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YSU journalism students Joe Giesy, left, and Doug Livingston are among 10 student journalists nationwide selected to participate in the Invent Now Collegiate Science Journalist Competition. Giesy will go to Utah to report on a story for the competition, and Livingston will travel to Washington State. Read more in this edition of *YSU News Briefs*.

## **Calendar**

**Monday through Friday, Oct. 11 to 15.**

YSUnity sponsors Pride Week, a celebration of LGBTQIA – lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and (straight) allies, with a series of events. See News Brief below.

**Monday, Oct. 11, 5 to 7 p.m.** An open house will be held for the new home of the TheNewsOutlet.org in Smith Hall. The NewsOutlet is an innovative journalism program at YSU that was recently awarded a grant from the prestigious Knight Foundation.

**Monday, Oct. 11, 8 p.m.** The YSU Wind Ensemble and Concert Band open their 2010-11 indoor performance season with a concert entitled, “Monumental Works for the Wind Band” at Stambaugh Auditorium.

**Tuesday, Oct. 12, 8:30 a.m.** YSU’s annual Press Day begins in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center with a keynote address by Mark Goodman, the former director of the Student Press Law Center and the Knight Chair of Scholastic Journalism at Kent State University.

**Wednesday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The YSU Human Ecology Department celebrates Diversity Day in

Room 3112 of Cushwa Hall. See News Brief below.

**Wednesday, Oct. 13, 12:15 p.m.** The Dana School of Music's YSU Percussion Ensemble performs a Music at Noon concert in the Butler Institute of American Art.

**Wednesday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m.** "The Art of the DUO," a Dana School of Music Faculty and Guest Artist Recital at Butler North, features Dave Morgan, double bass; guest artist Teddy Pantelas, guitar; Chris Anderson, trombone; Joe Augustine, piano; and Howie Smith, saxophone.

**Thursday, Oct. 14, 3 to 5 p.m.** The YSU Board of Trustees' Trusteeship Committee meets in the President's Conference Room on the second floor of Tod Hall.

**Thursday, Oct. 14, 5 p.m.** The award-winning documentary film *Which Way Home* will be screened in the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor, 151 Wood St. The free screening and panel discussion is part of YSU's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. See News Brief below.

**Thursday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.** The Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival, sponsored in part by the YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies, continues with the screening of *The Infidel* at USA Cinema in Niles. The festival concludes **Sunday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.**, with *Saviors in the Night* at USA Cinema.

**Friday, Oct. 15, 4 p.m.** The first lecture in the YSU Dana School of Music's Musicology Lecture Series will in Bliss Recital Hall. See

News Brief below for more details.

**Saturday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m.** The Penguins' men's tennis team plays Dayton at the YSU Tennis Courts. The team then plays Robert Morris that afternoon at **6 p.m.**

**Saturday, Oct. 16, noon.** YSU swimming and diving squad faces off against Butler in the Beeghly Center natatorium.

**Saturday, Oct. 16, 2 p.m.** YSU volleyball team takes on Illinois-Chicago in Beeghly Center.

**Sunday, Oct. 17, 4 p.m.** The Dana Vocal Society performs in Bliss Recital Hall. The theme of the recital is "An American in Paris" with selections from Debussy and Mozart, among others. The program is free and open to the public.

## **Students selected for national journalism competition**

Two Youngstown State University journalism majors have been selected to participate in the national Invent Now Collegiate Science Journalist Competition.

Doug Livingston and Joe Giesy are among 10 student journalists selected to participate in the national competition.



*Saviors in the Night* concludes the Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival 7 p.m. Oct. 17 at USA Cinema in Niles.

Invent Now is sending Livingston to Washington State University in Pullman, Wash., and Giesy to Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, to report stories about inventions produced by students on those campuses.

Livingston's and Giesy's work will then be entered into the final round of competition. Invent Now will feature the stories that Giesy and Livingston produce at the national Invent Now Collegiate Inventors Competition in Washington D.C., Oct. 26 and 27. Student journalists whose work is deemed the best will be awarded additional prizes.

Giesy will be producing stories about a Brigham Young student who has developed a novel way of designing and building strong and lightweight lattice pole structures, while Livingston will be profiling the work of a team of students from Washington State who have invented new ways of storing and transferring data with USB devices.

Alyssa Lenhoff, YSU journalism director, said she was proud that Livingston and Giesy were selected as finalists.

"Science reporting is an important field for journalism, especially for students in the Mahoning Valley who are in a unique position to be reporting about the growing and critical intersections of science and business," Lenhoff said. "The journalism major at YSU is gaining state and national recognition as an innovative training ground, and we are pleased that Invent Now recognizes the strength of some of our students."

