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Students named Fulbright and Udall scholars

OSU students Sara Smallwood and Cortney Timmons are among 80 students from 60 colleges and universities selected as 2007 Udall Scholars. In addition, Matthew Smith, a graduate student in international studies, was named a Fulbright grant recipient.

"The entire OSU system is so proud of Matthew, Cortney and Sara," said Interim OSU System CEO and President Marlene Strathe. "These three students are perfect examples of the result of hard work and the high caliber of instruction all students receive at OSU."

Smith, who will receive his master's degree in May, will use the English Teaching Assistant scholarship to go to Indonesia in July. During his year-long stay, he will teach English and, as a representative of the United States, serve as an active member within his host community in an effort to foster cross-cultural understanding.

The Fulbright Program began after WWII

to promote mutual understanding between the United States and other countries. Each year, the program administers grants to more than 800 scholars for overseas ambassadorships.

The Udall Scholars were selected by a 12-member independent review committee on the basis of leadership potential, academic achievement and commitment to careers in the environment, health care or tribal public policy.



Above: Udall Scholars Cortney Timmons and Sara Smallwood. Right: Fulbright Scholar Matthew Smith



Smallwood, a 21-year-old junior majoring in agriculture communications and American Indian studies, is a member of the Choctaw Nation. The Clayton, Okla., native says she plans to use her passions for agricultural and tribal sovereignty to work with federal and tribal governments on issues related to agriculture and environmental issues, specifically water. Smallwood said she

aspires to be the environmental director for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

Timmons is a biosystems and agricultural engineering sophomore. The 20 year-old Ada native aspires to design agricultural systems and programs that protect and sustain the quantity and quality of water, soil and other natural resources, while developing techniques to make agricultural operations more environmentally friendly.

This year's Udall Scholars were selected from among 434 candidates nominated by 221 colleges and universities. Each will receive one-time stipends of up to \$5,000. The majority of the 2007 recipients intend to pursue careers related to the environment. Six Native American/Alaska native scholars intend to pursue careers in tribal public policy, and four Native American/Alaska Native scholars will study healthcare.

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy foundation was authorized by congress in 1992 to honor Congressman Udall's legacy of public service. The Foundation is supported by a trust fund in the U.S. Treasury and contributions from the private sector and administered more than 900 scholarships since 1996. Timmons and Smallwood are the fourth and fifth Udall Scholars from OSU.

The 2007 Udall Scholars will gather in August in Tucson, Ariz., to be recognized and meet policy-makers and community leaders in environmental fields, tribal health care and governance.

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Celebrating the Centennial: OSU contributions



Headed by Oklahoma City natives and School of Architecture graduates Eddie and Neal Jones, the Phoenix architecture firm Jones Studios

Inc. is internationally renowned for designs that celebrate culture, climate and conservation. Recyclable materials, natural lighting and structural innovations to stimulate passive ventilation are hallmarks of Jones Studios' creations that emphasize energy efficiency and environmental sensitivity and challenge notions of what buildings should be.

Jones Studios emerged at the national forefront of "eco" or "green" architecture in 1994 with the Arizona Public Service Environmental Showcase Home in North Phoenix. Designed to inspire builders and home buyers, the APS home attracted daily visitors from around the world for six years. It also won 14 architectural awards, including the 1996 National Eco Grand Prize for sustainability.

Around the STATE...

Oklahoma Eagle publisher to give Paul Miller Lecture

James O. Goodwin, publisher of the Oklahoma Eagle, the first and only newspaper to exclusively serve the black community in Tulsa, will give the 20th annual Paul Miller Lecture April 13 at 11:30 a.m. in the Student Union Little Theatre. It is free and open to the public.

The lecture series is partially funded by a gift from the Paul Miller Family Foundation.

OSU to observe Disability Awareness Week

OSU's Student Disability Services will host Disability Awareness Week April 9-13. The week-long observation attempts to increase the university community's awareness of different disabilities and the services provided by the disability services office.

For more information about Student Disability Services and Disability Awareness Week, visit <http://sds.okstate.edu> or call 744-7116.

American imperialism, Amiri Baraka topics of English lectures

The English department next week will host a pair of distinguished scholars from the University of Kansas for the latest Kirkpatrick Lecture and inaugural Jimmy Rushing Lecture.

For the Kirkpatrick Lecture, Susan K. Harris, Hall Distinguished Professor of American literature and culture at KU, will present "Imperialism, American Identity, and the National Christian: The Crisis of 1899," April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in 313 Classroom Building.

William J. Harris, Jimmy Rushing Distinguished Scholar and associate professor of English at KU, will present "The Jazz Life of Amiri Baraka." The Rushing Lecture will be held April 13 at 4 p.m. in 412 Student Union.

