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This Week

**Tuesday, Jan. 31, and
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 10 a.m. to 4**

p.m. The YSU University Scholars sponsors American Red Cross blood drives in the Chestnut Room in Kilcawley Center. Each donor receives a gift card for Chipotle or Dunkin Donuts.

Thursday, Feb. 2, 5:30 p.m. Hasan Elahi, an associate professor of art at the University of Maryland whose tussle with the federal government brought him national attention, lectures in the McDonough Museum of Art on campus. See News Brief below for more details.



Sam Antar

Thursday, Feb. 2, 7:05 p.m. Women's basketball takes on Valparaiso in Beeghly Center. The women also play **2:05 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4,** against Butler.

Friday, Feb. 3, 7:30 a.m. Sam Antar, convicted felon and former certified public accountant, talks on "Lessons about White-Collar Crime from a Master Criminal" in Rooms 3422 and 3423 of YSU's Williamson Hall as part of the Williamson Symposium Lecture Series. The breakfast and presentation are free and open to the public. To make a reservation, visit www.ysu.edu/wcba and use the Williamson Symposium Link or call Christine Shelton at 330-941-3068. See News Brief below.



"Altitude" is part of a piece of art by Hasan Elahi, an associate professor of art at the University of Maryland. Elahi, whose tussle with the federal government brought him national attention, speaks at YSU 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2. Read more in this week's YSU News Briefs.

Friday, Feb. 3, 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The YSU Williamson College of Business Administration presents an Ethics Conference in collaboration with the Institute of Management Accountants and the Dr. James Dale Ethics Center at YSU. The conference is for YSU students and is not open to the general public. As part of the conference, Sam Antar will speak at 12:30 p.m. in the first floor auditorium in Williamson Hall. See News Brief below.

Friday, Feb. 3, noon. The women's tennis squad plays IUPUI at the Boardman Tennis Center.

Saturday, Feb. 4, 9 a.m. to noon. The YSU Williamson College of Business Administration hosts an open house for prospective students in Williamson Hall. See News Brief below.

Saturday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program kicks off in Williamson Hall on the YSU campus. VITA offers free preparation assistance to taxpayers. See News Brief below for full details.

Saturday, Feb. 4, noon to 6 p.m. The African Marketplace in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center features vendors offering artistic creations, clothing, books, jewelry and artifacts. The event is part of YSU's African American History Month celebration.

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 3 and 4. The YSU National Invitational track and field meet takes place in the WATTS center, featuring teams from YSU, VMI, Bucknell, Oakland, Duquense, Detroit, St. Francis and Wright State.

Saturday, Feb. 4, 4:30 p.m. The 8th annual Game of Hope Charity Basketball Classic will be played in Beeghly Center. See News Brief below.

Sunday, Feb. 5, 11 a.m. The YSU Diving Invitational takes place in the Beeghly Natatorium.

Sunday, Feb. 5, 4 p.m. The Dana Chamber Orchestra at YSU presents a pre-Super Bowl winter concert in the Ford Family Recital Hall. See News Brief below.

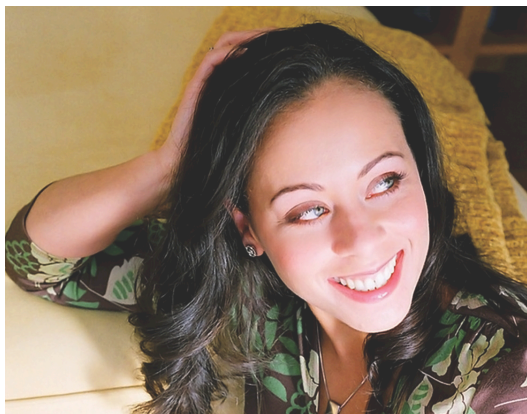
African American History Month activities announced

Youngstown State University's celebration of African American History Month starts this Saturday with the African Marketplace in Kilcawley Center. Other activities throughout the month include panel discussions, dancing, lectures and jazz. Here's the schedule:

Saturday, Feb. 4, noon – 6 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center: The African Marketplace. Vendors from near and far offer artistic creations, clothing, books, jewelry and ancient artifacts from Africa and the African Diaspora.

Thursday, Feb. 9, 5 p.m. Reception, Bliss Hall Art Gallery, 6 p.m. Panel Discussion, McDonough Museum of Art: Reception and Panel Discussion on African American Artistic Display "The Art of Louis Burroughs." Burroughs' art is motivated by current events and is deeply rooted in the African American experience with a narrative representing the struggle against oppression, subjugation and enslavement.

