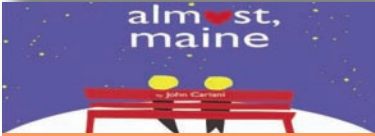


Upcoming Events



Almost Maine

The Drama Department presents “Almost, Maine,” at 8 p.m., **Mar. 1, 2 and 3** in upstairs Jones Hall. Cost is \$5 for UST students, faculty and staff; \$10 for students and seniors; \$15 for the general public. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact 713-525-3520.



Mosaics of Faith Conference

The Center for International Studies and Center for Faith and Culture will present the “Mosaics of Faith Conference: The Czech Experience” concert at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, **Feb. 28** in the Chapel of St. Basil. A panel discussion will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, **Feb. 29** in the Ahern Room, Crooker Center. For more information, contact 713-525-3538.



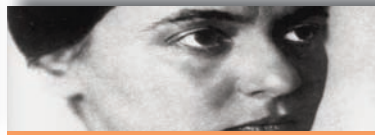
Opera Workshop

Join the Music Department for an afternoon of musical scenes from opera’s best. The performance will take place Sunday, **March 4** from 3 - 4:30 p.m. in Cullen Hall. The event is free. For more information, contact 713-525-3159.



President’s Address

Dr. Robert Ivany will give the President’s Address to the UST Community from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, **Feb. 28** in Cullen Hall. Please RSVP to Cindy Viaud at viaudc@stthom.edu.



St. Edith Stein Lecture

The Women, Culture and Society Program is presenting the 4th Annual Zambosco-Thomas Memorial Lecture, “Edith Stein Between Husserl & St. Thomas Aquinas” from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, **Feb. 29** in Ahern Room, Crooker Center. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact Kathleen Haney at haneyk@stthom.edu.



Heartstring Quartet

Join harpist Máire Ni Chathasaigh and fiddler Nollaig Casey, sisters from County Cork, and guitarist Arty McGlynn from County Tyrone at 7:30 p.m. on **March 7** in Jones Hall for an evening of Irish music. Free for UST students, faculty and staff; \$15 for adults; \$10 for seniors. For more information, contact Lori Gallagher at 713-525-3592.



Intramural Rodeo & BBQ

Join the Office of Recreational Sports and SAB for an intramural rodeo from 12:30 - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, **Feb. 28** on the Campus Life Mall. The event will consist of rodeo-style activities and barbecue. For more information, contact Jessica Domann at domannj@stthom.edu.



Campus Ministry Spring Retreat

Join Campus Ministry in Victoria, Texas for the student retreat “Down the Road with Jesus” from 2:30 p.m. on Friday, **March 2** until 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 4. Cost is \$20. Register in the Campus Ministry House, 4110 Mt. Vernon.



Chiara Lubich Memorial Mass

A memorial Mass for Chiara Lubich, celebrated by Archbishop Emeritus Joseph Fiorenza will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, **March 8** in the Chapel of St. Basil. Following Mass, a lecture titled “Is Loving an Art or a Command?” will be presented by Rev. Thomas Norris and Rev. Dempsey Rosales Acosta SSL, STD. For more information, contact 713-942-5960.

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Drama Alumnus Brings “SMASH: Make a Musical” to Houston

Julio Morales received his first introduction to theater at Sharpstown High School before coming to UST as a drama major in 2005. Today, the 2009 alumnus said he’s excited to have returned to Sharpstown as the theater teacher and been chosen by NBC’s “SMASH: Make a Musical” program as one of 20 schools in the nation receiving funding and mentorship to build a new musical theater program.

Morales credits the education he received at UST for his ability to teach theater. He said when he came to the University, acting was his primary focus and participating in the directing classes and set building studios didn’t make sense to him.

“The non-acting classes I took at St. Thomas gave me the skills I’m using as a teacher,” Morales said. “I try to teach like my professors at St. Thomas taught me and give my students an introduction to more than just acting. The small size of the drama department at St. Thomas is wonderful because students have the opportunity to participate in everything.”

Morales teaches six classes to 130 students at Sharpstown High School, including three Beginning



Theater classes, an Advanced Theater course and technical classes on stage building and directing.

With help from NBC’s community outreach program, Morales will be directing the first musical theater production at Sharpstown High School in 25 years. His theater students will perform a one-hour condensed version of the musical *Fame* in the spring. Morales said his students are beyond excited.

“I’m introducing my students to musical theater by taking them to see productions in Houston,” Morales said. “We’re going to see shows with the Alley Theater, TUTS, Rice University, and I’m definitely bringing them to UST.”



Have You Filed For Graduation Yet?

Students planning to graduate May 2012 must submit an Intent to Graduate form by **March 1**. This is not done automatically. Visit www.stthom.edu/graduation for the appropriate forms.

Mock Trial Team Advances to Championship Series

The University of St. Thomas Mock Trial team will compete next month in the Opening Round Championship Series after winning a regional tournament in early February.

This marks the third time in four years that the team has made it to the second stage of the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) annual competition.

