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The Annual Kohlenberg-Towne Lecture presents

Dr. Steven Watts

professor of history
and chair of the
department of history
at the University of
Missouri-Columbia



*"Walt Disney and the
American Century"*

7 p.m.
March 14
SUB Alumni Room

Velasco to Speak in Linda Hall Library Series

Eduardo Velasco, associate professor of physics, will present the first lecture of the 2001 Linda Hall Lecture Series at 5 p.m., March 15, in the Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, Mo. His topic will be "Seismic Exploration for Oil and Gas."

The Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering and Technology is one of the nation's leading specialty research libraries. It houses numerous major collections and reference materials and an education program that features onsite and online exhibitions, a U.S. Patent and Trademark Depository, a rare science history collection and the annual Linda Hall Lecture Series.

The 2001 Series marks the fifth year for the event and features Truman faculty from several departments. Truman faculty are the first invited lecturers from a public university.

Velasco joined the Science Division at Truman State University in 1995. He is a member of the American Physical Society, American Association of Physics, the Optical Society of America and at Truman is an honorary member of Sigma Lambda Beta.

Velasco received his bachelor of science



University, New York.

Velasco's research interests include such areas as wave propagation, ray theory, thermodynamic properties of phase transitions, statistical mechanics and quantum theory.

He also enjoys the study of continuous mechanics, optics and lasers, theoretical and computational fluid mechanics, foundations of quantum mechanics, quantum field theory, imaging and inverse problems.

The Linda Hall Lecture Series is part of several outreach programs that promote an interest in science among the general public. Linda Hall Library is located at 5109 Cherry Street and the lectures are free and open to the public.

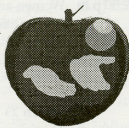
degree in physics
from La
Universidad
Autónoma de
Madrid, Spain,
earned his master's degree in physics and doctorate in theoretical physics from Stony Brook State

Lyceum Event to be Performed in Sign Language

The Kohlenberg Lyceum Series will present Cleveland Signstage Theatre's "James and the Giant Peach," based on Roald Dahl's book, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., March 17, in Baldwin Auditorium.

Each Signstage performance is presented in both American Sign Language and spoken English, so it is accessible to deaf and hearing audience members. The production also features a combined cast of deaf and hearing actors.

Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach" recounts the story of James Trotter,



an orphan, whose life was great until a rhinoceros came and changed everything! A day in the garden becomes a magical one for James as it leads to his exciting adventure inside the biggest peach the world has ever seen. This is a tale of friendship, love, sadness and triumph.

Free tickets for this production will be available to faculty, staff and students this week in the CAOC and SAB office. General admission tickets will be sold at Edna Campbell's Book Store and Truman's Business Office. Call 785.4016 for details.

"The Last Night of Ballyhoo" to be Performed

The Division of Fine Arts and theatre department presents "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," by Alfred Uhry, at 8 p.m., March 20-24, in the Baldwin Hall Little Theatre. Uhry is best remembered as the writer of the well known comedy, "Driving Miss Daisy."

A winner of the 1997 Tony Award for Best Play, "The Last Night of Ballyhoo" focuses on romance and family in a time when the world was full of prejudices and tragedy.

Reserve tickets may be purchased at the theatre box office for \$1. General admission is free at the door. For more information call 785.5412.

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

presents the

13th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference

March 29
Student Union Building

There will be no classes from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Evening classes will be in session.

Distinguished Scholar Roald Hoffmann Returns

Dr. Roald Hoffmann, winner of a Nobel Prize in chemistry, will return to the Truman State University campus March 22-23 for his second visit in this year's Distinguished Visiting Scholar Series. Hoffmann shared the prestigious award in 1981 with Kenichi Fukui and characterizes his contribution to the chemistry field as "applied theoretical chemistry."

Hoffmann's interest in creative writing and the arts has prompted him to write several collections of poetry, in addition to works in his research field. During his return visit he will be a guest lecturer in several classrooms within the science department, as well as a theatre class.

