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INSIDE VT WOOD

Reminder...

Remember to submit department news items by Friday 3 p.m. of each week to Will Pfeil at wpfeil@vt.edu for inclusion in Inside VT WOOD each Monday morning. All past issues of Inside VT Wood reside on our department website under the publications link.

News From Paul Winistorfer

- We continue to follow up on Wood Week activities, including the survey from our career fair participants. We will have survey and feedback information available by the end of the week. We have quite a few digital images from the week and a disk is circulating in the department. We have some extra CDs in the office if you would like one to copy. We will have a follow-up discussion at our next scheduled department meeting in October.
- Thursday, October 4 we will be conducting a safety review of the entire Brooks facility. Please let me know if you have any questions or issues that we should address. Yet this fall, there will be some clean-up of various spaces at Brooks.
- We have approval to move forward internally with our faculty search for Dr. Bob Smith's replacement. I will be formulating a search committee this week and we will begin working toward a public release of the position information in the coming weeks. If you have any thoughts as we begin this process please let me know. This position will be at the entry level, assistant professor tenure-track.
- I met with interested parties on campus last week regarding mutual interests in a 'wood design' initiative on our campus. There was much interest and we will be scheduling another meeting within a few weeks for more discussion.
- The Wood Based Composites Center Fall 2007 Industry Advisory Board Meeting and Technical Forum will be held Wednesday and Thursday, October 3-4, 2007 at the University of Maine, Orono, ME.
- November 29th the department faculty are invited to participate in a regional discussion and planning conference in Southside. This event is being planned by the regional partnership to bring WoodLINKS USA and educational programming to the high schools, community colleges, Higher Education Center, and Virginia Tech. Mark your calendar now and watch for further details.
- Please join us for Graduate Seminar on Wednesday's at 2:30 pm in the Brooks classroom. Seminar is open to all faculty and staff and this is a good way to interact with our graduate students. There will be graduate student presentations near the end of the semester. Our speaker this week is Dr. Dan Hindman, who will be presenting an overview of his research program.
- Dr. David Damery, Assoc. Professor and Director of Building Materials and Wood Technology at the University of Massachusetts will be visiting our department for three days from October 29-31. This is a visit scheduled as a mini-portion of a sabbatical leave for Dr. Damery. He is interested in visiting with faculty, guest lecturing in classes, learning of our initiatives, opportunities for collaboration, and to bring news and information from the Massachusetts program. We will seek opportunities on campus for Dr. Damery to be engaged with other relevant

programs (Building Construction, Architecture, Civil Engineering). Dr. Damery's contact information is:
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• Department Meeting Dates

We will hold department meetings for all faculty and staff in October and November. Agenda items are welcome in advance of each meeting. All faculty and staff are expected to participate. I will solicit a graduate student representative this year to serve as a liaison to the graduate students.

October 10 — 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
November 14 — 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

North America Woodwork Career Alliance Formed

The Architectural Woodworking Institute, in partnership with other organizations is embarking on a strategy and plan of work to create skills standards for the North American woodworking industry.

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Woodwork Career Alliance of North America

This is the place! Here, together, we will develop woodworking skill standards, evaluation tools, and credentialing for active woodworkers.
~ Greg Heuer, Secretary

Partnership with the Wood Manufacturing Council in Canada continues. Join the discussion on the [TalkAboutIt](#) section of the website.

The next meeting of the Woodwork Career Alliance Board is scheduled for Wednesday, 10 October, at 2:30 PM via web conference. Notes will be posted [here](#).

Click the [Talk About It](#) link anytime you'd like to participate.

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General Announcements/News

English Conversation Hour offered by the Writing Center

The Writing Center would like to inform you of this semester's first English Conversation Hour for any interested international faculty and staff members as well as students. This is to provide free practice in academic English in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere with the support of an English Language Learner specialist. It will take place in the Writing Center at 340 Shanks on Wednesday evening, 3 October, from 5 to 6 PM.

Could you please help us spread the word?

Thank you.

Best regards,

Victoria Le Corre

Instructor, Department of English

Leadership Development Opportunities

Virginia Tech believes its leaders and managers should have the opportunity to participate in rich and rewarding leadership development experiences. To help the university achieve this goal, University Leadership Development (ULD) has collaborated with talented internal experts and faculty members to offer quality programs for existing leaders at Virginia Tech. We still have seats available for some of our workshops this fall. Click on the titles below to learn information about the objectives, instructors, and how to register.

Fall 2007 Leadership Development Offerings Date & Time Instructor(s)

Emotional Intelligence	October 17th, 8:30 – 4:30	Julie Ozanne, Ph.D.
Effective Communication for Leaders	October 25th, 8:30 – 4:30	Rachel Holloway, Ph.D.
Managing Conflict	November 9th, 8:30 – 4:30	Dale B. Robinson
Collaborative Problem Solving	November 19th, 8:30 – 4:30	Roseanne Foti, Ph.D.
Leading and Building Effective Teams	November 28th, 8:30 – 4:30	Roberta S. Russell, Ph.D.
Time Management	December 5th, 8:30 – 4:30	Steven Markham, Ph.D.
Select the Best	December 12th, 8:30 – 4:30	Kelly Oaks and Tony Gambill

These leadership programs are targeted towards faculty (all types) and staff (pay band 5 and above) who lead or manage individuals and/or teams in instructional, research, outreach, or administrative areas. All workshops will be delivered on the Blacksburg campus and will cost \$150 per class day.

Please refer any questions or comments to uld@vt.edu. We look forward to seeing you this fall.

Thank you,

Tony Gambill

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