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# News Release

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### **Texas Tech Creative Writing Professor Receives NEA Fellowship**

Jacqueline Kolosov-Wenthe, associate professor of creative writing in the Department of English at Texas Tech University, received a \$25,000 literature fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

She will use the grant to write a novel about Julie Manet, niece of painter Edouard Manet and daughter of impressionist painter, Berthe Morisot, to explore visual art, history and women. Also, she will develop a linked collection involving mothers and daughters that also includes autobiographical work.

"I am grateful and honored to receive this fellowship from the NEA which comes at a most rewarding and challenging time in my life," Kolosov-Wenthe said. "In the same year I applied for the grant, I gave birth to my daughter, Sophie; published my first novel, 'The Red Queen's Daughter,' and my first full-length poetry collection, 'Vago.'"

"The NEA has become for me a validation of the time I devote to writing, time which I must inevitably spend apart from my daughter."

Kolosov-Wenthe was one of 40 writers to receive this grant for fiction and nonfiction prose. About 1,000 apply for the grant, and a writer can win this grant twice in a lifetime.

Besides "The Red Queen's Daughter," she is the author of the children's book, "Grace from China," and the forthcoming young adult novel, "Miranda." Her poetry collection, "Vago," was published by Lewis-Clark Press.

Kolosov-Wenthe's poetry collections, "Modigliani's Muse" and "Ordinary" are forthcoming in 2008-2009. The co-editor of two anthologies of women's prose, Jacqueline's own prose and poetry have appeared in journals including *Shenandoah*, *Orion*, *The Southern Review*, *Poetry* and *PRISM International*. She earned her doctoral degree in literature from New York University in 1995, and now works in the genres of poetry, fiction and nonfiction.

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### **Culture Clash in AmeriCCa headline performance at Texas Tech**

The Los Angeles-based Latino/Chicano trio Culture Clash will perform at 7 p.m. Jan. 17 in the Allen Theatre in the Texas Tech Student Union Building.

The performance is sponsored by Texas Tech's Cross Cultural Academic Advancement Center and the Office of Institutional Diversity. Admission is free. However several organizations are selling \$5 tickets to support scholarship funds. This ticket guarantees VIP Seating and admission to the VIP reception following the performance. The Cross Cultural Academic Advancement Center and the Office of Institutional Diversity can provide a list of groups selling tickets, or tickets can be bought through the office and the proceeds will be divided among the participating groups. The office can be reached at (806) 742-8681.

Culture Clash in AmeriCCa members Richard Montoya, Ric Salinas and Herbert Siguenza have been developing the show for several years, incorporating material drawn from in-depth interviews with people from every region of the country. The result is a continually fresh examination of American consciousness in flux, split and stunned by war and terrorism, alternately shocked and bored by sex and sexuality, and equally proud of and perturbed by the country's reputation as a great melting pot.

The revolving characters and scenes in Culture Clash in AmeriCCa represent the diverse population of the country it skewers and celebrates. Recent performances have included scenes of ghettoized immigrants in San Diego, a Muslim taxi driver in Washington, D.C., a bitter but clear-eyed Vietnam veteran who trades American life for life in a Mexican border town, a young Asian man part of the hip-hop generation who embraces the gang-thug life as a fashion statement, a transgender sex educator, and two white lesbians experiencing isolation among their new suburban neighbors and most recently characters drawn from interviews with Katrina refugees living in Houston.

"This is what we do all across the country," said Montoya. "Transcending the early ideas of what 'Chicano theatre' was to be. We venture outside our own barrio and into yours, to peel back the layers of what makes Lubbock tick and talk."

Formed in 1984, Culture Clash fills a unique role in American theatre. Hailed as "the Marx Brothers meet the Rolling Stones," by American Theatre magazine, these acclaimed social anthropologists have dug deep into American culture, creating

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memorable new plays and characters. Since the group's genesis in San Francisco's Mission District, these sociopolitical satirists have written more than a dozen plays.

Culture Clash's work has ranged from sketch comedy to an adaptation of Aristophanes, to a reworking of the late Frank Loesser's long-lost musical, "Señor Discretion, Himself," which had its world premiere in 2004 at the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. During the past several years, Culture Clash has focused on site-specific theatre, weaving into an ongoing dramatic tapestry personal narratives culled from interviews with homegrown residents. Theatre companies in Miami, Washington D.C., New York, San Diego, and San Francisco have commissioned performance pieces specifically for those cities.

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## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Award-Winning Risk Management Event Broadens Scope**

Program memorializing Texas Tech student includes all student organizations.

Texas Tech University's Center for Campus Life will host an expanded version of its nationally recognized Clay R. Warren Memorial Risk Management Retreat on Saturday (Jan. 12) at the Texas Tech School of Law.

In September 2006, approximately 140 chapter members representing more than 30 Texas Tech Greek organizations gathered at the first risk management retreat in memory of Clay R. Warren – a Texas Tech freshman who died from injuries he suffered in an automobile wreck while returning home from a fraternity event in 2002.

Now, three retreats and nearly two years later, more than 260 students from Texas Tech fraternities, sororities, sports clubs and student organizations will gather to cultivate campus-wide risk awareness and management practices.

"It was always our intent to include all student organizations, not just fraternities and sororities," said Elizabeth Massengale, associate director of the Center. "With help from the Warren family, the retreat has grown and received support locally and nationally."

Students will discuss an array of risk management issues, including possession and use of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs, sexual abuse and harassment, hazing, travel, and strategies for each organization to prevent other risky behaviors.

In 2006, the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators honored the retreat with a silver award for exemplary efforts in increasing risk awareness and management.

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### **New Fourth Street Bus Route Plan to Increase Student Safety**

A new bus route geared toward Texas Tech University students living along and north of Fourth Street should help them navigate highway construction.

“Student safety is our highest priority,” said Taylor Hutcherson, Student Government Association external vice president. “For students walking to class, the Marsha Sharp Freeway construction makes crossing Fourth Street a dangerous proposition. By adding the new bus route we hope to give students a safer alternative to get to class.”

The bus route, called the Construction Route to avoid confusion with existing routes, will run clockwise with four stops at Heritage Apartments, Sierra Crossing Apartments, Savoy Apartments and in the C-1 commuter lot west of Jones AT&T Stadium. From the C-1 lot students may then get on the Red Raider Route or the Double T Route to get anywhere on campus.

The Construction Route will operate until pedestrian bridges across the Marsha Sharp Freeway are completed in late spring. Service begins Wednesday (Jan. 9) the first class day of the spring semester. Busses will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., passing each stop every 20 minutes.

