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## Talk to Your Advisor About New Core Curriculum for Fall 2011



Academic Advisor Roberto Gonzalez advises UST student Natasha Alvarez on the new core curriculum

The core curriculum at St. Thomas is the principal means by which the University imparts its core values and carries out its combined moral, intellectual and religious mission. The strong core curriculum, dedicated faculty and innovative co-curricular programs complement each other to make our goal to "educate leaders of faith and character" a reality.

UST made changes to the core curriculum to better integrate the core with academic majors offered at

the University. A significant feature of the new core is the synthesis course, which links a student's major field of study with the core disciplines of philosophy, theology and Catholic Studies.

The goal of the core is to assist undergraduate students in developing competence in critical thinking, critical reading, effective writing and oral communication so they develop both their knowledge base and skills as graduates of the University. The core's strong emphasis on integration brings greater conformity with Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Constitution for Catholic Universities, *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, published in 1990.

"Pope John Paul II, at one time himself a university professor, possessed a profound understanding of Catholic university education," said Father Joseph Pilsner, CSB, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. "Our university's decision to look to *Ex Corde* as a guiding document was the right one; Pope John Paul II's vision harmonizes beautifully with the best traditions of the Basilian Fathers."

Current students enrolled at UST may choose to change to the new core curriculum or continue with the core as defined in the 2010-2011 Undergraduate Catalog. It is strongly recommended that all students discuss which core curriculum track is most appropriate for the student's individual course of study with an academic advisor.

Students entering the University in the summer of 2011 and beyond or students returning to UST after more than two years absence will complete the new core curriculum as outlined in the 2011-2012 Undergraduate Catalog.

Learn more about the differences between the new and previous core, and see a complete list of requirements at www.stthom.edu/corecurriculum.

## Additional Aid Available for Summer Courses

Summer classes are a great way to catch up, get ahead or just get started on your degree. This summer, St. Thomas will offer a variety of courses for current students and high school students seeking dual credit.



Choose from morning, afternoon, evening, Saturday or online classes.

View a full list of undergraduate or graduate course offerings on the main campus, at Glassell School of Art or St. Mary's Seminary. Read a description of the courses offered and learn about prerequisites in the online undergraduate catalog.

Students who received a Pell grant in fall 2010 or spring 2011 may be eligible for a Pell grant for summer classes. For more information, contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at 713-525-2170. Register online today by logging on to myStThom or see your faculty advisor.

More than 350 UST juniors and seniors may be eligible for the Financial Stretch Grant, a one-time, need-based \$2,000 grant for students who enroll in at least six hours in summer 2011. Students must have completed at least 60 credit hours at the end of the spring term, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a Texas resident, and be Pell grant eligible.

Funds are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority will be given to students majoring in biology, bioinformatics, biochemistry, environmental science, mathematics and the Cooperative Engineering Program. Students interested in pre-health fields are not eligible. Applications will be accepted until **April 30**.

# Coleman, Paulsen Join Nursing Development Staff

The Office of Nursing Program Development welcomes
Director Dr. Anne Coleman and Lesley Paulsen to the staff.
Coleman is the Nursing Activity Director for the Title V
grant. She is responsible for developing the Nursing Simulation
Center, Nursing Success Center and distance education program
within the curriculum. She has experience as a Registered Nurse,
Nursing educator, IT project manager, grant writer/director, and



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nursing information. **Paulsen** was pulled out of early retirement by Dr. Tschirch to assist with preparing the proposal to the Texas Board of Nursing for a School of Nursing at UST. Paulsen is now here full time as a coordinator in Nursing Program Development with emphasis on the Title V Education Grant. Before retirement, Paulsen worked at UTMB in Galveston, most recently as a training specialist in nursing service.

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#### Cameron Alumni Week

Cameron School of Business will cel Alumni Week from Monday-Saturd March 21-26. CSB alumni will return to speak to students, alumni and commumembers about their experience at UST their Cameron School education has hel achieve success in the business world. Opublic. For more information, call Moni 713-525-3115.

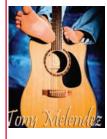


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## **Opera Scenes Workshop**

The UST Music Department will pre and scenes from Mozart operas and at the Opera Scenes Workshop. The per will be held at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 27:30 p.m., Saturday, March 27 and 3 p March 28 in Cullen Hall. The event is to the public. For ticket reservation, e-r rsypmusic@stthom.edu.



## Lenten Rene

The UST Cath Lenten Rene acclaimed guitar guitar with his for Sunday, March Gymnasium. A b Ministry will pre 4 p.m. Tickets an To make reserva elsie.biron@stth.

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ademic Advising Center will host the tors Fair at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, he Academic Mall. The event showjors and 35 minors offered at UST. eet faculty, compare programs and ge majors. Advising staff will also be emore details on the new core more information contact Sara .525-3495.

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Residence Life is currently accepting for 2011-2012 Residence Life staff. idable for both resident assistants and sors. Applications are due by 4 p.m. on can be found on //reslife.

