

MARCH 2, 2015

THE LAST CURRENTLY for winter term will be published Monday, March 9. Deadline for that issue is Tuesday noon, March 3. Currently will resume weekly publication on March 30.

Celebrating decades of staff and faculty service

The campus community is invited to honor faculty and staff who in 2014 reached the milestones of 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service at the University. The Length of Service Award Celebration and reception is Thursday, March 5, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Smith Union Ballroom. See a full list of honorees on the Human Resources [News & Announcements website](#).

Graduate certificate offered in public interest design

Responding to an urgent need for educated leaders who can help global communities respond to crises and become more resilient, the School of Architecture recently launched a new graduate certificate in public interest design. Graduate students and professionals in fields such as architecture, urban planning, sustainability and community development can pursue coursework focusing on social, environmental and economic aspects, as well as required fieldwork. [READ MORE](#)

Office hours with the president

President Wim Wiewel will host open office hours in the Simon Benson House from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 4, and 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, March 16. This is a casual meeting for faculty and staff who would like to talk with the president. There will be a sign-up sheet, and the time allotted to each person will depend on how many people are signed up. For more information contact the President's office at 5-4411.

Excellence awards nominations open

Seven outstanding faculty and one academic professional or administrator will be chosen this spring to receive awards from the University and the PSU Foundation. Nomination letters for all are due March 20, and complete nomination packets are due April 17. Awards descriptions and submission details are available on the [Office of Academic Affairs website](#). The awards are:

- **Office of Academic Affairs:** Millar, Hoffmann, Butler and Cumpston awards
- **Research and Strategic Partnerships:** Junior and Senior Faculty Research awards
- **PSU Foundation:** Philanthropic Cultivation and Leadership awards.

Fearless Inventor

PSU engineering professor Evan Thomas works at the unlikely intersection of cutting-edge technology and some of the world's poorest conditions—and he's improving lives in the process. With an international team of collaborators, Thomas heads a program to reduce childhood illness from diarrhea and pneumonia in Rwanda by distributing water filters and cookstoves to the poorest 3 million people. [READ MORE](#)

PSU choir, chorus host joint concert

The Portland State University Choir and Community Chorus will host a free joint concert titled "Songs of Home and Imagination" on Tuesday, March 3. They will perform the works of Peter, Paul and Mary; Stephen Paulus; Thomas Morley; Edward Elgar and more, and the choirs will join forces for a finale by André Thomas. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in 75 Lincoln Hall. [READ MORE](#)

Survey explores academic quality

Faculty, administrators and academic professionals are invited to offer feedback on academic quality in a survey sent this week. The survey, developed by the Faculty Senate's new Task Force on Academic Quality, grew out of concerns raised in the senate about the need for the quality of work life to be assessed alongside quantifiable markers of achievement such as enrollment numbers and grants obtained. The survey will take a few minutes to complete and the task force plans to share the results with the PSU community in spring term. Contact [Virginia Butler](#) for more information.

Encourage students to...

Submit an essay in the annual PSU Commission of the Status of Women contest, which is open to students of all genders who will be enrolled in fall 2015. The commission will award \$1,000 for the top essay and \$500 for two others. The theme this year is "How can individuals stimulate a change in culture to help eradicate violence against women?" Deadline for submission is April 13. For more details, email diversity@pdx.edu.

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EVENTS

March 4

[Women's History Month: Screaming Queens film](#)

[Women's History Month: A Litany for Survival: The Life and Work of Audre Lorde film](#)

March 4-7

[Play: The Importance of Being Earnest](#)

March 5

[OIT Workshop: Intro to DataMaster](#)

[OIT Workshop: Exploring DataMaster Reports](#)

[Ecosystem Services Seminar: Payments for Ecosystem Services](#)

[PSU Day at the Capitol 2015](#)

[Lyric Truth: A Multidisciplinary Symposium](#)

[Recital: The Julains, Female Vocal Quartet](#)

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

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Introduction to Kaltura](#)

[OIT Workshop: D2L Basics](#)

[OIT Workshop: Google Drive](#)

[Women's History Month: Rhymes for Young Ghouls film](#)

[Untangling the Knot Ooligan Press Book Launch](#)

[RecycleMania Presents: DamNation](#)

[Reading by novelist and journalist Katherine Dunn](#)

[Queer Discussion Panel](#)

[Sara Glasgow Cogan Memorial Lecture](#)

[Women's Basketball: PSU vs. Northern Arizona](#)

March 6

[Citizen Architects: Ethics, Education and the Construction of a Profession](#)

[Will Eisner Week: Portrait of a Sequential Artist](#)

[Great Decisions Series: India Changes Course](#)

[Social Sustainability Colloquium](#)

[Hispanic Linguistics Series: The Cibola Project](#)

[Come Hell or High Water: The Battle for Turkey Creek Film Screening](#)

March 7

[An Introduction to the Guqin, its Culture and Music](#)

[Changing the Way We Eat: TEDxManhattan Viewing Party](#)

[Women's Basketball: PSU vs. Southern Utah](#)

March 9

[Lentil Underground: Renegade Farmers and the Future of Food](#)

March 10

[OAI Faculty Workshop: Inaugural Meeting - Community of Practice on Pedagogy](#)

[Do Islamist Parties Have Any Future?](#)

PEOPLE

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