The Student Government Association is responsible for negotiating student bus service with Citibus. Funding for the temporary route is coming from budget surpluses and from the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

For questions or more information, contact the Student Government Association office at (806) 742-3631. A map of the new route can be found at [www.sga.ttu.edu](http://www.sga.ttu.edu).

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### **Texas Dance Halls Book Makes “Two-Step Circuit” of State**

Austin author Gail Folkins, whose essay/photographic book “Texas Dance Halls: A Two-Step Circuit” debuted in October 2007 from Texas Tech University Press, will be reading from her book at several of the state’s historic dance halls and other venues this spring.

In “Texas Dance Halls,” Folkins and photographer J. Marcus Weekley capture the sights, sounds and history of 18 of the state’s renowned music establishments. This book is not just about the music and the dancers – it also celebrates the men and women, some of them third-generation dance hall operators, who keep the dance hall doors open.

To see and hear more on the book, go to:

<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/communications/news/stories/07-11-dance-halls-book.php>

- Gruene Hall Book Signing  
Jan 12, 2-4 p.m.  
White Ghost Shivers will play from 1-5 p.m. in the hall (no cover)  
Gruene Hall  
1281 Gruene Road, New Braunfels  
Event contact: Jennifer Lopez, (830) 515-1900
- BookPeople  
Reading and music with TC Taylor and John Koehler  
7 p.m. Jan. 18  
603 N. Lamar, Austin  
Event contact: Laurie Outterside, (512) 472-4288
- London Dance Hall  
Music by TC Taylor and book signing  
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Jan. 26  
Highway 377, London  
Event contact: Gail Folkins, (512) 203-4484

- German-Texas Heritage Society  
Book signing  
3 p.m. Feb. 17  
507 East 10th St., Austin  
Event contact: Gerri Gehman West, (512) 482-0927
- Writers' League of Texas  
Featured Speaker  
7 p.m. April 17  
Barnes and Noble Westlake  
701 S. Capital of Texas Highway, Austin  
Event contact: Amanda King, (512) 499-8914  
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For more information, author photo and cover art, or a review copy of "Texas Dance Halls: A Two-Step Circuit," contact Barbara Brannon, marketing manager, Texas Tech University Press, (806) 742-2982 or [barbara.brannon@ttu.edu](mailto:barbara.brannon@ttu.edu).



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### **Valentine's Day Experts Available for Interviews on Love, Communication and the Not-So-Happy Endings**

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and love is in the air – or is it?

Texas Tech experts can talk about more than your standard cliché love topics. From busting the Valentine's Day myth that lots of flowers and candy equal quality expressions of love to why people choose bad mates and stay in bad relationships, these five experts can add a different twist to your story. Visit the Hot Topics section of [experts.ttu.edu](http://experts.ttu.edu) for more information.

**Patrick Hughes, associate professor in the Department of Communication Studies**, can discuss how the everyday, mundane acts of kindness toward a loved one matter more than a blitzkrieg of candy and cards on Valentine's Day. Also, lots of conflict in a relationship doesn't mean the end – it's how conflict is handled that matters. **He can be reached at (806) 742-3911, [patrick.hughes@ttu.edu](mailto:patrick.hughes@ttu.edu).**

**Luis Ramirez, assistant professor of sociology**, is an expert about the lesser-known forms of intimate partner violence such as psychological or mental abuse directed toward males, who are not often as susceptible to physical violence. **He can be reached at (806) 742-2401 ext. 255 or [l.ramirez@ttu.edu](mailto:l.ramirez@ttu.edu).**

**Martha Smithey, associate professor of sociology**, can speak about intimate partner violence, otherwise known as domestic violence. Specifically, she can speak about what factors motivate individuals to begin abusing their partners and how to leave unhealthy relationships successfully. **She can be reached at (806) 742-2401 ext. 254 or [m.smithey@ttu.edu](mailto:m.smithey@ttu.edu).**

**David Rudd, chairman of the Department of Psychology**, can speak about why people tend to make bad mate choices, then choose to stay in an unhappy relationship despite the obvious emotional strain. He helps unhappy couples in his psychology clinics on a weekly basis. **He can be reached at (806) 742-3711 ext. 224 or [david.rudd@ttu.edu](mailto:david.rudd@ttu.edu).**

**Narissra M. Punyanunt-Carter, assistant professor in the Department of Communication Studies**, can discuss how affectionate communication can lead to a healthy relationship, and why romance and affection are not just meant for Valentine's Day. **She can be reached at (806) 742-3273, or at [n.punyanunt@ttu.edu](mailto:n.punyanunt@ttu.edu).**

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**Clyde Hendrick and Susan Hendrick, both Horn Professors of Psychology at Texas Tech University,** can offer several tips for surviving Valentine's Day, whether a person is a hopeless romantic or a clueless one. The couple is known as the "love doctors," and both were recently featured in the PBS series "State of Tomorrow." **Clyde can be reached at (806) 742-3711, ext. 248, or [clyde.hendrick@ttu.edu](mailto:clyde.hendrick@ttu.edu); Susan can be reached at (806) 742-3711, ext. 244, or [s.hendrick@ttu.edu](mailto:s.hendrick@ttu.edu).**



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### **Taylor Dancers Hold Master Classes throughout Texas Tech, Community Prior to Two-Night Performance**

The Taylor Dance Company of New York, created by modern dance legend Paul Taylor, will open the spring season for the Texas Tech University Presidential Lecture & Performance Series.

Prior to the performances this Friday and Saturday, performers will hold a series of master classes that are open for the media to cover.

The company will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday (Jan. 11-12) at the Allen Theatre at Texas Tech's Student Union Building. These works by Paul Taylor are made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts American Masterpiece: Dance Initiative, administered by the New England Foundation for the Arts. Additional support is provided by Mid-America Arts Alliance.

Media can attend the following events:

#### **Thursday (Jan. 10) at Texas Tech University**

11 a.m.-12:20 p.m. – Intermediate Technique, Texas Tech University Dance Studio, Sports Studies Center, 18<sup>th</sup> Street east of Boston Avenue.

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – Lecture: Learning and Teaching the Taylor Style, room 164 of the Business Administration Building on the Texas Tech Campus. Company members will speak to the dance pedagogy class about how to effectively learn and teach the repertory of an established choreographer.

12:30 p.m.-3 p.m. – Open Rehearsal with Q&A, room 114 of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, Hartford Avenue and Main Street. The company will rehearse for upcoming performances and take a short question and answer session following rehearsal.

