



## Calendar of Events

- **Through Dec. 18** - Four States Regional Art Club Exhibit, John F. Moss Library, University Center
- **Through Jan. 18** - Spring 2016 priority registration
- **Dec. 10** - Final grades due for graduating seniors
- **Dec. 11** - Commencement, 6:30 p.m., Perot Theatre (Graduating students and faculty/staff arrive by 5:30 p.m.)
- **Dec. 14** - Final grades due for all students - 5 p.m.
- **Dec. 17-18** - Service and maintenance of Blackboard systems
- **Dec. 24-Jan. 1** - Holidays (campus closed)
- **Jan. 11-19** - Emergency loans and book vouchers available for spring 2016 semester
- **Jan. 18** - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday (campus closed)
- **Jan. 19** - First class day for 16-week (full term) and first 8-week session

### *Announcement:*

#### *IT maintenance is Dec. 19*

Because of the upcoming holidays, Texas A&M University-Texarkana Information Technology will move regularly scheduled systems maintenance to the third Saturday of December from its regular fourth Saturday. Systems maintenance will occur on Saturday, Dec. 19. The scheduled time will remain 6-10 p.m. This change applies to the month of December 2015 ONLY. The regular maintenance schedule (fourth Saturday) will resume in January 2016.

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## Faculty and Staff Potluck Social and Gift Exchange

**12 p.m. - 1 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, December 16, 2015**  
**Eagle Hall / University Center**

Bring your favorite holiday dish, and let's get together for some fun and fellowship before the semester break begins.

Prepare your favorite recipe to share with your colleagues in one of the following categories:

**Meats and casseroles**  
**Side dishes**  
**Breads**  
**Desserts**

If you are interested in participating in the gift exchange, please bring a gift that is \$10 or under.

Please contact Loren in the Office of the President at [Loren.Surratt@tamut.edu](mailto:Loren.Surratt@tamut.edu) by Friday, December 11, to RSVP and sign up for one of the above categories.

## ITED collects items for homeless shelter

The Instructional Technology department is collecting small soaps, shampoos, conditioners and lotions for the area homeless shelter.

If anyone has extras from recent trips, the homeless shelter uses all it receives.

Faculty and staff with items to donate can contact Dr. Kevin Williams at [Kevin.Williams@tamut.edu](mailto:Kevin.Williams@tamut.edu) for details.



## Candidate for Biology Dept. Chair to visit

Dr. David Allard, Professor of Biology, has announced the schedule of campus visits, interviews and presentations for the second candidate for Biology Department Chair.

Dr. Judy Ball, Associate Professor of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University will visit campus Monday, Dec. 14. Her presentation will be from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Science and Technology building. The exact location will be announced prior to her visit.

The presentation will take approximately 30 minutes and will include time for questions and a meet and greet with faculty and staff.

Following is the candidate's bio:

<https://vetmed.tamu.edu/vtpb/directorydetail?userid=1967>.

## Take the professional development survey for staff

TAMUT Staff: Texas A&M University-Texarkana wants to know more about your professional development needs!

If you are a **non-faculty employee**, please consider completing this 5- to 10-minute survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M8VP7RR>. Your responses will help shape new professional development resources, workshops and other opportunities that will be offered starting fall 2016.

Come to the Success Center to get a **FREE** t-shirt!  
All you have to do is bring a gently used or new hat  
and gloves for the homeless in Texarkana.







**Secretary II – STEM- Closing Dec. 8**  
<http://jobpath.tamu.edu/postings/91049>

**Director of International Studies – Closing Dec. 15**  
<http://jobpath.tamu.edu/postings/91044>

**Executive Director of Extended Education and Professional Development – Closing Jan. 4**  
<http://jobpath.tamu.edu/postings/91140>

**Graphic Specialist – Open until filled**  
<http://jobpath.tamu.edu/postings/90320>

**Part-time Library Clerk – Open until filled**  
<http://jobpath.tamu.edu/postings/90809>

For more information, contact Becky Cloude in the Human Resources department at [Rebecca.Cloude@tamut.edu](mailto:Rebecca.Cloude@tamut.edu).



