HARELL WINS DIVERSITY AWARD

Instructor Donald Harell received a national award from his Union College alma mater for promoting diversity initiatives. Harrell is one of four recipients of the UNITAS Diversity and Community Award.

Harrell’s African American Studies courses cover the development of hip hop music and culture. Harrell and his wife also direct Orisirisi, a performing arts company that shares African stories, songs, and dances.

ALUMNI

Randy Hunt, ’05
Creative Director, Etsy

Randy Hunt graduated in 2005 with a B.F.A. in Art, specializing in Graphic Design. Today, he is Creative Director and Product Manager at Etsy, an online marketplace for individuals and small businesses. Etsy promotes sustainable products and provides personal storefronts for its users to sell homemade arts and crafts.

Randy also co-founded Supermarket, a curated design marketplace, and is a regular speaker at international design conferences.

LEANDRA PRESTON-SIDLER, Womens’ Studies instructor and Texts & Technology Ph.D. student, won Florida Campus Impact’s Service Learning Faculty Member of the Year award for the State University Sector.

FLORIDA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY RECOGNIZES UCF STUDENT

B.F.A. student Christie Gonzales received a $1,000 scholarship from the Florida Watercolor Society at its 41st annual awards banquet. Christie, a double major in painting and art history, is also pursuing a teaching certificate in art education.

Christie was recognized for her pen-and-ink and watercolor images created in a partnership course between the Orlando Museum of Art and UCF’s School of Visual Arts and Design. The class, sponsored by UCF Regional Campuses, allows students to work in the museum’s galleries on art directly inspired by master works.

Christie’s studies culminated in the creation of a hand-bound, visually narrative book depicting a series of intimate windows into the daily joys and struggles of life in Cuba.

LEGISLATIVE LUNCH with GLORIA STEINEM

Writer and feminist activist Gloria Steinem shared lunch and candid conversation with UCF students on October 19. She discussed gender, politics, and the impact of the upcoming elections for women.

Steinem travels internationally as an organizer, lecturer, and media spokeswoman on issues of equality. She is currently at work on a memoir about her life on the road as a feminist organizer.

EVENTS

Film
3rd Annual Fall Film Showcase
UCF Center for Emerging Media
500 W Livingston St., Orlando, FL
Saturday, Nov. 10 at 8pm

Judaic Studies:
Eric Weiner: “Man Seeking God: One Agnostic’s Flirtations with the Divine”
Classroom I, Room 103
Thursday Nov. 15 at 1:30pm

Visual Arts and Design:
Emerging Media: Open Studio Tour
UCF Center for Emerging Media
500 W Livingston St., Orlando, FL
Thursday, Nov. 15, 5:30pm to 9pm

Music:
Jazz Chamber Groups Concert
Rehearsal Hall Auditorium
Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 8pm

University Choirs Concert
St. James Cathedral, 215 N. Orange Ave.
Thursday, Nov. 29 at 7:30pm

Public History Center:
Internship Showcase
Colbourn Hall, Rm 125
Friday, Dec. 7 at 2pm

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UCF Faculty Exhibition
Oct. 18 - Nov. 16 • New and exciting works by the faculty of the School of Visual Arts and Design.
UCF Gallery hours: Mon-Fri 10am - 5pm
FREE ADMISSION

UCF Opens Center for Writing Excellence
A dedicated center for writing-related assistance, training and research opportunities is now open to UCF students and faculty members from all disciplines.
The UCF Center for Writing Excellence celebrated its grand opening on Oct. 3 in a newly renovated space on the first floor of Colbourn Hall.
The space is home to the University Writing Center and the Writing Across the Curriculum program. The University Writing Center provides individual and small-group consultations for undergraduate and graduate students from all majors. Founded in 1997, the center employs 32 student-tutors and last year saw more than 8,000 consultations.
At the grand opening, President John Hitt announced a $30,000 endowment by the Atkins Foundation to improve the written and oral communication skills of STEM students. Atkins, one of the world’s leading engineering and design consultancies, employs more than 100 UCF graduates. The endowment will allow the center to create innovative programs related to specialized writing instruction and tutoring for students in STEM disciplines.

NEW TO THE CAH LIBRARY

ENGLISH DEPT. PROMOTES BANNED BOOK WEEK
The UCF English Department joined Miami Dade College to promote Banned Books Week, celebrate Hispanic Heritage, and raise awareness about banned books in Tucson, Arizona—mostly works by Latino/a authors.
UCF participated in the read-a-thon by uploading videos with students and faculty reading from banned books by authors Gloria Anzaldúa, Ana Castillo and Sandra Cisneros. Contributors to the read-a-thon included faculty from English and Writing & Rhetoric, as well as students from English, International Relations, and Women’s Studies.

Thanks to the hard work and expertise of UCF Theatre staff and faculty, the department is now accredited by Educational Affiliates of Estill Voice International®, joining just two other institutions worldwide.

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