3:30 p.m.-6 p.m. – Repertory Dance, Texas Tech University Dance Studio, Sports Studies Center, 18<sup>th</sup> Street east of Boston Avenue. This segment provides students in the Texas Tech University Dance Company with

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exposure to the Taylor Repertory.

### **Thursday at Ballet Lubbock**

5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. – Intermediate/Advanced Technique, Ballet Lubbock, 5702 Genoa Ave. High school-aged students from Ballet Lubbock will get initiated into the world of modern dance and Taylor's style of dance.

### **Thursday at Maggie Trejo Center**

**(Editor's note: Media should make an appointment prior to events by calling Crystal Miro at (806) 767-2705 or (806) 928-9622)**

3:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m. – Mini-Class for Beginners, Maggie Trejo Center, 3200 Amherst Ave. About 25 6- to 8-year-old students will participate in a beginner dance class.

4:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m. – Mini-Class for Beginners, Maggie Trejo Center, 3200 Amherst Ave. A smaller group of 6- to 8-year-olds with more dance experience will participate in this class.

### **Friday (Jan. 11) at Texas Tech University**

10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – Advanced Technique, Texas Tech University Dance Studio, Sports Studies Center, 18<sup>th</sup> Street east of Boston Avenue.

10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – Beginning Technique, room 114 of the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center, Hartford Avenue and Main Street. This class is open to anyone interested in learning about the Taylor style of movement. Previous dance experience is helpful, but not required.

Noon-1:30 p.m. – Taylor Choreography, Texas Tech University Dance Studio, Sports Studies Center, 18<sup>th</sup> Street east of Boston Avenue. Company members will speak to the Advanced Choreography class about Taylor's choreographic process and learning Taylor movement. This can be a lecture or movement/lecture class.

### **Friday at the Lomax Center or Lubbock High School**

10 a.m.– 11 a.m. – Mini-class for Beginners, Lomax Center, 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue P. About 50 6- to 8-year-old students will participate in a beginner dance class.



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**Saturday (Jan. 12) at Texas Tech University**

10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – Advanced Technique, Texas Tech University Dance Studio, Sports Studies Center, 18<sup>th</sup> Street east of Boston Avenue.

Noon-1:30 p.m. – Beginning/Intermediate Technique, Texas Tech University Dance Studio, Sports Studies Center, 18<sup>th</sup> Street east of Boston Avenue. This class is open to anyone interested in learning about the Taylor style of movement. Previous dance experience is helpful, but not required.

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### **Love Doctors Prescribe Advice to Hopeless, Clueless Romantics**

Valentine's Day can be a dreamy time for hopeless romantics or a nightmare for their clueless counterparts.

Texas Tech University psychology professors Clyde Hendrick and Susan Hendrick, also known as the "love doctors" and recently featured in the PBS series "State of Tomorrow," offer several tips for surviving the holiday, no matter what end of the spectrum you fall on. For more on the Hendricks or other Valentine's Day experts, visit the Hot Topics section of [experts.ttu.edu](http://experts.ttu.edu).

For the clueless:

- Don't be pressured to spend lavishly. Thoughtful gifts can be extravagant or inexpensive.
- Ask your partner what he or she likes. Don't feel like you have to be a mind-reader.
- Don't let Valentine's Day be the only day you show affection for your partner.
- Realize that one size does not fit all. The traditional flowers, candy or cards may not be the best gift for your loved one.
- Ask your partner if there is anything you could do to make his or her life easier. It's the little things that count. During busy times, make an effort to "check in" with your partner to say you miss him or her and would like to be able to spend more time together.

For the romantics:

- Be gracious. If your partner made a good attempt to give you something special, be thankful whether you like the gift or not.
- Understand that your partner doesn't love you any less if he or she cannot always anticipate your wants.
- Communication is key. For couples who communicate well, every day can be Valentine's Day.

For everyone:

- Remember that the best gift you can give is your time, your attention, your love, and yourself.

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# Advisory

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### **Texas Tech and Health Sciences Center Receive StormReady Certification**

**WHAT:** Presentation of StormReady Certification to Texas Tech University and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

**WHEN:** 11 a.m. Wednesday (Jan. 16)

**WHERE:** Board of Regents meeting Room, second floor of the Administration Building

**EVENT:** Representatives of the National Weather Service will present the two universities with StormReady certification. Texas Tech and the Health Sciences Center will become the largest universities in Texas to receive the designation.

The National Weather Service began the StormReady program in 1999 to help communities, universities and others organizations guard against severe weather. The NWS statistics show that there are about 10,000 thunderstorms and 1,000 tornadoes in the United States each year.

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# News Release

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### **Texas Tech is StormReady**

With the spring severe weather season approaching, Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center today (Jan. 16) became the largest universities in Texas to receive the StormReady certification from the National Weather Service (NWS).

The designation signifies that the universities are prepared to safeguard their students, faculty, staff and property from severe weather. Two other universities in Texas and 19 more across the country have earned this certification.

"The personal safety of our student body, faculty and staff is of the utmost importance to the Texas Tech University System," said Chancellor Kent Hance. "This proactive program, among many others, will help us prepare for an emergency situation."

The National Weather Service began the StormReady program in 1999 to help communities, universities and others organizations guard against severe weather. The NWS statistics show that there are about 10,000 thunderstorms and 1,000 tornadoes in the United States each year.

"We are pleased to see Texas Tech's commitment to weather safety," said Jody James, the warning coordination meteorologist at the National Weather Service Office in Lubbock. "StormReady communities are better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe weather through better planning, education and awareness."

The Texas Tech Police Department took the lead in acquiring the certification for the university. The process included a written application, a verification visit by NWS personnel and approval by a local StormReady Board of Directors.

Texas Tech met all qualifications before applying for the designation. Criteria included having multiple ways to receive and distribute severe weather information, having an emergency operation center and having established severe weather preparedness plans.

For more information on the StormReady program go to [www.stormready.noaa.gov](http://www.stormready.noaa.gov).

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### **Texas Tech Researchers Discover Surprising Gymnastics in One Type of Chemical Reaction Fundamental to Biochemistry**

When they started, they expected to see a run-of-the-mill chemical reaction.

What they discovered was an atomic-level dance that no one predicted.

After three years of study, researchers at Texas Tech University and the Physics Institute of the University of Freiburg, Germany, have found that one type of a certain chemical reaction fundamental to cellular biochemistry is actually more complex than originally thought.

Knowledge of how these  $S_N2$  chemical reactions occur at the atomic level could mean better-engineered drugs or a greater understanding of metabolic chemistry and medicine, said William "Bill" Hase, the Robert A. Welch Professor of Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Texas Tech University.

