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Ten TWU faculty have been selected as Chancellor's Research Fellows for 2003-2004.

The program, now in its third year, pairs faculty with strong potential for gaining external research funding with mentors who have been successful at obtaining funds from federal agencies or other sources and at publishing their research.

This year's protégés and mentors are: Dr. **Mark Britt** (chemistry and physics), who will be mentored by Dr. **James Johnson** (chemistry and physics); Dr. **Ann Malecha** (nursing), who will be mentored by Dr. **Judith McFarlane** (nursing); Dr. **Kyle Biggerstaff** (kinesiology), who

will be mentored by Dr. **Barney Sanborn** (kinesiology); Dr. **Anne Stiles** (nursing), who will be mentored by Dr. **Patti Hamilton** (nursing); and Dr. **Junehee Kwon** (nutrition and food sciences), who will be mentored by Dr. **Carolyn Bednar** (nutrition and food sciences).

Protégés receive awards of \$3,000 and mentors receive \$1,500 to use for their individual research needs. Funding was provided by the TWU Chancellor's Circle and the TWU Foundation.

Mentors assist their protégés in developing their research agendas and grant applications. Protégés are responsible for preparing at least one proposal for external funding during the fellowship year or the following academic year. Both mentors and protégés participate in research roundtables where topics such as finding funding proposals and proposal review and critique are discussed.

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TWU SLATES 25TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FEST

TWU will become a melting pot of cultures on Nov. 7 during the 25th Annual International Festival. Admission to the festival, which is open to the public, is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and \$3 for children under 12.

The festival will take place from 5:30-9 p.m. in Hubbard Hall and will include dinner with an international flavor, folk dance performances, an ethnic fashion parade and a lecture by Sugar Land attorney Dr. Praveena Singh-Kaw. Tickets are available in advance from the Office of International Education, located on the second floor of Jones Hall. For ticket information, call 8-1-3338.

Dr. Singh-Kaw is a native of South Africa and a United States citizen. She earned a bachelor's of science, master's and doctoral degrees in biochemistry from the State University of New York at Buffalo. In addition, she earned an MBA from the University of Toronto, Canada and a J.D. from the College of Law at the University of Toledo, Ohio.

Before she became a lawyer, Dr. Singh-Kaw worked as a cancer research scientist. As an attorney, she was employed as in-house counsel at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, as an associate at one of the largest law firms in Michigan and worked with an immigration attorney in Houston before starting her own firm.

Dr. Singh-Kaw will discuss "Life as an International Student" following the dinner. She first visited the U.S. at age 16 as an exchange student under the American Field Service. She will recount her experiences as an international student and discuss some of the challenges facing today's exchange students.

The International Festival concludes a week of international education activities at TWU.

International festival sponsors are the Office of International Education, International Student Association, TWU International Dance Company, the International Week Committee and the Multi Cultural African Organization.

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MA FERGUSON TOPIC OF THOMPSON LECTURE

Writer and political historian Dr. May Paulissen will offer a glimpse into the governor's mansion with her talk about Texas' first woman governor, Miriam "Ma" Ferguson, at the Joyce Thompson Lectureship in American Literature and Culture, Nov. 11 at 2:30 p.m. in MCL. Admission is free.

Dr. Paulissen began collecting stories about James and Miriam Ferguson from her grandfather, a former mayor of McKinney. A lifelong interest in Texas politics, extensive research in the Lyndon B. Johnson Library and interviews with scores of people associated with the Fergusons — their children, grandchildren, allies and enemies — resulted in her writing *Miriam, a Biography of the First Woman to Serve as Governor of Texas*.

Dr. Paulissen is a former dean and professor at Houston International University and now assists doctoral students with their dissertations at Capella University, a distance education institution of which she is a founding professor. She is currently working on a book about Lady Mary Wroth and other 17th Century writers.

The Joyce Thompson Lectureship in American Literature and Culture is an annual event honoring the memory of Dr. Joyce Thompson, professor of English, who served as a member of the TWU faculty from 1977 until her death in 1992 at the age of 48. She was the founder of the "Women and American Literature" course at TWU as well as the founder of the "Ethnic Literature" course.

Author of more than 30 published works, Dr. Thompson's major writings included *Marking A Trail: A History of the Texas Woman's University*, *Texas Women: The Myth/The Reality* and *Ladies' Firsts: A Miscellany*.