On his public agenda he has scheduled two lectures, a poetry reading, an informal discussion and a book signing session.

His first public lecture, "Chemistry Imagined," will be held from 12:30 - 1:20 p.m., March 20, in Violette Hall 1000.

The second public lecture, based on his most recent publication, is titled "Old Wine, New Flasks: Reflections on Science



and Jewish Traditions." It will be held from 7:30-8:30 p.m., March 20, in Violette Hall 1000. A reception will immediately follow in the Violette Hall Lounge.

Sigma Tau Delta will host a poetry reading by Hoffmann with selections to be announced from 7:30-8:30 p.m., March 21, in the Ryle College Lounge.

Hoffmann will speak at the Faculty Development Luncheon from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., March 22, in the SUB Alumni Room. His informal discussion will answer the question "Why is a Chemist Writing Plays?"

Immediately following the luncheon, Hoffmann will be present at a book signing until 2 p.m. at the Truman Bookstore. Among his books available at the Bookstore are *The Same and Not the Same* and *Old Wine, New Flasks* and a collection of poetry called *Gaps and Verges*.

The final Distinguished Visiting Scholar for the 2000-2001 Series is paleoanthropologist Meave Leakey who will visit campus April 2-3. Her public agenda will be announced in the near future.

Already scheduled for the 2001-02 Series are James Burke (Oct. 2-3, 2001) and Catherine R. Stimpson (Feb. 11-15, 2002).

For more information about the Visiting Scholar's program, contact 785-4121.

Representing Women

hosted by the Women's Studies Committee

March 22

9:10-20 a.m., Women Disease/Women in (Dis)ease, McClain 306

10:30-11:50 a.m., Gendering Narratives, Pickler 205

12:00-12:50 p.m., Women on the Edge, Baldwin Hall 349

1:30-2:50 p.m., Women and Their Work, Pickler 205

3-4:20 p.m., The Representation of Women in Literature, Baldwin Hall 349

8 p.m., Film in Baldwin Hall 218

March 23

8:30-9:20 a.m., Disciplining the Female Body, Violette Hall 1300

9:30-10:20 a.m., Women and Pedagogies, Violette Hall 1300

10:30-11:20 a.m., Women Authors, Violette Hall 1300

11:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m., Public Figures, Violette Hall 1300

1:30-2:50 p.m., Women's Bodies and Men Who Want to be Women, Violette Hall 1300
3-4:20 p.m., As Seen by Others, Violette Hall 1300

4:30-5:30 p.m., Keynote speech: "Women, Difference, and Change in Science," Violette Hall 1000

7:30-8:30 p.m., Agha Shahid Ali, a celebrated post-colonial poet, reads his feminist poetry, Violette Hall 1000
8:30-9:30 p.m., Reception

March 24

9:30-10:50 a.m., Race, Sex, and Disability, Baldwin Hall 251

12:30 - 1:50 p.m., Moral Philosophy and Respecting Women, Baldwin Hall 251

2-3 p.m., A Recital of Women's Music, Violette Hall balcony

3:30-5:30 p.m., Party at the faculty club

Notables

Jill Corbett, senior music performance major from Lee's Summit, Mo., was awarded principal chair of the tuba section in the National Inter-Collegiate Band competition held at the University of North Texas recently. Students from 28 states were represented at the event, hosted by the Collegiate Band Directors National Association.

Taner Edis, assistant professor of physics, recently had his article "Darwin in Mind: 'Intelligent Design' Meets Artificial Intelligence," published in the 2001 March/April issue of *The Skeptical Inquirer*.

Drew Hicks, senior music performance major from Cape Girardeau, Mo., was recently accepted into the MA/PhD program in Musicology at the Eastman School of Music for fall 2001. He has accepted a Music Graduate Award as well as a full-tuition scholarship that will be continued

for a total of five years. The combination of the two awards amount to \$131,000 for the duration of his program of study.