"Understanding this kind of reaction in terms of cell biology may help us to predict rates of chemical changes in a cell and understand how changes of molecular structure affect cell function," Hase said. "When you take drugs, they are there to alter the chemistry of the cell, or to alter the course of a chemical process. To understand exactly how these types of  $S_N2$  reactions occur could lead to changes in how we design drugs."

Their work was published in the Jan. 11 issue of *Science*. It was funded by grants from the National Science Foundation and the Robert A. Welch Foundation.

Hase, a pioneer of computerized simulations of chemical reactions, said that  $S_N2$  reactions are fundamental to cellular metabolism. Hase, with research colleagues U. Lourderaj and Jiaxu Zhang, used supercomputers to generate exactly what happens in the  $S_N2$  reaction when a chloride ion came in contact with methyl iodide ( $CH_3I$ ).

"We discovered a fundamentally new mechanism for this reaction that no one would have discovered without computer simulation," Hase said. "We discovered there was an exciting new way that the atoms move for the reaction to occur. I could never have conceived of how this type of reaction occurs before I'd seen the actual computer simulation."



Instead of a linear-type reaction, where the chloride ion knocks the iodine atom off the compound, Hase found that the chloride ion actually roundhouse kicks the methyl iodide compound in a circle before the iodide ion falls off. Researchers weren't expecting to see the complex gymnastics involved, he said.

Philip Smith, senior director of Texas Tech's High Performance Computing Center, said Hase's research numerically simulates collections of atoms, and is a very computer-intensive endeavor.

Some of his simulations may run for weeks or even months on 32 or more processors, Smith said. Usually, these computers must run hundreds of such simulations to obtain chemically meaningful results.

"These computations lead to insights on how atoms react to form molecules and how catalysts work," Smith said. "It is our job at the High Performance Computing Center to help configure the hardware and software to support such activities. We also "tune" the codes that Bill uses so that they run two to 10 times faster than they would 'out of the box.' "

To obtain a copy of this report, contact John Davis at (806) 742-2136 or [john.w.davis@ttu.edu](mailto:john.w.davis@ttu.edu). To view a simulation of the chemical reaction, visit [monte.chem.ttu.edu](http://monte.chem.ttu.edu) and click on the animations link.

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### **Texas Tech's Fulbright Faculty Experience Detailed in Photo Exhibit**

If a picture is worth a thousand words, the organizers of Texas Tech University's Fulbright Faculty Photo exhibition hope attendees can experience an entire library's worth of information upon seeing the images in this exhibit.

The show features the work of six Texas Tech faculty members who traveled around the globe on Fulbright grants, said Jane Bell, director of operations at the International Cultural Center and organizer for the exhibit.

It opens from 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 1, and will continue indefinitely on display at the International Cultural Center, 601 Indiana Ave. The show is the early part of the First Friday Art Trail, an event that showcases works of art in the galleries, studios and restaurants of Lubbock.

"We've wanted to highlight our faculty who have been awarded Fulbrights for some time now," Bell said. "Each faculty member has written a paragraph describing his or her Fulbright experience to accompany the work. These faculty members have brought distinction to Texas Tech University, because it's such a prestigious award."

The show features:

- Joseph Aranha, associate professor of architecture who traveled to Zimbabwe
- James C. Watkins, assistant academic dean of architecture who traveled to Vietnam
- Gary Elbow, associate academic dean of the Honors College who traveled to Ecuador
- Susan Fortney, professor of law who traveled to Slovenia
- Laura Beard, associate professor of Spanish who traveled to Mexico
- Lorenz Lutherer, professor of physiology and internal medicine at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center who traveled to Peru

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The exhibit is free and open to the public. Because of construction, take University Avenue or Texas Tech Parkway to Fourth Street, then turn south down Indiana Avenue.

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### **Internationally-Known Ceramic Artists to Speak at Texas Tech Clay on the Wall Art Symposium**

**WHAT:** Clay on the Wall Art Symposium

**WHEN:** Jan. 18–19. Artists' reception 6-8 p.m. Jan. 19.

**WHERE:** Landmark Arts Gallery located in the Art Building on Texas Tech's campus, near 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Flint Avenue east of the Architecture Building.

**EVENT:** Internationally-known ceramic artists Don Reitz, Patti Warashina, Bill Hunt and John Balistreri will speak during the Clay on the Wall Symposium Weekend.

A reception for the artists will be held from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 19.

Attendance to all events is free and open to the public, however pre-registration is required for the ceramic demonstrations. To pre-register for the symposium or for more information on the exhibition, visit [www.landmarkarts.org](http://www.landmarkarts.org).

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## **Legal Expert Available to Speak about Border Fence Land Standoff**

Law professor says government can take property belonging to family for centuries.

As the U.S. government proceeds with its plan to build a 700-mile fence along the U.S.-Mexican border, some land owners' tempers are flaring at the government's seizure of their land.

Richard Rosen, an associate professor of law at Texas Tech University's School of Law, and constitutional law expert, says that generally the government is within its rights to seize citizens' property for public use.

If the Department of Homeland Security gets its way, 370 miles of the fence will be built by the end of this year, with about 70 miles of it in the Rio Grande Valley. Eloisa Tamez owns three acres of land in El Calaboz, along the border where the fence is to be built. Tamez' property is a remnant of a 12,000-acre grant from Spain to her family in 1767, before the United States even existed. She plans to fight for her family's history.

"This appears to be a takings issue," said Rosen. "The courts have always assumed that the United States has the authority to take private property for public use."

Rosen said the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution has a "Takings Clause," but the clause does not prohibit the government from exercising its power of eminent domain and taking private property. It simply requires that the property taken be for a "public use" and that the government provides "just compensation" for the property taken.

Any taking of the property in this case would unquestionably be for a public use—*i.e.*, border security, Rosen said. The courts have been willing to find a "public use" in cases where the link between the public and the purpose of the taking was much more attenuated. In a 2005 case, the Supreme Court found a public use to exist when land was taken from homeowners and ultimately given to a private developer.

Rosen believes the landowners' remedy should be limited to monetary relief; that is, seeking just compensation for any part of their property taken by the government.

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### **The Man Behind Texas Tech's Beautiful Campus Retires**

**[Editor's Note: A reception for Shroyer is set from 3-5 p.m. today (Jan. 18) in the Frazier Pavilion.]**

If you have seen the Texas Tech University campus any time since 1966, you know Dewey Shroyer's work.

Now, the man that many will tell you is responsible for the campus' beauty has retired. But he'll tell you he doesn't deserve the credit – it should go to a lot of talented, dedicated people.

"I've had a lot of good people, people who have been with me a long time," Shroyer said. "The key is to hire good people who care about the job that they are doing."

