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## Calendar

**Monday, Oct. 10, 6 to 8 p.m.** YSU's geography department features four alumni in Professional Geography Night in the GeoWall Room in the basement of the Phelps Building on the YSU campus. See News Brief below.

**Monday, Oct. 10, 8 p.m.** Octubafest - Tuba/Euphonium Studio Recital in Bliss Recital Hall.

**Tuesday, Oct. 11, 5 p.m.** The YSU Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies presents a screening of the film *Defiance* in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center. Immediately following the film, there will be a presentation from Zvi Bielski, son of one of the original Bielski brothers portrayed in the film. Free and open to the public.



Daniel Craig in "Defiance"

**Wednesday, Oct. 12, 12:15 p.m.** The New Music Society performs a Music at Noon concert in the Butler Institute of American Art.

**Wednesday, Oct. 12, 8 p.m.** The Dana School of Music's New Music Society opens its 2011-12 season, "The Year of the Piano," in Bliss Recital Hall. See News Brief below.

**Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15.** YSU's Department of Geography hosts the 2011 annual meeting of the East Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers. See News Brief below.

**Friday, Oct. 14, 8 a.m.** YSU hosts an open house for high school juniors and seniors. The event includes campus and resident hall tours, information on admissions and academics, a presentation on financial aid and much more. For more information, visit [http://web.yzu.edu/gen/ysu/Open\\_House\\_Dates\\_m152.html](http://web.yzu.edu/gen/ysu/Open_House_Dates_m152.html).

**Friday, Oct. 14, 4 p.m.** J. Peter Burkholder, distinguished professor of Music at Indiana University, is the featured speaker in the Dana School of Music's Musicological Series. Free and open to the public. See News Brief below.

**Friday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.** YSU women's volleyballers take on Butler in Beeghly Center. The team plays Wright State in Beeghly Center at **2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15.**

**Friday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.** Vito Acconci, designer, landscape architect and artist, will speak in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center as a part of the Skeggs Lecture Series. See News Brief below.

**Friday and Saturday Oct. 14 and 15, 8 p.m.** YSU's Ward Beecher Planetarium presents "Skywatchers of Ancient Mexico." The planetarium also shows "Stories of the Sun & Moon" **Saturday, Oct. 14, 1 and 2:30 p.m.** Free.

**Saturday, Oct. 15, noon.** The women's soccer team plays Green Bay in Stambaugh Stadium.

**Saturday, Oct. 15.** The Dana School of Music hosts the Fall 2011 meeting of the Allegheny Chapter of the American Musicological Society in Bliss Hall. See News Brief below.



Vito Acconci

### **Designer/artist featured at Skeggs Lecture on Friday**

Vito Acconci, designer, landscape architect and artist, will speak 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14 in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center as a part of the Skeggs Lecture Series at Youngstown State University.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 330-941-3497.

In addition, 10 projected animations created by the Acconci Studio are on display in the McDonough Museum of Art at YSU through Nov. 11. The museum is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, with expanded hours until 7 p.m. on Oct. 14, the day of Acconci's lecture.

Acconci, who earned a bachelor's degree in literature from Holy Cross College and a Master of Fine Arts in literature and poetry from the University of Iowa, began his career as a poet in the late 1960s. He also was a performance and video artist, expanding his art into audio/visual

installations. More recently, he has focused on architecture that integrates public and private space. The

Acconci Studio is a design firm that mixes poetry and geometry, computer scripting and sentence structure, narrative and biology, chemistry and social science. His work has been widely shown internationally in museums and art galleries.

The lecture series was established in 1966 to honor the late Leonard T. Skeggs, Sr., who came to Youngstown in 1919 as educational secretary of the YMCA. In 1924, he became general secretary, a position he held until his death in 1933. He played a central role in establishing what would become Youngstown College, later Youngstown University and Youngstown State University.

## **Dana welcomes Musicology Society, resumes speaker series**

The Youngstown State University Dana School of Music's Musicology Series resumes on Friday, Oct. 14, followed the next day by a meeting of musicologists from around the region.