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nolic Outreach Program will host a awal Concert featuring internationally ist Tony Melendez, who plays the eter. The concert will be held at 6 p.m. 27 in the Jerabeck Athletic Center parbecue benefitting UST Campus excede the concert. Serving begins at re \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. tions, call 713-525-3149 or e-mail orm.edu.

# Archeologist Discusses Early Archaic Site of Las Capas



The University of St. Thomas Friends of Archaeology will host a lecture, "Early Archaec Site of Las Capas in Tucson, Arizona" by Dr. Scotty Moore at 5 p.m., Sunday, **March 20**, in Anderson Hall.

Moore is an archaeologist specializing in site formation processes and the prehistoric use of agricultural irrigation technology. As a geoarchaeological consultant, he has worked at archaeological sites in eight states and 22 countries. Since 2007, he has served as a consultant and host for The Discovery Channel, including a series of archaeological documentaries

called Bone Detectives. He recently completed his Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Washington and currently teaches in the Houston Community College system. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Naomi Joyner, President of the Friends of Archaeology, at gma\_naomi@yahoo.com.

# Dr. Bernhard Speaks on Puritans, Witches in Bermuda

Dr. Virginia Bernhard, UST Professor Emerita of history, will explore "Puritans and Witches in Bermuda, 1651-1655" at the annual B.K. Smith Lecture in History. The lecture, sponsored by the History Department, will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, **March 31** in Cullen Hall.

Dr. Bernhard served on the UST faculty from 1971 to 2006. She was the director of the History Department for many years, and the director of the Women Culture and Society Program from 2005-2006. She received the Minnie Stevens



Piper Foundation Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Academic Achievement in 2003. Dr. Bernhard earned a doctorate from Rice University, a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor's degree from Rice.

In the 1640's the turbulence of civil war in England made waves across the Atlantic in Bermuda, England's smallest colony. In May 1651, the first accusations for witchcraft in Bermuda's history took place and the colony's first convicted witch was hanged. Between 1651 and 1655, 12 people were accused of witchcraft, and five of them were hanged. These are the only recorded executions for witchcraft in Bermuda's history. For what it reveals about Puritans and their transatlantic networks, and about 17th century witch trials, Bermuda's witchcraft episode, which occurred four decades before the more famous one, in Salem, Mass., deserves a closer examination.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Irving Kelter at kelter@stthom.edu.

## Lenten Lecture Series

The 22nd Annual Lenten Lecture Series will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent, **March 9 – April 13**, on the University of St. Thomas campus.

The series has covered a wide range of topics important to Catholic life. This year's theme, "Americans on the Road to Sainthood," follows a discussion of the canonization process with examinations of several Americans whose causes of sanctification are now being promoted.

### • March 9, Cullen Hall

Sr. Madeleine Grace, CVI "What Does It Take? The Canonization Process in the Catholic Church"

### • March 16, Cullen Hall Mark and Louise Zwick

"Foundress of the Catholic Worker Movement: Dorothy Day"

## • March 23, Scanlan Room

Dr. Louis and Mrs. Alice Varela "Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen"

#### • March 30, Cullen Hall

Fr. Jack Whitley, CSB "Founder of the Knight of Columbus: Fr. Michael McGivney"

#### · April 6, Cullen Hall

Fr. Anthony Borrow, SJ and Pepe Ruiz, SJ "Missionaries of the New World: Eusebio Kino and Miguel Pro"

#### · April 13, Scanlan Room

Carlos Esparza, SJ, and Dr. Paul Hahn "Missionary of the Wider World: Fr. Walter Ciszek. SJ"

It is hoped that members of the community will be inspired by these heroes of the faith and experience personal growth in the Lord's Kingdom. These events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 713-525-3582.

# Students Named Mardi Gras Royalty

Selected as exemplary models of the University's mission to educate leaders of faith and character, UST students Robert Murillo and Steffani Rush will reign as this year's Mardi Gras King and Queen at the 2011 Mardi Gras Gala "Jazz it Up," on Tuesday, March 8. In their role as the "royal couple," Murillo and Rush will have the opportunity to express their gratitude for scholarship contributions on behalf of the student body.



Robert Murillo is a senior general studies major concentrating in music education from the Woodlands. He has participated in the Irish Studies program, ambitiously learning the Irish language. Murillo performs with Pop Singers, Schola Cantorum, Jazz Ensemble and Irish Masses. Steffani Rush is a junior general studies major and theology minor from Baytown. Rush is a Presidential Ambassador and participates in Campus Ministry, Catholic Daughters and Celts for Life. Read the full story at www.stthom.edu.

## Publications, Video Receive Awards

Publications and a video produced in 2010 by the University of St. Thomas Office of Marketing Communications earned nationwide recognition in the 26th Annual Admissions Advertising Awards sponsored by the Higher Education Marketing Report.

The general Admissions video earned the Bronze award in the category for schools with an enrollment between 2,000-4,999 students. Merit awards were given to a two-page Admissions advertisement, the poster, "Don't Get Hooked on Phishing" and the logo developed for the UST Freshman Symposium.

The Admissions Advertising Awards is the largest educational advertising awards competition in the country. This year, more than 2,500 entries were received from more than 1,000 colleges, universities and secondary schools.

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Call 713-525-3116 with questions and/or comments.