## Happenings

- **Dec. 10** - National Circus and Acrobats of the People's Republic of China, 7:30 p.m., Perot Theatre
- **Dec. 12** - Texarkana Museums System Santa Sprint and Reindeer Run, 9 a.m., Ace of Clubs House, Texarkana
- **Dec. 13** - Texarkana Symphony Orchestra "Christmas at the Perot," 4 p.m., Perot Theatre
- **Dec. 14** - Healthcare Express Ribbon Cutting, 11:30 a.m., Wake Village, Texas
- **Dec. 17** - Texarkana Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at The Sanctuary, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Dec. 18** - Texarkana Chamber of Commerce Business to Business Breakfast, 7:45 a.m., Wyndham Garden
- **Jan. 15** - UAMS Southwest Ribbon Cutting, 11 a.m.
- **Jan. 20** - U of A-Texarkana Ribbon Cutting, 11 a.m.

Do you have a community event or activity that you would like to promote to the A&M-Texarkana community? Send information and URL to Carol Langston at [Carol.Langston@tamut.edu](mailto:Carol.Langston@tamut.edu).

# Corinne Billings to defend master's thesis tonight

The English department is pleased to announce that Corinne Billings will be defending her master's thesis, "Literary Psychological Analysis and Tension in Autobiographical Comics," today, Dec. 9, in University Center 115 at 6 p.m.

The master's thesis is an original piece of scholarship similar to a doctoral dissertation, though notably smaller and more narrow in focus.

One of the significant components of the thesis is a public presentation and defense to the campus signifying the importance of the work and the contribution to scholarship on the campus followed by a private defense. "We would be delighted if you could

find time in your busy schedules to attend the public portion of the defense and celebrate Corinne's accomplishment," said Dr. Doug Julien, Assistant Professor of English.

## Employee of the Month applications due Dec. 15

The deadline for nominations for November 2015 Employee of the Month is Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 5 p.m. Click [here](#) to download the Employee of the Month nomination form. This is the last chance to nominate someone for Employee of the Month to be considered for 2015 Employee of the Year. Please submit forms to [Jayson Ferguson](#), Chair of the Staff Council, or any Staff Council member.

## A&M-College Station hosts T-Time event

The Texas A&M University Dwight Look College of Engineering Remote Learning Team is extending the reach of the next T-Time event to all colleagues within the Texas A&M University System through an option to participate via Blackboard Collaborate.

To participate on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 1 p.m., click on the following link: <http://tx.ag/UniversalDesign>. Faculty and staff who are not near a computer may also call in at (571) 392-7703 with the PIN 281353227316. (Charges may apply.) Those in the Bryan/College Station area can join the group on the A&M campus in ETB 1005.

This presentation's theme is "Faculty Resources for Accessibility & Universal Design" and is scheduled to last from 1-2:30 p.m.

The seminars are as follows:

- "TEES and Engineering Assistive Technology for Accessibility Compliance" by Dr. Debra Dandridge, Senior Lead IT Policy and Security Programs Administrator, TEES IT. Accessibility compliance considerations and how engineering information technology can help.
- "Faculty Resources for Working with Students with Disabilities" by Dr. Kristie Orr, Director and Tracey Forman, Assistant Director, Department of Disability Services. Overview of TAMU students with disabilities and resources provided by the Department of Disability Services.
- "Elements of Universal Design" by Cynthia Kauder, TAMU EIR Accessibility Coordinator, IT Accessibility. Find out the top 10 considerations in Universal Design for Learning (UDL), training opportunities and services available through TAMU Information Technology Accessibility Services.
- "Accessibility and eCampus (Blackboard)" by Sharon Mainka, Senior Information Technology Consultant, Instructional Technology Services. Using eCampus to create accessible online course materials and how to apply some of the UDL concepts in eCampus.

Presenters will answer questions throughout the seminars.