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### Presentations

- **David Herrelko**, Bernhard M. Schmidt Chair in Engineering Leadership, presented "Disruptive Technologies: Change or Be Changed!" in a plenary session April 22 at the 6th annual Nanomaterials for Defense Conference in Arlington, Va.
- **Sheila Hassell Hughes**, associate professor of English, will present her research on religion and gender in Native American literature and participate in a roundtable discussion on teaching multi-ethnic literature at the 53rd annual Writing and Literature Conference at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill., Sept. 25. The conference's theme is Through Many Dangers, Toils, and Snares: Writing Race and Faith. Hughes also will present a paper on books as sacred spirits from her research on Native American writer Louise Erdrich at the 14th Conference of the International Transgression in Religion, Literature and Culture at the University of Aarhus in Denmark Oct. 17-19. The conference's theme is Breaking the Norms: Reception, Transformation, and Transgression in Religion, Literature, and Culture.

### Internships

- **Elke Hatch** of the languages department reports that seven students have accepted internships in Germany this summer. Through the Research Internships in Science and Engineering program, biochemistry major **Krista Versteeg** will work in Leipzig, and mechanical engineering major **Andrew Hazlett** will work on projects with textile-reinforced concrete at the Technical University of Aachen. **Sara Storti**, who is studying German and education, will work at an English school in Radolfzell. Chemical engineering major **Francis Berkemeier** has an internship through the Transatlantic Renewable Energy Exchange with the support of the American Council on Renewable Energy. Biology and math major **Nathan Frantz** has a laboratory internship in Dusseldorf investigating the metabolism and absorption of dietary flavonoids. Others studying in Germany include mechanical engineering major **Matthew Rau** and English major **Adam Hornbacker**.

### Summer study

- **Nyasha Junior**, an assistant professor in religious studies, has received support from the National Endowment for the Humanities to participate in the five-week institute Holy Land and Holy City in Classical Judaism, Christianity, and Islam at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies in England.

### Certifications

- **Donna Hess** of the geology department, **Mechelle Lamb** of the office of community standards and civility, **Margaret McCrate** of religious studies and **Caroline Phipps** of the law library have passed the Certified Professional Secretary examination and earned the designation of CPS.

### Awards

- UD faculty members **Rex Berney** (physics), **Lloyd Laubach** (health and sport science), **Leno Pedrotti** (physics) and **Margaret Pinnell** (mechanical engineering) received Excellence in Teaching awards from the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education April 25. They were among 47 honorees from the 13 SOCHE member institutions.

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