Saturday, Feb. 11, 11:00 a.m., St. Andrews A.M.E. Church, 521 Earle Avenue: African Fitness Dance Class. Dance for a Cure is the initiative of Educe Group Inc, under the leadership of Eboni Bogan with the goal of raising awareness in the fight against breast cancer. Donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youths.



Monday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m. Jones Room, Kilcawley Center: Keynote Lecture by Heidi Durrow: The Biracial Mixed Experience. Durrow is the New York Times best-selling author of "The Girl Who Fell From the Sky," a coming of age story based on elements from Durrow's own life as a young girl growing up in Portland, Oregon.

Saturday, Feb 18, 7:30 p.m. Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center: Prospect Theatrics: The Faces of Black History: This dynamic New Jersey dance troupe has performed all over the nation highlighting the major contributions of African Americans to American history and culture. This year's production includes a tribute to Michael Jackson and a salute to the Tuskegee Airmen.

Heidi Durrow

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. Gallery Room, Kilcawley Center: Lecture by Shawn Williams “Blogging While Black”: The lecture conveys the experiences of the speaker and other online bloggers to provide tips for journalists wishing to make inroads in the use of social media.

Sunday, Feb. 26, 6 p.m., Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center: An Evening of Gospel Jazz: Join us as we explore these rich traditions through some of our most gifted YSU students—and a special guest to be revealed that evening. The event is free and open to the public.

College of Business offers VITA tax assistance

It's tax time again, and that means it's also time for Youngstown State University's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

The Lariccia School of Accounting & Finance in the YSU Williamson College of Business Administration is again working with trained business students and professional volunteers to offer free tax preparation services through the VITA program.

VITA, begins on Saturday, Feb. 4, and runs through April 7, and is held in computer labs on the first floor of Williamson Hall, 221 North Hazel St. between Rayen Avenue and Wood Street on the YSU campus. Dates and times are listed below.

VITA offers free assistance to taxpayers, including but not limited to persons with disabilities, students and older taxpayers who file Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A or a basic Form 1040 Federal tax return. VITA volunteers also alert taxpayers to special credits and deductions for which they may be eligible. Taxpayers who visit a VITA site should bring wage and earnings statements (Form W-2) from all employers, interest statements from banks (Forms 1099), a copy of last year's tax return if available, and other relevant information about income and expenses. VITA volunteers must complete an IRS training course in basic income tax return preparation before they can assist taxpayers. Free electronic filing is also available.

Walk-ins are welcome. To set up an appointment or to receive additional information, call 330-941-3084.

Saturday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 13, 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 28, 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday, March 20, 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Hasan Elahi



Shawn Williams

Artist lectures on Thursday at McDonough

Hasan Elahi, an associate professor of art at the University of Maryland whose tussle with the federal government brought him national attention, will lecture 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, in the McDonough Museum of Art on the campus of Youngstown State University.

The free lecture is sponsored by the YSU Department of Art.

Elahi is an interdisciplinary artist whose work examines issues of surveillance, simulated time, transport systems, borders and frontiers. His work has been presented in numerous exhibitions at venues such as SITE Santa Fe, Centre Georges Pompidou, Sundance Film Festival, Kassel Kulturbahnhof, The Hermitage, and at the Venice Biennale. He was recently invited to speak about his work at the Tate Modern, Einstein Forum, the American Association of Artificial Intelligence, and at TEDGlobal.

His awards include grants from the Creative Capital Foundation, a Ford Foundation/Phillip Morris National Fellowship, and an artist grant from the Asociacion Artetik Berrikuntzara in Donostia-San Sebastian, Spain. His work is frequently in the media and has been covered by *The New York Times*, *Forbes*, *Wired*, CNN, ABC, CBS, NPR, Al Jazeera, Fox, and he has appeared on The Colbert Report. At the University of Maryland, he is Director of Digital Cultures and Creativity in the Honors College. He was a 2010 Alpert/MacDowell Fellow and in 2009 was Resident Faculty at Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture.

In 2002, Elahi's name was mistakenly added to the federal government's watch list. He was detained in Detroit after a flight from the Netherlands, suspected of hoarding explosives in a Florida locker. Lie detector tests subsequently cleared him. He decided, however, "to turn the tables and cooperate - with a vengeance," according to *Wired* magazine. The process grew into an art project as Elahi began posting photos of his minute-by-minute life - hotel rooms, train stations, airports, meals, beds, receipts, even toilets - generating tens of thousands of images in the last several years and proving "his point that the best way to protect privacy is to give it away," *Wired* reported. He says: "By putting everything about me out there, I am simultaneously telling everything and nothing about my life."

The bizarre circumstances landed him on the Colbert Report. View it at <http://www.colbertnation.com/the-colbert-report-videos/167606/may-07-2008/ha>.

