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## **TWU TO OFFER THREE NEW ONLINE DEGREES**

The Texas Woman's University Office of Lifelong Learning has announced the addition of three new degrees to TWU's online roster in 2010. The bachelor of science/bachelor of arts in criminal justice and the master of arts in drama will begin in the spring, with the master of science in nutrition beginning in fall 2010.

The bachelor's degree in criminal justice is an undergraduate completion degree geared toward transfer students who have completed their core requirements or those who have an associate's degree. Potential students have the option of earning either a bachelor of science or a bachelor of arts degree. For more information about this program, contact Dr. James Williams at (940) 898-2051 or [jwilliams2@twu.edu](mailto:jwilliams2@twu.edu).

The master of arts in drama, a currently existing degree, is being moved to the online format in order to meet the needs of nontraditional students who are not available for daytime classes. This degree will feature 50 percent of the classes online, with the remainder of the coursework offered through evening courses and a mixture of in-class meetings with online work. For more information about this program, contact Sharon Benge at (940) 898-2518 or [sbenge@twu.edu](mailto:sbenge@twu.edu).

The master of science in nutrition degree will begin online in fall 2010. The program also will continue to be offered in a classroom setting. The distance education version will be available 100 percent online with no on-campus requirements. For more information about this program, contact Dr. Chandan Prasad at (940) 898-2636 or [cprasad@twu.edu](mailto:cprasad@twu.edu).

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## **TWU'S OOMEN-EARLY RECEIVES TECHNOLOGY AWARD**

The American Association for Health Education (AAHE) has named Texas Woman's University faculty Jody Oomen-Early as its 2009 HEDIR Technology Award Recipient.

"Technology is reshaping most academic disciplines, especially the field of health education, and plays a major role in improving the health of our global society," said Dr.

Oomen-Early, TWU assistant professor of health studies. “I am honored to receive this award and for the opportunities I’ve been given at TWU to grow innovative, academic programs that prepare 21st century health practitioners and scholars.”

According to AAHE, the award recognizes a health educator who has transformed the profession of health education through the use of technology. Dr. Mark Kittleson, owner of HEDIR (the online Health Education Directory), partnered with the AAHE to create the technology award in 1997.

Since joining the TWU Department of Health Studies in 1999, Dr. Oomen-Early has been a pioneer in developing the department’s online bachelor and graduate health studies programs. She is the co-director of the Pioneer Breast Health and Community Outreach program of Denton County. She received TWU’s Distinction in E-Learning Award in 2007.

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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.*

TWU Chancellor Dr. Ann Stuart invites the university community to a **Holiday Celebration** from noon until 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14 in the ACT 2 lobby.

Kitty Magee Arena will be filled with holiday spirit when the **TWU gymnastics team** hosts its **annual Intrasquad meet** Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. The arena will feature holiday décor and music, and FREE holiday cookies and drinks will be given away while supplies last. After the meet, children and adults can have a picture taken with Santa Claus in the arena lobby. Photos are FREE with the donation of a canned food item or will cost just \$2 (all monetary and canned food donations will go to the TWU Food Pantry). Admission to the meet will be FREE, and FREE TWU Gymnastics “Pioneer Proud” T-shirts will be given away to the first 150 fans to enter the arena.

To accommodate those faculty and students displaced by the MCL fire, the traditional face-to-face course evaluation period **has been extended until Friday, Dec. 11** university-wide. Paper/pencil evaluation materials should be completed and returned to your departmental offices by that date. Departments, please make certain your departmental batches are submitted to ITS, Bralley Annex, by Wednesday, Dec. 16.

TWU faculty and staff have an opportunity for cultural exchange and growth through the ninth annual **Fulbright American Studies Institute for Korean Secondary School**

**Teachers of English.** TWU will host four Korean teachers Feb. 3-16, 2010, and is in need of families to host one or two teachers. For more information, contact Juanita Duenez-Lazo, director of TWU International Education, at 81-3338 or [jduenezlazo@twu.edu](mailto:jduenezlazo@twu.edu).

