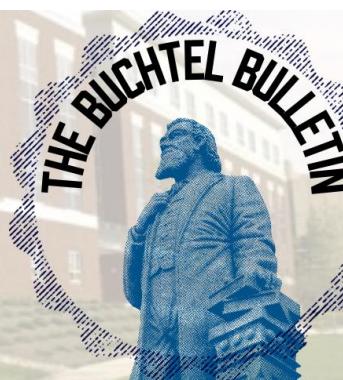




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GREETINGS from the Dean



MITCHELL S. MCKINNEY, PH.D.

DEAN, BUCHTEL COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES





Cave Bear Naming Contest: This ice-age specimen, made possible by a generous donation from Buchtel College alumnus John Gifford, needs a name. [Click here](#) to submit your suggestion. The winner of the contest will be selected by students in the Geosciences Club and will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card.



Interning at the White House: Student Spotlight

This philosophy major and University Student Council President also worked for the President of the United States at The White House.



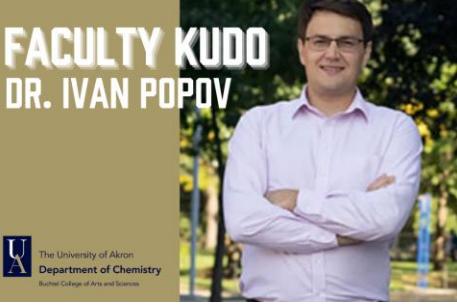
Myers School of Art Best in U.S.: Program Spotlight

Myers School of Art was named one of the best art & design programs in the country by Newsweek.com.



Creator of Zippy: Alumni Spotlight

Watch as Joseph (Jim) Dick '56, the designer of our beloved school mascot back in 1954, meets Zippy for the first time!



Safety & Nuclear Weapons: Research Spotlight

Read about the \$1.2 million grant from the National Nuclear Security Administration establishing a center to investigate structural variations that govern plutonium reactions.

DR. REBECCA ERICKSON
DEPARTMENT CHAIR, SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

"I am so grateful that over the last decade here would allow me to flourish even more fully as I collaborated with many faculty from all sorts of disciplines, as well as having the opportunity to learn from students whose ideas (and minds) that can be found anywhere. The UA Advantage, it's just amazing. These people, in and around our great city and University are the reason that the Akron is flourishing."

DR. RICHARD EINSPORN
PROFESSOR, STATISTICS

"During a class project, a group of my students conducted an experiment where participants were tasked with mentally estimating the 40 seconds. This was done under various conditions — sitting, walking and even while watching one of my supposed 'boaring' research lectures. Astonishingly, the findings revealed that time passed remarkably faster when watching my video!"

JANICE TROUTMAN
DIRECTOR, MYERS SCHOOL OF ART

"Students listen; to remember that what they say matters. More students than I could ever imagine have contacted me after graduation to say they had something I said in a lecture, during office hours or just in passing that made an impact in their life and shaped their careers and lives."

DR. LARRY SNYDER
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR, MUSIC

"Many of my favorite memories focus on our steel drum concerts and Trinidadian guest artists, workshops with South American and African drummers and other international experiences that open up our eyes and minds to the richness of diverse cultures and their music."



Beloved Professors: Faculty Spotlight

The Best Advice You Got: Staff Spotlight

Meet Dr. Kim Beyer, who has been advising students for over 30 years. Here are some

You might recognize some of these faculty members who have been at UA for over 30 years!



Helping us feel we belong: DEIB Spotlight

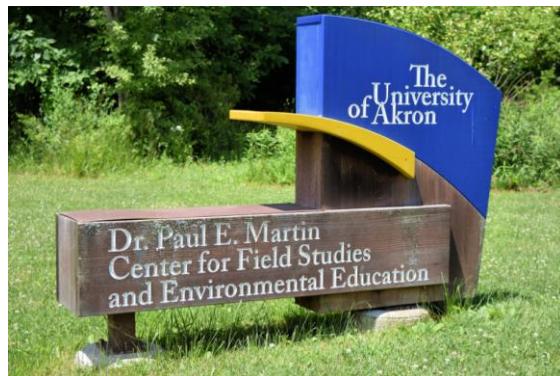
Motivated to help our faculty, staff and students feel a part of our college, Dr. Gary Holliday adds a personal touch to his outreach.

of the best pieces of advice she's given out that we can all learn from.



Center for Structured Literacy

\$950,000 in funding helps establish a new center where the LJFF School of Education will lead Ohio in training current and future educators with the tools to become exemplary reading teachers.



Science in our Backyard

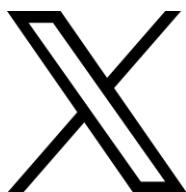
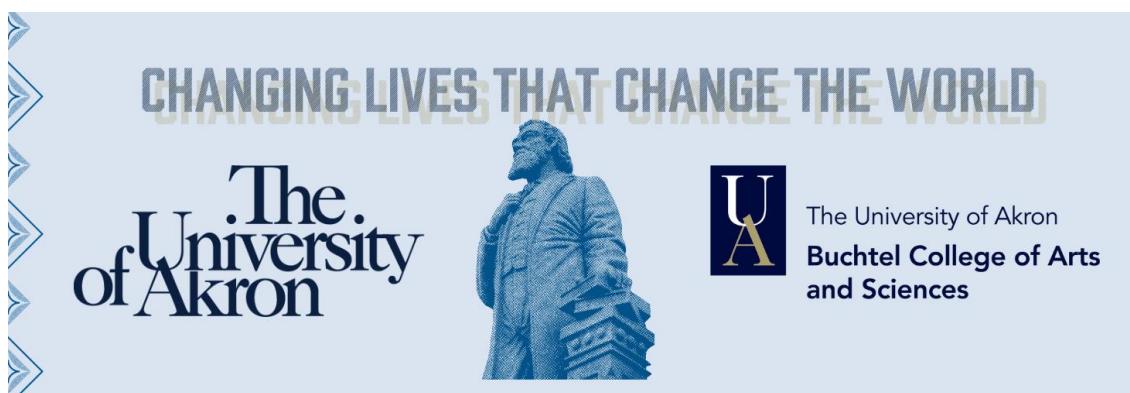
The Bath Nature Reserve is home to UA's Field Station, housed in the Dr. Paul E. Martin Center for Field Studies and Environmental Education.



For a full list of upcoming events, visit our website [here](#).

Noteworthy News

- Urban STEM Center part of [nationwide eclipse community science project](#)
- Two of the five [alumni honorees](#) for "5 Under 35" in 2024 are in the BCAS family
- Spanish students [volunteer virtually](#) at learning center in Mexico
- Exploring Akron's [earthquake laboratory](#)



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