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Committing TO SERVE

Temple community plays a leading role in MLK events

By Laura Evelyn Kuserk
For *The Temple Times*

- 1 Temple volunteers and members of the community prepare food packages for those in need. (Betsy Manning)
- 2 Professor Dani Moffit demonstrates proper push-up form at Kinesiology's display at Girard College. (B. Manning)
- 3 Temple volunteers assist with clean up projects at St. Malachy Church church. (Ryan S. Brandenburg)
- 4 On Jan. 13, volunteers from several Temple offices held a children's arts and crafts event at Dunbar Elementary School. (R. Brandenburg)
- 5 Temple sophomore Stanley Hines prepares to paint the walls at Ferguson Elementary School. (R. Brandenburg)



TEMPLE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICER
Zach Groff was feeling the bite of winter as he and his friends cleaned a sidewalk in front of Joseph C. Ferguson Elementary School, near Temple's Main Campus. While he lamented leaving his gloves at home, Groff didn't regret his decision to spend Martin Luther King Day serving his community.

Groff was one of many members of the Temple community who spent the day serving others, returning to campus early to participate in Temple's annual MLK Day of Service. Temple faculty, staff, students and alumni honored King's legacy by taking a leading role in projects on and near Temple campuses and throughout Greater Philadelphia.

Students and staff from the Community Learning

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Provost outlines possible academic restructuring

By Hillel J. Hoffmann
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After more than six months of meetings with Temple faculty members, librarians and administrators, the Office of the Provost has issued a white paper outlining potential restructuring throughout the university's academic enterprise.

The 25-page document, which was shared with faculty members via the Faculty Senate in December, was drafted in response to challenges presented by shrinking state support for higher education, a volatile national economy, declining numbers of high school graduates and other changes in Temple's competitive environment.

"We are always seeking ways to enhance the Temple experience for students while keeping tuition affordable, but new fiscal challenges add urgency to our search for efficiencies," said Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Richard M. Englert.

"If we want to continue to provide the best value in urban public higher education — and I assure the Temple community that our commitment to the university's mission of access and excellence is unwavering — then we need to discuss new ways to be both efficient and effective. This document is the next step in that ongoing discussion," he said.

The white paper contains more than 25 potential areas for administrative restructuring in almost every part of the provost's portfolio. Initiatives being considered include increasing classroom interactions between students and full-time faculty members, consolidating administrative offices and positions, realigning schools and colleges, streamlining curricular structures, improving scheduling, consolidating academic support, restructuring the distribution of graduate teaching assistantships and fellowships, coordinating electronic and software systems support and streamlining international student admissions.

Englert stressed that the proposals outlined in the white paper reinforce the goals of the Academic Strategic Compass and the Temple 20/20 framework for campus development. He added that the proposals do not represent a retraction of Temple's academic enterprise, pointing to proposals for new or enhanced initiatives such as a centralized Learning Support Center; clinical dental and health services; entrepreneurship programs;

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Pa. budgetary reserve puts \$7 million at risk

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Gov. Tom Corbett recently announced that with tax revenues coming in below estimates, he is creating a budgetary reserve of \$200 million. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is required by its constitution to have a balanced budget. When estimated revenues do not meet projections, state funding is frozen. If revenues improve, the money is spent; if they do not, the money is cut, reducing expenses.

All state-related universities

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are affected by the decision, with a potential reduction of 5 percent of their commonwealth appropriation. For Temple, this would mean a drop of nearly \$7 million, from \$139.9 million in general commonwealth support to \$132.9 million. The action affects funds in the current fiscal year, which continues through June 30. All together, the four state-related

universities were reduced a total of \$25.7 million.

"We did not make the decision to freeze these funds lightly. If the revenue picture improves in the months ahead and we determine these funds no longer need to remain frozen, we may be able to free up some or perhaps even all of the funds we are now placing into budgetary reserve," Corbett said.

"We understand that in difficult times, hard decisions need to be made," said Temple President Ann Weaver Hart. "We will use the same principles that we used in developing the fiscal year 2012

budget to address this potential further reduction in commonwealth support. Resources for students like financial aid, advising, counseling, security and public safety will not be impacted."

Last year, President Hart initiated a series of efforts to meet the reduction in commonwealth appropriation. Those efforts included a hiring freeze, a salary freeze for non-union employees, restrictions on travel, changes to the benefits package, delays in pursuing dean searches and the pursuit of affiliations with new partners, particularly in Temple's health enterprise. ♦

Faces of Temple

Faces of Temple, a series profiling students and the opportunities available to them at Temple, features students sharing meaningful experiences that have shaped their perspective and career aspirations. The short video clips are published each Monday on the Temple news center, news.temple.edu, and promoted in the daily Temple Today e-newsletter. Recent profiles:

Andrew Edgar

Year: Senior
School: College of Health Professions and Social Work
Major: Social work
Home town: Dallas, Pa. (Luzerne County)
Why I chose Temple: “I knew I wanted to study social work so I was looking for an accredited four-year program. I wanted to go to an urban area. And I wanted to stay in-state to save money. Temple was perfect. It is in the largest city in the state, it has a great social work program and it is affordable. As soon as I came here, it felt right.”
Transformative moment: “I participated in Temple’s Capital Semester Program in Harrisburg. I was placed as an intern in the policy office of the Pennsylvania Department of Aging’s Office of Long-term Living. Every month, I had a chance to sit in a room with the policy directors of all the state agencies. I got a chance to hear about policy in personal, direct, unsugarcoated terms from the driving forces behind change in the state. It was very inspiring. Anyone, regardless of major, can benefit from seeing how state government operates first-hand.”



EDGAR

Julia Alford-Fowler

Year: Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) degree candidate, fifth year
School: Boyer College of Music and Dance
Major: Music composition
Home town: Originally from Mundelein, Ill.; Philadelphia resident for nine years
Why I chose Temple: “One thing that makes Boyer’s music composition program different is that there are strong performers on site. As a composer, that’s a big asset. I can walk down the hall and find someone to play my music. If you’re working on new techniques, it’s good to have someone around to experiment with, and I’ve made contacts with performers that will last me my whole life. But a lot of programs that have strong performance components don’t necessarily emphasize academics. Temple is the best of both worlds. I’ve done more than write music; I’ve learned how to be an academic and how to do research. It has made me a really well-rounded scholar.”
Transformative moment: “There are two things. The first is my experience as a teaching assistant. I taught “Music Theory” lab for four years, and I loved it. I can be having the worst day in the world, and I feel so much better after teaching. The experience solidified for me that I do not want to be just a composer, I also want to be a teacher.”
“At the request of a friend who’s an accordionist, I started looking into klezmer music [traditional central and eastern European Jewish dance music]. It was a whole new direction for me. There are so many klezmer musicians in Philadelphia and New York who you can get ideas and ask for coaching from. This summer I went to Krakow, Poland — I got a dean’s grant to help pay for my plane ticket — and spent time with klezmer musicians there. It’s breathing new life into my music.”



ALFORD-FOWLER

Haley Gilles

Year: Senior
School: College of Science and Technology
Major: Biology
Home town: Pawcatuck, Conn.
Why I chose Temple: “In my home town, most people go to Boston or Connecticut for school, but I wanted to try something new. When I visited Temple, I loved the whole international scene. It’s very diverse, it’s in a big city and I loved how wireless the school was. I’m very high-tech — I love the TECH Center. It just clicked. I love it.”
Transformative moment: “My research project on bird collisions has to be my defining moment here. It all started when I was working in the Conservation Department at the Philadelphia Zoo. I met a woman there who was working on a project with the Audubon Society monitoring bird collisions in Center City. It’s a big problem in Philadelphia and in cities around the world.”
A lot of migratory birds fly down the East Coast every spring and fall. The birds don’t see the glass on buildings, so they run into the buildings and die on impact. Sandy McDade, director of the Office of Sustainability at Temple, pushed me to apply for a Creative Arts, Research and Scholarship grant so that I could collect data about bird collisions here at Temple.
I got some volunteers involved, and we go around and collect birds and have them identified. We monitored six buildings at Temple this semester and found 75 birds. They estimate 1,000 die every year on campus.
There are solutions. I put up squares of non-reflective film on a window in Beury Hall. That’s one technique to reduce collisions. The next step is awareness. I came to Temple wanting to be veterinarian. Now my ultimate goal is to be a conservation biologist and mitigate human-wildlife conflicts.