For four decades, Shroyer has been responsible for the grass, flowers, trees – you know, the stuff that makes Texas Tech one of the most beautiful campuses in the country. The department has the national awards to back up the claim. There are four Professional Grounds Management awards, four from the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association, three from the Texas Community Forestry Service and the list goes on.

He has worked for 11 presidents, three interim presidents, three chancellors and one interim chancellor since he was named superintendent of grounds maintenance in 1966.

"We've been lucky to have good support from the administration and the Board of Regents," he said.

Shroyer didn't intend to spend his career at Texas Tech, or even have a career in this field. He enrolled at Texas Tech intending to be an architect.

"When I was nearing graduation, there just weren't any jobs," Shroyer said. "I talked to a friend who lived in the same mobile home park with me and he suggested I go speak to Elo Urbanovsky, head of Texas Tech's Department of Park Administration."

That conversation led Shroyer to a new major, park administration and a license in landscape architecture. He went on to complete a master's degree and he and his wife JoAnn intended to leave Lubbock once he finished his master's degree.

"I had a couple of interviews, but Bill Kitchen offered me a job at Texas Tech, making a little more money," he said. "We still had the mobile home in Lubbock and wouldn't need to move, so I took the job."

In 1973, Kitchen moved to teaching full time and Shroyer was offered the job of acting director of grounds maintenance. The title became permanent in 1974. It's a decision Shroyer has never regretted.

"I loved what I did. If you enjoy what you're doing, keeping one job for a long time is a good thing," he said. "If you're not enjoying what you're doing, you should find something else to do."

Shroyer is being ably replaced as managing director of grounds maintenance by Eugene Gibson, who has already put in 29 years in the department.

"Gene will do great things for us," said Mike Faires, associate vice president for operations at Texas Tech. "But Dewey is just one of those people who really can't be replaced. I don't know what I can say that would do him justice. He has done so much for Texas Tech and we will miss him."

Even though he retired at the end of December, Shroyer hasn't stopped working. He's helping his son who has a business near Wolfforth and manages the family ranch between Junction and Sonora.

"JoAnn and I have 29 acres west of Lubbock and we're thinking about building a house out there, maybe with a big garden," said Shroyer.



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### **Recording Artist Tom Braxton Opens Texas Tech Black History Month Activities**

Jazz artist and national recording star Tom Braxton headlines the JT Braxton Jazz Scholarship Concert at 8 p.m. Feb. 1 in the Allen Theatre in the Texas Tech University Student Union Building. The concert is the opening event of the university's Black History Month Celebration.

Braxton has played along side of some of the biggest names in the music industry and has been featured nationally on NBC's "Inside Stuff," BET's "Jazz Central" and CBS's "The Saturday Early Show." "Smooth Jazz" magazine described his saxophone playing as "sparkling" and a reviewer wrote that he was "blown away" by Braxton's sixth and latest CD "Imagine This."

Tickets are \$20 for the general public and \$15 for students with a valid Texas Tech ID. Tickets are available at all Select-a-Seat locations.

Braxton credits his father JT with introducing him to jazz at an early age. JT Braxton is also a musician, having released his own CD after his retirement from teaching band and orchestra in public schools for more than 40 years. The senior Braxton is 88-years-old and still plays tenor sax and violin every day.

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### **Help Arrives for Students Struggling with Off-Campus Living Expenses**

A fund for students in crisis situations who need financial assistance for off-campus living expenses has been created by the Division of Student Affairs, in conjunction with Texas Tech Parents Association (TTPA) and Office of Parent Relations.

“The Raider Relief Fund is an opportunity for students sincerely in need of help to get it,” Assistant Director of Parent Relations Ken Gassiot said. “This is a shining example of how the Texas Tech family doesn’t just talk of helping students, but actually does something about it. Students and parents really have worked to make this program a reality and with help from others, further funds can be raised to help students in need and retain them until graduation.”

Starting this spring, the Raider Relief Fund will act as another source of financial support for students in need of a little extra money to cover day-to-day living expenses that other loans do not. This program, initially funded by the TTPA, responds to students who are having difficulty with off-campus expenses and strives to encourage their education by assisting them financially.

“Sometimes it’s the smallest details that can create unnecessary stressors for students striving to excel on campus,” Gassiot said. “The Raider Relief Fund strives to financially assist those students struggling to meet off campus needs.”

For more information on how to apply for Raider Relief contact Ken Gassiot with Parent Relations, (806) 742-3630.

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### **Texas Tech Law Student Receives Fellowship, Helps Community Juveniles**

Texas Tech law student Colleen Wisdom recently received the 2008-2010 Equal Justice Works Fellowship. Wisdom, who will graduate with a law degree in May, competed with more than 300 applicants nationwide for this award.

Upon graduation, Wisdom plans to use this fellowship to launch a project she created that focuses on helping local court-involved juveniles afflicted with learning, emotional or developmental disabilities receive the special education they need to succeed.

"Juveniles involved in the court system have a disproportionate number of disabilities," Wisdom said. "In Texas, a pro-punishment state, if I can help the community focus on rehabilitation through educational success and more creative ways to handle juveniles with disabilities, then my project has worked."

Equal Justice Works provides Wisdom with a \$37,000 annual salary and her sponsoring agency, Advocacy, Inc., kicks in an additional \$13,000 to fund the project.

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### **Crosstex Energy Honors Former Executive A. Chris Aulds with \$110,000 Engineering Scholarship Fund at Texas Tech University**

Crosstex Energy announced today (Jan. 23) that its Board of Directors and employees have established the A. Chris Aulds Scholarship at Texas Tech University, a \$110,000 fund that will benefit freshmen petroleum engineering majors in the College of Engineering.

Crosstex Energy created the scholarship to encourage and allow more engineering students to pursue careers in the energy industry. The company believes that the key to a successful future for the industry is to develop the next generation of leaders in college and university classrooms.

The scholarship honors former Crosstex executive A. Chris Aulds, one of the partners who founded the company in 1996. During his career at Crosstex, Aulds led the Producer Services Group and the Treating and Eastern Divisions, as well as the Public and Industry Affairs Department. He began his career in the oil and gas industry with Mobil (now ExxonMobil) more than 22 years ago and graduated from Texas Tech in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science degree in petroleum engineering.

"Student scholarship opportunities like this allow us to continue the tradition of recruiting and training exceptional petroleum engineers at Texas Tech. We appreciate Crosstex Energy's commitment to higher education," said Lloyd Heinze, chair of the Department of Petroleum Engineering.

