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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Thursday, October 22, 2020
Science at the Scene of the Time Since Death

The Mason Science Series - Modern Scientific Approaches for Studying the Time Since Death will be held on Friday, October 23, 2020, at 8 p.m. featuring guest speakers from the School of Systems Biology's Forensic Science Program. This event is free and registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

In the News

Froelich studies flesh-eating bacteria

Dr. Brett Froelich, assistant professor in the Department of Biology, presented a lab tour for new Mason students in the lab, which focused on flesh-eating bacteria. Froelich, who runs a lab to study the flesh-eating bacterium Vibrio, said that his lab had 43 new students this year, and welcomed them into the lab through an engaging Twitter campaign.

Andrew's legal troubles

Mason alumnus and former British police officer Jonathan O'Toole, recently spoke to The Guardian about his research on a dangerous, deadly form of pneumonia called “atypical mycobacteria” as well as the legal risks Great Britain’s Prince Andrew may face in speaking to U.S. authorities about the Jeffrey Epstein case.

Yang receives funding for services in support of COVID-19 mitigation

Chaowei Yang, Professor, Geography and Geoinformation, received $90,000 from the U.S. Department of State for a project focusing on possible long-term and second-order impacts of COVID-19 and the responses that have been enacted at multiple scales, from multinational regions to neighborhood levels.

Director, NSF Spatiotemporal Innovation Center, received $90,000 from the NSF

Mary Ellen Mandel, Director, NSF Spatiotemporal Innovation Center, received $90,000 from the NSF for the development of a software tool to support COVID-19 mitigation efforts, which is also known as a “contact tracing” tool.

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Monday, October 19, 2020

On the first day of classes, we held a virtual science day, an event that features student and faculty presentations and research demonstrations in the main science disciplines.

With the start of the semester, we are on the right track to providing students and faculty a safe and healthy environment. We have been successful in creating a safe environment on campus, and we will continue to work closely with campus partners and public health officials to make sure that we create an environment that is safe for learning.

Throughout 2020, we have looked beyond our unimaginable fear of a global pandemic, bolstered by technology to build meaningful virtual connections, all to provide a high quality science education, foster innovative learning opportunities, and perform important research.

While our campus may not look like it used to, we are working hard to ensure that we provide a quality education, foster a safe environment, and perform research.

Science Program. This event is free and registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

At the beginning of this semester, we selected a few meaningful quotes to help guide us through these circumstances.

"Your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears." — Nelson Mandela

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." — Nelson Mandela

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