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TWU ANNOUNCES 2009 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

One is known for her commitment to corporate wellness and improving minority access to health care. Another is recognized for her leadership in higher education, and the third is lauded for her work to increase minority participation in science research. All have made their mark in their distinctive careers and have been named as the 2009 Distinguished Alumni by Texas Woman's University and the TWU Former Students Association.

Lola Chriss, manager of health promotion and benefits for Texas Instruments; Dr. Dana L. Gibson, president of National University in La Jolla, Calif.; and Dr. Elma L. Gonzalez, retired professor from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) will be recognized at the TWU Distinguished Alumni Awards Luncheon on Friday, April 24.

The luncheon will be held at noon in the Southeast Ballroom of Hubbard Hall. Tickets are \$25. Reservations must be received by Friday, April 17. For more information or tickets, call the TWU Office of Alumni Relations at (940) 898-2586 or visit www.twu.edu/alumni.

Prior to the luncheon, a reception will be held from 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Pioneer Room of Hubbard Hall so those on campus may greet the honorees.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor given to a TWU graduate. Recipients represent the high ideals of the university as demonstrated in their professional accomplishment, leadership and community service.

Lola Chriss

Ms. Chriss is a nationally recognized leader in corporate health. By combining her clinical expertise and experience in health benefits management, she has earned a reputation in the industry as being a strategic leader in employee health benefits and wellness.

Ms. Chriss received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Texas at Arlington and her master's degree in nursing from TWU.

“Thanks to the support, encouragement and mentorship of TWU faculty and staff, I was able to attain my master's degree,” Ms. Chriss said. “My experiences at TWU helped to shape my life both personally and professionally, and I am honored to be recognized as a Distinguished Alumna by the university.”

Dr. Dana L. Gibson

Dr. Gibson was appointed as the first female president of National University in California in 2007 and will become the vice president of finance and operations for Sam Houston State University in spring 2009.

Dr. Gibson worked at TWU for 14 years. During that time, she was as a member of the accounting and information systems faculty, was elected as speaker pro tem of the faculty senate and served as vice president for academic and information services. She received her bachelor's degree and MBA from TWU and her Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Arlington.

“TWU provided me with cherished memories, as well as enhanced my abilities and inspired me to do my best during my time there as a student, and then later as a faculty member and administrator,” Dr. Gibson said. “The TWU community has always been a very supportive environment, and one that urges you to achieve even more than you believed you could. I feel very honored to be named a TWU Distinguished Alumna.”

Dr. Elma L. Gonzalez

Dr. Gonzalez founded the Center for Academic and Research Excellence at UCLA and was director of the Minority Access to Research Careers program at the university. In recognition of her work, UCLA established the Elma Gonzalez Research Needs Award to provide funding for undergraduate researchers.

Dr. Gonzalez recently retired as a full professor from the UCLA department of ecology and evolutionary biology. She received her bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from TWU and her Ph.D. from Rutgers University.

“TWU had such a huge, lasting impact on my intellectual and social development, and I treasure the years that I lived among a diverse community of women from whence life-long friendships emerged,” Dr. Gonzalez said. “I am also thankful to the faculty and administration, who fostered an intimate, caring ambiance that nurtured and safeguarded our inquisitive minds. I am very proud to be named a TWU Distinguished Alumna.”

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STANKEY APPOINTED AS ASSOCIATE PROVOST

Dr. Michael Stankey has been appointed as associate provost of TWU and will officially begin his duties on June 1.

Dr. Stankey will have oversight responsibilities for the Dallas and Houston centers. In addition, the academic support units that will report to him include Institutional Effectiveness and Research, Academic Outreach, and the web management team. He will be involved in data analysis, policy review, faculty development (including the Faculty Center) and awards, and oversight for the development of identified areas of distinction within the university.

Dr. Stankey currently serves as director of the Center for Teaching Excellence at the University of Evansville, as well as professor and chair of the department of communication. He received his bachelor's degree from Purdue University and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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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. 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.

The second annual **TWU Arts Triangle** walking tour will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 9 on TWU's Denton campus. The tour, which is free and open to the public, begins at the DGL building, located on the northeast corner of Bell Avenue and Administration Drive. TWU dance, drama, art and music students will perform at various locations as the tour continues through the campus before ending with a reception and free refreshments in the Fine Arts Building. For more information, visit www.twu.edu/triangle or call 81-2086.

TWU Enrollment Services will host a web conference titled **Building a Veteran-Friendly Campus** on Wednesday, April 29. The web conference, from Academic Impressions, will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. in MCL 709. Representatives from all departments are encouraged to attend.

The **TWU Ally** program will conduct a training session at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 30 in SU 113 for those interested in learning about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) issues. To register, contact the TWU Counseling Center at 81-3801 by April 27.

