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## **PROVOST KAY CLAYTON LEAVES TWU FOR HEALTH REASONS**

Texas Woman's University Provost Dr. Kay Clayton announced Feb. 27 that she is leaving the university due to health reasons. Dr. Keith McFarland, retired president of Texas A&M-Commerce, will serve as acting provost beginning March 1.

"Due to serious health issues, I have requested and received a medical leave," Dr. Clayton said. "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve TWU in the capacity of provost. TWU is blessed to have outstanding faculty, dedicated support staff, and excellent deans and chairs."

Dr. Clayton, who earned her Ph.D. in education from TWU, became the university's provost and vice president for academic affairs in July 2008. Her medical leave will begin March 1, and she will retire from the university at the end of August.

"I want to thank Dr. Clayton for her many accomplishments and excellent service while at TWU, including her academic leadership and preparing for our reaffirmation of accreditation," Chancellor Ann Stuart said.

Dr. McFarland served as president and CEO of Texas A&M-Commerce for 10 years before retiring in 2008. Prior to serving as president, Dr. McFarland served in a various roles for almost 38 years as a history professor, department chair and dean of the graduate school. He brought about significant change and helped establish A&M-Commerce as a strong leader in academic achievement and diversity.

"We welcome Dr. McFarland to TWU and appreciate his willingness to lead as acting provost and vice president for academic affairs during this transition period," Chancellor Stuart said.

A national search for a new provost will begin in March.

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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.*

Large black birds have once again started flocking together in large numbers on the TWU Denton campus. In addition to the noise problem they cause, their excrement poses health risks. In an effort to minimize these risks, Facilities Management will shoot **blank ammunition rounds** to create noise that is intended to cause the birds to fly away. The rounds will be shot from **5:15 to 6:15 p.m.** daily beginning **Tuesday, March 2** and continuing through **Friday, March 5**. The birds will NOT be harmed by this project.

The **FY 2011 Budget Development** process is under way. A kickoff meeting for all budget supervisors was held last week. An **additional meeting** providing the same information is scheduled Wednesday, March 10 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the MCL Auditorium. Anyone interested in obtaining more details on the budget development process is encouraged to attend.

The **Texas Woman's University Speech and Hearing Clinic** will host a celebration showcasing its newly renovated clinic on Friday, March 5. The event, which is open to the public, will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. in the clinic in room 601 of the Multipurpose Classroom and Laboratory (MCL) Building. For more information, visit [www.twu.edu/communication-sciences/speech-language-hearing-clinic.asp](http://www.twu.edu/communication-sciences/speech-language-hearing-clinic.asp) or call 81-2285.

Best-selling author Sapphire, who wrote the book that inspired the Academy Award-nominated film "Precious," is among the featured speakers at Texas Woman's University's **Cultural Connections Conference** March 4-5. Registration for the conference is \$20 for the general public and \$15 for TWU students, staff and faculty. The registration deadline is March 3, and on-site registration is \$25 for the general public and \$20 for TWU students, staff and faculty. For more information or to register, visit [www.twu.edu/intercultural-services/registration.asp](http://www.twu.edu/intercultural-services/registration.asp) or call 81-3679.

Nominations for **Pioneer Proud** staff awards are due by Friday, March 5. These awards are presented to individuals who go above and beyond their ordinary responsibilities to assist faculty, staff, students and friends of TWU. Nominations are open to any permanent, full- or part-time staff employee who has worked a minimum of six months and is in a position below that of director, registrar or bursar. To submit a nomination, visit <http://www.twu.edu/staffcouncil/pioneerproud.htm>

## UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

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The TWU community extends its sympathies to the family and friends of **Frank Turner**, a member of the School of Library and Information Studies faculty from 1977-1992. Services were held Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Dallas.

Dr. **Jake Blosser** (history & government) gave the paper, "Unholy Communion: Absent Parishioners and Forgotten Sacraments in Colonial Virginia," as part of a panel he organized titled "Horse-Shed Christianity Revisited: Parochial Response" at the 2010 Winter Meeting of the American Society of Church History in San Diego. Dr. **Blosser** also took five student-presenters to the Phi Alpha Theta Biennial National Convention (also in San Diego) where he served as a panel commentator on Caribbean History.

**Gilland Chenault** (Institutional Development) is serving as the interim contact person for all matters related to that office and the TWU Foundation. He may be reached at [gchenault@twu.edu](mailto:gchenault@twu.edu) or 81-3870.

**Malinda Potynski** has accepted the position of executive assistant to the chancellor and president, effective March 3. She has served at TWU in the position of executive assistant to the vice president for finance and administration since 2004. Prior to that, she worked as an administrative assistant in Institutional Development, Health Sciences and Performing Arts.

Dr. **Mahesh Raisinghani** (School of Management) accepted an invitation to serve on the technical committee of the Annual International Conference on GREEN IT, organized by Asia Pacific Technology Forum. For more information on the forum, visit <http://www.apactechforum.org>.