GILLES



President Woo-Hee Park (left), of Sejong University, and Temple President Ann Weaver Hart at a Jan. 9 signing ceremony in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Courtesy Sejong University

President Hart signs 1+3 agreement with Korea’s Sejong University

Temple has signed an affiliation agreement with South Korea’s prestigious Sejong University to establish the Sejong-Temple Undergraduate Program. Students who enroll will spend their first year at Sejong and their remaining three years at either Temple’s main or Japan campus, earning a Temple bachelor’s degree.

Under the program, students will spend the first year at Sejong taking undergraduate courses based on Temple’s first-year curriculum while taking English language preparation classes. Upon successfully completing the courses and achieving English language proficiency, students can directly enroll in Temple’s undergraduate program from the second year. Those students who go to the Main Campus are eligible to apply for Temple’s merit-based scholarships once enrolled at Temple.

Students who meet the program’s GPA requirements but do not meet its language requirements may enroll in either the Main Campus Intensive English Language Program or the Japan Campus Bridge Program.

This Sejong-Temple Undergraduate Program will be an attractive option for Korean students who wish to earn an American university degree, since it enables them to make the necessary preparation for study abroad in Korea while taking undergraduate credit courses that can be easily transferred to Temple. Temple has eight locations inside and outside the U.S., including its Japan Campus, and offers more than 100 undergraduate majors in 17 schools and colleges.

Program administrators believe Temple will be highly valued as a study abroad destination. The estimated first-year (2012) enrollment is approximately 100.

In addition to the 1+3 program, Temple President Ann Weaver Hart and Sejong President Woo-Hee Park signed three other agreements that will facilitate faculty and student exchanges and study abroad. The agreements extend Temple’s overseas initiative as part of its plans for continued internationalization. ♦

White paper

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summer programming; programs for adults, mid-career professionals and veterans; and admissions initiatives for Philadelphia students.

The *Faculty Herald*, published by the Faculty Senate, called the white paper “strikingly thoughtful and comprehensive.”

Although Englert emphasized the breadth of the white paper’s proposals, he acknowledged that some subjects were more likely to draw the Temple community’s attention. Highest on that list may be proposals for the realignment of some of Temple’s schools and colleges.

One option among many mentioned in the white paper, for example, is the possible integration of Temple’s arts programs — including those currently in the Tyler School of Art, the Boyer College of Music and Dance and the School of Communications and Theater — into one arts college. Other proposals for further discussion include affiliations between the College of Education and other Temple schools or colleges.

Englert said that the proposals in the white paper are not faits accomplis, nor should they be treated as one monolithic proposal with a single, set timeline. As discussions continue, some proposals in the white paper may be set aside; others may take different shapes.

Discussions with the Faculty Senate, faculty members and administrators — especially at affected schools, colleges and departments — will continue through the winter and into the spring. Revised proposals are likely to emerge in the late winter, with final review by governance bodies and (in some cases) final approval and implementation taking place starting in the late spring.

The Office of the Provost will be sharing the white paper with more constituencies in the coming weeks. Students, staff members and alumni will have an opportunity to review and respond to the document. Suggestions and feedback may be submitted (anonymously, if desired) via the provost’s website: www.temple.edu/provost/feedback.html ♦

University offers faculty retirement option

Temple is offering more than 260 eligible tenured faculty members a voluntary retirement option.

To be eligible, a faculty member must be tenured, 65 years old or older and have 10 years of continuous service.

“During the last round of budget discussions, we heard from a number of faculty members who said they would be interested in a voluntary retirement plan to help the university save salary dollars while maintaining our focus on excellence in education and scholarship,” said Senior Vice President and Provost Richard M. Englert.

The amount of savings the university could realize will depend on how many of the eligible faculty accept the voluntary option.

Those who elect to be in the program will receive a lump sum payment of 50 percent of their base salary, plus \$1,000 for each year of service at Temple.

Faculty can elect to retire at the end of either June or December 2012, and they must make an election by March 30.

A packet of detailed information has been mailed to all eligible faculty. Those with questions should contact the Office of Human Resources at 215-926-2281.

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RecycleMania returns to Temple

Ok, recyclemaniacs, it's time to pitch in again — to pitch in your bottles, cans and paper, that is.

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 5, more than 600 schools nationwide will compete against their peers in RecycleMania, an eight-week contest that tracks recycling and trash collection data.

Institutions are ranked based on recyclables per capita, total weight of recyclables, least amount of trash per capita and highest recycling rate. The overall winner gets the grand champion award — and bragging rights in the world of college sustainability.

"RecycleMania is a fun way of mobilizing the Temple community to focus on recycling and reducing waste," said Sandra McDade, director of Temple's Office of Sustainability. "Our goal is to generate momentum that will keep sustainability issues top-of-mind year-round for students, faculty and staff."

This is Temple's sixth year of competition, and organizers hope to rally support to again push the university to the top of its division. Last year, Temple dominated the Atlantic-10, earning first place in two of the four major categories. Temple

snagged first place in the Gorilla category for gross tonnage, collecting 414,640 pounds of recycled material — 107,444 pounds more than the next closest A-10 competitor, George Washington University. And Temple also beat GWU for first place in the Waste Minimization category.

The RecycleMania committee — which comprises university administrators and members of Temple Student Government, Students for Environmental Action and the Residential Life Green Team — is hoping to build off of last year's success and has increased its total collection goal for 2012 to 415,000 pounds.

To put Temple over the top, contest organizers are planning a slate of activities designed to nurture friendly, intra-campus competition and rally the community to action. The campaign officially kicks off at the Liacouras Center Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the 7 p.m. men's basketball game against Fordham University.

Fans seated in the Cherry and White student cheering section will receive "Mean Green Recycling Machine" t-shirts, designed by School of Communications and Theater senior Hannah Webster. Special promotional events will be

held during time-outs, and volunteer members of the Temple Green Team will circulate at half-time to collect aluminum cans and plastic bottles.

Other RecycleMania events will include:

- A paper purge drive to encourage university departments to clean out or shred unneeded paper records during the duration of the RecycleMania contest, with special effort during spring break, March 4-11. (Contact Marshall Budin in the Office of Facilities Management at hmbudin@temple.edu or 1-7396 for information about shredding and bulk paper removal.)

- Swap tables, positioned at schools and colleges on Temple's Main and Health Sciences campuses during the week of January 22nd, to promote the reuse of goods.

- Residence hall competitions, with contests by floor and by facility.

Eligible recyclable materials that Temple collects are paper, including catalogs, books, junk mail, magazines, newspapers, phone books and all varieties of office paper; bottles and cans, including Nos. 1 and 2 plastics, aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars; and cardboard, including boxes, boxboard and chipboard.

RecycleMania runs through March 31. Temple's results will be reported weekly at www.temple.edu/sustainability.

— Kathleen Grady



Employer insights give Temple students a competitive edge

By Eryn Jelesiewicz
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Eager. Tenacious. Smart. Resilient. These were the words scrawled across the whiteboard at the front of the Temple conference room.

Not mere platitudes, they were a sampling of the words employers and faculty had used to describe Temple students during a recent meeting of the Career Center's Employer Partner meeting.

Temple's employer partners are part of the Career Center's Advisory Board and supply critical information on the qualities, skills and experience they are seeking in students applying for internships and employment.

On this day, Rachel Brown, director of the Career Center, wanted to find out how the core competencies that students build through the GenEd program translate to the workplace.

