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UC PEOPLE

Jun (J.T.) Kwon, Associate Professor of Government and Politics

By Kelsey Carlo '18, PR Intern

Q: How did you come to UC?

A: I earned my Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. Prior to coming to UC, I taught international politics at the University of North Georgia for four years. UNG was too big, and I preferred a small teaching college. That's why I decided to come to UC in 2014.

influenced by the U.S. in every sense. I wanted to learn and know more about American politics and democracy. In addition, Korea has been a divided country since 1945. There is no doubt that the U.S. has always played an important role in the relationship between North and South Korea; I wanted to study U.S. policies on the unification of Korea and to learn what role the U.S. has played and will play in the inter-Korean relationship.

Q: What do you like about UC?

A: When I was looking to leave UNG, there were three criteria the college had to meet: it had to be in the Northeast, a private school, and small. The small class sizes are what stand out to me because it lets the students and faculty have better interactions with each other. I know a lot about my students personally. We not only talk about politics, but other problems and issues that are

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Q: You are originally from South Korea, what inspired your family to come to the U.S.?

A: I was always interested in politics but in South Korea in the '80s politics weren't great under the military dictatorship. South Korea has been

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Special thanks to the Mercy Flight Helicopter crew for donating their time and expertise to give a demonstration for our students at the Student Involvement Fair! *9/13*

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HR NOTES

Welcome

Megan Austin, *Director of the Edith Barrett Art Gallery, School of Arts and Sciences*

Randi Bell, *Payroll Clerk, Financial Affairs*

New Titles

Deborah Wilson-Allam, *Executive Director of International Education, International Education*

Halina Lotyczewski, *Interim Dean of Students and Campus Life, Student Affairs*

Anthony Villanti, *Executive Director of Donor Relations and Stewardship, Advancement*

Kristin Phelps, *HRIS Administrator, Human Resources*

Michele Witt, *Benefits Coordinator, Human Resources*

Sarah Heil, *Employment Assistant, Human Resources*



OPEN ENROLLMENT

Utica College's Open Enrollment period will begin **Wednesday, November 1, 2017** and run through **Thursday, November 30, 2017**.

All Open Enrollment information is now posted online at: utica.edu/hr/openenrollment.cfm

Four informational sessions will be held this year to take a comprehensive look at the benefits offered by the College.

Meetings will be held in:

DePerno Hall - Willard Room 208:

Monday, November 6, 2017 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 from 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Clark City Center - Computer Lab Room K106

Thursday, November 9, 2017 from 1:30 - 2:30 PM

If you are enrolling in the 2018 Flexible Spending Account (FSA) you will need to complete a 2018 enrollment form.

If you have alternate Health Insurance coverage through another source, such as a spouse or parent, you must complete a new 2018 Waiver Buyout Form. You will need to submit proof of your insurance, such as a copy of your insurance ID card in order to receive the buyout payment in December 2018.

If you are not making any benefit changes for 2018 you do not need to do anything.

All forms must be submitted to the Office of Human Resources by Thursday, November 30, 2017.

CONGRATULATIONS!



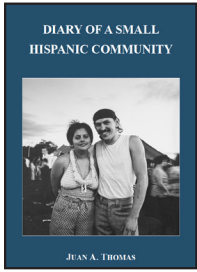
The Kudos Card program monthly drawing winner is...

Beth Samuels

Congratulations, Beth, and enjoy your prize!

You can access the following link at any time to recognize a colleague for his/her great work: utica.edu/kudos

"Beth did a fabulous job talking about sexual assault and intimate partner violence with one of the FYS classes. She kept the students engaged and did a great job conveying a very important message about a very sensitive topic."



Juan Thomas, associate professor of Spanish, presented “Anglicisms: unique to US Spanish or a worldwide phenomenon in Spanish?” at the Fifth World

Conference on pluricentric languages and their non-dominant varieties. The conference was at the Johannes Gutenberg Universität in Mainz, Germany, this summer.

David Wittner, professor of East Asian history, presented “Knowledge is Key: Technology Transfer and Modernity in Meiji Japan” at a workshop symposium in Sakunami, Japan. The workshop is for a larger book project for which Professor Wittner is contributing a chapter on the transformation of technology transfer in 19th century Japan.

Ashraf Elmarakby, assistant professor of physical therapy, had his article “Effect of threshold inspiratory muscle training on maximal inspiratory pressure and pulmonary gas exchange in patients undergoing coronary artery bypass graft surgery” accepted for publication in the journal, *Critical Reviews in Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine*.

