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Eric Schlosser, pictured here in a *New York Times* photo, gives the YSU Skeggs Lecture this Wednesday at Edward W. Powers Auditorium in downtown Youngstown. See News Brief below for details. Admission is free, but tickets are required. Schlosser is the author of *Fast Food Nation* and co-producer of the award-winning documentary *Food Inc.*

Calendar

Monday, Feb. 28, 8 p.m. The Dana Symphony Orchestra presents a mid-winter concert in the Ford Family Recital Hall. Featured will be Rossini's Overture to Semiramide, the Arild Plau Tuba Concerto, the Leo Brouwer Guitar Concerto, Tchaikovsky 1st Piano Concerto and the Saint-Saens 2nd Piano Concerto. The women of the Dana Chorale will join in a performance of the Debussy Nocturnes, followed by the Brahms Academic Festival Overture. General admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and students. Admission is free for children under 12 and anyone with a YSU ID. Call 330-744-0264.

Tuesday, March 1. YSU Board of Trustees meets on the following schedule: **1 p.m.**, Investment Subcommittee; **2 p.m.**, Audit Subcommittee; **3 p.m.**, Finance and Facilities Committee; **4 p.m.**, Executive Committee.

Wednesday, March 2, 12:15 p.m. YSU's Dana School of Music presents a free Choral Music concert in the Butler Institute of American Art. See News Brief below for the full schedule of Music at Noon concerts for March.

Wednesday, March 2, 8 p.m. The YSU Concert Band and Symphonic Band performs in Stambaugh Auditorium.

Thursday, March 3, 7:05 p.m. Women Penguins basketball takes on Illinois-Chicago in Beeghly Center. The team also takes on Loyola on **Saturday, March 5, 1:05 p.m.**

Friday, March 4, 8:30 a.m. The YSU Beeghly College of Education sponsors the 8th Annual Educational Research Exchange in Kilcawley Center. The ERE is an annual mini-conference that provides an opportunity for students to share their research endeavors in a collegial atmosphere. This year's conference is sponsored by YSU and supported by Cleveland State University, Kent State University and the University of Akron.

Friday, March 4, 9 to 11:30 a.m. The YSU Women's Club conducts its spring clothing drive to collect professional women's clothing for *Dress for Success*. Contemporary and clean women's business apparel can be donated in the Presidential Suites in Kilcawley Center. For more information, contact Pat Shively at 330-941-3197 or peshively@ysu.edu.

Friday, March 4, 6 p.m. The Spring Tuba/Euphonium Studio Recital will be held in Bliss Recital Hall.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 4, 5 and 6. University Theater presents *The Crucible* in Ford Theater on the YSU campus. Friday and Saturday shows start at 7:30 p.m., with the Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. All seats in Ford Theater are reserved. Patrons are encouraged to make reservations early by calling 330-941-3105.

Saturday, March 5, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lori Ardeno Martinelli, technology development manager at Parker Hannifin Corp., will be the keynote speaker at the 14th annual Women in Science and Engineering Career Workshop at YSU. The free workshop in Kilcawley Center is designed to expose young women to career opportunities in science and technology and is open to all middle and high school girls from Mahoning and Trumbull counties and western Pennsylvania.

Saturday, March 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program continues in Williamson Hall on the YSU campus. VITA offers free tax assistance and gives hands-on experience to business students. For more information on other times, call 330-941-2507.

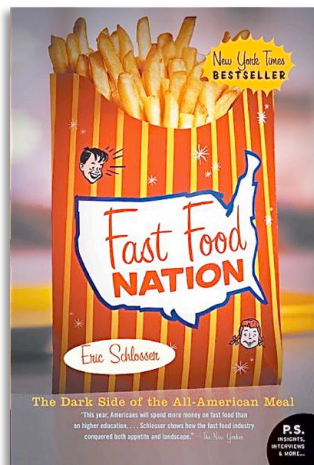
Saturday, March 5, 7 p.m. The Penguins men's tennis team faces Cleveland State at the Boardman Tennis Center.

***Fast Food Nation* author lectures this week**

Eric Schlosser, investigative journalist and author of *Fast Food Nation* and *Reefer Madness*, speaks 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at Edward W. Powers Auditorium in downtown Youngstown as part of the Youngstown State University Skeggs Lecture Series.

The lecture is free and open to the public, but tickets are mandatory. Tickets are available until 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at the Information and PC Lab in Kilcawley Center on the YSU campus. For more information, call the YSU Office of Alumni and Events Management at 330-941-3497.

Fast Food Nation, published in 2001, helped start a revolution in how Americans think about what they eat. It has been translated into more than 20



languages and remained on the *New York Times* bestseller list for two years. The book was made into a feature film in 2006.

Reefer Madness, published in 2003, examined America's thriving underground marijuana economy. *Chew on This*, published in 2006 and co-written by Charles Wilson, introduced young readers to the health effects of fast food and the workings of industrial agriculture. Schlosser has for almost a decade been researching a book on the American prison system. His next book, *Command and Control*, is about nuclear weapons.

He previously was a playwright and worked for an independent film company. He was executive producer of the film *There Will Be Blood* and co-producer of the award-winning documentary, *Food Inc.* Two of his plays have been staged in London – *Americans* (2003) and *We the People* (2007).

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.

Honorees announced for diversity celebration

The late Dr. Earnest Perry, a noted surgeon and community leader, will be honored at the fourth annual Diversity Leadership Recognition Celebration 6 p.m. Thursday, March 31 at Mr. Anthony's in Boardman.