"I asked employers, 'How do you know these skills when you see them, especially during the application and hiring process?'" said Brown.

Allison Rehmann, of Enterprise Rent-a-Car, explained that prospective employees undergo three interviews designed to elicit behavioral characteristics, and that three sets of managers are looking at each candidate's core competencies. In particular, they



Some of Temple's employer partners Tara Stewart, Prudential; Rick Phillips and Jeffrey Campbell, Walmart; and Fay Marie Dunbar, Prudential; network with Temple administrators and faculty in advance of the spring recruiting season.

look for students who got out and engaged beyond the classroom.

"Once they're with us, we continue to evaluate an employee, always looking at and helping them take ownership of their development so they can get to the next level," she said.

Several participants emphasized the value of group projects in helping students build strong teamwork and presentation skills.

"I look for students' ability to shake hands, look you in the eye and sell themselves," said Rose McGinnis, director of career services in Temple's College of Science and Technology.

Fay Marie Dunbar, from Prudential, said it's really the interview more than anything that allows a student to demonstrate the skills they can offer.

"We look for professionalism — how they present themselves — which they should be working on throughout college, not just during their senior year," she said.

The meeting ended with a speed networking session that gave employers a chance to meet key individuals in many of the schools and colleges across campus.

"Our employer partners recruit students from all majors, so bringing everyone together is a win-win and sets the tone for the university-wide Spring Career Week that includes the Dress 4 Success Fashion Show, Resumania and Career Fair," said Brown.

See *Featured Events*, page 8, for more information on upcoming Career Center activities. ♦

Top 10 job search tips for college students

To help students prepare for the job hunt ahead, Temple's Career Center offers the following strategies:

10. Be intentional — "think about it." Reflect on your post-graduation plans: Identify your options; assess your plans and progress.
9. Recharge your resume.
8. Expand your network.
7. Refresh your interviewing skills.
6. Capitalize on social media.
5. Research potential employers.
4. Update your profile and upload your resume on the OwlNetwork, the

- premiere source for internship and full-time positions posted exclusively for Temple students.
3. Search and apply for jobs on the OwlNetwork.
 2. Strategize for the spring semester. Check out professional development workshops and Career Week events including:
 - Dress 4 Success Fashion Show
 - Student and Alumni Networking Night

- Federal Job Search and Application Strategies
- Career Fair

1. Believe in yourself — you can do this!

Temple students and alumni: The Career Center can help you prepare. Stop by during walk-in hours: Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., or call 215-204-7981 to schedule an individual appointment.

Temple University Health System and Fox Chase Cancer Center Sign affiliation agreement

Temple University Health System and Fox Chase Cancer Center recently signed an affiliation agreement that moves both institutions closer to bringing Fox Chase Cancer Center into the Temple family — marking a major milestone for two celebrated Philadelphia institutions that will enhance cancer research and patient care in the region, both immediately and for years to come.

"Temple is proud and privileged to welcome Fox Chase Cancer Center into its family of academic researchers and clinicians," said Ann Weaver Hart, president of Temple University.

"This bold, visionary relationship immediately establishes Temple's position as a leader in cancer care and translational research at the local, regional and national levels," said Larry R. Kaiser, Temple's senior executive vice president for health sciences, dean of Temple's School of Medicine, and president and CEO of Temple University Health System. "It sets the stage for many exciting opportunities to grow and enhance the cancer-related patient-care, research and educational programs of Temple's healthcare enterprise.

"The pursuit of excellence is the driving force for today's action — which offers a preview of what tomorrow represents. Indeed, this affiliation marks a fresh direction in cancer research and treatment in Philadelphia," continued Kaiser. "Sustained by the converging action of two highly respected medical institutions, it will draw on both established knowledge and original insights to pave the way for what all cancer patients and their families want and deserve — hope."

"Fox Chase is proud to be the professional home to some of the most talented and compassionate scientists, doctors and nurses working on the cancer problem anywhere in the world," said Michael V. Seiden, president and CEO of Fox Chase Cancer Center. "But we're always working to strengthen the center's ability to more vigorously pursue our mission to prevail over cancer, and we believe that this affiliation with Temple University Health System will do just that."

Fox Chase Cancer Center is one of only two National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated comprehensive cancer centers in Philadelphia, and one of only 40 in the U.S. Its addition to Temple creates collaborative synergies between and among physician-scientists at Temple University School of Medicine, Fox Chase Cancer Center and Temple Cancer Center that will accelerate the pace of further discovery and development of the most effective approaches to cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

By becoming an affiliate of Temple University Health System, Fox Chase will be able to significantly expand its outpatient and surgical-care services — within its existing facilities and through the use of leased space in Jeanes Hospital, an affiliate of Temple University Health System since 1996. Given the geographic proximity of Fox Chase to Jeanes Hospital (home to Temple University Hospital's highly-



regarded Bone Marrow Transplant Program), a natural byproduct of the agreement is the creation of a contiguous, 47.5-acre site to serve as Temple's "cancer hub" for the development of future innovations in cancer-care and research.

The affiliation also gives Jeanes Hospital the opportunity to meet the associated health care needs of cancer patients by providing a broad array of services on its premises in areas such as outpatient diagnostic testing, interventional radiology, breast care, general surgery, thoracic surgery, endocrine surgery, urology and diagnostic GI.

Temple University Health System will invest in cancer research at Fox Chase — providing new resources to recruit additional physician-scientists who will further advance the collaborative efforts of Temple and Fox Chase researchers in creating new knowledge and pathways for the prevention, treatment and, ultimately, cures for cancer and cancer-related conditions.

"The affiliation of Fox Chase Cancer Center with Temple University Health System signifies an important step in the transformation of Temple's healthcare enterprise," said Jane Scaccetti, chair of Temple University Health System's Board and a Temple trustee.

"The combined strength of both highly regarded institutions will fuel innovations in cancer research and patient care," added Patrick J. O'Connor, chair of the Board of Trustees of Temple University.

"We at Fox Chase Cancer Center have long understood the potential value of joining forces with Temple University Health System, particularly with Jeanes Hospital as our immediate neighbor," said David G. Marshall, chair of the Board of Directors of Fox Chase Cancer Center. "Thanks to the committed leadership of Dr. Michael Seiden and Dr. Larry Kaiser, we're proud to announce today an affiliation agreement that will meet Fox Chase's growth needs for the foreseeable future while bringing a National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center into Temple's vibrant academic medical community."

Finally, the affiliation will bring efficiencies and savings, as economies-of-scale are recognized and leveraged across TUHS, Fox Chase Cancer Center and Jeanes Hospital. The ability to demonstrate collaborative efficiencies is particularly important in a time when the ability to demonstrate both excellence and value matters more than ever.

Temple's newly-consolidated cancer hub will serve as a vital source of discovery, development and delivery of the most effective approaches to cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment that will give patients the best of both worlds: access to the comprehensive treatments and innovative clinical trials available at both Temple and Fox Chase. ♦

"This affiliation marks a fresh direction in cancer research and treatment in Philadelphia."

Larry R. Kaiser
President and CEO, Temple Health System

Babies prefer it when bad guys get their due, study suggests

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Babies embrace nice characters over those who are bad. That's according to a new study co-authored by Temple psychology postdoctoral fellow Neha Mahajan with Kiley Hamlin of the University of British Columbia and Karen Wynn and Paul Bloom of Yale.

Previous research had shown that, across the board, babies prefer kind acts. The new study, supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health and published in November in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, suggests that infants support negative behavior if it is directed at those who are behaving badly, and they dislike those who are nice to villains.

"The study suggests that an early endorsement of punishment, possibly a precursor of morality, appears at a



A new study co-authored by Temple postdoctoral fellow Neha Mahajan determined that babies embrace nice characters over those who are bad, suggesting an early endorsement of punishment, possibly as a precursor of morality.

very young age," said Mahajan.

