

# News•Briefs

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*Featured in this week's YSU News Briefs:*

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## **Calendar**

**Monday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m.** YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson presents her first State of the University address in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

**Thursday, Aug. 19, 2 p.m.** Eric D. Fingerhut, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, and YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson hold a news conference to make an announcement regarding YSU's role in the regional economy. The news conference will be in the lobby of Tod Hall on the YSU campus.

**Sunday, Aug. 22, 2 p.m.** New students will be welcomed at YSU's annual Freshmen Convocation in Beeghly Center. Fall semester classes open on Monday, Aug. 23.

## **Society for Collegiate Journalists moves headquarters to YSU**

Mary Beth Earnhardt, assistant professor of journalism at Youngstown State University, has been elected national executive director of the Society for Collegiate Journalists.



With the appointment, the national headquarters of the society has moved to the YSU campus and will officially open on Aug. 18.

“As SCJ enters its second century of service to journalists, we are deeply honored to be headquartered at Youngstown State University, where the practice of journalism enjoys a rich tradition and a bright future,” said Frank Barnas of Valdosta State University and SCJ president. “It is award-winning programs like YSU that serve as inspirations to journalists, faculty, and college students everywhere.”

Bill Ruehlmann, former SCJ president and executive director, added: “YSU is a distinguished academic institution with a vigorous free student press that it has long supported. Dr. Earnhardt is a seasoned member and officer of SCJ with an important record of scholarly acumen and professional integrity.”

SCJ was formed in 1975 as the result of the merger of two journalism honorary societies, Pi Delta Epsilon (founded in 1909) and Alpha Phi Gamma (founded in 1919). It is the nation's oldest collegiate journalism

honorary and has about 80 active chapters nationwide with 800 members.

Earnhardt, who earned a Ph.D. in communications studies from Kent State University in 2006, has served as national president of SCJ since 2006. Her term as executive director is four years.

At YSU, Earnhardt is adviser to the *Jambar*, the university's student newspaper, as well as thejambar.com, and the \*yo magazine. She is also a member of the editorial board for the *Ohio Communication Journal* and the editor of the Ohio Communication Association newsletter, *The Conversation*. She has published articles dealing with new media and teaching communication media and teaching communication.

Prior to Earnhardt's election, former SCJ Executive Director Arthur H. Barlow visited YSU and met with Shearle Furnish, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and Gary Salvner, chair of the English department. Furnish and Salvner agreed to host the office beginning in summer 2010.

For additional information consult the website at [www.scj.us](http://www.scj.us).

## **Alumni Relations names new assistant director**

Mollie (McGovern) Hartup has been named assistant director of Alumni Relations at Youngstown State University.

In the position, Hartup be making connections and planning events for YSU alumni, especially those no longer living in the Youngstown area.

Hartup earned two degrees at YSU – a bachelor's in telecommunications and geography in 2002 and a master's in business administration in 2004. She comes to the university from WFMJ-TV in Youngstown, where she was news assignment manager and the host/producer of a program called "Young in Youngstown."

As an alumna, Hartup serves on the WYSU-FM Advisory Board, the YSU Magazine Advisory Board and the YSU Heritage Committee, and she helped organize the all-scholar alumni reunion in 2007. While a YSU student, Hartup served two years as a student trustee on the YSU Board of Trustees, was a University Scholar and president of the Scholars' Board of Trustees.

Hartup expects to travel frequently in her new position. She said she'll be organizing events in cities where there are concentrations of YSU alumni, then traveling to those cities to see the events through.

"There are concentrations of YSU alumni all over the country," she said. "I'm excited to be back on campus, and I'm looking forward to connecting with and meeting as many alumni as possible."

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**Mollie (McGovern) Hartup**

## Faculty awarded emeritus status

The following Youngstown State University faculty members were granted emeritus status by the YSU Board of Trustees:

- **Friedrich Koknat**, professor of Chemistry, 40 years of service.
- **Sharon P. Shipton**, professor of Nursing, 34 years of service.
- **Howard W. Pullman**, professor of Teacher Education, 33 years of service.
- **Jane M. Reid**, professor of Marketing, 33 years of service.
- **Iole C. Checcone**, associate professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures, 11 years of service.
- **Gunapala Edirisooriya**, chair and professor of Educational Foundations, Research, Technology and Leadership, 7 years of service (posthumously).

## YSU faculty/staff awards, presentations, publications

**Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez**, professor, Philosophy and Religious Studies, and director of the Dr. James Dale Ethics Center, has been elected to a five-year term on the Board of Directors of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics.

**Paul R. Carr**, assistant professor, Educational Foundations, Research, Technology and Leadership, edited a book titled, *Youth Culture, Education and Resistance: Confronting Commercialization and Neo-Liberalism*, published by Sense Publishers. In addition to being the editor, he wrote two chapters in the book: "The neo-liberal social order, youth and resistance" and "Political (il)literacy: Confronting the neo-liberal agenda."

**Matt O'Mansky**, assistant professor, Sociology, Anthropology and Gerontology, recently presented the paper, "Highland-Lowland Interaction in the Maya World: Preliminary Results from the Sebol Archaeological Project, Guatemala," at the annual Midwest Mesoamericanist Meeting. He also presented the paper "The Classic Maya East-West Transversal Exchange Route in Lithics and Exotics: Patterns, Complexities, and Changes in Late Classic Interregional Political Economy" at the 75th Annual Society for American Archaeology Conference.

**Sylvia J. Imler**, associate professor, Counseling and Special Education, presented research on culturally responsive practices titled, "Cleaning the Mirror: Reflections of a Practicum Experience," at the 2010 Council for Exceptional Children Convention and Expo in Nashville, Tenn.

**William Greenway**, professor of English, has had three poems recently published in various publications. "The Dump" appeared in *The Broken Plate*; "Edges Dream" and "The Birth of Flight" were published in the spring 2010 edition of *Lake Effect*; and "Fables" appeared in the spring 2010 *Tipton Poetry Journal*.

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