Jeffrey Dollinger, senior vice president of Program Development for Invent Now, said: "We hope that through this competition, we'll develop a greater awareness and appreciation of the crucial role that science journalism plays in communicating the important work of innovators like those in the Collegiate Inventors Competition. We also hope to encourage other students to consider science journalism as an exciting and important career opportunity."

Invent Now, Inc. is dedicated to recognizing inventors and invention everywhere, promoting creativity and advancing the spirit of innovation. The organization operates national educational programs such as Camp Invention and Club Invention, and additional programs include the National Inventors Hall of Fame and the Collegiate Inventors Competition. The Collegiate Inventors Competition has been recognizing leading collegiate researchers since 1990 for their innovative work. For more information about Invent Now, visit [www.invent.org](http://www.invent.org).

## **Musicology Lecture Series starts this week**

The first lecture in the Youngstown State University Dana School of Music's Musicology Lecture Series will be 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, in Bliss Recital Hall.

The lecturer is Tamara Levitz, professor of Musicology, vice chair and director of Graduate Studies at the University of California Los Angeles. The lecture, "Resurrecting the Past: The Politics of 1930s Neoclassicism," will explore the political motivations for Igor Stravinsky's turn to a neoclassical style in the music he wrote as an *émigré* in 1930s France.

The lecture is free and open to the public and is sponsored in part by the Ohio Humanities Council.



In the lecture, Levitz will focus on how Stravinsky as a neoclassicist envisioned the past and future in his melodrama *Perséphone* and how his decisions about style related to contemporaneous debates about the Russian revolution, religion, and *émigré* culture in France.

Levitz has published widely on transnational modernism in the 1920s and 30s, with a focus on music in Germany, Cuba and France. She recently completed a monograph entitled *Modernist Mysteries: Perséphone*, which will appear with Oxford in 2011. In the book, Levitz presents a micro-historical analysis of the premiere of the melodrama *Perséphone* at the Paris Opera on April 30, 1934.

Ewelina Boczkowska, YSU assistant professor of Music History, is the project director of the Dana Musicology Lecture Series. Boczkowska earned a Ph.D. in Musicology from the University of California Los Angeles in 2009, where she specialized in film music with a focus on music as a site of collective memory in Polish film. She teaches a range of topics in nineteenth- and twentieth-century music and is faculty advisor for the Dana Research Society, a student organization devoted to the promotion of student research



Ewelina Boczkowska

in Music History. The group hosts guest lectures by renowned musicologists and meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. to discuss student research projects.

Other lectures scheduled in the series include:

- **Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.**, Bliss Hall. Brooks Toliver of the University of Akron.
- **Spring 2011** (date to be announced). Mary E. Davis of Case Western Reserve University.
- **Oct. 14, 2011, 4 p.m.**, Bliss Hall. Peter J. Burkholder of Indiana University.



## Documentary on emigrant children to be screened on Oct. 14 at Steel Museum

The award-winning documentary film *Which Way Home* will be screened 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, in the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor, 151 Wood St.

The free screening, which will be followed by a panel discussion, is part of Youngstown State University's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

The film demonstrates the hardships faced by child emigrants traveling to the United States, the families they often leave behind and their struggles to survive.

The event is co-sponsored by the YSU Center for Applied Histories, the YSU Center for Women's Studies, YSU Maag Library and the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor.

For information, contact Ana Bobby at 330-941-1717 or [ambobby@ysu.edu](mailto:ambobby@ysu.edu).

## Students seek blanket donations

The Youngstown State University Bachelor of Social Work's Student Social Work Association is collecting blankets to donate to Akron Children's Hospital.

Blankets should be dropped off at YSU's Social Work Department, Room 3030A in Cushwa Hall, which is located on Lincoln Avenue. Blankets will be collected through Oct. 29.

Blankets should be new. If the blankets are homemade, they should come from a smoke-free environment due to the nature of the children's illnesses, including cancer, sickle-cell anemia or transplant.

For more information, contact SSWA President Stephanie Caruso at 330-501-7821.

## Pride Week celebrates LGBTQIA

YSUnity is sponsoring Pride Week this week, a celebration of LGBTQIA – lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and (straight) allies.

YSUnity is a student organization that promotes awareness of issues relating to LGBTQIA students and faculty and promotes a more welcoming campus for the LGBTQIA through campus activism and education.

Among the events planned for Pride Week:

**Monday, Oct. 11, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.: National Coming Out Day.** This day was started by the Human Rights Campaign in 1988 to encourage LGBTQIA individuals to come out and be open about their identity. This "coming out" includes expressing your individuality whether you are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or a straight ally showing your support.

**Tuesday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Bake Sale** in Cushwa Hall and DeBartolo Hall.

**Wednesday, Oct. 13, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.: LGBTQIA History in Kilcawley Center.** Learn about LGBTQIA history.