Art course teaches career skills



Kathryn Tushka

By Abby Wambaugh

The art department at OSU is setting a new academic standard with a capstone course, professional practices for visual artists, that debuted last fall.

The course, a rarity in collegiate art programs, is a senior-level class designed to provide students with the skills needed to promote themselves and their work, while pursuing scholarships, fellowships, grants and other career advancements.

"A lot of artists come to college believing they will be discovered and are disappointed when that doesn't happen," said Liz Roth, assistant professor of studio art and teacher of the course. "The capstone course gives these developing artists the tools necessary to promote the excellent work they are already doing."

Roth - who has her own list of awards, grants and residencies - teaches students in the course career-building necessities for artists such as how to write press releases, develop a portfolio, apply to shows and compile a résumé.

Although the course is offered only in the fall, students can apply for the Studio Capstone Art Show each semester in the Bartlett Center's Gardiner Art Gallery.

Kathryn Tushka, who was in the first capstone course, had her work displayed at the Capstone Art Show that concluded March 30.

"I found the capstone course very beneficial, and I learned everything I need to know to have a career in the art field," Tushka said.

Tushka said her landscape works are areas of Oklahoma that she has been to and that have personal meaning to her. She was able to locate an out-of-state gallery to carry her work and also sold several of her paintings at her capstone show.

Cody Arnall, whose work was also displayed at the gallery, agreed with Tushka. "The course taught me how to properly apply to shows, how to better talk about my work and how to make slides of my work correctly," said Arnall, studio art senior.

Arnall applied for a national juried exhibition through the capstone course, and his work was accepted into the 49th annual Delta Exhibition at Arkansas Art Center. He also was recently accepted into graduate school, where he will continue to study sculpture.

Tushka and Arnall were among four students whose works were chosen for the show. While Tushka's watercolor and oil paintings hung on the walls of the gallery, Arnall's sweeping metallic sculptures were positioned on the floor.

"Our goal is to help our students be successful in whatever they choose to pursue after they graduate, and the capstone course is one more way to do that," Roth said.

Regents Professors host Nobel Prize winner

Roald Hoffman, winner of the 1981 Nobel Prize for chemistry, will visit OSU next week as part of a lecture series initiated this spring by the university's foremost faculty members.

Hoffman, Frank H.T. Rhodes Professor of Humane Letters at Cornell University, will give two lectures April 12 for the latest installment of the OSU Regents Professors Speaker Series.

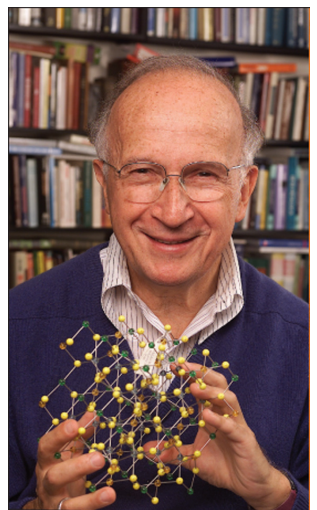
Hoffman will present a 3 p.m. technical lecture, "The Chemical Imagination at Work in Very Tight Places," in 106 Noble Research Center. A talk on developments in the study of matter under dense pressure, it is designed for a scientifically minded audience and, especially, faculty members and other researchers.

"Making Things, Changing Things," is the title of Hoffman's non-technical lecture at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Theatre. Hoffman will describe in the speech the wide-ranging impact of chemistry on all aspects of life.

One of the world's leading theoretical chemists, Hoffman is equally renowned for his abilities to communicate the importance of science to general audiences. In addition to participating in the production of the PBS series, "The World of Chemistry," Hoffman has assisted with the development of programs to enhance science study at the high school level, according to Ranga Komanduri, A.H. Nelson Chair and Regents Professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering.

Hoffman is also an accomplished author, poet and playwright, whose works have carved out a niche between science, poetry and philosophy.

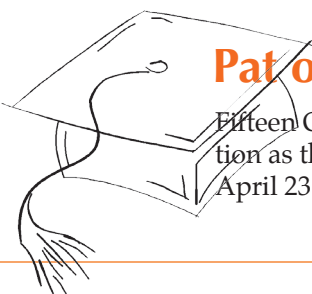
The lecture series was created by OSU's Regents Professors. The most prestigious rank that may be attained in recognition of scholarly accomplishments by faculty in the OSU system, the honorary title is held by just 41 professors.



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Pat on the back

Fifteen OSU students have been chosen by the Alumni Association as the 2007 Outstanding Seniors and will be recognized April 23.



High Praise

The OSU Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine and the College of Education's occupational studies graduate program have been ranked among the best in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.