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## **FREE SCREENING OF PBS DOCUMENTARY SCHEDULED FEB. 4**

KERA Television, Texas Woman's University and the University of North Texas will present a free community screening of the new PBS documentary "A Path Appears: Poverty & Early Childhood Intervention" at the TWU Denton campus Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. **The screening is free and open to the public, but reservations are required.** To register, visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/a-path-appears-poverty-early-childhood-intervention-tickets-15275041059](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-path-appears-poverty-early-childhood-intervention-tickets-15275041059).

The event includes a screening of the film and a panel discussion on early learning, poverty and intervention with faculty members from TWU and UNT. The discussion will be moderated by Dr. Barbara Lerner, TWU associate provost for undergraduate studies and academic partnerships.

The faculty panelists are Dr. Connie Briggs, chair and professor for the TWU Department of Reading; Dr. Dina Castro, the Velma E. Schmidt Chair in Early Childhood Education for UNT; Dr. Karen Petty, chair of the TWU Department of Family Sciences and professor of early child development and education; and Dr. George S. Morrison, UNT professor of early childhood education.

"A Path Appears," a new PBS documentary premiering on KERA, follows journalists Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, and dedicated actor/advocates to Colombia, Haiti, Kenya, and throughout the United States. They uncover the harshest forms of gender inequality, the devastating impact of poverty and the ripple effects that follow and the effective solutions being forged to combat them.

KERA is screening episode two of "A Path Appears" in partnership with TWU and UNT. It features actress Jennifer Garner, who returns to her native West Virginia to visit families enrolled in Save the Children's Early Steps program, which introduces early learning to children living in poverty, and provides support for mothers.

The four-hour "A Path Appears" series will air in three weekly installments at 9 p.m. starting Jan. 26 on KERA TV. The documentary is part of KERA's Women and Girls Lead initiative, which is sponsored by the Dallas Women's Foundation – dedicated to advancing positive social and economic change for women and girls. For more information, visit [www.kera.org/lead/](http://www.kera.org/lead/).

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## ALUMNI RECOGNITION PLANNED FOR HOMECOMING

TWU and the TWU Former Students Association will recognize three alumnae at the TWU Accolades Awards luncheon, Friday, April 17 during Homecoming festivities.

Dr. Anne Utech, M.S. 2005 and Ph.D. 2012, nutrition, Houston campus, will receive the Hallmark Alumni Award. Dr. Utech currently serves as deputy national director of nutrition and food services for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. She has received many awards for work in her chosen field, including the 2011 Young Dietitian of the Year and the 2010 Outstanding Nutrition Education Award, both from the Houston Area Dietetic Association.

Lillie Mae Dukes Biggins, RN, FACHE, M.S. 1981, nursing, will be awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award. Currently the president of the Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth, she is a leader in her profession and in her community. She recently was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

Also being inducted as a Distinguished Alumna is Dr. Linda Hilgenbrinck, Ph.D. 2001, kinesiology. Dr. Hilgenbrinck is the adapted physical education specialist, Special Education Services, for Denton Independent School District. In 2012, she was named the National Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year as well as the Southern District AHPERD Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

For more information regarding the recognition luncheon or to nominate an alumna or alumnus for the Hallmark or Distinguished Alumni Awards, contact the TWU Office of Alumni Relations or TWU Former Students Association at 81-2586.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

*Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to the Office of Marketing and Communication through campus mail or by e-mail to [info@twu.edu](mailto:info@twu.edu). The deadline to receive information is the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conjunction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.*

Communicate your suggestions and recommendations to Chancellor Feyten virtually through the **Suggestions for Improvement at TWU** link at [www.twu.edu/chancellor](http://www.twu.edu/chancellor) or [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fi3cmoRuPZx4gNeNAMzxNWdOogv\\_TroKamVvhT0spw/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fi3cmoRuPZx4gNeNAMzxNWdOogv_TroKamVvhT0spw/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=send_form)

February is **Heart Health Month!** Student Health Services and Fit & Rec have joined the American Heart Association's "**Go Red for Women**" campaign to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease in women. Check "The Next Two Weeks at TWU" below for special events on Feb. 4, 5 and 11. For more information on the campaign, visit <https://www.goredforwomen.org>

The TWU Dental Hygiene Clinic is **seeking adult patients** (ages 18 and older) for low-cost dental hygiene services. Patients will receive a **no-charge screening exam** to determine suitability as a teaching case before an appointment for services can be made. No appointment is needed for the screening exam, which takes 20 to 30 minutes. For more information, call 81-2888, email [DentalHygieneClinic@twu.edu](mailto:DentalHygieneClinic@twu.edu) or visit [www.twu.edu/dental-hygiene/clinic.asp](http://www.twu.edu/dental-hygiene/clinic.asp)

## UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

*Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to the Office of Marketing and Communication by campus mail or by e-mail to [info@twu.edu](mailto:info@twu.edu). Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.)*

A memorial service for Dr. **Nora White**, professor of reading, who passed away Jan. 1, will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5 in the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods. The TWU Community is invited to attend.

