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Lisa Orr - Professor of English

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Q: Tell us a little about yourself.

A: Although I wasn't born in Utica, I grew up here, and my mother's family has deep roots in the Mohawk Valley. Neither of my parents had college degrees—they were young, and they struggled financially. But they were voracious readers, and they taught us children to read before we started school, and took us to the library every

I had the good fortune to attend a wonderful Utica high school that no longer exists—Utica Free Academy—where I had some amazing teachers. With their help, I earned a scholarship to Syracuse University, where I double-majored in journalism and English. I worked some awful jobs in those years, including in a factory (known locally as “the finger factory” because of all the people injured by its machines), so I had the drive to find a different kind of life for myself. Still, it could have all turned out very differently. I feel incredibly lucky.

Later, I returned to California, where I was born, to earn my Ph.D. at UCLA. Again, I owe my acceptance into that program to a combination of hard work, the help of my professors, and luck. Don't let anyone ever tell you he achieved such-and-such all by himself: behind any success, great or small, there are always people to be thanked, plus an element of luck!

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week. They also took frequent advantage of the many free institutes and events in this area, such as the Munson-Williams-Proctor Art Institute (I loved the dollhouse in Fountain Elms) or the historical reenactments at Fort Stanwix. Virtually every interest I have today, I can trace back to my parents' influence.

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HR NOTES

New Hires

Wendy Stevens, *Counselor for eLearning Services, SFS*

Holly Lawrence, *Site Assistant Middle School, YSLPP*

Michael McCarthy, *Assistant Professor of Sociology and Program Director of Master's of Science in Data Science, Sociology/Anthropology*

New Titles

Fran Lucia, *Coordinator of Student Activities for Events and Services, Student Living and College Engagement*

Marissa Finch, *Senior Area Coordinator, Student Living and College Engagement*

Scott Nonemaker, *Executive Director of Student Living and College Engagement, Student Living and College Engagement*

Derek Pooley, *Assistant Director for Student Living, Student Living and College Engagement*

Bethany VanBenschoten, *Assistant Director for College Engagement, Student Living and College Engagement*

Monica Brown-Hodkinson, *Academic Coaching Expert, Student Success*

Robert Harvey, *Captain of Campus Safety*



UC GEARS UP FOR 20TH ANNIVERSARY HOSTING AMERICA'S GREATEST HEART RUN AND WALK

This year marks Utica College's 20th anniversary hosting America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk and Team UC captains have a variety of fundraising activities planned to make it the best, most impactful year yet. This year's captains include Eileen Blumenauer, Monica Brown-Hodkinson, Elizabeth Caraco, Marissa Finch and Fran Lucia.

Currently, Team UC has Penny Wars going on in 11 different offices on campus and a "Pie-The-Coach" event planned for Wednesday, March 1. The team will also be selling T-shirts and raffle items from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Monday through Thursday beginning on Feb. 13.

The annual Heart Expo will take place on Friday, March 3 in the Harold T. Clark Jr. Athletic Center from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. On Saturday, March 4, the day of events will begin with the 30k run at 6:30 a.m. and the 13.1 mile run immediately following at 6:45 a.m. Later that morning, the 5-and-3-mile runs will begin at 9:20 a.m. with the 5-and-3-mile walks beginning at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Finch at x4575 or Blumenauer at x3875.

To join Team UC, register online at www2.heart.org/site/PageServer?pagename=heartwalk_register&fr_id=2059.

CONGRATULATIONS!



The Kudos Card program monthly drawing winner is...

Wayne Sullivan

Congratulations, Wayne, and enjoy your \$50 gift certificate to Symeon's Restaurant!

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"Your assistance in difficult situations has been helpful, reassuring, and positive."

I had seen for myself how much difference a college degree could make in a life, so of course I wanted to pass that advantage on. I came to Utica College specifically to work with first-generation college students. I can understand their concerns—how to pay back student loans, how to balance schoolwork with a job, etc.—because I lived them.

Q: What are your passions? How are you able to use writing as an outlet to express yourself?