"We find that, by eight months, babies have developed nuanced views of reciprocity and can conduct these

complex social evaluations much earlier than previously thought," said lead author Hamlin.

For the study, researchers used

animal hand puppets to present four scenarios to 100 eight-month-old infants. After watching puppets act negatively or positively toward other puppets, the babies were shown puppets either giving toys to or taking toys from these "good" or "bad" puppets.

When prompted to choose their favorite characters, babies consistently preferred puppets that mistreated the bad characters from the original scene, compared to those that had treated them kindly.

"We manipulated the identities of the puppets to ensure that the babies weren't really just showing a preference for a particular puppet, such as a moose with a green shirt or a moose with an orange shirt," explained Mahajan.

Then the researchers took the study a step further.

They examined how older infants, aged 21 months, would themselves

treat good and bad puppets. For this part of the study, the researchers asked 64 babies to give a treat to or take a treat away from one of two puppets: a puppet who had previously been observed helping another puppet and a puppet who had been observed harming another puppet.

"These older babies physically took treats away from the "bad" puppets and gave treats to the "good" ones," said Mahajan.

She says the findings provide evidence that babies have intuitions that correspond to adult notions of reward and punishment.

"They act positively toward those characters who are behaving in socially acceptable ways and negatively toward those who appear to be acting antisocially. And, quite early in life even infants are making relatively complex social judgments," she said. ♦

CSPCD makes dream of college a possibility for local families

By Anna Nguyen
For The Temple Times

By the end of the program, participants will have a realistic view of what would happen if they moved on in higher education.

For some families in Philadelphia, the idea of pursuing a post-secondary education doesn't seem feasible. But they may change their minds after attending Temple's "Making the Dream of College Come True" program.

The initiative, from Temple's Center for Social Policy and Community Development (CSPCD) in partnership with the Community College of Philadelphia (CCP), began this semester with a \$25,000 grant received in December 2011 from the National Center for Family Literacy.

working lifetimes, high school dropouts in Philadelphia are expected to earn an average of \$457,100. Those with a bachelor's degree or higher are expected to earn 4.5 times more — a working lifetime total of \$2.1 million— according to "The Tax and Transfer Fiscal Impacts of Dropping Out of High School in Philadelphia City and Suburbs," a 2009 report from the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University.

The new CSPCD program will utilize resources from the National Center for Family Literacy to provide educational and life-skill activities for families to help plan their path to a postsecondary education. NCFL, a group based in Louisville, Ky., offers family literacy programs to support parents' and children's educational goals.

These activities will occur as part of CSPCD's existing adult literacy program services, which include GED training for adults and GED-to-college preparation for teenagers.

"With the grant, we're now able to also work on the concepts of preparing for a post-secondary education through awareness, exploration and exposure. We'll have workshops for family members about what it takes to transition to college," said Lawrence.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in courses at Temple, including "Institutional Racism," offered by the College of Health Professions and Social Work, and "Kids, Community and Controversy in American Schools," offered by Temple's College of Education.

"People who live in the community around Temple University may feel they cannot afford to attend," said Lawrence. "Through our workshops they will receive financial literacy to assist them with making decisions about education."

By the end of the program, Lawrence said that participants will have a realistic view of what would happen if they moved on in higher education, and she expects each family group to be able to articulate their next steps in pursuing a college degree or attending a vocational school.

CSPCD interim director Shirley Moy agrees.

"We'll be able to show people that secondary education is attainable and that they can do it." ♦



In Finding the Words: Authors with Aphasia, Temple graduate students help adults with aphasia regain their reading and writing skills. Above, Lynda Hill presents a work she has published with the help of the program.

Speech-Language Pathology students help adults with aphasia regain literacy skills

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After a stroke or a traumatic brain injury, many people experience a language disorder that impairs their ability to communicate. This disorder, called aphasia, afflicts nearly 1 million people in the United States, and while it primarily affects the ability to understand others or express oneself using spoken language, it often makes reading and writing difficult as well.

Graduate students in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders have been helping a group of adults with aphasia regain their reading and writing skills by helping them write, design and publish their own books as part of a new program called Finding the Words: Authors with Aphasia, directed by Rena Krakow, associate professor of communication sciences and disorders, and Fran Kohen, a researcher and speech/language pathologist at Temple's Saffran Center for Cognitive Neuroscience.

At a recent celebration at the College of Health Professions and Social Work, the students presented the finished

books to their adult partners. Among the books were an autobiography about living with aphasia, a beautifully illustrated comic book and a work of historical fiction.

"One of the great things about working on these books is the permanence of written language as compared to the fleeting nature of spoken language," said Krakow. "This allows the adults to work more slowly than they can with speech so that they have time to find their words and come back to the text and work on it some more."

"The students, who have training in dealing with language and literacy issues, can help their partners structure and revise their work so that they wind up with a book that expresses thoughts and feelings that they might not be able to say because of their spoken language difficulties," she said.

The program was adapted from an existing program in the department called Kids Write and Create, directed by Krakow, in which elementary school children are paired with Temple speech-language-pathology students to learn literacy skills through the publication of their own books. ♦



Felicia Smith is among the participants in a grant-funded program that provides educational and life-skill activities to help families plan their path to a postsecondary education.

The grant is funded in part by MetLife Foundation.

The grant will provide literacy classes — a 12-week program for 12 hours each week — for up to 30 youths and adults at CCP's campus. If the first session goes well, the program will be offered again in the fall 2012 semester. Fifteen are expected to participate this semester.

"Family literacy is promoting the concept that the whole family can learn and work together on their education," said Ulicia Lawrence, program coordinator of Workforce Education and Lifelong Learning Program for Temple's CSPCD.

"We work with parents who have less academics for whatever reason and with teenage siblings who might have more influence on a younger child," she said.

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Computer and Information Sciences Professor Zoran Obradovic, director of Temple's Center for Data Analytics and Biomedical Informatics, has been awarded a DARPA grant to use data mining to assist in the early diagnosis and treatment of sepsis.

Researcher to use data mining to help diagnose and treat sepsis

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Sepsis is a severe infection in the bloodstream that develops with little or no warning and spreads rapidly. It is mostly treated with antibiotics, but can cause complications for the body's major organs and is often life threatening.

Now, thanks to a \$986,218, four-year grant from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Computer and Information Sciences Professor Zoran Obradovic will be using data mining to assist in the early diagnosis and treatment of the condition.

Obradovic's project is one of eight being funded by DARPA with the overall objective of developing a portable device that would clean a sepsis patient's blood of infection, much like a dialysis machine does for kidney patients. He will be collaborating with researchers from MIT, Harvard, Yale, Northwestern and Boston universities, as well as Aethlon Medical and Semprus Biosciences.

Obradovic, director of Temple's Center for Data Analytics and Biomedical Informatics, said that his project has three objectives: using data analysis models to develop therapy optimizations for individual sepsis patients, developing a method for early diagnosis of the infection and identifying genes that can be used as biomarkers for its diagnosis

and treatment.

"Sepsis develops very fast and patients have to be continuously monitored over a 24-hour period," said Obradovic. "So time is really critical for a positive outcome for the patient."

By measuring and observing about 20 different variables each hour from a large number of sepsis patients over that period, Obradovic said he hopes to be able to develop a method for early diagnosis.

"We want to know how early we can tell what direction the patient is going: if the patient is going into the next stage of the illness, staying the same or improving," he said. "The patient doesn't have 24 hours to wait, so if we can tell by measuring 10 variables over the first three hours, doctors will be able to begin implementing a more effective treatment."

"What we're looking for are patterns that will allow us to tell the doctor that this is why we can make this prediction about the direction the infection is taking the patient after a short time instead of waiting 24 hours," said Obradovic.