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PIONEER SCHOOL EARNS NAEYC REACCREDITATION

The TWU Pioneer School has been reaccredited by the National Association for the Education

of Young Children (NAEYC) under new criteria established by the organization.

The accreditation will run through 2010, according to the organization's web site, www.naeyc.org. The Pioneer School received a five-year accreditation with a two-year extension based on its status in the program.

"This accreditation benefits TWU students, the children, the families and our staff," said Kim Burton, Pioneer School director. "It assures that the children receive a quality learning experience and that we as educators stay on our toes."

The school, under the direction of TWU's College of Professional Education, provides education for children ages 2 through 4 and also serves as an education and training facility for TWU students who conduct practicums, observations and do volunteer work.

"This accreditation is important for our Pioneer School and reaffirms our commitment to developmentally appropriate practices and the needs of children," said Dr. April Miller, dean of the College of Professional Education. "We are very proud of this accreditation and the faculty and staff at the Pioneer School."

The NAEYC in 2002 revised its accreditation criteria to focus on children and their learning and development as well as the elements needed to develop excellent programs. Accreditation criteria include interactions among teachers and children, curriculum, relationships among teachers and families, staff qualifications and professional development, physical environment and health and safety.

Burton said Pioneer School personnel began the application process more than a year ago, gathering information through family and staff questionnaires and classroom evaluations. The NAEYC in May sent an accreditation validator to conduct evaluations and examine the school's documentation. That information then was sent to the organization, which awarded the accreditation and developed a list of areas that needed improvement. The school must report once each year what is being done in those areas, Burton said.

Burton credits teamwork with achieving reaccreditation for the school.

"It takes everybody to achieve this, because the process covers such a wide scope," she said. "It includes the families who are very involved in their children's education; teachers who are here on a daily basis doing not only what needs to be done, but also going the extra mile; and staff who provide invaluable support."

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TWU LAUNCHES JAMP PROGRAM

Two TWU students who plan to be doctors are the university's first Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP) participants, according to Dr. James Johnson (chemistry and physics), program director. Nathalie Ho is a chemistry and biology major from Missouri City, and Sarah Brenner is a biology major from Garland.

JAMP was created by Senate Bill 940 during the 77th Texas Legislature. The program is intended to support highly qualified, economically disadvantaged students interested in pursuing a medical career. The program provides undergraduate and medical school scholarships, as well as stipends so the students can participate in summer internships during their freshman, sophomore and junior years.

This summer, Ms. Ho completed a five-week internship at the University of Texas Health Science center in Houston and Ms. Brenner completed an internship at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

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Dr. **Bill Cissell** (health studies) has been invited to serve as the keynote speaker for the Texas Society for Public Health Education meeting in Austin on Oct. 25. His topic will be "Reactions of the Professional Societies to Proposed Changes in Continuing Education Requirements by the National Commission on Health Education Credentialing."

Laurie Weller (visual art) had a solo show titled "Biomorphia" at Oklahoma University in early October. Her works were described as depicting strangely natural shapes reminiscent of biological forms, according to the Oklahoma Daily. She also recently had a solo show at Tarleton State University.

Dr. **Kristin Wiginton** (health studies) received the U.S. Army's second highest honor, the Army Commendation Medal. She received the honor for preventive medicine services to more than 800 soldiers.

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Oct. 20-23

- Library open 8 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Tue., Oct. 21

- TWU Volleyball vs. Tarleton State, home, 7 p.m.
- Carlo Pezzimenti Faculty Guitar Recital, Little Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Thur., Oct. 23

- TWU Volleyball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma, home, 7 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 24

- Library open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 25

- Library open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- TWU Volleyball vs. Texas A&M Commerce, home, 2 p.m.
- TWU Soccer vs. Central Oklahoma, away, 3 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 26

- Library open 2 p.m. to midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- TWU Soccer vs. Southern Utah, home, 1 p.m.

Oct. 27-30

- Library open 8 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Tue., Oct. 28

- TWU Volleyball vs. Midwestern State, 7 p.m.
- 10th Annual Flute Choir Concert, Margo Jones, 8 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 29

- TWU Soccer vs., Texas A&M Commerce, away, 3 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 31

- Library open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 1

- Library open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- TWU Volleyball vs. St. Edwards, home, 6 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 2 -

- Library open 2 p.m. to midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.