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Pace selected as first Oge Professor of Art

James R. Pace, professor of art, has been selected as the first George and Pat Oge Professor of Art at UT Tyler, President Rodney H. Mabry has announced.



James R. Pace

Pace was selected for the award based on his high level of performance as a classroom instructor, colleague and leader at the university, ambassador to the East

Texas community, and artist, Mabry said.

The George and Pat Oge Professor of Art is a professorship awarded to a member of the school of visual arts faculty for a duration of six years. This is the first

year the award has been given.

Pace has been a member of the UT Tyler faculty since 1985. He holds an MFA from Arizona State University and a BFA from the University of Oklahoma.

In 1998, Pace received the *White Fellowship for Excellence In Teaching*. In 1996, he was awarded the *Chancellor's Council Teaching Award*. Numerous national awards for his paintings, drawings, and prints highlight his exhibition record.

His recent exhibitions include work at *America's 2000* at the Northwest Art Center, the 15th National Printmaking Exhibition at the Labland Gallery in Los Angeles, and the *Biennial* in New Cannan, Connecticut.

Heckmann joins Attorney General's Office

Mark R. Heckmann has been appointed special assistant for communications in the Office of the Attorney General effective Dec. 1, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn has announced.

"Mark Heckmann will undoubtedly establish himself as a valued asset to this office and the people of Texas. I am proud to have him join my team as my press secretary," Cornyn said.

Heckmann, executive assistant to the president for public affairs, has been a member of the UT Tyler staff for 14 years.

"I am grateful for all he has done in support of my initiatives on this campus," President Rodney H. Mabry said.

"During his 14 years at UT Tyler, he has contributed to virtually every major achievement of the university. His talent

and experience in media relations, in writing, in governmental relations, and in many other areas have helped accelerate UT Tyler's transition to a comprehensive, four-year university," Mabry said.

"I congratulate him for this outstanding advancement in his career," Mabry said.

Heckmann's experience includes serving for four years as deputy press secretary for Texas Governor William P. Clements, Jr. He also was the communications director for the Texas office of the Reagan-Bush presidential campaign in 1980. Prior to his work with Governor Clements, he worked as a reporter for the *Houston Chronicle* and *Beaumont Enterprise*.



Mark Heckmann

In the spotlight

Dr. **David M. Beams**, assistant professor of electrical engineering, co-authored a paper titled "Measurement of In-vivo Gas Exchanges in Inhalational Anesthesia" which he presented at the joint conference of the IEEE Medicine and Biology and Biomedical Engineering Society in Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 13-14.

Vicki Betts, librarian, had the article "Dear Husband: The Civil War Letters of Sophronia Joiner Chipman, Kankakee County, Illinois, 1863-1864," published in *Military History of the West*, vol. 29, no. 2 (Fall 1999): p. 147-198.

Vicki Conway, senior lecturer of music, presented a seminar titled "Gross Motor Skills" to the Texas Conference Preschool Teachers Workshop held at the First United Methodist Church in Longview Nov. 5.

Barbara Haas, senior lecturer of nursing, gave a presentation titled "Using the Blue Book as a Blueprint" at the American Association of Colleges in Nursing second annual Baccalaureate Nursing Education Conference in San Antonio Nov. 4-6.

Dr. **James Harbaugh**, associate professor of technology, gave a presentation titled "Public Sector Hazard Communication Compliance" at the 10th annual Public Risk Managers Association (PRIMA) state convention Nov. 11 in Arlington.

Dr. **Davor Jedlicka**, professor of sociology, was admitted into the membership of the Legacy Circle of the National Council on Family Relations at the council's annual meeting on Nov. 13. Members of the Legacy Circle have served the organization for 25 years or longer.

Dr. **Arun Kulkarni**, professor of computer science, presented a tutorial on "Fuzzy-Neural Network Models and Computer Vision" at the ninth annual International Conference on Smart Engineering Systems in St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 7-9. The conference attracted 183 papers from 30 countries.

Dr. **Ronald Livingston**, associate professor of psychology, co-authored a manuscript titled "Implications of Research for the Treatment of Depressive Disorders During Childhood" that was published in the journal *Applied & Preventative Psychology: Current Scientific Perspectives*, 8, p. 79-102.

Luke Niiler, assistant professor of English, presented a paper titled "Into the Wild: Krakauer, Composition, and the Negotiation of Professional Identity," at the 41st annual convention of the Midwest Modern Language Association in Minneapolis in November. The paper discusses the often acrimonious relationship between composition and literature, and how that relationship can be redefined.

Jim Pace, the George and Pat Oge Professor of Art, participated in a two-person exhibition titled *Intertwined* at K-Space Gallery in Corpus Christi. Pace also participated in *Across the Grain*, a print portfolio exhibition at California State University-Long Beach.

Ken Wink, assistant professor of political science, presented a paper titled "Race-Based Redistricting and Polarized Voting in Southern U.S. House Delegations: An End of the Decade Assessment" at the 1999 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Savannah, Ga., in November.

