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Knox honors distinguished professors, welcomes new faculty members



Knox College introduced seven new faculty members and honored Alyssa Mathias and Julio Noriega with its highest teaching awards. PROVIDED BY KNOX COLLEGE

Building a strong academic community

Nida Tazeen
Galesburg Register-Mail
USA TODAY NETWORK

Knox College welcomed seven new faculty members and recognized two professors for distinguished teaching during its Opening Convocation, according to a community announcement.

Provost and Dean of the Faculty Melissa Glenn introduced the institution’s newest educators and scholars, saying they come from a range of academic and professional backgrounds that will contribute to campus life.

“These talented educators and

scholars have joined us from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines,” Glenn said. “They will be enriching the intellectual life of the College.”

The new faculty members are:

- Ronald L. Fedie, instructor of chemistry
- Melissa Komadino, instructor of business and management
- Tom Martin, visiting journalist-in-residence
- Sarah A. Rozny, visiting assistant professor of educational studies
- Katherine Seguino, adjunct professor of physics
- Kaylin Vos, artist-in-residence in choral music and lecturer in the music

department

- Xue “Shirley” Wu, instructor of computer science

Fedie’s academic work focuses on fuels and renewable energy sources, polymer synthesis kinetics and polymer characterization. Komadino teaches management, operations and organizational behavior courses in Knox’s business program.

Martin joins Knox after a 35-year newspaper career that included serving as editor of The Register-Mail for 18 years and later as executive editor of the Quad-City Times and

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Nova Singers to feature music from South Africa in concerts

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Nova Singers will open its 41st season with a program celebrating South African music during performances in Galesburg and Davenport in October.

The concerts are scheduled for Oct. 10 at First Lutheran Church in Galesburg and Oct. 11 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport, according to a community announcement. Internationally known conductor, educator, composer and choral clinician Michael Barrett of the University of Pretoria in South Africa will lead the second half of the program.

The ensemble, directed by Laura Lane, will begin with an a cappella selection that includes works by Claudio Monteverdi, Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel and John Rutter. Barrett will then conduct a program featuring traditional and contemporary South African music, including selections composed by Barrett and emerging South African composers.

Lane said the ensemble has embraced the rhythms, harmonies and contemporary works featured in the South African repertoire.

“But I am absolutely thrilled that Michael Barrett will be here to lead Nova Singers in the second half!” Lane said. “The Singers and I are loving the traditional songs with their South African rhythms and harmonies, as well as the gorgeous and deeply moving contemporary songs. But I know that, when he arrives, Michael Barrett will bring his knowledge and his extraordinary charisma to electrify all of us during these performances, and I can’t wait!”

Public workshop planned in Galesburg

Nova Singers and the Galesburg Public Library Foundation are also in a

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THINGS TO DO

Pumpkin carving class, live music this weekend

Kathi Edwards
Special to the Galesburg Register-Mail
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The weekend brings an art exhibit opening and a pumpkin carving class, along with fundraisers, live music and more to the Galesburg area.

Photographs by Natalie Jackson

What: The “Straight No Chaser” exhibit includes abstracted, jazz-inspired digital photography by artist Natalie Jackson. The art will be on display from Oct. 9 through Nov. 14, with an opening reception Oct. 9.

When: 5-7 p.m. Oct. 9
Where: First Floor Mark & Jeannette Kleine Gallery, Galesburg Community Arts Center, 349 E. Main St., Galesburg
Cost: Free admission

Misery

What: Find out if author Paul Sheldon can survive his “number one fan” in the psychological thriller, “Misery.” Admission fee includes a free popcorn.

When: 7-9 p.m. Oct. 9
Where: Orpheum Theatre, 57 S. Kellogg St., Galesburg

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Carl Sandburg College will host a pumpkin carving class from 10 a.m.-noon on Oct. 10. SUNNY STRADER/ROCKFORD REGISTER STAR

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