Dr. **Tera Pape** (nursing, Denton) has been appointed to serve on the Recommended Practices Committee for the 2010-2011 term for the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN). This national committee primarily contributes to updating and revising the standards of practice for operating room nursing.

Dr. **Beverly Thompson** (women's studies) presented "The Making of *Covered*: A Visual Ethnography of Heavily Tattooed Women and Female Tattooists" at the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Association in Albuquerque, N.M., on Feb. 12.

TWU was well represented at the Kaleidoscope Perinatal and Women's Health conference held Feb. 17-19 in Galveston. TWU faculty presenting information in breakout sessions included **Jan Cunningham** (Houston) and Dr. **Sandra Cesario** (Houston). Recent Houston Ph.D. nursing graduates Olinda Johnson, Carol Wiggs, Rachel Nurse and Miki Ribbeck presented their dissertation work in breakout sessions as

well. Drs. **Cesario** and Johnson presented research posters. Four current Ph.D. nursing students attended.

Several TWU faculty, students and recent graduates attended the Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) conference Feb. 3-6 in Austin. TWU faculty members Dr. **Ann Malecha** (Houston) and Dr. **Anne Stiles** (Denton) currently serve on the SNRS Board of Directors. TWU faculty presenting posters in the new poster discussion format included Drs. **Sandra Cesario** (Houston), **Anne Koci** (Houston), **Peggy Landrum** (Houston), **Judy McFarlane** (Houston) and **Jane Grassley** (Denton). Dr. **Jan Foster** (Houston) had an abstract selected for poster discussion but was unable to attend. Faculty who co-authored posters with students and presented in the traditional poster presentation format were Dr. **Stiles** (Denton), Dr. **Donna Scott-Tilley** (Denton), Dr. **Malecha** (Houston), Dr. **Brenda Binder** (Houston), Dr. **Anne Young** (Houston) and Dr. **Lene Symes** (Houston). Dr. **Gayle Roux** (Denton) greeted prospective students and faculty at the TWU table. In addition, 18 current Ph.D. students and recent graduates were in attendance at the SNRS conference, many presenting their work in the form of a poster, poster discussion or scholarly paper. More than 300 students throughout the region submitted abstracts, with the top 10 percent of these submissions selected for a special poster discussion session. TWU-Houston had two recent graduates presenting their dissertation work at this session – Cheryl Rodgers and Rebecca Schultz. Cheryl Rodgers went on to receive the top award for outstanding poster and the Parent-Child Research award.

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## **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: MARCH 1-14, 2010**

### **Mon., March 1**

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

### **Tues., March 2**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Joyce Gibson Roach lecture, “The Little Town That Could,” 11 a.m., Joyce Thompson Lecture Hall, BHL 101. Seating is limited.
- Clay Underground Ceramics Sale, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Fine Arts Building foyer.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Missouri Southern, 5 & 7 p.m., home.

### **Wed., March 3**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Clay Underground Ceramics Sale, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Fine Arts Building foyer.
- CAS Faculty Spotlight Series: Preparing Math Olympiad Winners, 12:25 p.m., Stoddard Hall 308. Presenter: Dr. Ellina Grigorieva, department of mathematics & computer science. Free.

- Pioneers Softball vs. Missouri Southern, 2:30 & 4:30 p.m., home.

#### **Thur., March 4**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Tarleton State, LSC Tournament, noon, away.

#### **Fri., March 5**

- 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.
- Edible Car Contest, 9 a.m., Southwest Banquet Room, Hubbard Hall. Free.
- Transitions of Care Workshop: A Geriatrics Workshop, 8 a.m.-noon, Houston Center. Visit <http://www.twu.edu/ce/Transitions-of-Care.asp> for more information.
- TWU Speech & Hearing Clinic open house, 2-5 p.m., MCL 601. 81-2285.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Parry Distinguished Lectureship, 9 a.m., Houston Center. Presentation titled “Political Realities and Professional Change: Creating a Mandate for Transformation” with Dr. Geraldine “Polly” Bednash, executive director of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). 84-2100.

#### **Sat., March 6**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Cameron, 1 & 3 p.m., away.

#### **Sun., March 7**

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

#### **Mon., March 8**

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

#### **Tues, March 9**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- TWU International Festival, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., SU 2. Free international lunch served at noon in SU 207. Complimentary tickets (required for luncheon) may be picked up in the International Education Office, Jones Hall 200, or sent by request by calling 81-3338.

#### **Wed, March 10**

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

#### **Thurs., March 11**

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

**Friday, March 12**

- Library open 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Gymnastics vs. Sacramento State and Southern Utah, 7 p.m., away.
- Pioneers Softball vs. West Texas A&M, 5 & 7 p.m., home.

**Saturday, March 13**

- Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Pioneers Softball vs. West Texas A&M, noon, home.

**Sunday, March 14**

- Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Gymnastics vs. UC Davis and California, 2 p.m., away.

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