A: Family is important to me, as you can probably tell. I love the outdoors, whether it's running, skiing, gardening, or even walking my dog, so I appreciate the beauty of upstate New York. I love art and history so much that I've found I have, quite unconsciously, surrounded myself with friends involved in one or the other. But my art is writing: that is what I am called to do. I can't remember when I started doing it, and I hope a time never comes when it is lost to me. I draw my other interests into it - for example, I write historical fiction. I try to keep my hand in on all kinds of writing: academic, journalistic, and creative.

Q: Many of your writing pieces focus on topics of equality and social justice. Tell us about some of those. (Huffington Post, The New York Times, "Transforming American Realism," any others that you're particularly proud of.)

A: Thanks for noticing that! I think my interest in social justice developed naturally out of my own background. I started the work that became *Transforming American Realism* when I told a professor (a very kind and knowledgeable woman) that I wanted to research working-class writing, and she responded, "There isn't any, is there?" If someone that well read could think so, my job was clear. Likewise with my other writing—I think I bring a perspective not always heard or published. For instance, when I wrote in the Huffington Post about why many promising but poor students don't apply to elite colleges, and wouldn't be well served by attending them, I worried that the points I was making were too obvious. Surely everyone realizes that it can be prohibitively expensive, for instance, to travel back and forth if you attend an institution far from home. But if you read the comments section, you'll see that not everyone does recognize these issues. To people who have always had plenty, those kinds of costs can be invisible. They need to be pointed out.

Q: How do you think social media has changed the conversation about important social issues? Do you think that this new platform has allowed you to engage more people with the written word?

A: I'm proud to be published in places like The New York Times and the Huffington Post because it means I can be, in my own small way, a public intellectual. Much as I enjoy writing literary criticism, it's for a very small audience. Even teaching is to a limited group—and should be. But by writing articles that appear online, I can reach people I will never meet in the real world. It's fun to see comments come in from far-away countries. It even makes it easier to interact with other professors. When I published my piece in The New York Times, I got a very kind email from an important historian whom I've never met—"Well done you!"--that made my day.

Of course, there are downsides. After I published that same piece, which discusses the marriage of Irish immigrant women and free black men in New York before the Civil War, a stranger posted something offensive about it on my Facebook page. The dangers of online bullying are well documented.

Q: Over the years, have you noticed any differences in your students who are looking to enter the field? What are some career opportunities for English majors?

A: I've been teaching since 1990, but here at UC since 1996—so 20 years, amazing as that is to think. I recently heard of a former student of mine who is now an English professor, who said he based his teaching style on my class. I can't think of a better compliment.

Certainly there have been some changes—20 years ago, I didn't need to tell anyone to put away her phone in class. But I think the fluctuations we see in the numbers of majors has more to do with the job market. Students fear, quite rightly, that they won't be able to get a job to pay back those sky-rocketing loans. I double-majored as an undergraduate because I worried I wouldn't get a job as an English major—so that major was just for fun. I would encourage any student who loves English but shares that worry to consider two majors, or even a minor in English. But also keep in mind that English majors can go into many different fields. Whenever I tell people what I do for a living, no matter what area they work in—pharmaceutical research and artificial intelligence were two I can recall—they always ask me, Why can't college graduates write? I always hear tales of the guy who would have gotten the promotion, except that no one could make any sense of his reports, or the intern who might have been hired, except that her emails were full of errors. Be the college graduate who can write.

KUDOS

Utica College was represented well at this year's Southern Humanities Conference in Louisville. **Linnea Franits**, associate professor of occupational therapy, presented a paper about how "flow" (as described by Csikszentmihalyi) and the Eastern "Kawa" model relate to interdependence and clinical practice in OT. **David Roberts**, adjunct professor

of psychology, presented a paper about grief and counseling. **Steven Specht**, professor of psychology, presented a paper about the political/social/psychological precursors which led to Hitler's Degenerate Art Exhibition in 1937 Germany. Roberts also read an essay and Specht read some poems at the "open mic" night at the conference.

Congratulations to **Gayle Kilburn**, operations associate in the Office of the Registrar, upon joining the PSAC Executive Committee as the newest member-at-large.

Please send information and photos for KUDOS to source@utica.edu.

IN THE NEWS...

