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## Poet Thom Satterlee to visit MC

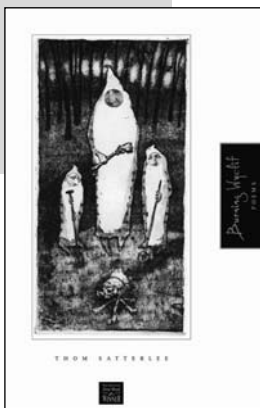


### Burning Wyclif

Sometimes you have to raise the body up to burn it down. So it was with Wyclif, who rested forty-two years under chancel stone condemned by the Papacy, protected by the Crown. Finally, a bishop came with a few men, spades, shovels, a horse and cart. By then, not much was left of Wyclif—hair and skin gone, his bones slipped out of place inside the simple alb they'd buried him in. The bishop gathered what he could. Beside the River Swift, he lit a pile of wood and tossed the bones on one at a time, cursing the heretic from limb to limb. Afterwards, they shoveled ash into the water and no one even thought the word martyr.

John Wyclif, one of the most prominent philosophers and theologians of the second half of the fourteenth century, is the subject of Thom Satterlee's work, *Burning Wyclif*. The poetry collection won the Walt McDonald First-Book Series in Poetry prize, and was a 2007 *Los Angeles Times* Book Award Finalist, and an American Library Association Notable Book.

Mr. Satterlee will be reading from *Burning Wyclif* and other works at Midland College on Thursday, April 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Wagner & Brown Auditorium. Mr. Satterlee—a professor and translator who teaches English at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana—is the visiting judge for MC's Hilda Simmons Levitt Poetry Contest. Mr. Satterlee is also an advisor for Taylor University's student literary magazine, *Parnassus*. His poetry has appeared in *Alaska Quarterly Review*, *Image*, *Southwest Review*, and *The Southern Review* and has been selected for *Poetry Daily*.



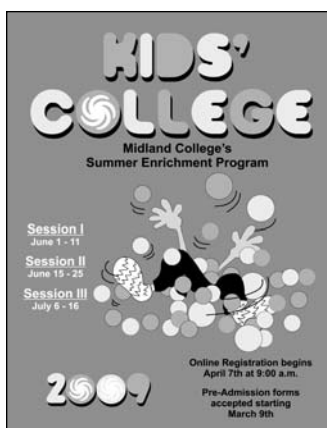
## The public is invited to "Celebrate Dialogue"



MC's Fine Arts Department is pleased to announce **Celebrate Dialogue!**, a public event that will treat audience members to an eclectic program of readings. This FREE event, which will feature Midland College's Speech and Theater faculty, will be held on April 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wagner & Brown Auditorium of the Allison Fine Arts Building. Please call (432) 685-4644 for more information.

## Registration for KIDS' COLLEGE has begun

KIDS' COLLEGE is a summer enrichment program for students who will be completing first through sixth grades this spring. The curriculum spans the arts, sciences, sports, camping, computers and crafts. This year 44 classes will be offered, including 12 new classes, such as **Bead It!, Broadway Lights, Selective Detective and Funky Forensics**. Online registration is available at [www.midland.edu/kidscollege](http://www.midland.edu/kidscollege). Walk-in registration will not be offered this year, but there are numerous computer resources on MC campus for public use. Session I is from June 1-11; Session II is from June 15-25; and a third session has been added from July 6-16. Please call (432) 685-4518 for more information.



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### Managing Conflict in the Office is next Lunchtime Learning topic

This Lunchtime Learning session offers solutions for conflicts that may arise due to gender issues and differences in personal and professional backgrounds. The session also helps participants recognize areas where they may be more prone to experience conflict. The session costs \$29 and meets 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28 at MC's Advanced Technology Center (ATC), 3200 W. Cuthbert. Please remember to bring your lunch! Online registration is available at [www.midland.edu/workforce](http://www.midland.edu/workforce) or call (432) 681-6326.

