



Photographer Exposes Hidden History

Join the Center for International Studies to hear Jonathan Moller, fine art/documentary photographer and human rights activist discuss his work with the indigenous people of Guatemala. The event will be held at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15, Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum.

Since 1991 Moller has lived primarily in Guatemala where in 1993, he began work with two different human rights organizations supporting populations uprooted by the civil war. For six months in 2000-2001, he was staff photographer on a Guatemalan forensic anthropology team documenting exhumations of little-known cemeteries.

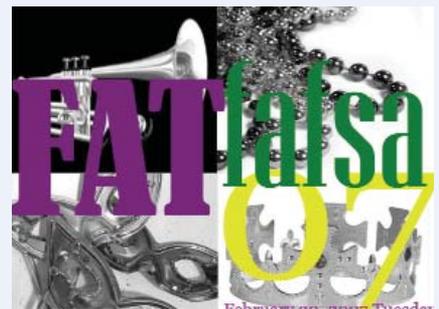
A member of the Foreign Press Club of Guatemala since 1994, Moller has worked as a part-time freelance photographer in Guatemala and El Salvador.

Moller's photographs have been widely exhibited and published in numerous magazines and books in North America, Latin America and Europe, including LIFE 2001 Album: The Year in Pictures, Photo District News, Photo Italia, The Photo Review, and on the cover of DoubleTake magazine. They are also the focus of his book *Our Culture is Our Resistance*.

For more information about this event, contact Diana Garcia at 713-525-3530.

Learn About Financial Aid at this Fun Festival

Join the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid and the Council of Clubs for the third annual Fat FAFSA, an event dedicated to promoting student participation in the financial aid process, from noon-2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 on the Academic Mall. Student lenders will be there to provide information on borrowing money. Computers will also be available for students who want to apply for aid, and for graduating seniors who need to complete their exit counseling. The event includes food, music and a parade. Popular Houston-based crooner John Evans will perform acoustic sets during Fat FAFSA. His 2006 recording, "Ramblin' Roy," was named best local disc of the year by the Houston Chronicle HandStamp. Evans has earned top honors in the Houston Press Music Awards for the past six years, including Best Musician of the Year. An acoustic collection of new tracks, "Slide Show," will be released this month. Fat FAFSA will also feature an art exhibit showcasing artwork by faculty members, staff,



Shannahan Takes First at Piano Competition

Michelle Shannahan, UST sophomore music major, won the Houston Young Artist Collegiate Piano Solo Contest held on Jan. 27. She will advance to the state level at the Texas Music Teachers Association Convention in June. In the competition, she went up against more than 50 pianists and performed piano works by Bach,



Beethoven, Chopin and Rachmanninov. Shannahan is a student of UST piano professor Paul Krystofiak.

“It is a very challenging contest and takes a special student to dedicate the time in practice and effort to compete on this level,” Krystofiak said.

“I am very pleased with Michelle’s accomplishment.”

Language Symposium: “One World, Many Voices”

UST’s Dual Language Information Symposium: “One World, Many Voices” will be held in Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center, from Thursday, Feb. 15 to Saturday, Feb. 17.

This event is open to anyone interested in dual language education, which is the fastest growing language immersion program in Texas. UST is committed to this

program, as evidenced by its support of Helms Community Learning Center, a K-5 dual immersion program. The Dual Language Institute at UST sponsors this event, which is partially funded by the Houston Endowment.

Admission is free with registration. For more information, contact Dr. Mary Starz at 713-525-3549.

Students Selected to Show Skills at Symposium



Green

Three UST students—Grover Green, Katherine Janse van Rensburg and Whitney

Stewart—have been selected to present their scholarly work at the Rice University Medieval Studies Program Undergraduate Symposium. These students will represent UST on March 15-16.

Dr. Irving Kelter, associate professor and chair of the History

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Department commented: “We salute Grover, Katherine and Whitney, whose research papers were selected by a panel of judges as being among the best Houston undergraduate papers from medieval courses submitted by university students in the area.”



Janse van Rensburg

Green, Janse van Rensburg and Stewart will

make their official presentations on Friday, March 16.



Stewart

Play: “Traffic in Women”

Come to the final performance of the second part of the trilogy “Traffic in Women,” 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum. The play is written by Dr. Janet Lowery.



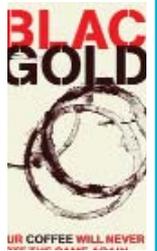
Theology at the Lab

Fr. Daniel Callam, CSB, will lead a discussion concerning “Approaching the Altar: Liturgy in Its Various Rites,” at Theology at the Lab, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, Black Lab, 4100 Montrose Blvd.



