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Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Thomas E. Wilson, Professor of Physics, presented the first contributed paper on the opening day of PHONONS2010 - the 13th International Conference on Phonon Scattering in Condensed Matter, held recently in Taipei, Taiwan. His paper was entitled: "Coherent generation of sub-terahertz acoustic phonons by the resonant absorption of pulsed far-infrared laser radiation in delta-doped silicon superlattices."

Professor Wilson also presented a shortened version of this paper at the 2010 Meeting of the American Physical Society held in Portland, Ore.

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In her nomination Weston wrote, “Her job entails supervising at least 35 graduate assistants as well as 200 college students and various other personnel...but she involves herself in all aspects of H.E.L.P. She is willing to do the menial jobs such as trips for supplies, fixing anything that doesn’t work and even printing the H.E.L.P. newsletter. She not only helps but does an excellent job in all that she endeavors. The H.E.L.P. program has received many blessings through the years and Diane Williams is certainly one of them. She has contributed to our vision and mission in many different ways.”

Moore noted that Williams is often found in the office well before and after normal working hours. “Among her peers, Diane is recognized as the consummate professional. She not only does her job to the best of her ability but goes above and beyond what is expected of her...She is the well-qualified mediator that most students would want to speak on their behalf...Diane is extraordinarily gifted with talent and intelligence. She is very knowledgeable and blessed with a compassionate spirit.”

Porter characterizes Williams as a self-starter who willingly adds duties and takes on more responsibilities each year. Porter says she regularly manages a myriad of duties with efficiency, patience and good humor. “Diane is virtually indispensable to the H.E.L.P. program. Even unasked she thinks of what needs to be done and the next thing you know it is a fait accompli.” And no task is too small for her to tackle, she says. “Diane repairs whatever is broken in the building—copiers, computers, staplers, paper cutters— even the water cooler! She gets functions organized and makes sure that they go according to plan...What would we do without Diane Williams? I do not know and hope we do not have to find out.”

As Employee of the Year she received several other gifts as well, including those from the Bookstore and Sodexo.
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President Stephen J. Kopp presented the awards which included key chains, lapel pins, tie tacs, charms, watches, clocks and rocking chairs. Retirees received a specially designed glass sculpture titled “Iceberg,” which has an etching of Old Main on it.

Names of all honorees are listed below.
For 10 Years of Service: Robert Bailey, Scott Ballou, Tara Hensley, Carol Hurula, William James, Anita Mathis, Cyndi Miller, James Morris, Cynthia Obregon, Rudy Pauley, Tamara Reynolds, Carolyn Schwarz, Stephen Shumlas, Sherrill Smith, Jonathan Thompson, Mary Waller, and Philann White.

For 15 Years of Service: Mary Adkins, Kevin Bannor, Eleanore Beckett, Jean Bevans, Roy Bias, Bernice Bullock, C. Jill Burcham, Ernest Cartwright, Joann Haley, Gary Hall, Elizabeth Haarahan, Susan Luther, Juanita Marley, Molly McClenmen, Garnet McKinley, Martha Mazinho, Rhonda Muffins, Babette Napier, Jan Parker, Alice Roberts, John Smith, Denise Smith, Jason Sturgill, Bethsaida Thacker, Jeffrey Tomblin, Leonard Verney, Donald Vaughn, Robert Walker, Patricia Webb, and Lance West.


For 35 Years of Service: Patsy Dickson, Jeffery Edwards, Nadine Hamrick, and Cynthia Warren.


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Britten (1913-1976) is considered one of the most important 20th century English composers. He put English opera back onto the world-wide operatic stage with "Peter Grimes" (1945), as well as "Billy Budd" (1951) and "Death in Venice" (1973). He also wrote choral works, including the "War Requiem" (1962), "A Ceremony of Carols" (1942) and "Rejoice in the Lamb" (1943), and orchestral pieces. Early in his career, Britten collaborated with the premier English poet, W. H. Auden.

Stroeher’s presentation will examine two existing versions of a song Britten composed to text by Auden and discuss his struggle with the setting in the light of his changing relationship with Auden.

Prior to attending the conference, Stroeher will be conducting research in the Britten-Pears Library in Aldeburgh, U.K., which is Britten’s private library.
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"It is my very humble honor to receive the award," Kim said. "It is the highest award given by the Pan Pacific Conference. Among the so many distinguished scholars in the association, I was very happy to be chosen as this year's recipient. As a member of the Marshall family, I want to share this honor together."

Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp was pleased to learn of Kim's award.

"On behalf of the entire Marshall University Community, I congratulate Dean Chong Kim on this distinguished award," Kopp said. "The Pan Pacific Business Association 2010 Distinguished Global Leadership Award brings great honor to Dr. Kim, the Lewis College of Business and Marshall University."

D. Clay Whybark is academic advisor with the Institute for Defense and Business, founding director of the Global Manufacturing Research Group and a fellow of the Pan Pacific Business Association. He presented the award to Kim.

Kim received the award, according to Whybark, "for his outstanding global contribution." Kim also is one of only a handful of Pan Pacific Business Association members who have attended every annual conference since the first one in Hawaii.
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She was nominated by Dr. Calvin E. Meyer, Program Director of Elementary/Secondary Education, with support from faculty members Dr. Edna Metriel, Dr. Sam Securro, and Dr. Bitu Wubie.

In his nomination Meyer wrote, “Ms. Schwarz has been an incredible asset to the Elementary/Secondary Education Program area. Mrs. Schwarz performs her duties with the utmost grace and efficiency. She understands policy and ensures it is followed in the carrying out of her duties. She is timely with honoring faculty needs such as supply requests, travel reimbursements, etc. She represents the needs of the program area when she is asked to convey them. She gives of her own time to complete her work even if it means extending her work day.”

Meyer said Schwarz is dedicated to her job and points out that she came to work even after breaking her foot. “The emails and cards of appreciation certainly speak to the level of support she has from faculty and students alike. Ms. Schwarz handles many administrative matters for the students, freeing the Program Director to handle curriculum, student and major administrative issues.”

Securro said, “Carolyn is a first point of contact for many of our students seeking information and needing guidance for registering or admitting. She is very helpful and goes out of her way to get students connected with the needed parties and her behavior always invites friendliness and cooperation.”

Metriel added, “She is very patient, friendly and respectfully direct in all of her dealings with faculty, staff and students.”

“She is an asset to the Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education Program,” Wubie said.

Schwarz was presented with a plaque and a check for $100 by Dr. Rudy Pauley, Associate Vice President for Continuing Studies and Outreach.
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"It’s a weeklong series of workshops, concerts and social events, all associated with the traditions surrounding the wooden flute," Dobbs said.

Dobbs will teach fife and keyed flutes. Other instructors at the festival will include Grey Larsen, who will teach Irish traditional flute; Ron Warren, teaching Native-American flute; and Colin St. Martin, teaching 18th century flute. Flutemaker John Gallagher also will be on hand to demonstrate the craft of wooden flutemaking.

More information on the festival is available on the Web, both on the Randolph County Community Arts Center site at http://www.randolpharts.org and on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Timber-Flute-Festival/294924096867

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