New employees join UT Tyler

Johnnye Galyean
Secretary
Chemistry & Mathematics
HPR 103, Ext. 7262
Effective 11-19-99

Nathan Lester
Safety Technician
Environmental Health & Safety
PHY 102, Ext. 7011
Effective 11-08-99

Trina McAllister
Special Assistant to the President
Office of the President
ADM 209, Ext 7242
Effective 10-25-99

McAllister appointed to UT Tyler position

Trina Sanders McAllister has joined UT Tyler as special assistant to the president, President Rodney H. Mabry has announced.

In her new position, she will assist in the design and coordination of a variety of special projects on behalf of the president, beginning with a project in graduate enrollment with Jim Hutto, dean of enrollment management. In addition, she will serve as a liaison to various community organizations on behalf of the university.



Trina McAllister

McAllister comes to the university with

extensive sales, marketing and public relations experience. Previously, she worked as communications and marketing director at the United Way of Tyler/Smith County. She developed and implemented marketing strategies, and designed public relations and media relations for the United Way and the 24 United Way member agencies.

McAllister graduated from UT Arlington with a bachelor of arts degree in communications and a minor in marketing. Also, she holds a master's degree in public administration from UT Tyler. She is married to Ernest McAllister, Jr., student activities coordinator.

Krebbs participates in Fulbright program in Turkey

Dr. R. Stephen Krebs, senior lecturer of philosophy, recently participated in a five-week Fulbright-Hays Global Education Group seminar in Turkey:

Krebbs was selected from a national pool of applicants to participate in the summer Fulbright program.

Krebbs attended classes at Middle East Technical University and Belkamp University in Ankara, the host universities for the seminar. Topics of study included the Turkish language, culture, history, philosophy, religion, economics and politics. The group also traveled throughout Turkey visiting schools, museums, factories, archaeological sites and other historical points of interest.

"Some of the most notable and memorable sites we visited were the old city of Ankara, the Anatolian Civilization Museum, the underground city of Kaymakly and the ancient cities of Aphrodesia, Ephesus and Miletus," said Krebs, who will bring his experiences into the classroom at UT Tyler.

"I have begun to incorporate much of the knowledge that I gained into my courses,"

Krebbs said. "The thing that especially interested me was that the very earliest Western philosophers – known as the Pre-Socratics – made their home in what we now know as Turkey. Visiting the cities they called home and understanding the surrounding terrain gave me a greater appreciation of the ideas lying at the heart of their philosophies," he said.

A member of the UT Tyler faculty since 1986, Krebs has published articles in national and international journals, including *History of European Ideas* and *The European Legacy*.

He earned a Ph.D. in philosophy from UT Austin and an M.A. in philosophy from California State University-Long Beach.

The Fulbright-Hays Global Education Seminar to Turkey is part of the Group Projects Abroad program of the U.S. Department of Education and is sponsored by Tyler Junior College. The purpose of the seminar is to enhance professional competence of individual teachers, to enrich the curriculum in social studies and humanities, and to develop a well-rounded program in Turkish studies, Middle East studies and global education.

Patriot Golf Classic announced

UT Tyler has given its annual golf tournament a new name, President Rodney H. Mabry has announced.



PATRIOT GOLF CLASSIC

The UT Tyler Patriot Golf Classic, formerly the Eisenhower International Golf Classic, will be held May 15, 2000 at Willow Brook Country Club.

"The name change was necessary when we decided to devote all proceeds of the tournament to providing scholarships for East Texas students to attend UT Tyler," Mabry said.

The tournament no longer benefits any other organization.

"We are excited about continuing the tradition of the tournament, while improving it and making it even more successful," Mabry concluded.

Many of the tournament's events, including the Texas Shootout Barbecue and Auction, will take place at UT Tyler in order to provide more opportunities for people to visit the campus.

Similarly, UT Tyler will recognize the Classic Scholars, honor roll students in grades 7-12, with a luncheon and tour of the campus after they attend the Patriot Classic in the morning.

Dick Goetz, a member of the Senior PGA Tour, was brought on board in the summer to begin organizing the upcoming tournament. He is gathering an outstanding field of professional golfers and is making some changes in the tournament in order to improve the overall experience for amateur golfers.

"We are reducing the size of the field to 24 teams to make the tournament run more

smoothly for the golfers and the spectators," Goetz said. "We will begin with a pro-am breakfast so that the amateurs

will have time to talk with the pro golfers and get to know them. The breakfast will be followed by a shotgun start for the tournament in order to speed up play and to enable scheduling the presentation ceremony at 4 p.m.," Goetz added.

An additional feature of next year's tournament will be a fishing event for the pro golfers on Tuesday following the golf.

Skeeter Boats, Inc., will provide boats, equipment and pro fishermen to take a number of the pro golfers fishing on an area lake.

"This fishing event will help draw top pro golfers to the UT Tyler Patriot Golf Classic and it will help keep our costs down and set our tournament apart from others," Goetz said.

The unique feature of combining golf and fishing for the pros has attracted the attention of The Golf Channel, which has agreed to film the tournament and air it as a primetime special on their channel.

"I am pleased with the new directions we are taking with the UT Tyler Patriot Classic, and I want to thank the amateur golfers, the hundreds of volunteers, and all of the many sponsors who make this event possible," Mabry said. "Our sole purpose is to raise scholarship funds and thereby to make it possible for many more East Texans to complete

their education at an outstanding university," he added.

For more information, contact Goetz in the Office of Development at (903) 566-7110.

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— President Rodney H. Mabry