"Chris was a tremendous partner to all of us at Crosstex. It is an honor for the Crosstex family to fund this scholarship, which acknowledges the significant impact he had on the company's growth and all the people he worked with," said Barry E. Davis, Crosstex president and chief executive officer.

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Crosstex Energy, L.P. (the Partnership), a midstream natural gas company headquartered in Dallas, operates more than 5,000 miles of pipeline, 13 processing plants, four fractionators, and approximately 200 natural gas amine-treating plants and dew point control plants. Crosstex currently provides services for more than 3.5 Bcf/day of natural gas, or approximately 7 percent of marketed U.S. daily production.

Crosstex Energy, Inc. (the Corporation) owns the two percent general partner interest, a 36 percent limited partner interest, and the incentive distribution rights of Crosstex Energy, L.P.

Additional information about the Crosstex companies can be found at [www.crosstexenergy.com](http://www.crosstexenergy.com).

The Texas Tech College of Engineering has educated engineers to meet the technological needs of Texas, the nation, and the world since 1925. Approximately 3,400 undergraduate and 600 graduate students pursue bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees offered through eight academic departments: civil and environmental, chemical, computer science, electrical and computer, engineering technology, industrial, mechanical, and petroleum.

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### **Texas Tech Experts Can Discuss Waning Economy and How to Prepare Financially**

The Federal Reserve slashed two key interest rates by three-quarters of a percentage point Tuesday (Jan. 22) – the largest single reduction in 24 years – hoping to stimulate the economy and avert a recession.

But many fear impending doom in markets around the globe caused by the U.S.' weakening economy, slumping markets and a housing market in turmoil.

Two Texas Tech University experts can discuss the macroeconomics in play and shrewd financial planning in times of economic downturn.

**Peter Summers, an assistant professor of economics at Texas Tech University**, can discuss what has caused the recent economic woes. From the slumping housing market to sub-prime mortgages with killer adjustable rates, the impending recession and how the U.S. economy influences the global market, he can shed light on how some of these complex economic issues at hand fit into the past, present and future macroeconomic picture. (806) 742-2466 ext. 228, or [peter.summers@ttu.edu](mailto:peter.summers@ttu.edu).

**Bill Gustafson, a personal financial planner and director of Texas Tech University's Center for Financial Responsibility**, can discuss strategies to brace for the possible crunch in the everyday American's checkbook. Also, he advises that investors with properly diversified retirement portfolios should not panic and begin selling or chasing some hot fund or stock that is in a sector that performs well during recessionary periods. (806) 742-9783, or [bill.gustafson@ttu.edu](mailto:bill.gustafson@ttu.edu).



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### **Nikki Giovanni to Visit Texas Tech University**

The Texas Tech University Libraries will host internationally acclaimed poet, activist and educator Nikki Giovanni at 2 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 14) in the Allen Theatre, located in the Student Union Building.

The libraries will hold the event in conjunction with the African-American Education Summit – “Save Ourselves, Save Our Students” at Texas Tech.

Giovanni, a distinguished professor of English at Virginia Tech University, is most widely known for her candor in writing and lectures on issues surrounding civil rights and equality.

“When I learned that we had an opportunity to bring Nikki Giovanni to Texas Tech I didn’t think twice,” said Donald Dyal, dean of libraries at Texas Tech. “When you look at her life it’s easy to see that this is one gutsy lady. She speaks her mind and stands for her beliefs.”

Giovanni has received numerous honors, including The Chicago Public Library Foundation’s Carl Sandburg Literary Award for lifetime achievement, the Langston Hughes Medal for Outstanding Poetry and the first ever Rosa Parks Woman of Courage Award.

“In higher education, and everywhere else, courage is too often talked about and too little exhibited,” Dyal said. “Professor Giovanni speaks not just to African-Americans, but to all of us about fighting for what is right.”

Even Texas Tech’s own Robert Baker, a Horn professor of biological sciences, paid tribute to Giovanni in 2007 by naming a bat he discovered in west Ecuador, “*Micronycteris giovanniae*” – meaning big-eared bat.

“I wanted to honor a significant person in this world that I didn’t know – I came up with Nikki Giovanni,” Baker said. “I enjoy reading her poetry and I come from the deep South, so I really can appreciate what she has done for the state of race relations.”

Additional funding provided by the Texas Tech Office of Institutional Diversity.  
Admission to the event is free and open to the public.

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### **College of Human Sciences Professor Speaks at Local Westerners International Meeting**

**WHAT:** Don Collier addresses Westerners International – Llano Estacado Corral

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. Tuesday (Jan. 29)

**WHERE:** Lubbock Women's Club

**EVENT:** Interior design professor Don Collier will address the Llano Estacado Corral Westerners International to discuss the Heritage House project in Post. Collier is heading up the renovation and restoration of the historical landmark.

The goal of the Heritage House effort is to preserve the property by developing an adaptive reuse plan, increasing historical value and helping meet the needs of the local community. Participants broke ground on the project in November and will hold the dedication in May 2008.

Members of Westerners International meet on a monthly basis to promote the study and understanding of Western history. Members are devoted to the historical interest and promotion of local history throughout their communities.

The Department of Design in the College of Human Sciences encompasses the fields of apparel design, interior design and environmental design, and it strives to contribute to new knowledge in these areas through design education, research and community outreach.

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### **Texas Tech Launches New Online Program to Help Faculty and Staff Help Students with Mental Health Issues**

Texas Tech University becomes one of the first universities in the country to launch a new online program offering faculty and staff a resource to help them better identify and respond to student mental health issues.

Called MentalHealthEdu, the online program helps faculty and staff to learn about the increasing number of mental health issues on college campuses and the leading causes of distress in students. The program, which debuts in February at Texas Tech, is customized to the university's specifications. It is overseen by the university's Student Wellness Center staff and the Division of Student Affairs. The program also is available to faculty and staff at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

"We know that there is a quickly growing segment of our student population that has mental health issues and have been addressing mental issue resources since 2004," said Jan Childress, associate vice president for student affairs. "But after the tragedy at Virginia Tech last year, it was obvious that we needed to do more to communicate to our faculty and staff what they can do to assist students who have problems and exactly what resources are available at Texas Tech."

MentalHealthEdu is a password protected program that is divided into three interactive modules. The first offers an overview of mental health issues and college students. The second helps the participant identify warning signs of distress in students. The third section deals with approaching and referring students for help and provides interactive exercises to help participants work through real-life situations. The online program also gives links to the appropriate services available at Texas Tech so that all of the resources are available in one place.

