

APRIL 20, 2015

SAGE Classroom wins national award

Portland State's Smart Academic Green Environment (SAGE) Classroom project has received a 2015 Award of Distinction from the Modular Building Institute, a national organization that advances the work of the modular construction industry. The project was recognized for its installations in the Edmonds, Wash., school district, winning first prize in the Relocatable Education under 10,000 Square Feet category. The SAGE Classroom that is now part of the Corvallis Waldorf School earned honorable mention in the Green Building category. [READ MORE](#)

Faculty Senate forum to address Academic Program Prioritization

The PSU Faculty Senate will host a public forum on Academic Program Prioritization from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday, April 27, in Cramer Hall 53. The primary role of the APP process is to provide a faculty voice in planning for a future that aligns with their academic priorities. Updates about recent work on APP will be shared, including the schedule for completing the review, and input and feedback will be solicited. Further information about APP, including a full list of the programs that will be included in the review, is available on the [APP Committee website](#).

IELP celebrates 50 years at PSU

The Intensive English Language Program is celebrating 50 years at PSU with a free Open House event from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 23, in University Center Building Suite 400. The campus community is invited to learn more about the program, which was formed in 1964 to provide English language instruction for 36 Saudi Arabian students. The IELP now works with hundreds of students from more than 25 countries each term. [READ MORE](#)

Online archive reveals 1960s campus district

A new online collection of photos hosted by the Millar Library offers a comprehensive look at the Portland State college district from 1962 to '66, in the early days of urban renewal and campus expansion. Buildings and homes are featured along with their addresses and information on what currently exists in that location. The digital collection is a collaboration between the library's Special Collections and University Archives and PSU Capital Projects and Construction. The [complete gallery](#) is available online. [READ MORE](#)

Task force releases recommendations for reducing textbook, material costs

The PSU Reduce Student Costs Task Force has published a report of findings and recommendations related to reducing the cost of textbooks and course materials for students. The task force, chaired by Millar Library Dean Marilyn Moody, has made recommendations including supporting faculty in using and producing open educational resources, piloting courses that don't require the purchase of materials by individual students, and facilitating textbook reuse through student-led initiatives. The full report is available on [PDXScholar](#).

Building a culturally responsive PSU

The Diversity Action Council and the Office of Global Diversity and Inclusion will host the inaugural Cultural Competency Symposium from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, in Smith Union Room 296/8. The half-day conference is open to the campus community and culminates the DAC's 2014-15 training series to enhance cultural competency on campus. The free event will feature three breakout sessions on topics such as gender-neutral pronouns and interrupting ableism. [Registration is available online](#).

Green Roots Café offers eco dining

Craving vegan, gluten-free pastries? How about kombucha on tap? You can find these treats and a full menu of sustainable, local, organic food at the new student-run Green Roots Café. Green Roots opened quietly in January in the former Food For Thought Café space in the basement of Smith Memorial Student Union with an all-new crew, more oversight and a tight deadline to break even by the end of spring term—a tough goal for any new restaurant. But managers say they are attracting new customers with a growing menu of affordable, seasonal items, most of which are made from scratch in the café's kitchen. [READ MORE](#)

Professor to join Dawkins for event

Philosophy Assistant Professor Peter Boghossian will be a special guest in conversation with Richard Dawkins at an event at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, at the Newkirk Theatre, located at 1111 SW Broadway. Dawkins, an evolutionary biologist and writer, is well known for his secular views, criticism of creationism and intelligent design theories, and his book *The God Delusion*. Tickets for the event cost \$35 for general admission or \$25 for VIP. They are available for purchase [online](#).

Free tickets available for Stiglitz lecture

Free tickets are available from the PSU Box Office for the upcoming Linus Pauling Memorial Lecture, "The Great Divide: Unequal Societies and What We Can Learn About Them," delivered by Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz. The lecture is at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at First Congregational Church, 1126 SW Park. [READ MORE](#)

Find official building names, codes

A reference spreadsheet of official campus building names, shortened names and codes is now available to ensure all University databases use consistent naming conventions. The spreadsheet, which highlights name changes and updates, is available [online](#).

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EVENTS

April 20-23
[PSU April Blood Drive](#)

April 22
[Earth Day Festival 2015](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: D2L Grades](#)

[Changing Demographics at PSU: Identifying and addressing factors that impede the success of students of color at PSU](#)

[Emily Wilson: A Reading and Book Arts Q-and-A](#)

[Sex Work: The Intersections of Safety and Stigma](#)

[Free screening of *Growing Cities: A film about urban farming in America*](#)

[Institute for Asian Studies Faculty Focus Lecture: "Contraceptive Trust and Trusting Contraception in India"](#)

[Veteran's Voices: 2015](#)

April 23
[President's Open Office Hours, 10-11 a.m., Simon Benson House](#)

[Webinar: Impacts of Roadway and Traffic Characteristics on Air Pollution Risks for Bicyclists](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: The Influence of Visual Course Design](#)

[Sister Outsider Presents: How We See Things – Uncovering Stereotypes and Bias](#)

[PSU Classical Woodwind Area](#)

[Art & Sports Lecture Series: Ryan Woodring & Peter Vickery](#)

[Intensive English Language Program Open House](#)

[Take Back the Night](#)

[Instagram & Humor: A Lecture by Los Angeles Art Critic Alicia Eler](#)

[Holocaust and Genocide Studies Project Spring Film Screening: *AGHET*](#)

[Survivor Speak Out](#)

[Giving Forth: Visions of Ending Sexual Violence](#)

April 24
[Teaching and Learning Faculty Book Group](#)

[Friday Transportation Seminar: Using Multimodal Performance Measures to Prioritize Improvements on U.S. 101 in San Luis Obispo County](#)

[Situational Self-Defense](#)

[Self Care After Take Back the Night](#)

[Social Sustainability. Colloquium: Climate Change Forum](#)

[Department of Chemistry. Seminar Series: Donald Stedman](#)

[The Yes Men](#)

April 24, 26
[PSU Opera: Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro*](#)

April 25
[APIA \(Asian Pacific Islander American\) Leadership Training 101](#)

[Earth Day of Service 2015](#)

[Tai Chi Demonstration](#)

[Softball: PSU vs. Montana doubleheader](#)

[Outdoor Program Used Gear Sale](#)

[Earth Day Spring Festival at PSU's Learning Gardens Lab](#)

April 26
[Softball: PSU vs. Montana](#)

[MFA Student Reading Series](#)

April 27
[Finance & Accounting Career Fair](#)

[Net Impact Elections Results & Happy Hour](#)

April 28
[OIT Workshop: Exploring DataMaster Reports: Enrollment Management](#)

[OIT Workshop: Google Drive: Spreadsheets](#)

[All Bystanders Count Workshop](#)

[The Annual Lorry I. Lokey Lecture: A Conversation with Photographer Loli Kantor](#)

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