J. Peter Burkholder, distinguished professor of Music at Indiana University, is the featured speaker 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14 in the Musicological Series. Burkholder, whose presentation will be in the Bliss Recital Hall on the YSU campus, will talk about "Musical Borrowing or Curious Coincidence?: Testing the Evidence." The program is free and open to the public.

Burkholder is the author of numerous books and articles and has served as president, vice president and director-at-large of the American Musicological Society and on the board of the College Music Society. His writings have received awards from the American Musicological Society, Society for American Music and ASCAP.

The next day, on Saturday, Oct. 15, the Dana School of Music hosts the Fall 2011 meeting of the Allegheny Chapter of the American Musicological Society in Bliss Hall.

Regional chapters of the society usually conduct only one or two meetings a year as a forum for members to present research. It has been several years since the Allegheny Chapter held a meeting in Youngstown.

The meeting's program includes papers on monumental composers, such as Franz Schubert and Fryderyk Chopin (presented by YSU Professor Ewelina Boczkowska), but also studies of John Cage, Contemporary Christian Music, and Kinky Friedman and His Texas Jewboys.

Randall Goldberg, YSU instructor of music history and the local host and program chair for the event, said he is pleased with the breadth of scholarship that will be displayed at the meeting. "It is a great opportunity for our students to see what goes on in the academic side of music history and to meet scholars from Penn State, the Eastman School of Music, and other institutions in the area," he said.



**J. Peter Burkholder**

Access the full program at <http://www.people.iup.edu/rahkonen/AllegAMS/>. For more information, contact Goldberg [regoldberg@ysu.edu](mailto:regoldberg@ysu.edu) or 330-941-1841.

The Dana Research Society is a student organization devoted to the promotion of student research in Music History. The group hosts guest lectures by renowned musicologists and meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. to discuss student research projects. For the program of upcoming activities, email Ewelina Boczkowska at [eboczkowska@ysu.edu](mailto:eboczkowska@ysu.edu).

For more information, call 330-941-3636. For a complete calendar of College of Fine & Performing Arts events, visit <http://web.yzu.edu/fpa>.

## **YSU hosts Association of American Geographers**

YSU's Department of Geography is hosting the 2011 annual meeting of the East Lakes Division of the Association of American Geographers on Oct. 14 and 15.

The meetings will be at the Holiday Inn in Boardman on Oct. 14 (5 to 7 p.m. registration and a meet and greet). On Oct. 15, the meetings are in YSU's Williamson Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Oct. 15 agenda will include papers and presentations from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by a luncheon and business meeting. Papers and panel discussions will be held from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

The meeting is expected to attract 75 to 100 faculty and students from across the region, which includes geography departments at universities in Ohio and Michigan in the United States, and schools in Ontario in Canada. Currently, attendees are expected from Kent State University, the University of Akron, Michigan State University, YSU, Ohio Northern University, Western Michigan University, University of Toledo, Miami University, Bowling Green University, Grand Valley State University, Lakeland Community College, the University of Western Ontario. The national vice president of the Association of American Geographers will attend from the University of Minnesota, as will a representative of the national headquarters from Washington D.C.

The event is not open to the public.

## **Annual Professional Geography Night is today**

Youngstown State University's geography department will sponsor Professional Geography Night 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10 in the GeoWall Room in the basement of the Phelps Building on the YSU campus.

The annual event features geography alumni returning to campus and discussing aspects of their current employment and how that relates to the training they received as undergraduates at YSU.

Speakers are:

- Barb Sferra works in Alliance as a development officer. Her job involves helping to recruit new business to the region. Sferra earned an undergraduate degree in geography from YSU and a master's in geography from the University of Akron.
- Jeremy Mickler works in oil and gas exploration. Mickler said that the new Marcellus Shale exploration is expected to bring a significant number of new jobs to the region.
- Ryan Halicki graduated from YSU in December with a degree in geography and works for WKBN-TV in Youngstown as weekend weather forecaster and as a general assignment reporter during the week.
- Nate Wood works for BAE Systems, an engineering firm in the Pittsburgh area. He uses GIS on a consistent basis and can speak to the kinds of projects and relationships geography has to engineering work.



Ryan Halicki

Light refreshments will be provided.

