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People in action:

Chemical and Materials Engineering

Bob Wilkens

Associate professor Bob Wilkens recently published two articles:


Electrical and Computer Engineering

Alan Jennings

Graduate student Alan Jennings made a presentation at the second annual Dayton Engineering Sciences Symposium at Wright State University on Oct. 30. Jennings presented “Principles of Path Planning Algorithm Creation for Use in Autonomous Vehicles or Robots.” Path planning is a developing field in response to the demand for autonomous decisions and advances in computation and sensor power.

English

Albino Carrillo

Poems by Albino Carrillo are included in a new anthology of poetry, The Wind Shifts - New Latino Poetry, that will be published in April by the University of Arizona Press. The anthology includes new poems by Carrillo as well as some from his first book, In the City of Smoking Mirrors.

History

Ellen Fleischmann

Ellen Fleischmann’s article, "Evangelization or Education: American Protestant Missionaries, the American Board, and the Girls and Women of Syria (1830-1910)," was published in New Faith in Ancient Lands: Western Missions in the Middle East in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries, edited by Heleen Van der Murre. Leiden: Brill, 2006.

Music Therapy

James Hiller

At the annual conference of the American Music Therapy Association in Kansas City, Mo., in November, James Hiller presented a workshop on models of assessment in clinical improvisation and a research paper on the results of a national survey of professional music therapists regarding training in clinical improvisation.

Religious Studies

Father James L. Heft, S.M.

Passing on the Faith: Transforming Traditions for the Next Generation of Jews, Christians and Muslims, a book edited and introduced by Father James L. Heft, S.M., was published last month by Fordham University Press. The book includes essays by Jews, Muslims and Christians that explore the challenges of passing on the faith to young people in a culture that is pluralistic, consumerist and individualistic.
The book was reviewed by Peter Phan, director of Georgetown University's Ph. D. program in inter-religious dialogue, who wrote, "Parents, whether Jewish, Christian or Muslim, are rightly concerned about how to transmit to their children the beliefs and practices of their faith, which often they have risked life and limbs to preserve by coming to the United States. This book offers a wealthy of historical, psychological, sociological, and theological insights into the transmission of faith from generation to generation. Parents, and religious leaders too, owe James Heft a debt of gratitude for his generous service in putting these essays together. Truly a must-read for people charged with the transmission of faith."

Heft is on leave from the University of Dayton and serving as president of the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California.