Khatuna Mshvidobadze, adjunct lecturer of cybersecurity, had her article “Russia: It’s Not Just Putin,” published on the Atlantic Council website. It’s about Russian secret services, corruption, interdepartmental battles, and cyber crime.

Paul MacArthur, professor of public relations and journalism, recently co-authored a book. “Olympic Television: Broadcasting the Biggest Show on Earth,” was co-authored by Andrew C. Billings, University of Alabama, and James R. Angelini, University of Delaware, and MacArthur.

The book provides an overview of how the Olympic experience has been shaped by media entities, across various platforms and formats. It is built around a central case study of NBC’s coverage of the 2016 Rio Games. The book draws on unique access to the network’s producers and sportscasters, alongside content analyses, audience surveys and other empirical research to explore the production, content and effects of Olympic media. Key themes such as race, gender, and storytelling are touched on.

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

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other problems and issues that are going on. I really enjoy the sense of bonding and family between the faculty and students

Q: What do you like about your work?

A: I am very passionate about teaching, and I really appreciate the students giving their time to me. I value the time of my students, and I enjoy talking to them about politics, especially international politics. I have a responsibility to teach students correctly, creatively, and critically. I like my students to be creative and think outside the box and sometimes be rebellious. My goal is to make sure that when these students graduate, they are able to stand on important issues on their own perspectives.

Q: What are your thoughts on the current controversy between President Trump and North Korea?

A: I do not think that despite its pugnacious rhetoric, North Korea would strike first against the United States. North Korea knows well that it would be a suicide act. What worries me is that President Trump would do something stupid with military actions against North Korea. This is something he shouldn’t do because it surely would prompt aggressive military retaliations from North Korea, turning the Korean peninsula and the neighboring countries into a blazing inferno.

North Korea’s ambitions to acquire ICBMs and nuclear weapons have been driven by deep-seated fear of regime collapse caused by a U.S. military attack; that is, the core motivation behind the missile and nuclear saber rattling is “regime survival.” North Korea will not stop pursuing nuclear weapons unless the United States guarantees it would not try to overthrow the regime by force. The bellicose words and policies of the United States have made nationalism of North Korea become more pathological since the imminent and actual threat from the United States creates the life-threatening conditions for North Korean people.

Q: Do you see possible solutions?

A: It is about time for meaningful and practicable actions to be required. Both the U.S. and North Korea need to show “actions of political willingness” to abandon hostile policy and behaviors against each other. In this regard, the U.S. should take “suspension for suspension” proposals by North Korea and China more seriously which would see North Korea suspend nuclear and missile tests and activities and the United States and South Korea halt their annual joint military exercises around the Korean Peninsula. This would create the foundations for the resumption of the meaningful talks.

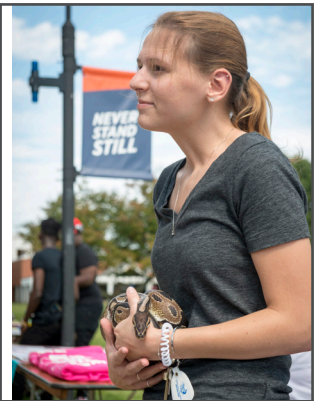


WKTV News Channel 2 Assignment Editor Marc Baracco speaks with Leslie Corbo, assistant professor of cybersecurity. 09/14