Based on Obradovic's findings, if a doctor sees a certain pattern develop over a short time, they would be able to start a certain type of treatment immediately and automatically know how to adjust and adapt the treatment as the patient's condition changes in the hours that follow. ♦

Protein in the brain could be key target in controlling Alzheimer's

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A protein recently discovered in the brain could play a key role in regulating the creation of amyloid beta, the major component of plaques implicated in the development of Alzheimer's disease, according to researchers at the Temple School of Medicine.

A group led by Domenico Pratico, professor of pharmacology and microbiology and immunology, discovered the presence of the protein, called 12/15-Lipoxygenase, in the brain three years ago.

"We found this protein to be very active in the brains of people who have Alzheimer's disease," said Pratico. "But three years ago, we didn't know the role it played in the development of the disease."

Following two years of study, the Temple researchers have found that the protein is at the top of a pathway and controls a biochemical chain reaction that begins the development of Alzheimer's. They have published their findings, "Transcriptional Regulation of β secretase-1 by 12/15 Lipoxygenase Results in Enhanced Amyloidogenesis



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and Cognitive Impairments," in the journal *Annals of Neurology*.

Pratico said that their research has shown that 12/15-Lipoxygenase controls Beta secretase (BACE-1), an enzyme that is key to the development of amyloid plaques in Alzheimer's patients.

"For reasons we don't yet know, in some people, 12/15-Lipoxygenase starts to work too much," he said. "By working too much, it sends the wrong message to the beta secretase, which in turn starts to produce more amyloid beta. This initially results in cognitive impairment, memory impairment and, later, an increase of amyloid plaque."

BACE-1 has long been a biological target for researchers seeking to create a drug against Alzheimer's disease, said Pratico. But because little has been known about how it functions, they have been unsuccessful in developing a molecule that could reach the brain and block it.

"We now know much better how Beta secretase works because we have found that the 12/15-Lipoxygenase protein is a controller of BACE functions," he said. "You don't need

to target the Beta secretase directly because the 12/15-Lipoxygenase is really the system in the brain that tells BACE to work more or work less."

Pratico said that they have validated 12/15-Lipoxygenase as a target for a potential Alzheimer drug or therapy.

"By modulating BACE levels and activity through controlling the 12/15-Lipoxygenase, we can potentially improve the cognitive part of the phenotype of the disease, and prevent the accumulation of amyloid beta inside the neurons, which will eventually translate into less of those plaques," he said. "This is a totally new mechanism for controlling BACE."

Pratico said his group has looked at an experimental compound that blocks 12/15-Lipoxygenase function as a potential therapy to inhibit BACE function in the brain. In their lab, using animal models, they saw the drug's ability to restore some cognitive function, as well as improve learning and memory ability.

"There is an opportunity here to study this molecule and develop an even stronger molecule to target 12/15-Lipoxygenase function in the brain," he said.

The study was funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Alzheimer's Association. ♦

Temple, LCCC sign dual admissions agreement

Temple University has entered into a dual admissions agreement with Luzerne County Community College (LCCC).

The agreement provides a LCCC graduate automatic acceptance into Temple as long as the student's grade point average is 2.3 or higher. The agreement also allows LCCC graduates to qualify for between \$1,000 and \$4,000 in scholarship funds at Temple if the student's grade point average is 3.3 or higher. In order to take part in the program, students must notify Temple of their intent to transfer before they have completed 30 credits at LCCC.

"The dual admissions agreement between Temple and Luzerne County

Community College represents a broadening of our existing relationship and another step toward future academic partnerships," said William Parshall, director of Temple University Extension Services, which manages off-site programs. "One of the next steps is to develop program-to-program articulation agreements that will give students clear road maps about how to efficiently transfer from Luzerne to Temple. Business and Engineering Technology are high priorities for the program-to-program agreements."

For more than a decade, Temple has been entering into dual admissions agreements with local community

colleges to make the transition from community college to Temple easier. The agreements ensure that students do not have to repeat a class at Temple that they already completed at a community college.

LCCC is the latest community college to sign an agreement with Temple. Others include the Community College of Philadelphia, Bucks County Community College, Montgomery County Community College, Delaware County Community College, Harrisburg Area Community College, Burlington County College, Lehigh Carbon Community College and Reading Area Community College. ♦

Tactile imaging sensor can assist doctors with early identification of tumors

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A key part of a medical patient's physical examination is performed through touch, but the doctor can only glean so much information from what he feels. That's why Temple researchers have created a prototype device that will not only emulate human tactile sensation, but quantify it as well.

The tactile imaging sensor has been developed by Chang-Hee Won, an associate professor of electrical and computer engineering at Temple.

"The human hands have this amazing ability to touch something and tell if it's soft or hard, if it's wet, or even if it's temperature," said Won, who is also director of the Control, Sensor, Network and Perception (CSNAP) laboratory in Temple's College of Engineering. "We're trying to emulate this tactile sensation with a device that will actually quantify this by giving us the mechanical properties of what we are feeling."

Won said the tactile imaging sensor could aid doctors when they



A tactile imaging sensor developed by Temple Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering Chang-Hee Won can emulate human tactile sensation, which may help doctors get early information about lesions and tumors.

feel lesions, lumps or tumors while doing physical exams on patients, by detecting the size and shape of the lesion or tumor, as well as its elasticity and mobility.

"Once a doctor feels a lesion, lump or tumor, they can use this device to

actually characterize the mechanical properties of the irregularity that they have felt," he said.

Won said that studies have shown that cancerous lesions and tumors tend to be larger, more irregular in shape or have harder elasticity.

"Using the information gleaned by our device, we can determine the probability of this lesion or tumor being either malignant or benign," he said.

The portable tactile imaging sensor can be attached to any desktop or laptop computer that has a Firewire cable port. Equipped with four LED lights and a camera, the 4.5-inch device has a flexible transparent elastomer cube on the end, into which light is injected.

When the doctor feels an irregularity while giving a patient a physical exam, he or she can place the sensor against the skin where the irregularity was felt. The sensor uses the total internal reflection principle, which keeps the injected light within the elastomer cube unless an intrusion from a lesion or tumor changes the contour of the elastomer's surface, in which case the light will reflect out of the cube.

The sensor's camera will then capture the lesion or tumor images caused by the reflected light and they are processed with a novel

algorithm developed by the CSNAP lab to calculate the lesion's mechanical properties.

Won stressed that the device is not designed to replace such tests as mammograms for breast tumors, but to assist the primary doctor in initially obtaining key information.

"Most primary physicians' offices are not equipped to perform tests such as mammograms," he said. "This device would provide doctors with key information by allowing them to quantify and display the lesion or tumor. With this information, they can decide whether to monitor it or send the patient to a specialist or hospital for a more definitive diagnosis."

Won said that the device is non-invasive and can detect lumps or tumors up to 3 centimeters under the skin. "If you can feel it with your finger, you can see it with this device."

In addition to the advantages of being portable and non-invasive, the device is also inexpensive. Won said the prototype costs approximately \$500. ♦

Temple sociologist examines the allure of intimacy in ballroom dancing

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If you're not doing it, you're probably watching — ballroom dancing, that is.

Interest in the hobby/art/sport is soaring. The season finale of "Dancing with the Stars" — the hit television show that pairs professional dancers with celebrities in an all-out dance competition — drew close to 20 million viewers.

But how can we account for the current rise in popularity of an activity now enjoying its biggest resurgence since the 1940s.

According to Temple sociologist Julia Ericksen, the appeal of ballroom dancing lies in its offer of "instant intimacy."

"In the modern world, many people don't always have time to develop relationships and make long-term commitments, and the thing about dancing is you get all the warmth and intimacy and connection without having to make the commitment," said Ericksen.



Temple sociologist Julia Ericksen (right) examined the appeal of ballroom dance through interviews with 60 dancers that revealed the allure of "instant intimacy."

Ericksen started taking ballroom dance lessons as a child and later returned to the studio after her children had grown. That's when she realized that she wanted to study dance studios as an academic topic.

"I was fascinated by the ability of dance teachers to be so emotionally

accessible — so good at putting people at ease," she said. "In the modern world, that's what we want: intimacy that's not too demanding."

