2, 2015

## Faculty discuss strategic plan

Faculty members dug into the University's new strategic planning effort on Jan. 27 at the annual Winter Symposium hosted by Provost Sona Andrew. Approximately 130 faculty, staff, administrators and students spent hours working on some of the key topics that will form the foundation of the plan. They discussed the importance of research compared with teaching, the balance of tenured and non-tenure track faculty, and how PSU can focus its limited resources for the best result, among other themes. [READ MORE](#)

## Help feed the hungry

More than [25 barrels are strategically placed around campus](#) this month waiting to be filled with nonperishable food for hungry families. February is the Governor's State

Employees Food Drive, and all donations made on campus remain in the Portland metropolitan area. Cash and checks made out to the Oregon Food Bank are also accepted and may be delivered to Rachel Martinez in the President's Office, or call her at 5-4411 and your check can be picked up. Contributions are also appreciated using the [Governor's Food Drive payroll deduction form](#).

## Provost shares ideas on blog

Visit Provost Sona Andrew's [new and improved blog](#) and read about the single, online admission application for graduate students coming to PSU in September 2015. Margaret Everett contributed the most recent entry to Andrew's blog, which covers issues and happenings that affect the University community. Comments are welcome and email subscription to the blog is available on the site.

## Police files inspire art

Police surveillance files on activist and civic groups from the 1960s through the 1980s make up a unique art installation titled "The Watcher Files" on display in the lobby and fifth floor of the Academic and Students Recreation Center. The files are from the City of Portland Archives and Records Center, which is located in the center's fifth floor. Two artists in residence with the archives—Kaia Sand and Garrick Imatani—created the work, which will be on display through April 7. [READ MORE](#)

## Helen Gordon Child Development Center receives five-star rating

The Helen Gordon Child Development Center, part of the Portland State Graduate School of Education, recently received a five-star rating from a new statewide program designed to raise the quality and consistency of child care in early learning programs. Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System gave the center its highest rank. [READ MORE](#)

## Fearless Competitor

As a starting tight end for the Denver Broncos, business alumnus Julius Thomas '10 did not take home a Super Bowl ring in February 2014 when the team lost to the Seattle Seahawks, but he did turn in one of the finest seasons ever by a former PSU athlete in the professional ranks. [READ MORE](#)

## Second Thursday Social Club Feb. 12

Faculty and staff are invited to the Second Thursday Social Club, a new monthly event to provide Portland State employees an opportunity to socialize throughout the year. The club will gather at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12—and the second Thursday of each month following—in the Office of Academic Innovation in Smith Union Mezzanine Room 209. Food will be provided and a cash bar will be available until 6:30 p.m. The Second Thursday Social Club was organized by faculty members Darrell Brown, Joyce O'Halloran, Alan MacCormack and John Ott.

## Encourage students to attend:

[Education Abroad Fair](#), 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, Smith Union Ballroom

[Career + Internship Fair: Engineering & Technology](#), 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, Smith Union Ballroom.

[Career + Internship Fair: All Majors](#), 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, Smith Union Ballroom.

[Explore PSU Majors!](#) 2015, noon - 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, Smith Union Ballroom (Faculty: consider offering credit for participation)

## Free science lecture tickets

Free tickets are available from the PSU Box Office for the upcoming [Linus Pauling Memorial Lecture](#), "Molecules: The Elements and the Architecture of Everything," featuring Theodore Gray. The lecture is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, at First Congregational Church, 1126 SW Park Ave.

### EVENTS

#### February 4

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Using PDXscholar](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: YouTube](#)

#### February 5

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Faculty Writing Retreat](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: JumpStart Writing Program](#)

[Student Chamber Music Recital](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Dialogue on Equity in Online Learning](#)

[OIT Workshop: D2L Basics](#)

[Ecosystem Services: Ashley Rawhouser, Aquatic Ecologist](#)

[Anthropology: Perspectives on Management of Tribal Resources Related to the Grand Ronde](#)

[American Jews and the Russian Revolution: A Romance Lost](#)

#### February 6

[Office Hours with President Wiewel](#)

[Transportation: Sustainable Infrastructure Lessons from Japan](#)

[Social Sustainability: Ryan Bender at the 2015 Sustainability Conference in Copenhagen](#)

[An Introduction to Kunqu Opera](#)

#### February 7

[Women's Basketball: PSU vs. Sacramento State](#)

#### February 9

[13th Annual Urban Ecology and Conservation Symposium](#)

[Equity as Process: The Cully Weatherization 2.0 Project](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Screencasting II for Mac](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Google Hangouts and Hangouts on Air](#)

[Director's Talk: In His Own Home](#)

#### February 10

[OIT Workshop: Intro to DataMaster](#)

[OIT Workshop: Exploring DataMaster Reports](#)

[Divestment of Fossil Fuels Information Panel](#)

[Organizing Your Information](#)

### PEOPLE

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