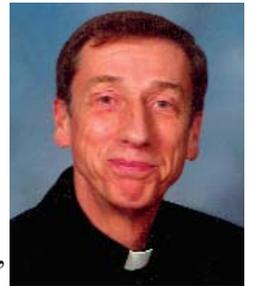
CIS Film: “Black Gold”

CIS will present “Black Gold,” a documentary that examines the starving Ethiopian coffee farmer, 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in Tiller Hall Room 116, 4004 Yoakum.



Social Justice Seminar with Fr. Richard Wahl

The UST Social Justice Committee presents the Social Justice Seminar Series, beginning at



noon on, Friday, Feb. 16 in Ahern Room, Crooker Center, 3909 Graustark. Fr. Richard Wahl, CSB, will explore peace and nonviolence in the Catholic Church from John XXIII to Benedict XVI.

Fr. Wahl is a long time member of the Catholic peace organization, Pax Christi, and is the adjutant judicial vicar for the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston Metropolitan Tribunal.

19th Annual
Lenten Lecture Series

*The Sacrament
of the
Anointing of the Sick*

“Is there anyone sick among you?”

James 5:14



Wednesdays
Feb. 21 - March 28, 2007
7:30 p.m.
Scanlan Room,
Jerabeck Center and
Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum
Free and open to the public.
For more information call
713-525-3529.

For 18 years, Wednesdays in Lent have been highlighted by a series of lectures at the University of Saint Thomas. Started and co-sponsored by Margaret Hotze of Veritas Catholic Bookstore, the series has covered a wide range of topics important to Catholic life. This year’s topic, Anointing of the Sick, approaches a keener understanding of suffering as unfolding within the scriptures as likewise the tradition of the Church. It is vital that members of the faith search for a deeper grasp of this universal experience of suffering, as well as the ministry to the suffering provided through Christ’s body, the Church, and grow in appreciation of this sacrament.

Feb. 21 • *Sickness and Healing in the Old and New Testaments*
Dr. Paul Hahn, UST professor of theology
Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center

Feb. 28 • *“Are There Any Who are Sick Among You?—Anointing through the Ages”*
Fr. William Kelly, UST professor of theology
Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center

March 7 • *Stem Cells and Cloning: Understanding the Scientific Issues and the Moral Objections*
Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, director of Education, National Catholic Bioethics Center
Jones Hall



March 14 • *Healing Wisely –The Role of Informed Consent*
Dr. Jean Kitchel, UST professor of philosophy
Jones Hall

March 21 • *On Death and Dying*
Dr. Marcella Colbert, director, Archdiocesan Respect Life Office of Galveston-Houston
Jones Hall

March 28 • *Christian Caring for the Helpless and the Comatose*
Dr. Joseph Graham, president of Texas Right to Life and UST professor of philosophy
Jones Hall

Boost for Environmental and Catholic Studies



A new face on campus will bring expertise in environmental studies and revive UST's program in that field in August. Although Sr. Damien Marie Savino, FSE, will join the faculty under a joint appointment in the Catholic Studies Program and the Department of Biology, her presence here and her background will give the once-beleaguered Environmental Studies Program the necessary faculty to keep it viable.

Last semester, the Office of Academic Affairs recommended that the major in Environmental Studies be terminated because it didn't have enough faculty to sustain it without restructuring after environmental studies professor Ravi Srinivas was appointed as director of the Master Liberal Arts Program. Fortunately during this time, Sr. Damien Marie was introduced to the University through the Franciscan Sisters. She has a Ph.D. in Engineering (Environmental) Science, along with master's degrees in soil science and theology. Her expertise and teaching experience focus on environmental policy and management as well as science. "I hope to develop programs that promote the

much-needed dialogue between science and theology called for by Pope John Paul II and now by Pope Benedict XVI," Sr. Damien Marie said.

Dr. John Hittinger, vice president of Academic Affairs, said her interests in environmental sustainability expand into considerations of international environmental policy. "She is a strong proponent of students doing field work and

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internships in a variety of settings—agricultural, aquatic, forest, rural and municipal," he said. "In fact, the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist have a land program to provide young adults an opportunity to learn work skills, and to relate to the needs of soil, plants and animals and the cycles of nature in the context of Catholic faith."

According to Hittinger, the University intends for Sr. Damien Marie to join other faculty during the coming year to study and propose revised environmental studies/science courses and curricula, including a new major program. "As the Catholic univer-

sity in Houston, UST will not abandon its commitment to the environment," Hittinger said. "In light of the ongoing discussion among students, faculty and the administration, we are delighted to announce that UST will be able to work toward developing an environmental studies program that is sustainable for its long-term presence at the University and for its service to Houston. Sr. Damien Marie will be instrumental in this process."

Hittinger said that with the "redesign" of the Environmental Studies Program underway, the department will temporarily suspend the admission of new students. The department will continue to coordinate lower-division environmental science and geology courses and upper-division courses required for students completing majors in environmental studies under the current curriculum. Dr. Maury Harris will be its chair.

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