Emmanuel Nnadozie, associate professor of economics, had an article titled "Contemporary Banking and Bank Regulation in Nigeria" published in the fall 2000 issue of the *Journal of International Banking Regulation*.

Richard Weerts, professor of music, was recently honored at the 50th Anniversary Banquet held during the 2001 National Symposium of NACWPI (National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors), hosted by the department of music and dance from the University of Kansas. Weerts was recognized for 32 years of service as editor of the *NACWPI Journal*, the official publication of the organization that was founded in 1951 at the University of Michigan.

Children's Literature Festival to be held March 16

The 18th Annual Truman State University Children's Literature Festival will be held from 9 a.m. until 2:15 p.m., March 16, in the Student Union Building, Violette Hall and Pickler Memorial Library.

Visiting authors and illustrators include Jim Aylesworth, Gary L. Blackwood, Mary Casanova, Floyd Cooper, Betsy Duffey, Joan Bransfield Graham, Kimberly Willis Holt, Gail Carson Levine, Robert D. San Souci, Mary Stanton and June Rae Wood.

Students will participate in 30-minute sessions with the guest authors and illustrators. All children attending must be pre-registered. University faculty, staff, students and other interested adults are wel-

come at any of the sessions, but should also be pre-registered.

The general public is welcome to attend an informal meeting with the authors and illustrators from 3-4 p.m. in the SUB Conference Room.

The festival concludes with a dinner at 6 p.m. in the SUB Alumni Room. The dinner is limited to pre-registered adults and children accompanied by an adult. Cost of the dinner is \$8.75 per person. Following the dinner, at 7 p.m., Robert D. Sanci will give a presentation in the Alumni Room.

Books by the pre-mentioned authors are now available at the Truman Bookstore. For more information contact Ann McEndarfer at 785.6010.

Advantage Missouri Loan Program

March 23 deadline.

Must be residents of Missouri; majoring in computer science, biology, math, chemistry or physics who plan to work in Missouri in the field of biomedical technology, computers or advanced manufacturing.

More information may be found online at www.cbhe.state.mo.us/mostars/advmo.html.

USA Education/USA Funds Scholarship Program

April 16 deadline.

Open to students who can show financial need.

Fifty percent of the scholarships are awarded to members of an ethnic minority or who are physically disabled. Minimum 2.5 GPA. Renewable in the amount of \$1,500.

Check the website at www.wiredscholar.com/usafunds.

Alpha Delta Kappa, Sigma Chapter Scholarship

April 20 deadline.

Two \$400 scholarships to students who are graduates of a Des Moines County, Iowa, high school. Applicants must demonstrate leadership, academic success, and extracurricular or community involvement.

Financial need will be considered. Applications may be obtained in the Financial Aid Office, McClain 103.

William M. Reiss Foundation Scholarship Fund

May 1 deadline.

Available to graduates of publicly supported high schools in Belleville, Ill. Applications may be obtained at the Financial Aid Office, MC 103.

National Agriculture Week

March 19-23

Kick-off BBQ and Ag Olympics 1 p.m., March 18 University Farm	"Aggies at the Spike" 9 p.m. The Golden Spike	"Do the Dare" Ag God & Goddess Crowning 5:30 p.m. University Farm
Ag Wheel of Knowledge 10:30-2:30 p.m. March 19-21, SUB	Farm Tours 9 a.m.-2 p.m. March 22 University Farm	Circus Equus 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 24-25 University Farm
"In the Country, on the Farm" by Sigma Alpha 6:30 p.m., March 21 Adair County Library	Ag Issues Conference 5:30 p.m. March 22, Barnett Hall	With Truman ID - \$1 General Admission - \$2 Call 665.9835 for details

Notes

Faculty Development Lunch Series will be from 12:30-1:25 p.m., March 14, in the SUB Spanish Room. A Problem Based Learning Conference will be presented.

