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## **TWU DRAMA TO PREMIERE 'AMERICAN ROULETTE'**

The Texas Woman's University drama program ends the fall semester with the premiere of *American Roulette*, written by TWU graduate student Zane Harris, Dec 1-3.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1; Friday, Dec. 2; and Saturday, Dec 3. All performances will take place in the Redbud Theater, located on the north side of historic Hubbard Hall on TWU's Denton campus. Tickets are \$5. Cash or checks only are accepted. To reserve tickets online or for more information, visit [www.twu.edu/drama](http://www.twu.edu/drama) or call the TWU Box Office at (940) 898-2020.

This original production will attempt to bring something new to its audience. Unlike traditional theatrical experiences where audiences are asked to turn off their cell phones, *American Roulette* audiences will be encouraged to keep their phones on during the performance and use them to interact with the live show through the web and different social networking sites. In addition to the use of audience interaction, the show will explore the integration of theater and technology by streaming the performances live at [www.americanrouletteplay.com](http://www.americanrouletteplay.com)

*American Roulette* is an episodic journey exploring the dystopia of the modern American dream. Through the use of various forms of traditional staging, film, social media and music, the audience will get a glimpse into a world that is both strangely normal and tragically surreal. The play follows a young woman who is discovering the power and complexity of her sexuality while at the same time dealing with the world around her, which is becoming increasingly difficult to navigate. Through a series of events, she is approached with an offer that, if accepted, will change her life forever.

Mr. Harris, a TWU master's student in drama, wrote and co-directs the play with Eric Amburg and Christopher David Taylor. The cast includes Summer Banks, Desiree Fultz, Bryan Patrick, Zac Ramsey, Travis Stuebing and Joanna Wesson. The production team includes IT consultant Charles Berard and video consultant Peter Rand. Tyler Lucas and Chris Worthington directed all of the filmed portions of the production. Patrick Emile provides the show's original soundtrack. The lighting design is by Cathryn Cox, and Averie Bell serves as costume designer. Hayley Yates is the stage manager, assisted by Amy Krigsmann.

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## TWU ATHLETICS LAUNCHES PIONEER BROADCASTING NETWORK

Fans of TWU Athletics now have another way to keep up with their favorite Pioneer team – the Pioneer Broadcasting Network (PBN).

PBN will provide live webcasts of selected TWU Athletics events. All webcasts will include play-by-play audio and live video. The first batch of PBN programming will be the 12 remaining 2011-12 TWU basketball home games. Future programming will be decided upon at a later date.

PBN can be accessed at <http://www.twuathletics.com/sports/2010/3/25/streaming1.aspx>. All webcasts will begin with a 15-minute pregame show.

The PBN is a partnership between TWU Athletics and two Argyle-based companies, Broadcast Fast and LMS Broadcasting. Broadcast Fast will provide PBN with necessary broadcast hardware and on-air talent, while LMS Broadcasting will be responsible for the technical direction and production.

“We’ve streamed live video for several sports (volleyball, basketball, gymnastics) over the last couple of years and that’s been fairly well-received,” said TWU Director of Athletics Chalese Connors. “The PBN is a natural progression from that as we are adding audio commentary and produced video. Hopefully, the response to this will be positive and we’ll be able to add programming in the future.”

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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.*

Chancellor Ann Stuart invites the TWU Community to the annual **Holiday Celebration** Thursday, Dec. 8. The event will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in the TWU Fitness & Recreation Center. Refreshments will be served, and the Mister Joe Trio will provide entertainment.

The 2011 TWU **Winter Lighting Celebration** will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30 in the Hubbard Hall Courtyard. For more information, contact the Faculty Senate office at 81-3393 or [facultysenate@mail.twu.edu](mailto:facultysenate@mail.twu.edu).

The Fall 2011 **Staff Development Day** is scheduled from 8:30-noon Friday, Dec. 9 in the TWU Fitness & Recreation Center. Donations of non-perishable items for the TWU Food Pantry will be accepted. To register, visit [www.surveymonkey.com/s/XZX57JZ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XZX57JZ).

The remainder of **fitness equipment** formerly used in Jones Hall that was not sold in the first offering will be available for sealed bid beginning Wednesday, Nov. 30 and ending on Friday, Dec. 9. Equipment may be viewed at [www.twu.edu/fmc/public.asp](http://www.twu.edu/fmc/public.asp). For more information, contact Bill Beckham at [wbeckham@twu.edu](mailto:wbeckham@twu.edu).

The **Federation Rhetoric Symposium** is accepting proposals for papers and panels from faculty, graduate and undergraduate students and independent scholars investigating the ways women have impacted the study of rhetoric. The deadline for submission of a 250- to 350-word abstract is **Monday, Dec. 12**. For more information, visit the symposium's website at [www.twu.edu/federation-rhetoric-symposium/default.asp](http://www.twu.edu/federation-rhetoric-symposium/default.asp) or email [frswomenandrhet@gmail.com](mailto:frswomenandrhet@gmail.com)

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## 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.)*

Congratulations to **Amanda Simpson** (Marketing & Communication) and her husband, Douglas, on the birth of their son, Henry Edward Simpson, on Nov. 15, 2011.

