

## Pitts Will be Freed Lecture Series Speaker

Byron Pitts, contributing correspondent for 60 Minutes and CBS News chief national correspondent, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary's TLB Convocation Center, with a book signing to follow the presentation in the seminary atrium. Books will be available for purchase.

This event is open to the public. There is no cost to attend.

Pitts is the first presenter in the Dr. and Mrs. DeBow Freed Contemporary Christian Lecture Series.

Pitts is the author of "Step Out on Nothing: How Faith and Family Help Me Conquer Life's Challenges," released in 2009. In the book, Pitts shares the story of how faith

and the encouragement of a strong mother carried him through many challenges including illiteracy and a persistent stutter.

Honored with two Emmy Awards and other national journalism awards, Pitts is known as an evocative storyteller who produced thought-provoking coverage on the ground from Iraq and from Ground Zero after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. He has also covered the war in Afghanistan, the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the presidential election recount in Florida and the refugee crisis in Kosovo, among others.

Pitts was named a CBS News correspondent in 1998 and worked in Miami and Atlanta before moving

to New York in 2001. He now resides with his wife in Upper Montclair, N.J.

The Freed Contemporary Christian Lecture Series was established in 2010

by The University of Findlay, Winebrenner Theological Seminary and the Churches of God, General Conference, in honor of Dr. DeBow and Mrs. Catherine Moore Freed, the 16th president of the University and his wife.



*Byron Pitts*

## Hamman to Present 'A Play-Full Life'

Jaco J. Hamman, Ph.D., professor of pastoral care and counseling at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Mich., will give two public presentations on incorporating play in daily living. The first is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in Ritz Auditorium in Old Main, and the second is at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary, Room 254.

Hamman will discuss themes in his latest book, "A Play-Full Life: Slowing Down and Seeking Peace" (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2011). Among other things, Hamman will

talk about ways to empower play-full families and congregations.

From the book: "The marketing industry has succeeded in turning every person, especially children, into a consumer sub-culture. Consumption speaks to the emotional, spiritual and relational hunger that we experience and that we seek to satisfy by taking in excessively."

Hamman's presentation is part of the Power of Play series, organized by Matthew Stolick, Ph.D., as the 2011-2012 Richard E. Wilkin Chair of the College of Liberal Arts at The University of Findlay. Stolick, associate professor of philosophy,



*Jaco J. Hamman, Ph.D.*

is devoting this year to an interdisciplinary exploration of a single topic – The Power of Play: Essential to Human Being.

For more information, contact Stolick at [stolick@findlay.edu](mailto:stolick@findlay.edu).

# Skulls of Mammals Analyzed in Class

On Sept. 22, Jacqueline Connour, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, provided her comparative vertebrate anatomy lab class with hands-on experience in the realm of skeletal anatomy. The project for the day, called “Modeling the Mandible as a Third-Class Lever,” utilized skulls of different types of mammals, including bears (ursids), cats (felids), dogs (canids) and rodents.

“The project compares skulls of major groups of mammals,” said Connour. “Bears, cats and dogs are all carnivores, but they do not capture prey the same way and some of them eat plant material as well as meat. Rodents are herbivorous and are specialized for gnawing on things. These differences in food collection methods are expected to be reflected in the jaw dimensions.”

During the project, students were asked to measure both the lower and upper jaws of the mammal

skulls. After evaluating and taking careful measurements, the students recorded their findings using Excel spreadsheets.

“Students will learn to make predictions about skeletal anatomy from information about behavior. In this process, they will also learn about dietary adaptations in diverse groups of mammals,” said Connour. “Students may additionally consider whether all members within each group have similar eating behavior and whether or not any such differences can be observed by looking at the skull.”

“The most beneficial thing is definitely the hands-on experience



A. Risser Lee

Students in a comparative vertebrate anatomy lab class compare skulls of major groups of mammals.

you get,” said Ellis Thompson, senior biology major. “Even though I’ll be working with people as a physician’s assistant, studying other mammals is still helpful in gaining an understanding of anatomy.”

By Hannah Wurm

# Three UF Students do Research in Japan

Recently, Hiro Kawamura, Ph.D., associate professor of Japanese, and three students were awarded a \$21,000 research grant from the 2011 ASIANetwork Freeman Student Faculty Fellow Program. The purpose of the funds: to give undergraduate students an opportunity to conduct primary research in an Asian country.

Caitlin Adkins, Shawna McAllister and Craig White each submitted a project within the grant proposal.

Though each student is responsible for his or her own research, the group decided on a shared research theme: coexistence.

White, who graduated in May and teaches in Japan, is researching the relationship between Japanese and non-Japanese people and how internationalization and globalization are perceived.

McAllister selected the topic of coexistence between generations for her research. Adkins decided to

research the coexistence between genders in Japan.

As the grant intends, the students had the opportunity to conduct primary research in Japan in June for four weeks.

“The students had to collect data and focus throughout the trip,” said Kawamura. “Every moment counted, and we had a limited time to produce results.”

The research trip marked Adkins’ first visit to Japan. For McAllister, the grant was an opportunity to visit the country a second time.

Kawamura says the students’ dedication and work ethic have exceeded his expectations.