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. Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

The TWU community offers its sympathies to the family and friends of **John Weinkein**, professor and chair of the visual arts department, who passed away March 25, 2009 at his home. A memorial service was held Friday, April 3 in Carrollton. Memorial contributions may be made to the TWU Office of Institutional Development, c/o Judy Miller, P O Box 425618, Denton TX 76204. Please make checks payable to John Weinkein Endowment or TWU Foundation.

The TWU community offers its condolences to the family and friends of former TWU bookstore manager **Oleta Riley**, 91, who passed away March 22, 2009 in Denton. A funeral service was held March 26 in Denton, with burial in Tioga Cemetery. Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

Dr. **AnaLouise Keating** (women's studies) recently published the following: "Transforming Status-Quo Stories, Shifting from 'Me' to 'We' Consciousness" in *Education and Hope in Troubled Times: Visions of Change for Our Children's World* (Routledge); "'Working towards wholeness': Gloria Anzaldúa's Struggles to Live with Diabetes and Chronic Illness" in *The Cultural Mediations of Latina Health* (University of Arizona Press); and "Street Theater for Social Change," in *The Women's Review of Books*.

TWU's provost has created The Task Force on Integration of Promotion and Tenure and Annual Faculty Performance Review, co-chaired by Dr. **Kyle Biggerstaff** (kinesiology) and Dr. **Anne Stiles** (nursing, Denton). This task force will focus on integrating the annual faculty performance evaluation with the new promotion and tenure guidelines. Membership is comprised of Dr. **Ann Staton** (College of Arts and Sciences), representing the Academic Deans Council; Dr. **Sharon Olson** (physical therapy, Houston), representing the Council of Chairs; Dr. **James Espinosa** (chemistry & physics), Dr. **Linda Caldwell** (dance) and **Pat Devereaux** (history and government), representing the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. **Roger Shipley** (health studies) and Dr. **Cynthia Gill** (communication sciences and disorders) representing the College of Health Studies; Dr. **Donna Sauls** (Denton), Dr. **Sherry Carter** and **Elizabeth Fuentes** (both of Dallas), representing the College of Nursing; Dr. **Nancy Anderson** (reading), Dr. **Ron Fannin** (family sciences) and Dr. **Gina Anderson** (teacher education), representing the College of Professional Education; and Dr. **Linda Ladd** (Faculty Senate) and Dr. **Don Edwards** (Council of Chairs), both *Ex Officio*.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: APRIL 6-19, 2009

Mon., April 6	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
Tues., April 7	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight. -TWU Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Free. 81-2500.
Wed., April 8	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.- midnight. -Faculty Spotlight Series: "Scholarship of Teaching and Learning about Underachieving Students in Science 1003," 12:25 p.m., Stoddard Hall 308. Presenter is Cynthia Maguire (chemistry and physics). -TWU Gamelan Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Free. 81-2500. -Professor's Corner: "John Ashbery's 'Self-Portrait in a Convex Mirror' as (Post-)Modernist Masterpiece," with Dr. Carl Smeller of Texas Wesleyan University. 7 p.m., Denton South Branch Library, 940-349-8796. -Math and Computer Science Annual Harlan Miller Lecture and Awards Banquet, 6 p.m., Southeast Dining Room, Hubbard Hall. Dr. Frances Thompson will speak about "The Qualities of Productive Thinking."
Thur., April 9	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.- midnight. -TWU Arts Triangle Walk, begins at 5 p.m. at DGL Building, northeast corner of Bell Avenue and Administration Drive. Free. For more information, visit www.twu.edu/triangle or call 81-2086. -Pioneers Gymnastics in 2009 USAG Women's Collegiate National Championship Team Semifinals, 5 p.m., New Haven, Conn. -Pioneers Softball vs. Angelo State University, 7 p.m., home.
Fri., April 10	-All TWU campuses close at noon. -Pioneers Softball vs. Angelo State University, 1 & 3 p.m., home.
Sat., April 11	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun., April 12	-Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation closed.
Mon., April 13	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

- Jazz Master Class Bart and Luke Marantz, trumpet and piano, 12:30 p.m., Eberly Recital Hall, room 103, Music Building. Free. 81-2500.
- Texas A&M International, 4 & 6 p.m., home.

- Tues., April 14 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
 -Carlo Pezzimenti Faculty Guitar Recital, 7:30 p.m., Little Chapel. Free. 81-2500.

- Wed., April 15 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

- Thur., April 16 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
 -TWU Guitar Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Little Chapel. Free. 81-2500.

- Fri., April 17 -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.
 -Complex Trauma in Children & Adolescents: Ethical Issues of Assessment and Treatment, 8 a.m., CFO 202. Keynote speaker: Dr. Cheryl Lanktree. www.twu.edu/ce/Trauma.asp.
 -Pioneers Softball vs. Tarleton State University, 2 p.m., away.

- Sat., April 18 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
 -Pioneers Softball vs. Tarleton State University, 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., away.

- Sun., April 19 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

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