Psi Chi is hosting the 6th Annual Psi Chi Research Conference on April 7. Students interested in presenting research in psychology or related fields should pick up an abstract submission form in the Social Sciences Division, McClain 214. **Abstracts are due March 15.** For more information contact Missie Brittain at 785.7142 or Maria Sides at 665.8973.

The Ceilidh Club will host a St. Patrick's Day ceilidh, Irish music and dancing at 8 p.m., March 16, in the Centennial Hall main lounge. For more information call Kathy at 785.5782.

Beta Alpha Psi and the The Accounting Club will be offering volunteer income tax assistance free of charge from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., March 17, March 31 and April 7, in Violette Hall 1010. For more information contact Carrie Phillips at 627.1170.

A faculty recital titled "Songs My Teacher Taught Me," will be held at 3 p.m., March 18, in the SUB Activities Room.

The Truman flag corps will hold an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner from 5-8 p.m., March 18, in the Dobson Hall third floor lounge. Tickets cost \$3, and may be

purchased this week in front of the residential hall cafeterias or at the door. For more information contact Becki Holtane at 785.4761.

Oliver North, former deputy director of Political Military Affairs under the Reagan administration, will present a lecture at 7 p.m., March 21, in Baldwin Auditorium. The event is being sponsored by the College Republicans.

The Truman athletic department will be hosting the Truman Open Track and Field Meet beginning at 10:30 a.m., March 31, in Stokes Stadium. Students, faculty and staff interested in helping with the administration of the meet should contact Ed Schneider at 785.4342 or Michelle Baier at 785.6039.

Bird Watching for Beginners, an informal "course" and social event, will be held during the months of April and May. Evening slide shows and weekend field trips will be included. For more information contact Pete Goldman at 785.4082.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars will be inducting its first members in Fall 2001. The purpose of NSCS is to recognize and celebrate high achievement among first and second year students in all academic disciplines. For more information contact Meghan at 665.9925.

On Campus

13 TUESDAY
3 p.m. - **Softball vs. Drake University (Iowa)**

14 WEDNESDAY
12:30 p.m. - **Faculty Development Lunch Series**
7 p.m. - **Kohlenberg-Towne Lecture** by Steven Watts, SUB Alumni Room; see p.1

15 THURSDAY
5 p.m. - **Dr. Velasco to speak** in Linda Hall Lecture Series, Kansas City, Mo.; see p. 1

16 FRIDAY
9 a.m. - **Children's Literature Festival, Student Union Building;** see p. 3
8 p.m. - **St. Patrick's Day ceilidh, Centennial Hall main lounge;** see Notes

17 SATURDAY
12 p.m. - **Men's and women's tennis vs. Northwest Mo. State University**
2:30 p.m. - **"James and the Giant Peach, Baldwin Auditorium;** see p. 1
7:30 p.m. - **"James and the Giant Peach, Baldwin Auditorium;** see p. 1

18 SUNDAY
1 p.m. - **National Ag. Week barbecue and Ag. Olympics, University Farm;** see p. 3
2 p.m. - **Women's tennis vs. Missouri Western State College**
2 p.m. - **Men's tennis vs. University of Mo.-St. Louis**
3 p.m. - **Faculty vocal recital, SUB Activities Room;** see Notes.
5-8 p.m. - **All-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner, Dobson Hall third floor lounge;** see Notes