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English) was an invited panelist at Southern Methodist University on November 17 for the release of a new book by Texas author Jane Roberts Wood published by SMU Press. Dr. Bridges wrote the introduction for the new collection of short fiction called Seven Stories by Jane Roberts Wood.

Dr. **Jeff Robb** (government) has been selected vice president of the Southwestern Association of Prelaw Advisors (SWAPLA), an organization comprised of pre-law advisers from colleges and universities throughout the southwestern United States.

**Regina Michael Campbell** (occupational therapy, Dallas) was invited to present The Art Dilly Lecture at the 75th Anniversary Meeting of the Texas Occupational Therapy Association and Mountain Central Conference, held Nov. 5 in Frisco. Her lecture was titled "Occupational Justice: A Renewed Call to Service."

**Regina Michael Campbell** (occupational therapy, Dallas) and graduate occupational therapy students presented two papers at the Texas Occupational Therapy Association Mountain Central Conference held Nov. 5-6 in Frisco. Master's occupational therapy students **Laci Langford**, **Kristen Ozgo** and **Christine Vaughan** presented a paper titled

“Discovering Occupation of Sleep Across the Lifespan.” Master’s occupational therapy students **Marci Dondershine, Kristen Thompson** and **Johanna Thome**, presented a paper titled “Bringing Meaning Back to the Act of Eating (for persons with dementia and low vision in residential living).”

**Angela Cagle** (human resources) has been named TWU’s manager of benefits, effective Dec. 1.

**Tony Yardley** (human resources) has been promoted to senior human resources generalist assigned to the benefits department.

Dr. **Robin Toms** (nursing, Houston) was elected to the board of directors of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), the international honor society of nursing, during the organization’s biennial conference held recently in Grapevine. TWU was well represented during the conference, with many poster and podium presentations by faculty and doctoral students. **Grace Chi**, who earned her doctorate in nursing science at TWU, received the 2011 Research Dissertation Award during the conference. Her dissertation adviser was Dr. **Anne Young**.

Dr. **AnaLouise Keating** (women’s studies) was an invited speaker in the “Author Meets Critics” plenary series at the National Women’s Studies Association annual conference Nov. 11 in Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Keating also presented a paper titled “‘From the ‘Linguistic Turn’ to the Metaphysical: Visionary Pragmatism, Spiritual Activism, and Indigenous Thought” and led a two-part roundtable, titled “Anzaldúan Studies for the Twenty-First Century: A Transdisciplinary Dialogue,” at the conference.

Dr. **Mahesh S. Raisinghani** (School of Management) has been invited to serve on the program committee of ADAPTIVE 2012, the Fourth International Conference on Adaptive and Self-Adaptive Systems and Applications. The conference is scheduled July 22-27, 2012 in Nice, France.

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## THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 11, 2011

### Mon., Nov. 28

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

### Tues., Nov. 29

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

### Wed., Nov. 30

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

- Winter Lighting Celebration, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Hubbard Hall Courtyard.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Angelo State, 6 p.m., away.

#### **Thurs., Dec. 1**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- TWU Drama presents “American Roulette, 8 p.m., Redbud Theater, \$5. For tickets, call 81-2020 or visit [www.twu.edu/drama](http://www.twu.edu/drama).

#### **Fri., Dec. 2**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Nutrition and Food Sciences Seminar: Eleonore-Nausica Akuaillou, TWU master’s student in nutrition, presents “Search for Salivary Adiponectin,” MCL 505, IHS 5305, DPH 109.
- TWU Drama presents “American Roulette, 8 p.m., Redbud Theater, \$5. For tickets, call 81-2020 or visit [www.twu.edu/drama](http://www.twu.edu/drama).

#### **Sat., Dec. 3**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- TWU Drama presents “American Roulette, 8 p.m., Redbud Theater, \$5. For tickets, call 81-2020 or visit [www.twu.edu/drama](http://www.twu.edu/drama).
- Pioneer Basketball vs. Abilene Christian, 2 p.m., home.

#### **Sun., Dec. 4**

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open noon-midnight.
- TWU Gymnastics Holiday Spectacular, 2 p.m., free admission. Free T-shirts given to first 200 fans to enter the arena. Free holiday cookies and drinks while supplies last. Free pictures with Santa Claus. Donations of canned goods accepted for the TWU Food Pantry.

#### **Mon., Dec. 5**

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

#### **Tues., Dec. 6**

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

#### **Wed., Dec. 7**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. Eastern New Mexico, 7 p.m., home.

**Thurs., Dec. 8**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Chancellor's Annual Holiday Celebration, noon-1 p.m., Fitness & Recreation Center. Music to be provided by the Mister Joe Trio.

**Fri., Dec. 9**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Fall 2011 Staff Development Day, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Fitness & Recreation Center.

**Sat., Dec. 10**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Basketball vs. West Texas A&M, 4 p.m., away.

**Sun., Dec. 11**

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

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