"We want faculty and staff to be comfortable reaching out to a student they think is in distress," said Eileen Nathan, director of the Student Counseling Center. "I'm not suggesting that all our faculty and staff become psychologists. Often just knowing when a student needs to talk is a huge help. The point is to help people recognize when a student is under stress and have the information and confidence to approach the student and refer him or her for the appropriate help."



Evelyn McPherson, managing director of Student Health Services points to an increase in mental health issues on college campuses in this decade. National statistics show that in 2000, about 7 percent of college students were on some sort of mental health medication, including antidepressants or anxiety medication. Today that number has jumped to 25 percent.

“Of course, part of that jump is the increasing availability of mental health drugs,” said McPherson. “But it also means that more students are seeking help and may need help. I know that faculty and staff may be nervous about what to do. MentalHealthEdu will help with those fears. The course also goes into privacy issues and will alleviate any concerns that exist that we can approach and refer a student without violating privacy laws.”

MentalHealthEdu is created by Outside The Classroom, a national company specializing in college health. Texas Tech has used the company’s AlcoholEdu online program for three years as a tool to help students understand the dangers and health hazards of excessive drinking.

AlcoholEdu was the nation’s first online alcohol prevention program and is used by more than 500 colleges and universities nationwide. The program challenges students’ expectations around alcohol while enabling them to make healthier and safer decisions.

For more information about Outside The Classroom and its programs, visit their Web site at [www.outsidetheclassroom.com](http://www.outsidetheclassroom.com).

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## **Personal Financial Planning Hosts Distinguished Lecture Series**

College of Human Sciences promotes opportunity to learn about Financial Planning profession through industry expertise.

The Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences Personal Financial Planning (PFP) program has begun its 2008 PFP Distinguished Lecture Series.

Students, faculty, and staff throughout the college will have an opportunity to hear insights, advice, and technical knowledge this spring from some of the financial planning industry's brightest minds.

"The College of Human Sciences offers this lecture series to its students in order to provide additional learning venues and to teach new ideas and methods from the various financial service industries," said Linda Hoover, dean of the College of Human Sciences. "The PFP Distinguished Lecture Series is an avenue to provide the very best training and opportunity for our students and for our college."

The first guests in the series were Moshe Milevsky from York University on Wednesday, Jan. 23 and Bill Reichenstein from Baylor University on Friday, Jan. 25. More speakers will participate throughout the spring.

"Dr. Milevsky was insightful and entertaining. He used an interactive style that kept the diverse audience engaged" said Ajamu Loving, a PFP graduate student. "He made everyone, regardless of background, feel as though they were making an important contribution through financial planning education."

Milevsky is an associate professor of finance at the Schulich School of Business at York University. He also is the executive director of the Individual Finance and Insurance Decision (IFID) Center in Toronto, Canada. Milevsky has written five books and published more than 45 articles on the topic of insurance, annuities and pensions and is the co-editor of the Journal of Pension Economics and Finance, from Cambridge University Press, and a columnist for Research Magazine.

"Dr. Reichenstein spoke plainly about an often complicated issue – taxes. His straightforward demeanor and style were well received by academics and practitioners alike. He introduced cutting edge questions with implications that will keep us busy searching for answers," Loving added.

Reichenstein holds the Pat and Thomas R. Powers Chair in Investment Management at Baylor University. Reichenstein is an associate editor of Journal of Investing, contributing editor for Portfolio Strategies for the American Association of Individual Investors Journal and has served two three-year terms as associate editor of Financial



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Services Review. Riechenstein has written more than 100 articles for professional and academic journals.

The Texas Tech Personal Financial Planning Division strives to educate students on the need to focus financial knowledge on families and the achievement of their goals.

The College of Human Sciences provides multidisciplinary education, research and service focused on individuals, families, and their environments for the purpose of sustaining and enhancing people's lives.

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### **Former Texas Tech Lecturer Publishes Book on Poker and Its Subculture**

Long before poker tournaments were televised, back when you could lose your life along with your money if you made the wrong bluff, was when Johnny Hughes learned to play poker.

The former Texas Tech lecturer recently published his new novel, "Texas Poker Wisdom," from iUniverse. Mathew "Slick" O'Malley has been a Texas road gambler for 50 years and wants to pass his knowledge on to his nephew, Dylan. O'Malley teaches his nephew everything from poker culture and strategy to the pitfalls of the game. Hughes discusses many big-name poker players in his book such as Benny Binion and Johnny Moss.

When Hughes started at Texas Tech, clandestine poker games sprung up everywhere from dorm rooms to the Student Union Building. He used his poker winnings to pay for school while getting his bachelor's degree, which took eight years to complete.

"In my day, poker was an outlaw thing," Hughes said, "not at all respectable. It was hidden away in the back rooms and very secret. Nowadays, poker is getting more respectable. I like it better the old way."

Hughes, who received his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Texas Tech, lectured management courses at his alma mater for 20 years, and retired in 2004. He has lived within walking distance of the campus his entire life.

Hughes is still an active poker player and attends the World Series of Poker every year in Las Vegas. He has written for multiple publications including Bluff Magazine, [TexasMonthly.com](http://TexasMonthly.com) and [Wisehandpoker.com](http://Wisehandpoker.com).

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### **Texas Tech Law Team Wins National Arbitration Championship**

For the fourth time under its current head coach, Texas Tech University's School of Law has racked up a national arbitration championship.

The school's four-student team won the national competition Jan. 26 by defeating 16 other teams from law schools across the nation, including the defending national champions from Stetson University Law School, on their home turf in Tampa, Fla.

The Texas Tech team of Jesse Blakley, 3<sup>rd</sup> year, Missouri City; Mike Davis, 3<sup>rd</sup> year, Palestine; Tiffany McDuff, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Rule; and Joseph Putnam, 3<sup>rd</sup> year, St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada was the only team to win each preliminary round with a unanimous vote from the judges, which made it the number one seed going into the semi-finals. The team was coached by adjunct professors Murray Hensley and Shery Kime-Goodwin.

"Beating Stetson University on its own turf when it had the home team advantage was just exhilarating," said Kime-Goodwin. "Stetson is known for its advocacy program and was the national champion last year with two team members returning, so it was just really amazing for our team to have prevailed."

The American Bar Association (ABA) and the National Arbitration Forum sponsor the annual event. According to the ABA, the purpose of the competition is to promote greater knowledge in arbitration by simulating a realistic arbitration hearing. Essentially, law school students from accredited law schools participate by preparing and presenting an arbitration case, including opening statements, witness examinations, exhibit introductions, evidentiary presentations and summations.

Kime-Goodwin said it was very evident at that national level that Texas Tech's students were well prepared to take on the competition and that their litigation skills were a cut above those of the other competitors.