For her book, *Dance with Me: Ballroom Dancing and the Appeal of Instant Intimacy* (New York University Press, November 2011), Ericksen

interviewed 60 dancers from all walks of life to look beneath the surface of the world of competitive ballroom dance.

"Gender and displays of gender" have long been a professional interest of Ericksen's. Her first book, *Kiss and Tell: Surveying Sex in the Twentieth Century*, chronicles the history of sex surveys in the United States over a century, revealing how the survey questions themselves help to create the sexual behaviors and issues they purport merely to describe.

In *Taking Charge of Breast Cancer*, she looked at how women respond to a diagnosis of breast cancer — and to the physical and emotional consequences of breast surgery.

Ballroom dancing, says Ericksen, offers "transgressive" displays of gender.

"On the surface, it's traditional; but underneath, it's more complicated. Male dancers don't just lead, they also nurture. Women teachers have to teach men how to be in charge

without seeming to be in charge themselves," she said.

She also found that it takes a great deal of emotional labor and sometimes a great deal of money to "purchase" the intimacy that is established between professional partners and between professionals and their students.

"While we can see the economic basis of commercialized intimacy, such as sex work, we do not always recognize that close personal relationships, such as courtship and marriage, also depend on a complex set of economic entanglements. The dance world is somewhere between these two — more obviously commercialized than marriage but more genuinely close and personal than sex work," Ericksen said.

According to Ericksen, one of the biggest surprises uncovered during her interviews was what she learned about older women. "I thought that surely they were not comfortable with the physical intimacy, but many told me I was wrong — that in fact was what they liked about ballroom dance." ♦

Fox Online MBA makes U.S. News top 10

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The Fox School of Business' Online MBA program has been ranked in the top 10 for student services and technology and is one of only 14 honor roll recipients among graduate business programs in the first edition of Top Online Education Program rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*.

The Fox School is the only online MBA in Greater Philadelphia and Pennsylvania to be named to the national honor roll, released Jan. 10. Fox is ranked No. 8 for student services and technology, out of the 161 graduate business programs featured in that category. *U.S. News* ranked 164 schools overall.

"The Fox Online MBA combines rigorous curriculum and outstanding faculty with premier student services and convenient learning," said Fox Dean M. Moshe Porat. "This recognition affirms that a Fox Online MBA is a nationally recognized standard of excellence."

Online graduate business degree programs were evaluated in four categories: student services and technology, faculty credentials and training, student engagement and accreditation, and admissions selectivity.

To make *U.S. News*' honor roll, Fox's Online MBA had to place in the top third of ranked schools in at least three of the four category rankings. There are no numeric rankings for overall program quality in the inaugural survey. Instead, *U.S. News* created the honor rolls to recognize programs that performed well across a series of numeric indicator rankings.

Fox's Online MBA, which uses WebEx web-conferencing software, allows students and faculty to meet in a real-time virtual classroom that enhances the online learning experience. Flexible scheduling helps students control class time, and virtual team collaboration emphasizes the power of cooperative learning.

The Fox Online MBA features the same world-renowned faculty and high-impact curriculum as its highly ranked, AACSB-accredited traditional MBA.

The 54-credit Online MBA degree program consists of 19 courses, and students take one course at a time for five weeks before moving on to the next. Students start the program with one of three residencies at Temple to get acquainted with classmates, staff and available resources, to attend social and networking events, and to begin taking courses that require a face-to-face component, such as Leadership Development.

This academic year, 53 percent of Fox Online MBA students live outside Pennsylvania.

U.S. News ranked graduate online degree programs in business, engineering, nursing, education, and computer information technology, as well as online bachelor's degree programs.

Data was collected from both for-profit and not-for-profit schools. ♦

Temple faculty experiment with alt-textbooks

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Last year, the rising tide of anger and frustration over the costs of college textbooks among students and faculty prompted Steven Bell to design the alternative textbook project, which piloted this past fall.

"We provided a \$1,000 grant to 11 faculty members to ditch the textbook and build their own mix of digital learning materials," said Bell, associate university librarian at Temple. "We are hoping to demonstrate not only significant cost savings to students, but also learning benefits."

It appears as though Bell's hopes will not only be fulfilled, but surpassed. Several faculty members found that students embraced their alternative textbook and thrived because of it.

Kristina Morris Baumli, who teaches first-year writing, assigned the same three research papers that she has always assigned.

"Last semester, the majority of students needed a lot of assistance with their first paper," she said. "This fall was exactly the opposite. They still did a lot of reading and researching but [the alternative textbook] created a facility with language and research that they didn't have with the regular text. It's added a dimension as well as being a substitute."

Morris Baumli built the architecture for a free e-textbook, comprising primary sources and free online texts that she says other faculty can build on and contribute to.

"Temple has the great Urban Archives which contains wonderful primary sources, so we had students working on key documents on the struggle for gay rights including the AIDS struggle," said Morris Baumli. Her students also used Civil Rights in a Northern City, the libraries' newest database, to create a research project.

Savings to students? About \$107. Benefits to students? Priceless.

"Everything is online, so it's paperless," said Morris Baumli. "This saves students the money they'd pay to print, and time they'd spend standing in line at the TECH Center. We've set it up so students can do their readings on their phones. It also gives them much better links to the library earlier in their college careers."

For his "Morality, Law and Advertising" class, Keith Quesenberry had been wanting to try an alternative to a textbook for a while, as there's only one textbook on the subject



Whitney Collins, left, led her students, including Abby Hartnett, in creating their own alternative textbook for her "Introduction to Marketing" class.

and it's outdated.

He pulled together original source material available online, including free briefs on court cases, articles from journals and industry trade publications, and codes and ethical standards published by such groups as the Federal Trade Commission.

"It went really well," Quesenberry reported. "It seemed like the students were more engaged and less burdened, getting to and completing assignments earlier. The textbook was this thing they hated. This removed a barrier for them."

For Vanessa Yingling, digital alternatives to textbooks are a necessity. The kinesiology professor needs technology to keep her students up to date on the latest research, to stay on top of her own busy schedule and to make all of the course material more meaningful and accessible.

Her alt-textbook, which she combines with alt-lecture, has taken the form of a website through which she uses a wide range of technologies — Jing, Diigo, Twitter and Xtranormal. For difficult-to-grasp concepts, she creates special modules comprised of a voiced-over Powerpoint for students to review on their own time.

"I want them to touch the material many times, which is why I try all of these many different things," she said.

For some fields there's no way textbooks are going to be able to keep up. Marketing is all about what's now, says Whitney Collins. And textbooks can lag behind the current

state of knowledge in a discipline.

Collins led her "Introduction to Marketing" class in developing their own alternative textbook. Each week, students would find a source on an assigned topic and submit a write-up for the textbook. The next week, a new student would tackle the topic, tightening and adding to the existing material. All of the topics were essential marketing concepts, and sources could be anything from an interview with an expert, to a trip to a museum, to an online article. At the end of the semester, the class used the textbook as reference for the final exam.

"I really believe the future is a text-alternative one, but I'm not exactly sure what that means yet," said Collins. "This project has provided the opportunity to explore that reality."

Bell hopes to continue the alternative textbook project and several project participants plan to mentor colleagues this semester. The project is being carried out under the auspices of Temple's Teaching and Learning Technology Roundtable, or TLTR 2. He realizes that some courses and faculty will always need or want textbooks but knew that it was time to try something different.

"Overpriced textbooks aren't one of the most serious issues confronting higher education, but there's no denying students and faculty want major changes," said Bell. "Trying something new — we ought to get behind that." ♦

Center City park rededication honors late Temple professor John F. Collins



Representatives from Center City District and members of late Temple professor John F. Collins' family cut the ribbon at the rededication of Chestnut Park as John F. Collins Park.