- **Linda Stewart**, mentor for the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program, was featured in the *Observer-Dispatch* as part of its Monday Morning Conversation series. She discussed building strong leaders by having good mentors. 1/9
- **Anthony Martino** and the **Northeast Cybersecurity and Forensics Center** were highlighted in an article on *Syracuse.com* for work on a case involving the Syracuse teachers' union. 1/12
- A story in the *Observer-Dispatch* highlighted the many events UC had planned to honor Martin Luther King Jr. 1/14
- **George Nehme**, vice president for Advancement, spoke with *O-D* education reporter **Alissa Scott '13**, about the \$686 million impact that local colleges have on the region's economy. 1/15
- *WIBX News Radio 950's* Jim Rondinelli, *WKTV News Channel 2's* **Kevin Montano '16** and *WUTR TV Eyewitness News* reporter Grace Fernandez covered the kickoff of MLK events at UC in the Ellen Knowler Clarke Lounge in Strebel Student Center. The *Observer-Dispatch* also provided live coverage of the early evening peace march on campus. 1/16
- **President Laura Casamento** spoke with members of the *O-D* editorial board about potential repercussions of the governor's proposed budget. 1/16
- **Robert Cardillo**, adjunct professor of business/management, was a guest on *WUTQ's* "Talk of the Town" radio show, discussing President Trump's inauguration. 1/17
- *WKTV News Channel 2* multimedia journalist Keith Hunt spoke with Tuskegee Airman Herbert Thorpe at one of UC's MLK events. The Airmen are a storied group of WWII African American bombers and pilots. Thorpe shared his story, as well as his thoughts on current racial and social justice issues. 1/18
- **Jim Brown**, assistant professor of criminal justice, spoke with *WKTV News Channel 2* multimedia journalist Keith Hunt about a textbook written by **Brown** and **Ray Philo**, professor of practice of criminal justice. The book gives a case history of the murder of New Hartford police officer Joseph Corr, and follows the details of the arrests and conviction of those responsible. 1/19
- **Daniel Tagliarina**, assistant professor of government and politics, spoke with Bill Keeler on *WIBX News Radio 950's* "First News in the Morning" about current events in politics. 1/19
- **UC President Laura Casamento** and MVCC President Randall VanWagoner signed an articulation agreement ensuring a smooth transition for qualified MV cybersecurity students who wish to continue their education in UC's nationally-recognized program. This was covered by *WKTV News Channel 2*, *WUTR TV Eyewitness News* and *WIBX News Radio 950*. Leslie Corbo, assistant professor of cybersecurity, explained how cybersecurity takes on greater importance every day in matters of national and personal security. 1/20
- *WKTV News Channel 2* reporter **Joleen Ferris '92** spoke with government and politics student **Paul Joyce '17** about students' interest in the presidential inauguration. 1/20
- *WUTR TV Eyewitness News* reporter Jamie DeLine spoke with **Chris Fobare**, assistant professor of history, about President Trump being the first president in U.S. history to become president with no political experience. 1/20
- *Time Warner Cable News* interviewed UC chemistry major **Lana Nitti '18** about Margot Lee Shetterly's inspiring speech at The Stanley. Shetterly wrote the book, "Hidden Figures," about African-American women working at NASA in the early 1960s - some of the leading minds behind John Glenn's successful orbit of the Earth. 1/20
- **Luke Perry**, associate professor and chair of government and politics, wrote a column for the *Sunday Observer-Dispatch* on President Trump; Perry will continue this weekly column throughout the president's first 100 days in office. 1/22
- The *Sunday Observer-Dispatch* ran an editorial, "State Can't Ignore Private Colleges," supporting affordability but suggesting that the governor make subsidies fair for state and private colleges, as well as for students and their families. 1/22
- **President Laura Casamento** spoke with *WIBX News Radio 950* morning host Bill Keeler about the governor's proposed budget, and how that might impact private colleges and universities in the state. 1/24
- **David Roberts**, adjunct professor of psychology and grief expert, published a blog, "Through Our Own Eyes," on *The Huffington Post*. 1/24
- **David Chanatry**, professor and chair of journalism, spoke with *WKTV News Channel 2* about his personal experience working with Tom Brokaw, who recently celebrated 50 years with *NBC News*. 1/27
- **Daniel Tagliarina**, assistant professor of government and politics, spoke with *WKTV News Channel 2* anchor Jason Powles about President Trump's possible nominees for the Supreme Court and other current political events. 1/27
- **Tagliarina** was also interviewed by *WKTV News Channel 2* reporter/anchor Gary Liberatore about the constitutionality of President Trump's ban on immigrants from seven countries. 1/30
- A story listing Utica College as one of the recipients of a \$2500 grant from the New York State Council on the Arts appeared in *The Albany Times-Union* and the *Rome Daily Sentinel*. 1/26-27
- **Luke Perry**, associate professor and chair of government and politics, wrote a column for the *Sunday Observer-Dispatch* on President Trump's first 100 days, "Trump, U.S. off to a Bumpy Start." 1/29
- **President Casamento** wrote a guest editorial in the *Observer-Dispatch*, "Private Colleges Must Be Part of Tuition Talk." 1/29
- A story about a new partnership for a 3+4 doctoral program between Utica College and the University of Buffalo School of Pharmacy was featured in *UB News*. 1/30