Photo submitted

Caitlin Adkins, Craig White and Shawna McAllister interview an 80-year-old retired college professor in Ibaraki prefecture, Japan in June.

While the students will continue their research through the year, the project will officially conclude in May 2012. In April, the group will present their findings at the ASIANetwork conference.

By Hannah Wurm

# Homecoming Events Draw Big Crowds

Homecoming and Family Weekend was Oct. 14-16. Many photos are available online at <https://picasaweb.google.com/TheUniversityofFindlay>.



A. Risser Lee

Members of the Horse Club entered the parade as Old MacDonald and his farm family.



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Kayla Coburn, right, serves up some cotton candy to student-athletes during the carnival.



Z. Federoff

Derrick the Oiler leads the annual Little Oiler Fun Run on Saturday morning.



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The Homecoming court was introduced during the Oilers vs. Panthers football game, which UF won, 27-24.

# Alternative Energy Planned for Campus

The University was presented with a \$40,000 grant from the BP Foundation during a celebration marking the 25th anniversary of the environmental, safety and occupational health management program on Oct. 14. The grant will both assist in retrofitting two University-owned houses with renewable energy and monitoring equipment, and provide funds for scholarships.

The houses, located at 138 and 146 W. Foulke Ave., are the focal points of an ongoing campus project to reduce energy consumption.

The grant from BP, combined with a grant from Dominion Resources, will help fund solar power at 138 and wind power at 146. Both

systems will be set up in an open lot east of 138, and they are projected to be operating by Jan. 1, 2012.

It is anticipated that the alternative energy systems will provide emission-free power equal to 60-70 percent of the total baseline energy requirements for each home.

The installation of the systems will be planned and scheduled by students in an environmental, safety and occupational health (ESOH) project management course, and they also will be



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Nathan Murphy, center, is a resident of 146 W. Foulke Ave. He gave tour participants an overview of how energy usage is being measured in the house this semester.

responsible for monitoring the progress of the greater sustainability project.

# Kellogg, Edwards to Visit Mazza Museum

Both Anthony Edwards, an actor best known for his role in “ER,” and Steven Kellogg, famed children’s book artist and author, will be on The University of Findlay’s campus Saturday, Nov. 12, for a celebration of Kellogg’s life work.

A public presentation is slated for 7 p.m. in Winebrenner Theological Seminary. Tickets are \$5 and are available by calling the museum at 419-434-5521.

In July, the Mazza Museum at The University of Findlay announced the acquisition of 2,700 pieces of original art work by Kellogg. The acquisition represents a 50-percent expansion of the Mazza’s collection of more than 5,000 pieces of original artwork.

The acquisition was made possible, in part, by a \$350,000 gift from Edwards, who, as a teenager, was invited to the Kellogg home for Thanksgiving. The two became friends and have remained in contact. Edwards has been involved with the Reading is Fundamental program and is a proponent of children’s literacy.

Some of Kellogg’s popular work includes “Island of the Skog,” “Johnny Appleseed,” “A Rose for Pinkerton,” “How Much is a Million” and “The Day Jimmy’s Boa Ate the Wash.” Readers may recognize characters such as The Christmas Witch, Pinkerton and Rose, Jimmy and Jimmy’s Boa and Clorinda from Kellogg’s work.

Since the beginning of his writing career, Kellogg has authored or collaborated on approximately 120 books. Looking back on his career and his lifelong interest in it, Kellogg once said, “I have always wanted to write and illustrate picture books, and, the more deeply involved in it I become, the more I find it to be an endlessly broad and fascinating art form. I enjoy illustrating my own books, and I love the challenge of devising the right visual accompaniment for the manuscripts of other authors.”

Kellogg resides in Essex, N.Y., with his wife, Helen.

# Heatbox to Kick Off Newly Named Music Bach’s Series on Oct. 28 in AMU

Heatbox, a one-man entertainment system, will perform at The University of Findlay from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, in the Alumni Memorial Union atrium. There is no cost to attend, and tickets are not required.

Heatbox uses no tracks, samples or pre-recorded music. Each song and performance is distinctly unique. His music is described as being a crossover between Motown, a capella, R&B, hip hop, soul and funk.

As he creates beats and builds songs “from the ground up,” Heatbox uses a Boss LoopStation RC-50 and a voice modulator to create music. A loop station allows musicians to record sounds – such as a drum sequence or a bass line – and play them back continuously. The

model that Heatbox uses is housed in a seven-footswitch floor unit, which allows him to manipulate three stereo phrase tracks simultaneously.

Heatbox has produced two full-length studio albums, “Entertainment” and “System.” In addition, he co-produced two original music videos, “Pizza Funk” and “Jack & Coke,” with Boston video producer Spookie Daly.

Heatbox’s performance is part of the Music Bach’s Series, formerly the Bach’s Lunch Series. The series is entirely managed and organized by a student-led organization, the Campus Program Board, which works to bring high-quality entertainment to campus.

The next performance in the Music Bach’s Series will feature



*Heatbox*

vocalist Jake Ousley performing “Christmas with Jake” on Friday, Dec. 9. All Music Bach’s Series performances are from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Union atrium.

Questions about the program may be directed to 419-434-4606.

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