Dr. **Sandra Cesario** (nursing, Houston) and nursing doctoral students recently traveled to the Hiroshima Radiation Effects Research Foundation (RERF) as part of a study-abroad course titled "Historical Research in Nursing – Exploring Japan." Their visit was highlighted in the RERF's quarterly newsletter, titled "Update." A photo of the group is on the cover of the newsletter, and the story of their visit begins on page 4. The newsletter is available at [http://www.rerf.or.jp/library/update/pdf/2014vol25\\_2.pdf](http://www.rerf.or.jp/library/update/pdf/2014vol25_2.pdf)

Dr. **DiAnna Hynds** (biology) was a judge in the developmental biology and genetics section of the 2014 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS), held Nov. 12-15 in San Antonio.

Dr. **DiAnna Hynds** and Dr. **Brian Beck** (both biology) recently published a paper titled "Non-Prenylatable, Cystolic Rac1 Alters Neurite Outgrowth while Retaining Guanosine Triphosphate (GTP) Loading" in the journal *Cellular Signalling*. Co-authors are current doctoral student **Jairus Reddy**, former doctoral student **Filsy Samuel**, current MOT student **Jordan McConnell**, and current master in deaf education student **Cristina Reddy**. The paper is available at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0898656814003878>

Dr. **Ellina Grigorieva** (mathematics & computer science) published a new paper, "Time Optimal Control Problem for the Waste Water Biotreatment Model," in the *Journal of Dynamical and Control Systems*, January 2015, Vol. 21, Issue 1, pp 3-24 (Springer).

Dr. **Claire L. Sahlin** (women's studies) gave an invited lecture, "Women's Studies and Ethical Issues in a Global Age," sponsored by the University Centre of International Relations and the Departments of Women's Studies, Christian Studies, Criminology, and Library and Information Studies at the University of Madras, Chennai, India, on Dec. 19, 2014.

Dr. **Jessica Gullion** (sociology) presented a paper titled "Methodological Implications of Deleuzian Thought" at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of The Qualitative Report, held Jan. 8-10 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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## **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: FEBRUARY 2-15, 2015**

### **Mon., Feb. 2**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

### **Tues., Feb. 3**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Forum on proposed TWU Board Designated Tuition increase beginning Fall 2015, noon, ACT 301, IHSD 4302, IHSH 3115.

### **Wed., Feb. 4**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Go Red for Women: Heart Health Lunch and Learn, noon, Studio 1, Fitness & Recreation Center, Denton campus. Panel discussion. Free lunch while it lasts.
- The Department of Visual Arts presents Beverly Penn, professor of studio arts and metals at Texas State University, in a lecture on her work shown in "Supranatural Realistic," 4 p.m., West Gallery, Fine Arts Building. Free.
- Special screening of "A Path Appears" and panel discussion on early learning, poverty and intervention, with faculty members from TWU and UNT. Free, but reservations required. Register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/a-path-appears-poverty-early-childhood-intervention-tickets-15275041059](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-path-appears-poverty-early-childhood-intervention-tickets-15275041059)

### **Thurs., Feb. 5**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Go Red for Women: Wear Red. Join Student Health Service in a photo to show your support for heart health awareness. 12:30 p.m., gym, Fitness & Recreation Center, Denton campus.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Cameron, 5:30 p.m., away.

### **Fri., Feb. 6**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Missouri-St. Louis, 11 a.m., and Regis, 3 p.m., away.

#### **Sat., Feb. 7**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore closed, Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Colorado Mesa, 3 p.m., away.
- Pioneer Gymnastics vs. Air Force, 7 p.m., away.

#### **Sun., Feb. 8**

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open noon-10 p.m.

#### **Mon., Feb. 9**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

#### **Tues., Feb. 10**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

#### **Wed., Feb. 11**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- CAS Faculty Spotlight Series: “Strategic Human Capital: Relationships among Human Capital, Overlapping Tenure, HR Behaviors, and Performance” presented by Dr. Christopher Harris, assistant professor of human resources. 12:25 p.m., Stoddard Hall 308. Free.
- Go Red for Women: Walking Wednesdays. Join the TWU Community in a heart healthy walk around the Pioneer Hall Indoor Track, 12:30 p.m.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 7 p.m., home.

#### **Thurs., Feb. 12**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

#### **Fri., Feb. 13**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- The Vanderkooi Endowed Lectureship and Community Building Workshops, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., IHSD 2706, 2702 and 2707. For more information, visit [www.twu.edu/occupational-therapy/8699.asp](http://www.twu.edu/occupational-therapy/8699.asp)
- Pioneers Softball vs. Adams State, 11:30 a.m. and Colorado State-Pueblo, 1:30 p.m., away.
- Pioneers Gymnastics vs. Centenary, Lindenwood, 6 p.m., away.

**Sat., Feb. 14**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore closed, Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Angelo State, 2 p.m., away.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Chadron State, 11:30 a.m. and Colorado Mesa, 3:30 p.m., away.

**Sun., Feb. 15**

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open noon-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Metro State, 10:30 a.m., and Colorado school of Mines, 12:30 p.m., away.
- Pioneers Gymnastics vs. Southeast Missouri State, 1:30 p.m., away.

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