## New Music Society opens season

The YSU Dana School of Music's New Music Society opens its 2011-12 season, "The Year of the Piano," on Wednesday, Oct. 12 with a noon concert in the Butler Institute of American Art's Beecher Court and a second longer show the same evening at 8 p.m. in Bliss Recital Hall.

Both concerts will feature guest artist Matthew McCright of Minneapolis, a specialist in performance of contemporary music.

McCright, a native of Western Pennsylvania, is a piano faculty member of Carleton College and maintains an active career as a soloist and chamber music performer throughout the United States, Europe, Asia and the South Pacific. He has premiered numerous works, working with many noted composers, some of

whom have written pieces especially for him.

McCright has also appeared in concert in major music festivals, including Dublin's Printing

House Festival of New Music, Britain's Late Music Festival, downtown New York's Bang on a Can Festival, and Duquesne University's Summer Music Institute in Pittsburgh to name a few.



Matthew McCright

McCright earned a bachelor's degree in Piano Performance Magna Cum Laude from Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., and holds a master's degree in Piano from the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. He also has a doctorate in Piano from the University of Minnesota. Visit [www.matthewmccright.org](http://www.matthewmccright.org) for more information.

McCright will perform *Blue Fantasy* by Dana faculty Robert Rollin, three movements from *It takes a long time to become a good composer* by Timothy Andres, and the four-movement *Sonata for Piano* by Polish composer Witold Lutoslawski. During his residency, McCright will also meet with student composers to read and critique their compositions.

The two concerts will also feature several world premieres by area composers. Senior Carol Ann Smolka's piano work *Helen at the Water Pump* will be performed by Robert Rollin, who, in addition, will accompany Smolka in her song *A Prelude for the Morning*. Local composer and New Music Guild Inc. member Richard Zacharias will hear both his *Second Romance* and *Consolation* (the latter a world premiere) played by graduate student Allyson Oyster. Oyster herself will hear the world premiere of her *Dialogue for Two Flutes*. Freshman Michael Lynch also will attend the premiere of his *Duet for Two Flutes*. A student flute quartet is featured in the premiere of Samantha Hogan's "Clowns," the first movement of her work-in-progress, *Hells Carnival*. Senior tenor Neil Meloro and graduate student Andrea Dreier will present the song, *What You'd Call a Dream* by Craig Carnelia. A Dana student brass quintet will perform an arrangement of Erskine Hawkins' *Tuxedo Junction*.

Both concerts are free and open to the public. Parking is available for a nominal charge in the Wick Avenue Deck. For more information, call 330-941-3636.

## **Grant proposal workshop set for Oct. 25, 26**

The Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs at Youngstown State University is offering a workshop for YSU faculty and staff on grant proposal development.

“How to Transition – from Pre-Award Proposal to Post-Award Funding” is recommended for novices or experienced PIs and project directors.

The workshop will be 10 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 25 and 26, in the Coffelt hall conference room on the YSU campus.

Seating is limited. To make reservations, call 330-941-2377 or email Cheryl Coy at [ckcoy@ysu.edu](mailto:ckcoy@ysu.edu).

## **Social Work Association holds fundraisers**

The BSW Student Social Work Association at Youngstown State University has scheduled a variety of activities to raise money for various causes:

- Through Nov. 11, the group is collecting makeup of all kinds, makeup applicators, nail polish (including base coat & top coat), scented lotions & sprays, perfumes, shower gels, etc. to be donated to the Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley. Items should be donated in Room 3030A in Cushwa Hall.
- Through Dec. 16, the group is collecting recipes for a cookbook with proceeds to go to local community needs. The cookbooks will be sold at Social Work Day on March 23, 2012. Recipes should be delivered to Room 3030A in Cushwa Hall or emailed to Krista Brawley at [klbrawley@my.yosu.edu](mailto:klbrawley@my.yosu.edu).
- Through Dec. 16 the group is collecting donations for Project Adopt-A-Unit. Donated items will be sent to the 561<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company, a unit with local soldiers, which is currently deployed to Afghanistan. Items may be donated in Room 3030A in Cushwa Hall.
- On Monday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the group will have a bake sale on the first floor of Cushwa Hall. For more information, contact Krista Brawley at [klbrawley@my.yosu.edu](mailto:klbrawley@my.yosu.edu).