## 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.)*

Dr. **AnaLouise Keating** (women's studies) presented a workshop on feminist/womanist spiritual activism and participated on a panel titled "The Intersectional Approach: The Transformation of Women's Studies" at the National Women's Studies Association conference in Atlanta in November.

Dr. **Judy Rohrer** (women's studies) presented "Queering Citizenship in the Age of Obama: Black Presidents, Gay Marriages, and Hawaiian Nationalism" at the National Women's Studies Association conference in Atlanta on Nov. 13.

Dr. **Claire Sahlin** (women's studies) participated as a faculty mentor in an academic mentoring program and served as a discussant in a session titled "Difficult Dialogues with the Past: Historical Memory in Contemporary Politics" at the National Women's Studies Association conference in Atlanta in November.

Dr. **Mahesh (Michael) S. Raisinghani** (School of Management) co-authored a chapter titled "Onto-ServSys: a Service System Ontology" that was accepted for publication in *Service Science: Research and Innovations (SSRI) in the Service Economy Book Series*, Springer - ISSN: 1865-4924.

The TWU Libraries would like to thank faculty, staff and students who have contributed books to our new Recreational Reading Collection.

Dr. **DiAnna L. Hynds** (biology) presented a seminar titled "Patterns of Rho and Rac Activation: Implications for Axon Regeneration" at the Center for Adaptive Neural Systems at Arizona State University Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering in Tempe, Ariz., on Nov. 4.

Dr. **DiAnna L. Hynds** (biology) co-authored a paper titled "Alternating Magnetic Field Controlled, Multifunctional Nano-Reservoirs: Intracellular Uptake and Improved Biocompatibility" recently published in *Nanoscale Research Letters* (DOI: 10.1007/s11671-009-9465-9, published online, issue information not yet available). Co-authors include Santaneel Ghosh of Southeast Missouri State University; Tong Cai and David Diercks, both from UNT; and grad student **Somesree GhoshMitra** and Dr.

**Nathaniel Mills** (biology), both from TWU.

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**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 14, 2009**

- Mon., Nov. 30            -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. 1            -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.  
- College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Spotlight Series:  
“A New Approach to Valuing Customers in the Credit Card  
Industry,” presented by Dr. Shweta Singh, School of Management,  
12:15 p.m., Stoddard Hall 308. Free.
- Wed., Dec. 2            -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.  
-MFA/MA/BFA Graduate Art Exhibition, East and West Galleries,  
free. Continues through Dec. 21. 81-2533.
- Thur., Dec. 3            -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;  
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Fri., Dec. 4            -Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;  
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.  
-Dance Presents: Complex Environments, a multimedia dance  
performance, 8 p.m. at Banter, 219 W. Oak St., Denton. Free.  
-Sixth International Conference — “Functional Foods for Chronic  
Diseases: Diabetes and Related Diseases,” 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.,  
CFO 204. [www.twu.edu/ce/Functional-Foods.asp](http://www.twu.edu/ce/Functional-Foods.asp)
- Sat., Dec. 5            -Library 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation  
open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
-Dance Presents: Complex Environments, a multimedia dance  
performance, 8 p.m. at Banter, 219 W. Oak St., Denton. Free.  
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-TWU Annual Gala Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Tickets  
\$5 per person, 12 and under free. 81-2500.  
-2009 TWU Gymnastics Intrasquad Holiday Spectacular, 7 p.m.,  
Kitty Magee Arena. Free. Photos with Santa Claus after the meet,  
\$2 or donation of a canned food item.  
-Pioneers Basketball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 2 p.m., away.

- Sun., Dec. 6 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 7 -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. 8 -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. 9 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.  
-Critical Thinking Activities, a live desktop presentation for distance education faculty. Free. Registration required.  
[www.twu.edu/de/development.asp](http://www.twu.edu/de/development.asp)
- Thur., Dec. 10 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Fri., Dec. 11 -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.
- Sat., Dec. 12 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
-Dance 208, 7 p.m., Dance Studio Theatre. Free.  
-Pioneers Basketball vs. Angelo State University, 6 p.m., home.
- Sun., Dec. 13. -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

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