



## Panel discussion focuses on Latino/Hispanic community

A special panel discussion, "Facing Prejudice Everyday: Experiences from Our Community: Latino/Hispanic Perspectives," will be held Wednesday, April 5, from 6:30pm to 8pm in the Harry T. Wilks Conference Center.

The forum, which is free and open to the public, coincides with the end of the Fitton Center for Creative Arts' touring exhibit, "Facing Prejudice Everyday."

According to Assistant Professor of Spanish and Latin American Studies Shelly Jarrett Bromberg, "this forum has been requested by members of the Latino community to share their experiences with surrounding communities in hopes of countering some of the misconceptions about Latinos in our area."

The special forum is hosted by Miami University Hamilton and is co-sponsored by the Wilks Scholar Program, Latin American Studies Program, Center for American and World Cultures, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, and the Miami Hamilton Office of Multicultural Services.

## History teachers receive Jim Blount Educator Awards

Three area teachers are recipients of the second annual Jim Blount History Educator Awards. Andi Chizek of Monroe Elementary in Hamilton, Darlene Mahaney of Talawanda High School, and Matt Wendlen of Edgewood High School will receive their awards during

a special dinner celebration Thursday, May 18, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Harry T. Wilks Conference Center.

The Award is named after Hamilton historian and former JournalNews editor Jim Blount. The Colligan Project of Miami University Hamilton, in association with the Hamilton Community Foundation, has established the Award in Mr. Blount's honor.

Selected from a pool of applicants from the Butler County area, Chizek, Mahaney, and Wendlen exemplify the commitment to and achievement in history education epitomized in Jim Blount's life and career.

According to Michael Carrafiello, director of The History Project, "Chizek, Mahaney, and Wendlen are recognized in their respective schools and throughout the district as unusually dedicated and successful teachers of history."

### Andi Chizek

Chizek, who teaches sixth grade at Monroe Elementary, infuses her history lessons with energy and excitement. One nominator wrote, "If you happen to walk past her door you're likely to see her students being romanced by history. Their minds and spirits are touched by all sorts of discoveries, stimulated by acting out historic events, engaging in debates, designing models, or sleuthing out clues to the past. Students are spurred to ask questions that beg for hypotheses or in-depth research."

### Darlene Mahaney

Mahaney, who teaches history at Talawanda High School, is "the consummate teacher," according to a nominator. "She is professional, enthusiastic, committed to her students, scholarship, and dedicated to excellence in every aspect of her teaching responsibility."

### Matt Wendlen

Wendlen, who teaches social studies at Edgewood High School, was fundamental in the development of Edgewood High School's ninth grade social studies

curriculum. One nominator wrote, "His work went beyond documenting objectives and tailoring words to meet state requirements. He created practical yet challenging activities that his colleagues use within their classrooms."

The evening's event includes dinner and the awards presentation. Cost is \$25 per person. To make a reservation, contact The Michael J. Colligan History Project at 785-3277.

## Summer scholars announced

In addition to Alex Hall, Megan Fields and Kia Johnson were named summer scholars for 2006.

Fields, under the guidance of Trish Ellerson, psychology, has been named an Undergraduate Summer Scholar for 2006. Her project, titled "Social Competence and Perceived Social Power in Middle Childhood," will examine whether or not dispositional factors such as temperament, perceived social power, and narcissism affect the social status of children within their peer groups.

Kie Johnson was named undergraduate summer scholar for the Black World Studies Program. Assistant Professor Shauntae Brown White, Department of Communication and Black World Studies Program, will mentor the project. The project will explore ideas toward racialized memorabilia that depicts images of African Americans.

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, April 18, 2006**

### Michael J. Colligan Lecture Series

"Inventing War Crimes Trials: The Case of Nuremberg" –John Dolibois. The Harry T. Wilks Conference Center, 7:30 p.m. Free. Reception to follow.

**Saturday, April 22, 2006**

### Artist Series

Jawbones, with special guests, Crooked Still. Tickets available at 513.529.3200.