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Schuylkill River Park. Three Bears Park. Society Hill's Greenways. Chestnut Park. If you've taken advantage of the green oases that these parks provide among the city's canyons of steel, glass and concrete, you've experienced the rare talents of John F. Collins firsthand.

An internationally recognized landscape architect and the founding chairman of Temple's Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture, Collins spent decades designing and significantly adding to Philadelphia's greenways and well beyond.

Collins passed away in August 2011 after many years of courageously battling Parkinson's disease. While Temple has lost an important piece of its living history, Collins' legacy will live on not only in the generations of landscape architects and community planners that he has taught and inspired, but in the name of one of the parks that he created.

On Jan. 17, Center City District formally renamed Chestnut Park (1707 Chestnut Street) — which Collins designed in 1978 to celebrate "the region's natural landscape and native people" — as John F. Collins Park.

"John F. Collins was dedicated to using design to humanize urban spaces. He created green spaces and livable landscapes from native materials and indigenous horticulture and enhanced the city experience with his transformative vision," said Paul R. Levy, president and CEO of the Center City District, which oversaw a full renovation of the park in the summer of 2011. "The Center City District is grateful to the William Penn Foundation for its generous support and honored to rededicate this park in honor of John F. Collins."

In addition to new lighting and a restoration of the iron gates at the park's entrances, John F. Collins Park will also include informative displays about Collins' life and work.

The rededication of the park is

"a wonderful way to honor John and his contributions to the city," said Joseph McLaughlin, director of Temple's Institute for Public Affairs and assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts, who was a longtime friend and colleague of Collins.

McLaughlin attended the Jan. 17 rededication ceremony with William Parshall, executive director of Temple University Ambler and Temple University Center City; Linda Lowe, Ambler's director of development and alumni affairs; and Pauline Hurley-Kurtz, associate professor of landscape architecture and horticulture.

"John really had no ego when it came to his career. He loved urban design and working with trees and plants; that's where his satisfaction came from," McLaughlin said. "But I think if he were here with us, he'd be pleased that this [rededication] happened and would be especially pleased by the park refurbishment and revitalization undertaken by the Center City District, which very tastefully respects the original design while adding a few aspects to it."

Collins came to Temple in 1988, chairing the Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture through its first decade at the Ambler Campus during which time he established the four-year bachelor of science degree programs in Landscape Architecture and in Horticulture.

As faculty members in the early years of the four-year programs, "we were all impressed by John's conviction that our professions could improve the environment and effect positive social change," said Hurley-Kurtz.

"He challenged us to take on large urban projects so our students would appreciate the importance of vibrant cities and neighborhoods and he set professional standards of excellence in the quality of the work," she said.

Collins Park, McLaughlin said, "was always meant to be a place where you could take some time away from city life, a retreat from the hustle and bustle of the city."

"That's what John wanted it to be and fortunately that's exactly what it's become," he said. ♦

Graduate student works on film nominated for Oscar

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Students in the School of Communications and Theater were on the edge of their seats Monday, in anticipation of an announcement that would place *Hell and Back Again*, a film edited by film and media arts graduate student Fiona Otway, on the list of Oscar nominees.

"That's amazing," said Sofie Yavorsky, a junior theater major. "It's such an honor to know you attended the same school as someone who's made it to the top of their profession. It really gives me hope that anything is possible."

Hell and Back Again follows 25-year-old Sgt. Nathan Harris as he tries to make the difficult transition back into everyday life after experiencing the brutality of war. The film made last year's short list of Oscar nominations and caused a buzz in the industry for its striking imagery and intense story line.

Directed by Danfung Dennis, a photojournalist who discovered Harris while embedded with the U.S. Marine Corps' Echo Company, the film was described as a "full-circle portrait of rare psychological immediacy and even rarer aesthetic command" by the *Los Angeles Times* and has garnered a high level of support in independent media circles.

As the film's editor, Otway was responsible for crafting the story from 100 hours of raw footage.

"We often hear that people forget that it's a documentary," Otway said. "We really use that to our advantage in



Hell and Back Again, a documentary edited by Temple graduate student Fiona Otway, follows Sgt. Nathan Harris as he transitions to life after experiencing the brutality of war.

telling the story... to create a visceral, emotional experience that really sucks you in. When you remember that it's real, hopefully it has all the more impact in that moment."

Otway spent 10 years in the film-making industry before accepting a fellowship to Temple. Trading in her full-time career for books and study time gave her an opportunity to focus on her work, she said.

While her Temple classmates and students were at home awaiting the Oscar announcement, Otway was en route to New York City from Park City, Utah, where she screened *Kiss the Paper*, her most recent documentary on the art of letterpress printmaking.

The excitement of being honored for a national award is nothing

new for Otway, who was awarded the first-ever best documentary editing prize at Sundance Film Festival for *Hell and Back Again*. Two of her other editing projects were previously nominated for an Academy Award.

Otway's work is strongly influenced by her background in cultural anthropology, critical social theory, and experimental film making and often explores themes related to globalization, community-based social change and cultural identity.

"As a filmmaker, I am committed to illuminating perspectives that are often under-represented in mainstream media, and love to craft nuanced, emotionally resonant stories about complex social issues," Otway said. ♦



Above is the artist's concept for "Finding the Light Within," a mural to be constructed in West Philadelphia to raise awareness of youth suicide. To complement the mural, Temple's Jonathan Singer worked on a website at which people affected by suicide can share their stories to help aid their healing process.

Professor designs website offering support for families dealing with suicide

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When assistant professor of social work Jonathan Singer was in high school, he appeared in his school's production of "Ordinary People," a story about a Midwestern family dealing with the death of one son, and the attempted suicide of another.

After each rehearsal and show, a social worker visited the students to talk about youth suicide — how to identify troubling behavior, who to talk to, how to get help. Singer says this is where the seeds of his academic career were sown. He dedicated his studies — and later his career — to learning how to best work with suicidal youth and their families.

His love of the arts and drive to help youth and families in crises coincided earlier this year, when he began working with the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program on a website that he hopes will be a virtual support community for people who have been affected by suicide.

As part of the Finding the Light Within project, sponsored by the Mural Arts Program, the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the site will allow people who have lost someone to suicide, or people who have supported someone through a suicidal crisis, to tell their stories. The site complements a mural designed and currently being constructed in West Philadelphia by local artist James Burns, with the goal of raising the awareness and visibility of a sensitive issue for many people.

For three months, Singer and Burns, along with Temple's Department of Computer Sciences, worked to decide what the site should include, and how it should look. Singer says his role is co-creator and designer, and he also moderates the stories that users post to the site.

Many stories have already been posted, most anonymously. Some are heartbreaking accounts: in one story, a woman describes finding her husband after his death; in another, the writer

describes feelings surrounding an uncle's death. Others are informative: As someone who attempted suicide, one writer offers a glimpse into what drives someone to make such a decision.

Research has shown that sharing these types of thoughts with people experiencing similar situations can be helpful in the healing process and can help mitigate feelings of loneliness. The site also offers resources for people seeking help.

"The hope is that these stories will provide relief and support for those who have been through it and a sense of mutual aid for those who might be going through it now," said Singer.

In order to find out if that is true, Singer has developed a survey that people who contribute stories to the site can complete anonymously.

"No one has ever created a website like this," he said. "We're taking this opportunity to do some fundamental research on the perceived benefits of sharing stories about suicide online." ♦

Philadelphia names Sonia Sanchez first poet laureate

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Temple Professor Emerita Sonia Sanchez, one of the most influential voices of the Black Arts Movement, was recently named poet laureate for the City of Philadelphia.

“Poetry is an extraordinary and powerful art form, and our great city is filled with an astonishing array of poets who help us to better understand our lives,” said Mayor Michael A. Nutter, who announced the creation of the inaugural poet laureate program in May 2011. “Ms. Sanchez exemplifies the role a poet can play in helping to define a city and helping its citizens discover beauty.”

