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The lecture is free and open to the public.

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A graduate of Bucknell University, Dr. Murphy received her master's degree from Ohio State University and her doctorate from Kent State University. She has been a member of the YSU faculty since 1955 and has received YSU's "Distinguished Professor" award twice. She currently is secretary of YSU's chapter Phi Kappa Phi.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Three new counselors have been appointed to Youngstown State University's Career Services Office, and veteran coordinator Carol Cook has been assigned to work with business majors.

Lynette R. Howell of Campbell will counsel liberal arts majors, while Diana D. Hritz of Boardman will be working with engineering and computer majors, and Jane Sainato of Poland with education majors.

Ms. Cook of Youngstown has been coordinator for education majors for the past three years.

The four counselors assist students in planning careers and provide job assistance through placement services.

Along with Charles Whitman of Boardman, who is director of Career Services, the office has a combined total of 10 degrees, all of them earned at YSU.

Whitman received his Bachelor of Science in Education degree, magna cum laude, in 1968 and his Master of Science in 1973.

Howell, who recently worked with the Youngstown Employment and Training PAT Program, received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1979 and her Master of Science in Education in 1983.

Hritz was director of human resources for the Joseph Horne Company locally. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in 1982 and her Master of Science in 1983.

Sainato, who recently filled in as temporary coordinator of Career Services, earned her Bachelor of Science in Education degree in 1971 and Master of Science in Education in 1986.

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Ms. Cook earned her Bachelor of Science in Education degree, summa cum laude, in 1982 and Master of Science in Counseling in 1985. She has conducted a number of Career Services programs and also supervises on-campus student employment for the office.

Career Services provides assistance to any current YSU student or alumni. For more information, contact the office, located in Jones Hall, at (216) 742-3515.

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