College of Business open house is this Saturday

The Williamson College of Business Administration at Youngstown State University hosts an open house for prospective students 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 4, in Williamson Hall.

Presentations in Accounting, Advertising/Public Relations, Business Economics, Finance, General Administration, Human Resource Management, International Business, Management Information Systems, and Marketing will be provided.

In addition, internship opportunities and leadership activities will be discussed. Visiting students will meet faculty, current business students and alumni. A tour of the state-of-the-art college of business building will be available. Academic advisors will also be on hand to answer questions.

To make a reservation, visit www.wcba.yosu.edu and register using the Open House Link or call 330-941-3064. Free parking is available Wood Street directly across the road from the southern entrance to Williamson Hall.

Dana presents Pre-Super Bowl concert

Looking for something to do leading into the Super Bowl?

The Dana Chamber Orchestra at Youngstown State University presents a winter concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 in the Ford Family Recital Hall.

Works will include a world premiere performance of Bob Rollin's Three Songs on Poems of Emily Dickinson, titled "I Dreaded that First Robin So," "The Brain is Wider than the Sky," and "Musicians Wrestle." Internationally acclaimed soprano soloist Dorota Sobieska will join the orchestra for the performance. Also on the program is "Fantasia on a Theme" by Thomas Tallis, the first movement of Anton Reicha's "Woodwind Quintet in C Major, Opus 91" and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 1 in C Major."

Tickets for the concert are available at the DeYor Box Office, 330-744-0264.

Game of Hope hoops game set for Saturday

The 8th annual Game of Hope Charity Basketball Classic will be 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, in Beeghly Center on the campus of Youngstown State University.

Tickets for the game sponsored by the Hope Foundation of the Mahoning Valley are \$6 at the door or can be purchased on the Foundation website at www.hopemv.org. Parking is available in the M-24 lot at YSU. The game benefits the Hope Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, a non-profit organization that raises funds to help chronically/terminally ill children so that they may have the experiences generally afforded healthy children.

Teams are comprised of elected officials, community leaders and media from the region.

The event is sponsored by television stations WKBN 27 First News & FOX Youngstown; WYTV & MyYTV; radio stations 95.9 KISS, 93.3 "THE WOLF" and News Radio 570 WKBN; UAW Locals 1112 & 1714; Refresh Dental, NEOEA (North Eastern Ohio Education Association); Time Warner Cable and the Lamar Advertising Company.

The game has raised nearly \$60,000. It will be televised via tape delay starting Sunday, Feb. 26, and over the next three months is expected to reach a viewing audience of nearly 1 million people. Visit the Hope Foundation website for channels and times.

For more information, contact Executive Director Tony Spano at avspano@hopemv.org.

White-collar criminal speaks on campus

Sam Antar, convicted felon, former certified public accountant, and former chief financial officer of Crazy Eddie, focuses on "Lessons about White-Collar Crime from a Master Criminal" during a visit Friday, Feb. 3 to Youngstown State University's Williamson College of Business Administration.

Antar will speak at 7:30 a.m. in Rooms 3422 and 3423 of Williamson Hall as part of the Williamson Symposium Lecture Series sponsored by the WCBA. The breakfast and presentation are free and open to the public. To make a reservation, visit www.yosu.edu/wcba and use the Williamson Symposium Link or call Christine Shelton at 330-941-3068. Free parking is available in the lot on Wood Street across from the southern entrance to Williamson Hall.

Antar also will speak at 12:30 p.m. in the first floor auditorium in Williamson Hall. This presentation, part of an Ethics Conference presented by WCBA in collaboration with the Institute of Management Accountants and the Dr. James Dale Ethics Center at YSU, is for YSU students and is not open to the general public.

The ethics conference, which runs from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., is intended to create a shared focus among students and faculty on the importance of business ethics, corporate social responsibility, and sustainable business.

"We're teaching students how businesses can be agents of ethical, social and environmental change in society, and we are equipping students to be part of that change," said David Law, professor of accounting who is spearheading the planning for the conference.

Antar, as the CFO of Crazy Eddie, helped Eddie Antar and other family members mastermind one of the largest securities frauds uncovered during the 1980s. His responsibilities at Crazy Eddie included skimming, money laundering, insurance fraud, securities fraud and other criminal activities. He eventually pleaded guilty to three felonies. He was sentenced to six-months of house arrest, 1,200 hours of community service and paid approximately \$10,000 in fines. In his settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission, he agreed to a lifetime bar from being an officer or director of a public company and paid \$20,000 in disgorgement of losses that were avoided by selling his Crazy Eddie stock at inflated prices.

Today, Antar advises federal and state law enforcement agencies such as the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Treasury and the SEC about white-collar crime. He teaches about white-collar crime for colleges, universities, professional organizations and businesses.