

NWHM speaker Del Federico blends art, chemistry

by Randy Weiler

Dr. Eleonora Del Federico, an assistant professor in chemistry in the mathematics and science department at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y., will be the 2006 Women in Science invited lecturer during National Women's History Month activities, Dr. Judith Iriarte-Gross said.

Del Federico will discuss "The Chemistry of Fresco Paintings" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, in WPS Room 102, and it will be open to both the MTSU community and the general public.

While at MTSU, Iriarte-Gross said Del Federico would meet with the Women in Science and Engineering group at a time and location to be announced later and do a demonstration about fresco painting with the art department.

"I heard her talk at a national meeting about her work, and she is very good," Iriarte-Gross,

associate professor, chemistry, said. "She does a wonderful job of connecting chemistry and art."

Dr. Wendy Koenig, assistant professor, art, said Del Federico will be doing the fresco demonstration with students and any MTSU student is welcome, as there will be groups of four or five students creating small frescoes on ceramic tiles.

The demonstration is tentatively scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, on the second floor of the Todd Building, Koenig said, adding that the event is sponsored by MTSU Women's Studies in conjunction with National Women's History Month. For more information, call Koenig at 615-898-2014.

Del Federico's main duty at Pratt has been developing courses at the chemistry/art and art

history interface. She also directs fine arts and art history majors in research projects that often involve the re-creation of ancient artist's techniques such as Roman and/or medieval wall paintings.

She presently is a Visiting Research Scholar at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where she is involved in a study on the degradation of lead paint in traditional oil paintings and in illuminated manuscripts.

Del Federico is collaborating with New York University in a study of pigment degradation on fresco paintings by NMR spectroscopy and with I'stituto di Fisica Applicata "Nello Carrara," Florence, Italy, in a study of provenance of ultramarine pigments. She holds a doctorate in biophysical chemistry from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

For more information about the visit, call Iriarte-Gross at 615-898-8253 or e-mail her at jiriarte@mtsu.edu.



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Labor-management conference to deal with changing world

by Tom Tozer

Last year's Tennessee Labor-Management Conference in Knoxville broke all attendance records, but organizers of the eighth annual TLM Winter Conference say that with the line-up of speakers and educational programs, attendance is likely to go through the roof of the Hilton Memphis Hotel.

The theme of the March 30-31 conference in Memphis is "Facing a Changing World." The conference is facilitated by the Tennessee Center for Labor-Management Relations at Middle Tennessee State University, which is funded by the state Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

"We are excited that Memphis has been chosen as the host city," said Roger Womble, 2006 conference president. "Companies and bargaining units in Tennessee have set the standard for labor-management relations over the past year, and we look forward to sharing our best practices with attendees from across the state."

A special feature of the conference will be a March 30 afternoon presentation by the Honorable D'Army Bailey, focusing on the 1960's Memphis garbage strike, the Civil Rights Movement and the need for continued activism. Bailey, an activist, politician, writer and public servant, was elected circuit court judge in Tennessee's 30th Judicial District in 1990. He was re-elected in 1998 and continues to fight for civil rights.

A labor law panel will be moderated by Othal Smith Jr., attorney and IVP International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, and panelists will include Ronald Hooks, regional director, NLRB, Memphis; Arnold Perl, Young & Perl, Memphis; and Samuel Morris of Godwin, Morris, Laurenzi and Bloomfield, Memphis.

Workshops throughout the two-day conference will focus on health care, pensions, workplace safety, the Family and Medical Leave Act, Tennessee AFL-CIO's connecting people with possibilities, emergency preparedness, diversity, workers compensation and the negative impact of methamphetamine use, among other issues.

Information and online registration can be found at www.tnlabormgmt.org or by calling 615-895-4166.



Women in the Curriculum 2006 Open Classroom Series

In celebration of National Women's History Month, the following special classroom events have been scheduled, in addition to the many activities listed on the NWHM 2006 calendar. These events are open to the public. For more information, contact the listed professor or the Women's Studies Program office at 615-898-5910.



Women and Family, Work, and Culture

WMST 2100, Introduction to Women's Studies
Instructor: Dr. Susan Hopkirk (shopkirk@mtsu.edu)

Tuesday & Thursday, March 14 & 16	1-2:25 p.m.	KOM 321
Women and Family		
Tuesday & Thursday, March 21 & 23	1-2:25 p.m.	KOM 321
Women and Work		
Tuesday & Thursday, March 28 & 30	1-2:25 p.m.	KOM 321
Women and Culture		

Issues in Women's Health

SOC 4150/5150, Women's Health Issues

Instructor: Dr. Vicky MacLean (vmaclean@mtsu.edu)



Thursdays in March	6-9 p.m.	PH 317
March 16, Body Image and Disordered Eating		
March 23, Ethnic Diversity in Women's Health		
March 30, Women and Relationship Violence		



Film Screening: Deepa Mehta's Fire

ENGL 3085, Gender and Film

Instructor: Dr. Elyce Rae Helford (ehelford@mtsu.edu)

Monday & Wednesday, March 27 & 29	12:40-2:05 p.m.	PH 308
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Discussion of Cynthia Ozick's "The Shawl"

ENGL 2020-009, Jewish American Literature and Culture

Instructor: Dr. Elyce Rae Helford (ehelford@mtsu.edu)

Note: Ozick's reading of story available at www.kcrw.org/jewish/jss.html.



Thursday, March 28	1-2:25 p.m.	PH 322
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Women in the Media

JOUR/EMC 3150, Media History and American Culture

Instructor: Dr. Jane Marcellus (jmarcell@mtsu.edu)

Thursday, March 28	11:20 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	COMM 104
Ida Tarbell—Muckraker		
Thursday, March 30	11:20 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	COMM 104
Rosie the Riveter		

Discussion of Emily Brontë's Wuthering Heights

ENGL 3000-002, Introduction to Literary Studies

Instructor: Dr. Elvira Casal (ecasal@mtsu.edu)



Monday, April 17	12:40-2:05 p.m.	PH 314A
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Standard & Poor's equity research chief to speak March 28

Stephen Biggar, director of U.S. Equity Research for Standard & Poor's, will bring his insights on the U.S. economy to the State Farm Lecture Hall of the Business and Aerospace Building on Tuesday, March 28, at 6 p.m.

Biggar manages the day-to-day research process of S&P's 65 equity research analysts in the U.S. Prior to this position, he was director of financial institutions research and principal bank equity analyst for Standard & Poor's, covering major regional and

money center banks.

A member of S&P's Investment Policy Committee and Senior Portfolio Group, he has been widely quoted on banking-related matters by publications such as *American Banker*, *Forbes* and *Money* magazines and

news services including Bloomberg and Reuters, and he frequently appears on CNBC and CNBC Asia discussing the equity markets.

Biggar received a B.A. degree in economics from Rutgers University and holds Series 7 and 16 licenses.