- *WIBX, WKTV News Channel 2, and WUTR Eyewitness News* ran stories regarding move-in-day this year for freshmen students. *8/25*
- *WUTR Eyewitness News* reporter Julia Leblanc spoke with Alison Franklin, director of the Student Counseling Center, and Rich Racioppa, executive director for Student Success, about services available to first-year students if they are having difficulty transitioning to college. *9/1*
- *The Observer-Dispatch* ran a story highlighting UC's online cybersecurity degree and its high rank in economic mobility. *9/3*
- *Target News Service* ran a story regarding students working with **Joseph Ribaud**, associate professor of physics, to analyze data from the most advanced radio telescope; the Arecibo Observatory in Arecibo, Puerto Rico. *9/5*
- *The Daily Orange* reporter Ryan Dunn spoke with **Jeffery Gates**, senior vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, about UC's decision to opt into Enhanced Tuition Award. *9/6*
- *The Observer-Dispatch* ran a story about the UC community celebrating the life of **Marijean Levering**, associate professor of theater, at her memorial service. *9/7*
- *WKTV News Channel 2* ran story about Utica and Hamilton Colleges partnering with "Be The Match" for bone marrow registry drives. *9/14*
- *WKTV News Channel 2* Assignment Editor Marc Baracco spoke with **Leslie Corbo**, assistant professor of cybersecurity, about the recent Equifax data breach, and what consumers should do to protect themselves. *9/14*
- *WUTR TV Eyewitness News* reporter Grace Fernandez spoke with **Suzanne Lynch**, professor of practice in economic crime, about the Equifax breach. *9/18*
- **Luke Perry**, professor and chair of government and politics and director of UC's Center for Public Affairs and Election Research, was a guest on "First News with Keeler in the Morning" on *WIBX News Radio 950 AM*. *9/18*
- **Luke Perry**, professor and chair of government and politics and director of UC's Center for Public Affairs and Election Research, was called in to speak about congressional staffer using "pen" name on *WUTQ 100.7 FM*. *9/19*
- *WKTV News Channel 2* covered the Arrive Alive Tour on campus that teaches students the risks of driving under the influence. *9/20*
- **Larz Forsyth '18**, president of Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity, was a guest on "First News with Keeler in the Morning" on *WIBX News Radio 950 AM* with Art Ellis and Captain Phil Taurisano to talk about a fundraiser for a Florida firefighter devastated by Hurricane Irma. *9/22*
- *WKTV News Channel 2* reporter Kirk Tupaj spoke with **Dick Moon**, UC's student-teacher coordinator, and **John Rowe**, executive director of graduate admissions, about the teacher shortage projected to get worse. *9/28*
- *WKTV News Channel 2* ran a story highlighting the construction management program heading to Texas for Hurricane Harvey relief. *9/29*
- **Lisa Green**, vice president for human resources and personnel development/Title IX coordinator, was a guest on "Talk of the Town" on *WUTQ-FM* regarding the recent Title IX developments from United States Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos. *10/3*

AROUND CAMPUS

What is there to do at UC?
Approximately 60 campus clubs and organizations hosted tables explaining what they do, and opened to new members at the annual Involvement Fair. 9/13



UPCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING

Please visit utica.edu/hr/training for updates and to register.
For Health and Wellness events, visit utica.edu/hr/wellness

November

- 11/02/17 Information Security 101.** 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. L121
- 11/02 -**
- 11/04/17 *Jekyll and Hyde (a musical), Fall Play.*** 7:30 p.m., Strebel Auditorium. \$15 for general admission, \$5 for students (with ID)
- 11/06/17 *Jekyll and Hyde (a musical), Fall Play.*** 2:30 p.m., Strebel Auditorium. \$15 for general admission, \$5 for students (with ID)
- 11/10/17 TIAA-CREFF Individual Appointments.** Strebel Student Center, Room 105C
- 11/06/17 Open Enrollment Info Meeting,** 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. DePerno Hall, Willard Conference Room 208
- 11/07/17 Open Enrollment Info Meeting,** 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. DePerno Hall, Willard Conference Room 208
- 11/08/17 Open Enrollment Info Meeting,** 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. DePerno Hall, Willard Conference Room 208
- 11/09/17 Open Enrollment Info Meeting,** 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Clark City Center Room K106 Computer Lab
- 11/22 -**
- 11/24/17 Thanksgiving Break**

December

- 12/08/17 Winter Market.** 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Strebel Student Center
- 12/19/17 TIAA-CREFF Individual Appointments.** Strebel Student Center, Room 105C

Check out HR's new page for training and development:
utica.edu/hr/trainingopp.cfm

HEALTH & WELLNESS



Upcoming Events

Chair Massages - 3rd Friday of every month
Reserve your spot on the H & W website.

11/07/17 Brown Bag L & L. Sarah Lucia
Information on how essential oils fit into your wellness lifestyle.

12/08/17 Winter Market
Sponsored by PSAC and H & W
Come buy your holiday gifts. 1:00-5:00 pm in Strebel Student Center.

PSAC & UC Health & Wellness Bring You:

**The Winter Market
Vendor Craft Show**

Making holiday shopping easy this year!

Are you an artisan?
Do you have a product that you sell?
You are invited to
showcase your wares & reserve a table

Friday, December 8th
1-5 in the Strebel Student Lounge

You can have a table for the whole time or just during your lunch hour

Table reservations available on Uticatickets.com
For questions please contact Monica Brown-Hodkinson at (815) 799-2599

HEALTH AND WELLNESS KICKOFF



Lots of healthy (and tasty) offerings at this year's on-campus Farmers' Market and Flu Shot Clinic, organized by UC Health & Wellness. The Root Farm, Common Thread CSA, So Sweet Candy Cafe, Bite Bakery and Cafe, Utica Bread, Cultured Awareness, Mom & Pops, and Homestyle Rainforest Spice Company were some of the vendors attending this year. 9/11