**Thursday, Oct. 14, 3:30 p.m. *For The Bible Tells Me So*** in Room 132 of DeBartolo Hall. Through the experiences of five Christian American families – including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson – this award-winning film explores how insightful people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child. The film, featuring the voices of Bishop Desmond Tutu, Harvard's Peter Gomes, Orthodox Rabbi Steve Greenberg and the Rev. Jimmy Creech, offers healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught in the crosshairs of scripture and sexual identity.

**Friday, Oct. 15, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Pride Day** in Kilcawley Center.



## Diversity Day events announced

The Human Ecology Department at Youngstown State University celebrates Diversity Day 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, in Room 3112 of Cushwa Hall.

The following events are planned:

- **9 a.m.**, student panel on global dating, marriage and family life customs.
- **10 a.m.**, “Turkey: Cradle of Civilization,” presented by Dr. Tacibaht Turel.
- **11:15 a.m.**, global cuisine, artifacts and slideshows on “Global Views.”
- **1 p.m.**, “Being Muslim in America,” presented by YSU Muslim students.
- **2 p.m.**, YSU Student Adventure in Israel.

## Brazilian students, faculty visit YSU

A group of students and faculty from the University of São Paulo in Brazil are visiting Youngstown State University and the Mahoning Valley region through Friday, Oct. 15, attending lectures and taking tours of area businesses.

The visit is hosted by YSU’s Williamson College of Business Administration. It is the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that a group from USP has visited Youngstown.

The USP students, who are retail executives, will be touring local retail establishments such as Best Buy, Home Depot, Grove City Outlet Center, Southern Park Mall, Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Sam’s Club, IKEA in Pittsburgh, and Krogers and Cabelas in West Virginia.



This photo shows the group of Brazilian faculty and students that visited YSU last fall. Another group from University of Sao Paulo are on campus this week.

YSU faculty and representatives from the Regional Chamber will present seminars about business-to-business marketing, emerging trends in marketing communication, tools for strategic decision-making, and business perspectives internationally as well as in the United States.

“We are very excited about our partnership with the University of São Paulo and are looking forward to other joint ventures,” said Betty Jo Licata, dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration.



The initiative is part of YSU's Center of Excellence in International Business. The mission of the Center of Excellence in International Business is to create a global learning environment that prepares our students to be successful business leaders and provides training, consulting, and research that advances knowledge and practice in international business and supports the economic development of Ohio.

## **YSU Press Day scheduled for Tuesday**

Mark Goodman, the former director of the Student Press Law Center and the Knight Chair of Scholastic Journalism at Kent State University, will be the keynote speaker at Press Day Tuesday, Oct. 12 at Youngstown State University.



Mark Goodman

Goodman, whose career has been devoted to helping advance high school journalism, will join other media professionals at the annual day devoted to helping high school students hone their reporting, writing and photography skills.

Sponsored by YSU's journalism major, Press Day begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Chestnut Room with Goodman's remarks. Students will then attend workshops geared to give them practical skills they can take back to their high school publications or broadcasts. Some of the workshops will take students out of the classroom, including the multimedia-reporting workshop, where students will be covering a banana split eating competition in Kilcawley Center.

YSU Press Day is one of the nation's longest-running high school journalism events.

"We are proud to be continuing the Mahoning Valley's strong scholastic journalism history with Press Day," said Alyssa Lenhoff, director of journalism at YSU. "Press Day has been responsible for helping launch the successful careers of many local and national journalists."

## **WYSU fall fund drive starts Friday**

WYSU 88.5 FM, Youngstown State University's public radio service, will hold its annual fall fund drive from Oct. 15 through 22. This drive has an overall fundraising goal of \$110,000 - the most ever for a WYSU membership drive.

Everyone who makes a pledge will be entered into a drawing to win a pair of tickets on the WYSU sponsored Go Ahead Tours 15-day "Grand Tour of Italy" excursion.



Throughout the drive, the station will also be offering Daily Prize Packages, a New Member Prize Basket, and a Pennsylvania Member Prize Package. All of the prize packages will include a new HD Radio.

Additionally, thanks to a grant from The Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, every pledge will result in Second Harvest Food Bank distributing \$30 worth of food to hungry families in the community.

“Membership income not only helps pay for all the network and local programs on WYSU, but it also funds critical membership services and broadcast equipment,” WYSU Director Gary Sexton said. “Most significantly recently is the installation of a new antenna. Membership funds were the key factor in our ability to provide this expensive service upgrade.”

Contributions to the station’s Fall Fund Drive can be made by phone at 330-941-1481, or through a secure on-line server at [www.wysu.org](http://www.wysu.org).

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