"Over and over again, the four of them just shined when it came to doing their openings, closings, directs, cross-examinations, and knowledge of evidence – the other teams just couldn't throw anything their way that the team couldn't handle," Goodwin said. "It was just such a pleasure to get to see these students in action. These are the types of individuals that firms should be scrambling to hire because they are truly an asset not only to this school but to the legal profession."

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The victory marks the fourth national championship that Texas Tech School of Law has won with Hensley as head coach. He has served as the coach for all of the school's national mock trial and arbitration competitions for the past 28 years. "His years of experience were truly an asset for this team as evidenced by the win," said Kime-Goodwin. "If you take into account the records for most athletic teams, Coach Hensley's record is to be commended."

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### **Texas Tech Expert Can Discuss History of Texas-Mexico Border**

The talk of fencing off the Texas-Mexico border, supplying it with more patrols, fear concerning possible terror threats and federal government interference is not a new story for this area, said Miguel A. Levario, an assistant professor of history at Texas Tech and U.S.-Mexico border history expert.

A federal judge ordered on Tuesday (Jan. 29) that 10 Cameron County property owners must allow the government to survey their land for a Texas-Mexico border fence. However, the government can't take land without a hearing.

Go back a hundred years, Levario says, and the same "build-a-fence" solution, the same land-ownership issues, the same undocumented immigrant concerns and terrorism threats and the same lack of funds and manpower problems came up in frightening similarity during the Mexican Revolution of 1910.

"I hate to say it, but this is old news and nothing new," the El Paso native said. "In the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, during the Mexican Revolution you had both the state and federal government using ranchers' lands to set up camps for law enforcement and even house prisoners."

The only difference, he says, is that the government leased land from ranchers to house patrolling officers and prisoners. Today, the Department of Homeland Security wants to take ranchers' lands through eminent domain, and several long-standing ranchers aren't giving up their lands without a fight.

Building a border fence could cause economic turmoil for the area, however, as making day-to-day movement across the border more difficult could put a crimp in the commerce that areas such as El Paso and Ciudad de Juarez have experienced for generations.

"A fence and needing passports to cross the border is going to disrupt the daily lives of the people on the border," Levario said. "It's a far more complex issue than what Washington or Austin can realize. People go across the border for commerce like other people cross the street. Cities like Eagle Pass or El Paso are codependent communities with their border counterparts in Mexico."



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### **Texas Tech Law School Honors Alumni at Gala**

Texas Tech University will honor three School of Law alumni at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Law School Gala at 6:30 p.m. Friday (Feb. 1) at the Frazier Pavilion on the Texas Tech Campus. The program will begin at approximately 8 p.m.

Richard B. Roper and Matthew D. Orwig will receive the Law School Distinguished Alumni Award. Hershell L. Barnes Jr. will receive the Law School's first Distinguished Service Award.

Roper serves as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. He was appointed by President Bush in 2004. He began his service with the Dept. of Justice in 1987 as an Assistant U.S. Attorney. There he successfully prosecuted two federal death penalty jury trials as lead counsel. Roper began his career as an Assistant District Attorney for Tarrant County in 1982, the same year he graduated from the Texas Tech School of Law. He lives in Aledo with his wife, June.

Orwig is the managing partner in the Dallas office of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal. Prior to that, he spent 20 years with the U.S. Dept. of Justice. In 2002, President Bush appointed Orwig to serve as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, a 42-county area stretching from northern Texas to the Gulf. Orwig is a 1984 graduate of the Texas Tech's law school. He lives in Dallas with his wife, Melissa.

Barnes Jr. is the first recipient of the Law School's Distinguished Service Award. The award honors outstanding service to Texas Tech's School of Law.

Barnes is the managing shareholder of Barnes & Harrington PC in Dallas. His practice is focused on labor and employment law with representation limited to employers. Each year since 1988, Barnes has been named in Woodward/White Inc.'s, "The Best Lawyers in America," as well as a "Texas Super Lawyer" by Texas Monthly since 2003. He is the first alumnus to serve on the Texas Tech Law School Foundation Board of Trustees and also the first to serve as president of the board. Barnes is a 1970 graduate of the Texas Tech University School of Law. He lives in Dallas with his wife, Mitzi.

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### **Texas Tech Debaters Regain Top-Ranking, Set Record for Best Regular Season On Record**

According to new rankings, Texas Tech senior debaters Kristen Owen and Anthony Putnicki may be not only the elite team of this season, but also the best of all-time.

The National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence rankings, available at <http://nppte.debateaddict.com>, recognized Owen of Houston and Putnicki of El Paso as the top-ranked team in the nation, as they have won four tournaments during the course of the season and have finished in third place in two other tournaments.

Furthermore, Owen and Putnicki have had arguably the best regular season ever in the history of the activity. They can claim this accomplishment based upon having the highest number of points earned in any season, breaking the record set by the University of Puget Sound in 2006.

"Kristen and Anthony are having a season that should make every person with a connection to Texas Tech very proud," said Joe Gantt, head coach and director of forensics. "The rankings indicate that they are the best team ever, and I can certainly say that over my fourteen years in this activity, I've certainly never seen anyone better."

The duo have compiled a stunning 58-6 record, including a 26-2 record in elimination rounds in six tournaments. The first-place ranking entitles them to a bid in the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence, an elite national championship open only to the top 54 teams in the nation.

The NPTE rankings were updated after Owen and Putnicki's recent successes at the Mile High Swing, held January 10-12 at Denver University in Colorado. The Mile High Swing consists of two complete tournaments held over a weekend, and it attracted one of the most impressive fields of debaters ever assembled. Debaters in 96 teams from schools such as the University of Oregon, University of Oklahoma and University of Washington attended the tournaments.

Owen and Putnicki won the first tournament unanimously, winning 12 debates without a loss. In the second tournament, Owen and Putnicki also had a strong showing before falling in the semifinal round to a team from Western Kentucky University.

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Other Texas Tech debaters also had strong showings at the Mile High Swing. Juniors Jeremy Henderson of Portland, Ore., and Mike Mitchell of Lamesa were among the top thirty teams at both tournaments.

Nicole Brown and Brian Horton, both of San Angelo, and Taylor Reeves of Pampa and freshman Laura Rau of Richardson all advanced to elimination rounds.

Based upon their seasons to date, the teams of Henderson/Mitchell and Horton/Reeves also are ranked among the top fifty teams in the nation.

The Texas Tech debate team now moves into its last three tournaments before beginning preparations for nationals. In the next three weeks, the team will travel to San Diego, Calif., San Antonio and Colorado Springs, Colo.

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