UC CELEBRATES THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MLK JR



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A - D. Utica College celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with more than a week of events that included panel-led discussions, films and an interactive game. Quotes from Dr. King were also placed around campus to help the UC community reflect on his legacy. *1/16 - 1/26*

E. Ronald Spatling '71, Janice Miles '74 and Oliver Perry '74 returned to UC to participate in a panel discussion, reflecting on their time at UC during a period of great social unrest. *1/19*

F. Tuskegee Airman Herbert Thorpe, WWII veteran, discussed his experiences in the army, and gave his thoughts on current racial and social justice issues.

G. Faculty, staff and students participate in a diversity training workshop.

H-J. Students showcased their efforts at #LivingTheDream and making a difference.

UPCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING

Please visit utica.edu/hr/training for updates and to register.

For Health and Wellness events, visit utica.edu/hr/wellness

February

02/17/17 H&W: Chair Massages

02/21/17 Drumming Circle. 12:30-2:00 p.m., Ellen Kowner Clarke Lounge, Strebel Student Center

02/17/17 Healthy Rewards Demonstration. 12-1:00 pm. Webinar

02/23- DRACULA - An Adaptation(Spring Play)

02/26/17 TH-SA - 8:00 p.m., SU - 2:00 p.m., Strebel Auditorium

02/24/17 Healthy Rewards Demonstration. 12:00-1:00 pm. Webinar

March

03/03/17 America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk Pre-registration, WIBX Radiothon, WKTV Heart Telethon, My Heart/My Life Expo with Health, Wellness Assessments, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Clark Athletic Center

03/04/17 America's Greatest Heart Run & Walk, 6:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., UC campus

03/13/17 Supervisor Training. 10:00 -11:00 am. ECJS Seminar Room (209)

03/24/17 H&W: Chair Massages



COVER IMAGE; ABOVE: UC's Frank E. Gannett Memorial Library "GLOWS" red in support of women's heart health. 02/04-02/06

UC ATHLETICS MAKING HISTORY IN THE COMMUNITY



Utica Set to Host NCAA Division III Men's Hockey Championships in March

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Utica College, the Utica Memorial Auditorium and the City of Utica will host the 2017 NCAA Division III Men's Hockey Championships on March 24 and 25. The honor marks the first time in more than 50 years that the Utica Memorial Auditorium will host an NCAA Championship final. It also marks the first time in school history that an NCAA Division III Championship final will be hosted by Utica College.

Championship weekend consists of the final four teams in the NCAA Division III Men's Hockey Tournament. The UC men's hockey team participated in championship weekend in 2013 in Lake Placid, NY after earning a first round bye and defeating Bowdoin in the second round to earn a spot in the national semifinals.

The Utica Memorial Auditorium was selected back in 2013 by the NCAA Division III men's hockey committee, made up of coaches and administrators from NCAA member schools and conferences, and was ultimately approved by the appropriate divisional championships cabinet. As a longstanding establishment for generations of hockey and a staple in local hockey history, the Utica Memorial Auditorium will provide the ultimate experience for competing student-athletes.

The nationally-ranked Utica College men's hockey team recently secured the ECAC Men's West Conference regular season title for the third time in the last five years. They also set a new program record for conference wins in a single season on their way to earning the top seed and home ice advantage in the upcoming conference tournament.

The Pioneers currently lead Division III men's hockey in home attendance for the 11th consecutive season. In 10 home dates this year, the Pioneers are averaging a paid attendance of 3,304.