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- **Father Bertrand Buby, S.M.**, recently recorded 24 theological lessons on Mary for a CD series by NowYouKnow Media's religion division. The series addresses Catholic doctrine, scripture, church history, spirituality, ethics, the sacraments and a variety of other topics. Buby is a professor emeritus of religious studies. His most recent book is *With a Listening Heart: Biblical and Spiritual Reflections on the Psalms.*

Service

- At the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Chicago on Nov. 1, religious studies professor **Mike Barnes** chaired his first semiannual board meeting as the new president of the College Theology Society.
- **Robert L. Mott**, professor emeritus of engineering technology, was a planner and participant in the Manufacturing Education Leadership Forum in Farmingdale, N.Y., Nov. 13-15. The Society of Manufacturing Engineers’ Manufacturing Education and Research Community sponsored the forum.

Media

- An article in the Aug. 31 edition of *Our Sunday Visitor* praised the publication of *The Praeger Handbook of Religion and Education in the United States*, co-written by UD teacher education faculty member **Thomas C. Hunt** and James C. Carper. The book is the 12th Hunt has written in his 12 years at UD. It will be published in early 2009 by Greenwood Publishing. Hunt said he hopes the book will help enlighten current debates and discussions about the role of religion in American education. The handbook is "an enormously important new book in its field," said Robert Linder, University Distinguished Professor of History at Kansas State University. Their work "sheds light on the increasingly intense debates in this country concerning religion-education and church-state issues. ... The inclusion of a convenient table summarizing all of the religious freedom decisions of the Supreme Court from 1815 to the present is icing on the cake."
- In a local television news segment on the economy, mathematics professor and department chair **Joe Mashburn** described the concept of "trillion." It appeared Nov. 26 on WKEF-TV, Channel 22, and Fox 45. To view it online, see The WKEF-TV (url: http://www.wkef22.com/shared/newsroom/top_stories/wkef_vid_1377.shtml) Web site.
- History professor **Larry Schweikart's** op-ed piece "The Wrong Syllabus" appeared in *The New York Sun* on Sept. 22. In it, Schweikart used examples from college textbooks to demonstrate that modern historians portray American history with a liberal slant and produce a flawed view of the United States. Since the September release of his book *48 Liberal Lies About American History (That You Probably Learned in School)* (Sentinel), Schweikart has done dozens of radio interviews in top-100 markets.

Attendance

- **Charles Russo**, Joseph Panzer Professor of Education in the School of Education and Allied Professions' department of educational leadership and an adjunct professor of law, will participate in the inaugural session of the Forum on Minority Issues for the United Nations Dec. 15-16 in Geneva. The forum convenes representatives of governments, UN bodies, specialized agencies, human rights organizations, academics, non-governmental organizations and experts on minority issues. The first session addresses minorities and the right to education.

Accomplishments

- Mathematics educator **Janet Herrelko**, associate professor of teacher education, received her National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification renewal in adolescent to young adult mathematics. The renewal process required a portfolio of documentation of professional growth, video of her effective teaching in a classroom of high school math students, and reflections upon her work done during her ten years of certification.
- UD senior criminal justice and sociology major **Monica DiGiandomenico** of West Chester, Pa., recently completed an internship for the NCIS, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. NCIS internships teach protective operations, threat management, forensic services, and investigations of cold-case homicides and family and sexual violence. Working with local, state, federal, and foreign agencies, NCIS helps counter and investigate terrorism, espionage, computer
intrusion, homicide, rape, child abuse, arson, procurement fraud and other serious crimes. DiGiandomenico is a research assistant in the sociology, anthropology and social work department.

Presentations

- UD law professor Francis Conte, who is teaching in the fall term as a Fulbright Scholar at the law school of the University of Warsaw, Poland, spoke Nov. 18 at an international education conference at the invitation of the Fulbright Commission. In his address to vice rector’s and directors of international relations of Polish universities, he discussed international education for Polish students in the United States.
- Wiebke Diestelkamp, associate professor of mathematics, gave an invited address at the fall meeting of the Ohio Section of the Mathematical Association of America on Oct. 25. The address, “On the Difficulty of Faking Data,” addressed how preconceived notions of randomness differ from true randomness. In it, Diestelkamp raised examples that seem to contradict intuition and introduced methods that can help to distinguish random from fake data. Diestelkamp is one of three directors of Ohio NExT, a professional development program for new faculty in the Ohio Section of the MAA.
- Deogratias Eustace, assistant professor of civil engineering, was a keynote speaker at the World Usability Day Nov. 13 at the Lexis Nexis offices in Miamisburg. Eustace, who studies transportation, addressed demographics and safety in driving. He shared information on driver involvement in fatal accidents by age and gender and suggested some possible safety countermeasures.
- In a presentation at the regional seminar of the Education Writers Association in Chicago Sept. 19-20 Thomas J. Lasley II, dean of the UD School of Education and Allied Professions, gave a presentation that addressed college accountability for teacher success; diversity preparedness; curricular philosophy and practicality; alternative certification programs; and trends in teacher education. The seminar drew journalists from major national and international media outlets to discuss traditional and alternative certification models and their impact on teacher preparation and teacher quality.

Honors, awards

- Tom Eggemeier, dean of the Graduate School, received the 2008 Arnold M. Small President’s Distinguished Service Award Sept. 23 from the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society. The award recognizes career contributions that have brought honor to the human factors profession and to the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society. Eggemeier, who was associate editor of Human Factors from 1991 through 1996, is the author of numerous journal articles, proceedings papers, book chapters, and technical reports. He's been an HFES member for more than 35 years.
- Physics professor Said Elhamri, psychology associate professor Mark Rye and Spanish associate professor Janis Krugh received recognition as top Ohio college and university professors in Ohio Magazine's 2008 Excellence in Education program. Honorees appear in a feature on higher education in the December issue of the magazine.
- In November, Paul McManamon, technical director of UD's Ladar and Optical Communication Institute, LOCI, was named a fellow of the IEEE, a worldwide professional organization promoting technology advancement. McManamon, who teaches in the UD School of Engineering's graduate program in electro-optics, is also a fellow of SPIE, The International Society for Optics and Photonics; OSA, The Optical Society of America; MSS, the Military Sensing Society; and the Air Force Research Laboratory.
- Julie Mitchell, assistant dean of continuing education and special programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, was a community role model for the Opera Guild of Dayton's BRAVO! Fashion Show fundraising event Oct. 9-10.
- With a salmon appetizer at the March of Dimes Foundation's Signature Chef Auction Oct. 6, UD chefs Herbert Schotz, Mike Ciesa and Mary Tompkins drew $3,800 in auction bids for the foundation. Two winning bidders paid $1,900 each for a catered dinner for eight at the home of UD President Daniel J. Curran.