At the AMTA Houston Regional Tournament on Feb. 4, UST was one of eight teams from nearly two dozen schools competing that advanced to the Opening Round Championship Series in Memphis, March 23 - 25.

Two team members also received individual honors – Chris Agboli for outstanding attorney and outstanding witness and Raul Pineda for outstanding witness.

If the UST team makes the top six in Memphis, where its competition will include the University of Texas, University of California - Berkeley, University of Washington and University of Georgia, they will



advance to the National Championship Tournament in April.

“We’re one of the smallest schools in the competition and to perform as well as we have is really saying something,” said Rick Young, associate professor of political science, director of UST’s pre-law program and one of the team’s coaches.

The success can be attributed to UST’s strong pre-law program, which attracts more than its share of top students enthusiastic about mock trial, Young said.

About 80 percent of UST pre-law students who apply to law school gain admission.



Lenten Lecture Series Begins

The University of St. Thomas presents its 23rd Annual Lenten Lecture Series at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent and speakers will explore “The Catholic Literary Imagination.”

The next talk on Wednesday, **Feb. 29** will be “The Sacramental World of Annie Dillard’s *Holy the Firm*” by Sr. Paula Jean Miller, FSE, in Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center.

For more information, contact Dr. Chris Evans at evanscp@stthom.edu.

Lee Lecture Explores Reading

The intersection of reading, theology and pleasure will be the topic of UST’s annual Lee Lecture at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, **March 6** in Cullen Hall.

Dr. Alan Jacobs, the Clyde S. Kilby Professor of English at Wheaton College, will discuss “The Pleasures of Reading: A Theological Perspective.” Jacobs is the author of *The Pleasures of Reading in an Age of Distraction* published by Oxford University Press in 2011. For more information, contact Chris Tennison at tennis@stthom.edu.



Accounting students and alumni will provide free income tax filing assistance on Saturdays through **April 14** at the MD Anderson YMCA. For more information, contact Ramon Fernandez at ramonf@stthom.edu.



Come watch the UST Men and Women’s basketball teams on Wednesday, **Feb. 29** as they wrap-up the end of their regular season. The Lady Celts play Paul Quinn College at 5:30 p.m. in Jerabeck and the men’s team take the court at 7:30 p.m.



Environmental Week

Join ECOS and Pi Sigma Alpha for a week of environmentally friendly events **March 4 - 10** on the UST campus. The week will include promotion giveaways, environmental forums, a film screening and much more.

Monday, March 5

- Free Environmental Week promotion item at the University Seal from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6

- Environmental Career Fair from 12 - 2 p.m. in Jerabeck Gym, 2nd floor. Meet potential green employers and organizations from the Houston Area. Free food and drinks.

Wednesday, March 7

- *Focus The Nation Clean Energy Forum* from 6 - 8:30 p.m. in Jones Hall. Visiting speakers from the Houston area will discuss "Energy Innovation in Action." Free food and drinks.

Thursday, March 8

- Texas premiere of the documentary film "Into Eternity" from 6 - 8:30 p.m. in Jones Hall. A speaker will discuss sustainability at the local level. Free food and drinks.

Contact Tyler Daniel Rountree at rourtrt@stthom.edu or Jennifer Amelang at amelanj@stthom.edu for more information.



HHS Mandate

"To force American citizens to choose between violating their consciences and forgoing their health care is literally unconscionable. It is as much an attack on access to health care as on religious freedom."

- Timothy Cardinal Dolan

Attend three upcoming campus lectures:

From the Pew to the Public Square: Pursuing the Common Good

9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., **March 2**

Scanlan Room, Jerabeck
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo and Joan Rosenhauer will speak. Contact coburnh@stthom.edu for more information.

The HHS Mandate: Understanding the Rule, Constitutional Issues & What is at Stake

12 - 1:30 p.m., **March 5**

UST Art Gallery
R. Randall Rainy, JD, LLM, will speak. RSVP to cfc@stthom.edu or 713-942-5066 by **February 29**.

Religious Freedom: Conscience Clause & Life

7:30 - 9 p.m., **March 8**

Anderson Hall, Room 103
Arland Nichols, National Director of Human Life International America, will speak. Contact ustceltsforlife@gmail.com for more information.



The Bottom of the Cup

Beginning at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesdays in Jones Hall, the Bottom of the Cup seeks to form a bridge between modern academia and the Church by integrating faith and reason as it relates to the mystery of the human person. For more information about the program, contact 281-974-3541.

February 28

Little Less Than a God

Inspiring testimony about man as a spiritual being and his ability to become the manifestation of God the Father, who is rich in mercy.

March 6

Why Can't a Woman be More Like a Man?

Inspiring testimony about the power of love and woman's unique ability to call forth a resurrection whenever a person has fallen.

Online Tutoring

Have a question about your homework? The Tutorial Services Center now has online tutoring. Log on to ust.askonline.net and follow the instructions. The AskOnline tutoring service has been provided by funding from the U.S. Department of Education HIS STEM Articulation Grant for 2011-2016.