Sanchez, who celebrated her 77th



Temple Professor Emerita Sonia Sanchez was named poet laureate of the City of Philadelphia on Dec. 29.

birthday in September, taught both undergraduate and graduate courses in Temple’s English Department for more than 20 years and served as the university’s first presidential fellow.

She is the author of more than 18 books and the recipient of a Pew Fellowship in the arts for 1992-1993, the Langston Hughes Poetry Award for 1999 and the Harper Lee Award for 2004.

She was also the Poetry Society of America’s 2001 Robert Frost Medalist and a Ford Freedom Scholar at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Said Sanchez: “I accept this position as poet laureate to remind us how poetry makes us remember

the best of ourselves and others. How it keeps us constantly confronting the most important question of this 21st century: What does it mean to be human?”

Philadelphia’s poet laureate will serve a two-year term and will participate in a wide range of events, including the inauguration of the Mayor, spoken word and poetry events at City Hall, guest author appearances and poetry readings at the Free Library of Philadelphia and the selection of a youth poet laureate to whom the poet laureate will serve as a mentor.

In addition to being a world-renowned poet, Sanchez has made incredible contributions to community-based arts in

Philadelphia, said Lorene Cary, executive director of Art Sanctuary and member of the Poet Laureate Governing Committee.

“We in Philadelphia are so lucky to have a prophet in our own land, and we’ve had her here for many years,” said Cary. “From teaching in prisons for years without any fanfare or any pay, to community centers to universities to the City Hall — she absolutely is our poet laureate and it’s about time we caught up to it.”

Sanchez is now collecting haikus about peace from fellow writers and the public for a mural in South Philadelphia, which will be unveiled in June 2012. Her most recent book of poetry, *Morning Haiku*, is available from Beacon Press. ♦



Left: A Temple volunteer sweeps near the altar at St. Malachy Church. Right: Temple students help organize at Tree House Books, a non-profit organization that offers neighborhood children an after-school meeting place.



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Service

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Network and Project EDU painted and cleaned nearly every corner of Ferguson, while others, like sophomore Bianca Lominy, seeded vegetable plants that school children will grow outside in spring.

Lominy noted the symbolism of the planting project.

“Community service is all about giving back to our roots,” she said.

The university was also a sponsor and leading participant in the city-wide celebration of MLK Day at nearby Girard College. Following opening remarks by Vice President Joe Biden, Temple students, faculty and alumni joined 8,500 volunteers from the Greater Philadelphia Area to work on service projects and collect food, clothes, blankets and toys that will be distributed by community organizations to those in need.

Verita Starling, a 2004 Temple graduate, brought her children to the event to write letters to the children of parents serving in the military. She stressed to her kids that spending a day off from school volunteering is a small sacrifice compared to those King and others made during the Civil Rights Movement.

Temple’s Office of Community Relations also organized and led an array of service activities in North Central Philadelphia. Temple volunteers worked on projects at Tree House Books and Berean Presbyterian Church. More than 150 Medical School students collaborated with Community Relations on clean-up projects at the Norris Homes Community Center, YMCA Columbia branch and Mount Zion United Methodist Church.



Temple Ambler students Montes Carrasquillo and Alyssa Mahoney assist Lowell Booth in creating “no-sew” blankets for the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

James Duffy

In addition, a team from Campus Safety and Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity undertook clean-up projects at St. Malachy Church, and representatives from Campus Safety and Student Affairs took on a cleanup project at nearby Woodstock Family Center. The groups chose the locations because of their proximity to Main Campus.

“We wanted to reinforce our commitment to our neighbors by sending teams to do a variety of projects at a number of nonprofit organizations that serve the community,” said Andrea Swan, director of community and neighborhood affairs in the Office of Community Relations. “We saw this as an opportunity to encourage our Temple teams to meet their neighbors and to collaborate with them on MLK Day and beyond.”

Swan hopes that the Day of Service will inspire Temple’s volunteers to continue to participate in service activities.

“Dr. King was committed to helping others by giving of himself 365 days a year,” she said. “We at Temple can best honor his legacy by giving back throughout each year.”

At Temple University Ambler, members Owlreach, a student

organization dedicated to community service, focused their efforts on helping children. The group led more than 30 students, faculty, staff and area residents in creating no-sew blankets for children at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

“We wanted to start the semester with something that everyone could participate in,” said Celeste D’Orazio, president of the group. “We thought the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service would be the best day to start this initiative, as it provided members of the public a greater opportunity to take part and gave students a chance to get involved before classes started.”

Back at Ferguson, with the sidewalk swept, Groff and his friends ventured into the warm building to help with other projects, joining volunteers like Stanley Hines, who spent the day painting the school’s hallways. Hines reflected on the importance of serving year-round.

“It’s definitely important to do throughout the year,” he said. “But this day raises awareness for it. I hope that after today people will get out and do it more frequently and not just once a year.” ♦

State-related students will rally in Harrisburg

On Jan. 31, Temple students will participate in the Rally for Higher Education, organized by the Pennsylvania Association of State-Related Students. Students will gather with students from Penn State, Pittsburgh and Lincoln universities in the rotunda of the state’s capitol building to encourage the state legislature to maintain higher education funding.

Temple Student Government, with assistance from the university, will provide buses, breakfast, lunch and permission slips for students to attend free of charge. Buses will leave the student center at 9 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. Students are responsible for making arrangements with their professors to attend the rally. To register, visit www.temple.edu/government/rally. Deadline to register is Jan. 31.



LEVYdance ROMPs it up at Conwell

The Boyer College of Music and Dance, in partnership with Philadelphia Dance Projects, presents ROMP, featuring LEVYdance joined by Boyer College dance students. The performance is an immersive experience in which audience members and performers inhabit the stage together, raising the stakes for live performance and creating a welcoming environment charged with possibility. Tickets for the Feb. 10 performance, to be held at 7:30 p.m. in Conwell Dance Theater, are \$20 general admission, \$15 for non-TU students and senior citizens, \$10 with Dance USA Philadelphia Dance Pass and \$5 with student OWLcard.

Talk considers the neglected art of Reva Urban

The Center for Humanities will host a discussion of artist Reva Urban on Feb. 2 on the 10th floor of Gladfelter Hall from 12:30-1:45 p.m. Urban achieved fame in the 1950s and ‘60s but has since disappeared from the art scene. However, her feminist work greatly reflects the

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American mood of that era.

The talk will examine Urban’s uniquely shaped canvases and constructions and address how her sense of identity affected her art. Like that of some of her contemporaries, Reva’s engagement in feminist ideas augured concerns that became increasingly prominent in the art of the late 1960s and beyond.

Chamber Orchestra series continues at TPAC

On Feb. 14, the Temple Performing Arts Center will host the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia in Lew Klein Hall at 7:30 p.m. The orchestra will perform Mozart’s *Don Giovanni Overture* and Clarinet Concerto in A minor (featuring clarinetist Anthony McGill of the Metropolitan Opera). The concert will close with the world premiere of a composition by Steven Mackey.

Tickets, which are \$20 for general admission and \$15 for Temple students with a valid OwlCard, can be purchased by calling the Liacouras Box Office at 1-800-298-4200 or by ordering online at liacourascenter.com.

Career support available to students

Temple’s Career Center will host several mid-February events to prepare students for the university Career Fair later in the month.

On Feb. 16, the center will host the Dress 4 Success Fashion Show in the Great Court of Mitten Hall from 5-7 p.m. Students can learn tips on how to dress professionally and receive discounts to local clothing stores.

Resumania, which will be held on Feb. 17, allows students to receive immediate feedback on their resumes. The event will take place from 10-3 p.m. at the Career Center, in Mitten Hall.

On Feb. 20, students can attend the Career Fair Prep, where they can prepare to navigate the Career Fair, which will be held on Feb. 23. The prep event will take place from 4-5 p.m. at the Howard Gittis Student Center in room 217CD. The Career Fair will be held from noon until 4 p.m. in Student Center room 200.