19 MONDAY
8 p.m. - **Faculty string trio concert with guest artist, Baldwin Auditorium**

Mark Your Calendars for These Events

Academic

March 1-31 **Women's History Month**
March 17 **Kohlenberg Lyceum Series**
March 20-22 **Distinguished Visiting Scholar**
March 22 **Last day to drop or change to credit/no credit for a full semester course**
March 29 **Undergraduate Research Conference (no classes 7:30-5:30)**
April 2-4 **Distinguished Visiting Scholar**
April 7 **Board of Governors Meeting**
Kohlenberg Lyceum Series
April 16 **Spring Vacation**
April 17 **Classes resume**
April 17-20 **Asian History Week**
April 18 **Kohlenberg Lyceum Series**
May 2 **Reading Day**
May 3-8 **Final examinations**
May 9 **Res. halls close for non-graduates**
May 12 **Commencement, 2 p.m.**
May 12 **Res. halls close completely, 6 p.m.**

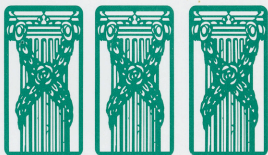
Athletic

(March home games)

March 17 **Men and women's tennis vs Northwest Missouri State, 12 p.m.**
March 18 **Women's tennis vs. Missouri Western State College, 12 p.m.**
Men's Tennis vs. University of Missouri-St. Louis, 2 p.m.
March 20 **Baseball vs. Simpson College-Iowa, 1 p.m.**
March 21 **Softball vs. UMSL, 1 p.m.**
Men's tennis vs. Central-Iowa, 3:30 p.m.
March 24 **Baseball vs. Emporia State University, 12 p.m.**
Men's tennis vs. University of Missouri-Rolla, 2 p.m.
March 25 **Baseball vs. Washburn, 12 p.m.**
March 27 **Softball vs. Southwest Baptist University, 1 p.m.**
March 31 **Baseball vs. Missouri Western State College, 12 p.m.**
Men's tennis vs. Baker, 3:30 p.m.

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ROALD HOFFMANN NOBEL LAUREATE

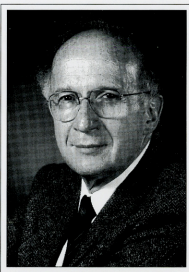
Winner of a Nobel Prize in Chemistry, Dr. Roald Hoffmann characterizes his contribution to the field of chemistry as "applied theoretical chemistry." According to him, experimentation and the construction of generalized models stimulate this particular blend of computation. He shared the award in 1981 with Kenichi Fukui.

Hoffmann, born in 1937 in Zloczow, Poland, survived World War II and came to the United States in 1949 to study chemistry at Columbia University in New York. After graduating *summa cum laude*, he went on to earn his master's in physics and his doctorate in chemical physics from Harvard University.

Since 1965 he has served on the chemistry faculty at Cornell University and in 1996 was named the Frank H.T. Rhodes Professor of Humane Letters at that institution.

Hoffmann is a member of the American Chemical Society, the Smithsonian Council, an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, a Fellow of the American Physical Society and an Overseas Fellow of Churchill College in Cambridge, England. In addition, he has served as a consultant for Tennessee Eastman Co., Eastman Kodak Co., Eli Lilly Co., John Wiley and Sons, Inc., Allied Chemical Corp., and the du Pont de Nemours Co.

Hoffmann is also an author of poems and essays and has an avid interest in theatrical arts. His most recent publications are *Old Wine, New Flasks: Reflections on Science and Jewish Tradition* (1997, by W. H. Freeman; with Shira Leibovitz) and *Memory Effects*, a collection of poetry (1999, by Calhoun Press).



Tuesday
March 20

12:30-1:20 p.m.

Public Lecture

*Chemistry
Imagined*

Violette Hall 1000

7:30-8:30 p.m.

Public Lecture

*Old Wine,
New Flasks:*

*Reflections
on Science
and Jewish
Tradition*

Violette Hall 1000

8:30-9 p.m.

Reception

Violette Hall Lounge

Wednesday
March 21

7:30-8:30 p.m.

*Poetry
Reading*

Ryle College Lounge

Thursday
March 22

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Faculty Development
Lunch

*Why Is a
Chemist
Writing Plays?*

Alumni Room, Student
Union

1:30-2 p.m.

Book Signing

Truman Bookstore,
Student Union