

MAY 4, 2015

Meet with the provost

The Office of Academic Affairs will host a drop-in conversation session with Provost Sona Andrews from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, in 262 Smith Union.

Thesis in three minutes

For the second year, a Three Minute Thesis competition will be held on campus, offering PSU students the chance to present their research to a non-specialist audience—all in just three minutes. The free event is Friday, May 8, from 4 to 6 p.m. in 355 Lincoln Hall.

The academic competition helps master's and doctoral students develop their presentation skills and consolidate their theses in a succinct, easily understandable format. Winners from the PSU round will advance to the state championships against the University of Oregon, Oregon State and OHSU on Saturday, May 16. [READ MORE](#)

Helping earthquake victims in Nepal

In a [letter written last week](#) to the University community, the Nepalese Student Association has suggested ways in which individuals may assist the people of Nepal following the devastating April 25 earthquake. The students have formed a partnership with Mercy Corps for donations and are posting assistance plans on their [Facebook page](#).

PSU wins award for Adviser Portal

Greg Pitter, Alan Anderson-Priddy and Jeffrey Pinkerton, Office of Information Technology staff, recently received a national award for Excellence in Constituent Service from Campus Management Corp. for their development and implementation of the web-based Adviser Portal tool on campus. Adviser Portal, which launched in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in January, is an easy-to-use interface that supports academic advisers in their work with students. It streamlines operations by providing student check-in and queuing, brings together data from multiple sources to a single view, and provides direct access to online tools advisers use during advising sessions. [READ MORE](#)

Student Research Symposium May 12

Presentations on topics ranging from zinc oxide random lasers to patterns in civic engagement among indigenous Mexicans will

highlight the third annual PSU Student Research Symposium on Tuesday, May 12. Faculty and staff are invited to attend the free event and support student research at PSU. The symposium, which features research from undergraduate and graduate students, is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the third floor of Smith Memorial Student Union. A full schedule of presentations and a poster map are available on the [Student Research Symposium website](#).

Campus Rec hosts unique lecture series

The intersections of art and sports are being explored in a new lecture series by Campus Rec's Resident Artist Harrell Fletcher. Each Thursday this term a different artist presents work that disorients stereotypical understandings of artist and athlete identity. The lectures are open to everyone and take place in the Campus Rec Lobby at 1 p.m. Campus Rec's new [Artist-in-Residence Program](#) brings unexpected culture, education and engagement into the Rec Center. Fletcher is the inaugural resident artist and creator and director the School of Art's MFA in Art and Social Practice.

University Studies calls for reviewers

University Studies is looking for faculty and graduate assistants to help with its annual review of student portfolios and writing samples. Portfolio review will take place June 18 and 19 (focus on written communication) from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Faculty on nine-month contracts will be paid \$25 per hour. Graduate students will be paid at \$12 per hour. Lunch is provided. To sign up or to ask questions, please contact unsteval@pdx.edu.

Simon Benson Awards Dinner speaker named

Arianna Huffington, president and editor-in-chief of the Huffington Post Media Group, will be the distinguished keynote speaker at Portland State's 16th Annual Simon Benson Awards Dinner from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Oregon Convention Center. Named for one of Oregon's first philanthropists, the Simon Benson Awards Dinner has raised more than \$8.1 million for PSU since 1999. [READ MORE](#)

Free fresh produce available again

Fresh fruits and vegetables will be given away at noon Monday, May 11, outside Shattuck Hall on the Park Blocks. Harvest Share, sponsored by the PSU Committee for Improving Student Food Security and the Oregon Food Bank, makes the free produce available on campus the second Monday of each month. Food is available on a first-come, first-served basis, and shoppers are encouraged to bring reusable bags.

Comment sought on draft policies

The University Policy Committee has approved three draft policies that are now open to public comment through May 26. They are PSU Alcohol and Drug-Free University Policy, HIPAA Compliance Policy, and Sustainable Procurement and Life Cycle Consideration Policy. Public input will be considered prior to adoption of the final policies. To submit comments, visit the online [University Policy Library](#).

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