A life-long resident of Youngstown, Perry was a member of the National Medical Association, a fellow in the American College of Surgeons, a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, NAACP and The American Cancer Society. He also was a former member of the YSU Board of Trustees. He was the recipient of numerous awards, including the first Friends of the University Award (1997) at YSU, Doctor of Humans Letters (March 1997) and the 2008 YSU Black Alumni Chapter Centennial Reunion Award for Excellence in Medicine. In 2008, he and his wife, Doris, established a significant endowment for minority students attending YSU.



Earnest Perry

Other honorees include: Community Leadership – Beatitude House, Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, and Robert Faulkner; Campus Leadership – Alfred Bright, Arlene Floyd, and L.J. Tessier; and student leaders (Leaders of Tomorrow) – Alma Ciriello, Darian Scott and Terrell Wesley.

YSU President Cynthia E. Anderson will be the keynote speaker. Anderson is the first woman, first Mahoning Valley resident, and first YSU graduate to serve as YSU president.

The cost for the celebration is \$35 per person or a table of eight for \$280. For more information and/or reservations, contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at 330-941-3370. Proceeds from the event will fund student scholarships through an endowment that has been established with the YSU Foundation. Sponsorship levels are Trendsetter in Diversity (\$5000), Centennial Leaders (\$2500), Legacy Leaders (\$1500), and Diversity Circle of Friends (up to \$500).

Zionists establish scholarship in Jewish studies

The Youngstown Zionist District of the Zionist Organization of America has created an endowment at Youngstown State University in honor of Saul Friedman, retired YSU professor of history.

The Dr. Saul Friedman Scholarship in Jewish Studies will reward qualified YSU students who are engaged in studies focusing upon Israel, the Holocaust and Jewish history.

Friedman founded the Judaic and Holocaust Studies program at YSU. He is professor emeritus of History and the former Clayman Family Professor of Judaic and Holocaust Studies. Friedman has been awarded the YSU Distinguished University Professor Award six times, the Ohio Humanities Council Lifetime Achievement Award, the Zionist Organization Brankis Award, and five regional Emmys for Public Television documentaries. He has published 10 books on Jewish history and the Holocaust.



Saul Friedman

Gifts may be made to the Office of University Development, YSU, One University Plaza, Youngstown, OH 44555. To contact the Youngstown Zionist District, call 330-501-0975.

Civil War medicine topic of March 23 talk

The Youngstown State University History Department is teaming up with the Mahoning Valley Historical Society and the Rose Melnick Medical Museum to host a presentation, “Medical Advancements of the Civil War,” featuring Peter D’Onofrio, president of the Society of Civil War Surgeons, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23.

The program is part of Ohio’s celebration of the Civil War Sesquicentennial anniversary and will be held at the Medical Museum, 655 Wick Ave., Youngstown. It is free and open to the public.

D’Onofrio, who also acts as editor of the SCWS quarterly publication, *The Journal of Civil War Medicine*, will speak on the rapid advancements in medicine stimulated by the Civil War—a conflict that resulted in nearly 620,000 casualties. The presentation focuses on the impact of these advancements to later developments in American medicine as well.

In 1974 and 1975, D’Onofrio graduated from the University of Dayton with a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in business administration before earning a Ph.D. in American History, Civil War, from LaSalle University in 1998. He has been active in many historical reenactments and has both published and presented several articles. Prior to his current scholarly pursuits, he learned about traumatic injuries first-hand as a professional paramedic and has taught in various training facilities, including the National Fire Academy in Maryland.

Ohio’s Civil War Sesquicentennial celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, running from 2011 through 2015. Issued through an executive directive by



former Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland in 2009, the statewide initiative to observe the anniversary is led by the Ohio Historical Society. It provides an opportunity for current generations to rediscover the momentous war and learn how Ohioans played a key role in contributing to Union success.

FBI career event set for Tuesday

Careers in the FBI, presented by the YSU Office of Career and Counseling Services, will be 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 1 in the auditorium of the new Williamson Hall, Room 1171.

An FBI special agent will provide an information careers in the FBI. The FBI is seeking a variety of majors to hire for many different career areas with the organization.

FBI special agents are responsible for conducting sensitive national security investigations and for enforcing more than 300 federal statutes. Special agents work on matters including terrorism, foreign counterintelligence, cyber crime, organized crime, white-collar crime, public corruption, civil rights violations, financial crime, bribery, bank robbery, extortion, kidnapping, air piracy, interstate criminal activity, fugitive and drug-trafficking matters, and other violations of federal statutes.

For more information, contact Christina Hardy, career planning coordinator, at 941-3514.



March Music at Noon performances

Free Music at Noon concert by Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music continue in March in the Butler Institute of American Art. Performances are Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. Parking is free at the Butler. The schedule:

March 2 - Choral Music.

March 9 - New Music with Guest Composer Stephen Stanziano, President of the Cleveland Composers Guild.

March 23 - Jazz Combos.

March 30 - Early Music Ensemble.

For more information, call the Dana School of Music at 330-941-3636. For a complete calendar of events, visit <http://web.yzu.edu/fpa>.

College of Business schedules MBA session

Youngstown State University's Williamson College of Business Administration will host a Master of Business Administration Information Session 6 p.m. Monday, March 7, in Room 3415 in Williamson Hall.

YSU's Flexible MBA allows students to pursue degrees either part-time or full-time. Classes are offered one night a week and on Saturdays. Some MBA courses are offered in eight-week blocks. Students may start any term – fall, spring or summer. The MBA program is accredited by AACSB International, which represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide.

To obtain application information, contact Monique Bradford at 330-941-3069 or email mrbradford@ysu.edu.