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## **TWU OPENS CLINIC FOR BEHAVIOR AND LEARNING EVALUATION**

A new clinic at Texas Woman's University combines a number of resources from throughout TWU in order to help Denton children, adults and families.

The Integrated Clinic for Behavior and Learning Evaluation is an assessment and evaluation program offered through TWU's Counseling and Family Therapy Center. The clinic brings together the resources of several departments on campus — including family sciences, special education and reading — to offer assessment and intervention services. These assessments/interventions can include behavior (including ADHD screening), reading comprehension and family or individual issues (depression, family therapy, etc.).

“We take a holistic approach,” said Dr. Linda Ladd, TWU family sciences professor and co-chair of the clinic board. Clinic staff members use many different assessments to help them determine the needs of the child, adult and family. The Family Environment Scale, for example, looks at relationships, personal growth and achievement, among other areas.

“It's more of a support system for the family,” said Dr. Yvonne Rodriguez, TWU professor of reading and a clinic board member. “Both family environment and events can have a direct impact on a child's performance.”

Following an evaluation, clients are provided with services aimed at helping them overcome their area of difficulty. This could include sessions with the TWU Department of Reading to build reading skills, or couples therapy provided through the TWU Family Sciences Department.

Clinic fees are assessed on a sliding scale. Services are provided Monday through Saturday.

The clinic is staffed by TWU students who work under the supervision of licensed professionals. Information is kept strictly confidential.

“The clinic's primary purpose is to serve the community, but it also provides training for our students who will one day enter the field,” said Dr. Lloyd Kinnison, TWU professor of special education and clinic board member. Dr. Tammy Stephens, TWU professor of

special education and clinic board co-chair, said, “Our students gain valuable experience by collaborating with people in other fields.”

For more information on the clinic, visit [www.twu.edu/family-sciences/behavior-learning-clinic.asp](http://www.twu.edu/family-sciences/behavior-learning-clinic.asp). To schedule an appointment, call Dr. Linda Ladd at 81-2694.

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## **TWU TO PRESENT FORUM ON GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS**

Understanding the global, local and personal impact of the current economic crisis is the focus of a Texas Woman's University public affairs forum to be held Tuesday, March 10.

“Understanding the Economic Crisis: From Global to Personal” will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in room 203 of the Classroom Faculty Office Building. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, email [JWilliams2@twu.edu](mailto:JWilliams2@twu.edu) or call 81-2052.

The forum includes three speakers - Paul Lynch, the British Consul General in Houston; Danielle DiMartino, with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas; and Dr. Michiko Hayhurst, assistant professor of economics at TWU.

The TWU College of Arts and Sciences is presenting this event as part of its ongoing series of public affairs forums. For more information, visit [www.twu.edu/arts-sciences/college-forums.asp](http://www.twu.edu/arts-sciences/college-forums.asp).

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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.*

The TWU Office of Alumni Relations and TWU Instructional Support Services will be “pioneering” a virtual alumni event. The **TWU Alumni Virtual Open House** will be held in the virtual world, Second Life, on Thursday, March 12 from 7:30-9 p.m. CST. Alumni are encouraged to visit the TWU island for a social time and a talk by recently retired professor of family studies, Dr. Mary Bold, who will speak on “From Second Life to Habbo Hotel: Virtual Journeys across New Worlds.” Alumni are invited to explore the

Alumni House, the newest addition to our Second Life island. To learn more about Second Life, visit <http://www.twu.edu/is/ISS-SL.htm>. An **on-campus viewing** for anyone interested will take place in ACT 501.

The Association of Service and Support Employees of Texas Woman's University (A.S.S.E.T.) will award a **scholarship for fall 2009** to a permanent full- or part-time TWU staff member enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate course at TWU during the 2009 fall semester. Scholarship applications are due in Stoddard Hall 202 by 5 p.m. Monday, April 6. For more information, contact Kathleen Hedges at 81-2204 or [khedges@twu.edu](mailto:khedges@twu.edu).

**TWU Reading Recovery** hosted trainers from the North American Trainers Group on Friday, March 6. As part of their bi-annual professional development, literacy trainers from more than 22 national institutions visited TWU's Denton campus to learn about incorporating tools for distance learning into teacher leader training. Dr. Nancy Anderson and the Reading Recovery/Descubriendo la Lectura trainer team facilitated the training.

#### **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.).*

**Denise Lucero-Miller** has been promoted to interim director of the TWU Counseling Center. She will supervise the counseling centers at the Denton, Dallas and Houston centers, and may be reached at [DLuceroMiller@twu.edu](mailto:DLuceroMiller@twu.edu) or 81-3801. She previously served as assistant director of the counseling center.

Dr. **Jyutika Mehta** (communication sciences and disorders) had her article, "Electrophysiological correlates of word comprehension: Event-related potential (ERP) and independent component analysis (ICA)" published in the *International Journal of Audiology*, 48:1, pages 1-11.

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#### **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: MARCH 9-22, 2009**

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| Mon., Mar. 9   | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;<br>Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.<br>-Zephyr Winds Faculty Wind Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., MJPH, free.<br>81-2500. |
| Tues., Mar. 10 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;<br>Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.  |

- Spring Music Showcase, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. \$5. 81-2500.
  - CAS Public Affairs Forum – Economic Crisis, 1 p.m., CFO 203. Free.
  - Pioneers Softball vs. Southern Arkansas, 1&3 p.m., away.
- Wed., Mar. 11
- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.- midnight.
  - CAS Faculty Spotlight Series: “Custom-Made Molecules that Glow,” with Dr. Manal Rawashdeh-Omary (chemistry and physics), 12:25 p.m., Stoddard Hall 308.
  - Professor’s Corner: “Anthony Trollope and Orley Farm: A Discussion of the Narrative’s Continuing Significance,” with Dr. Russell Greer (English, Speech and Foreign Languages) presenting. 7 p.m., Denton South Branch Library. 940-349-8796.
- Thur., Mar. 12
- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.- midnight.
- Fri., Mar. 13
- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
  - Pioneers Gymnastics vs. Arkansas, Bowling Green and Penn, 7 p.m., home.
  - Pioneers Softball vs. Abilene Christian, 4 p.m., home.
- Sat., Mar. 14
- Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
  - Pioneers Softball vs. Abilene Christian, 1&3 p.m., home.
- Sun., March 15
- Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
- Mon., March 16
- Spring Break begins.
  - Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
  - Pioneers Softball vs. Texas A&M International, 1&3 p.m., away.
- Tues., March 17
- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
  - Pioneers Softball vs. University of the Incarnate Word, 2&4 p.m., away.
- Wed., March 18
- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Thur., March 19
- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Fri., March 20 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sat., March 21 -Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon  
-Pioneers Gymnastics at 2009 Midwest Independent Conference Championship, Normal, Ill.

Sun., March 22 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-8 p.m.

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