### Comprehensive Computer Fundamentals offers Overview of Basics

This course explores the fundamentals of using Windows Vista to maintain the computer, access Help, and use the Internet Explorer Web browser. Course activities will include creating simple word processing documents and drawings, customizing the desktop, and browsing the Internet. The course costs \$209 and meets 6:15 - 9:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 28 - May 14 at the ATC. Online registration is available at [www.midland.edu/workforce](http://www.midland.edu/workforce) or by calling (432) 681-6330.

### Honors Program to host cultural field trip to Dallas

The MC Honors Program will take a cultural field trip to Dallas from May 12 - 14, to include visits to the King Tut exhibit and the Nasher Sculpture Gardens. Transportation

will be provided, but students will need to pay for hotel and meals. Hotel rooms at the SpringHill Suites in Dallas' West End will cost \$160 per night, which includes breakfast. Two people may share a hotel room for \$80 each; three may share for \$55 each. Honors students will have priority for the trip but other students, and the public, will also be welcome if space permits. Please contact Donna Thompson for more information at [dthompson@midland.edu](mailto:dthompson@midland.edu) or (432) 685-6827.

### Cosmetology provides services to public at reduced rates!

The MC Cosmetology Department offers haircuts and manicures at reduced rates to the public! Hours are 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, and the last Saturday of the month. For appointments, please call (432) 685-6721.

## Bruno Hanson award honors three oil and gas companies

On April 13, the Block 16 Operating Group was awarded the Bruno Hanson/Midland College Award for Environmental Excellence at the *Midland Reporter-Telegram* Hearst Newspapers annual Energy Awards ceremony. "We all want to do the best we can to protect the environment," said Gretchen Bakke, daughter of the late Bruno Hanson, "the Block 16 Group has provided innovative solutions to reduce harmful impact to the planet."



From left, Petroleum Professional Development Center Director Hoxie Smith, Gretchen Bakke, daughter of the late Bruno Hanson, Richard Spell of Energy Transfer Company, Lynne Frezza of ExxonMobil and Tony Savoie of Southern Union Gas Services

MC's Petroleum Professional Development Center Director Hoxie Smith congratulated the three companies comprising the Block 16 initiative—Energy Transfer Company, Exxon Mobil and Southern Union Gas Services—who have addressed environmental issues at a collection of former gas processing plants in Ward County southeast of Pyote. Soil and groundwater contamination was found at the site and the three companies brought their various areas of expertise to the group. They have agreed on cost-sharing, information-sharing and operational procedures to clean up the site and continue monitoring operations in the area. "By going above what state regulators required, and cooperating fully, the Block 16 Operating Group deserves the Bruno Hanson/Midland College Environmental Excellence Award," declared Mr. Smith, when he presented the honor to Richard Spell of Energy Transfer Company, Lynne Frezza of ExxonMobil and Tony Savoie of Southern Union Gas Services.

The evening also honored two very important men in the Bruno Hanson/MC Environmental Excellence partnership: Eric Hanson, son of Bruno Hanson and member of the Environmental Excellence committee, and Dan Robertson, Chair of the Environmental Excellence committee. Both Mr. Hanson and Mr. Robertson passed away last year. Mayor Wes Pery issued a proclamation in honor of Mr. Hanson, declaring April 13 as "Eric Hanson Day." Ben Shepperd, Executive Vice President of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association presented the Energy Award for Industry Advocacy in honor of Dan Robertson, "who made a huge difference as an advocate and friend to the oil and gas industry," which was accepted by his son Stephen Robertson, on behalf of their entire family.

The Beal Family, longtime supporters of Midland College, was honored with the Energy Award for Lifetime Achievement. Another MC supporter, Clayton Williams, received the Energy Award for Company Performance given to his company, Clayton Williams Energy.

The Bruno Hanson/MC Award for Environmental Excellence recognizes an environmental project, procedure or proposal that exceeds industry standards and has an application in the Permian Basin. The award was named for Bernold "Bruno" Hanson, who died in 2000, but worked tirelessly to promote not only environmental awareness, but also new operating procedures or facilities that protect the environment. His work continues to be honored annually through the Bruno Hanson/MC Award for Environmental Excellence.

## Sixth grader Keely Martin makes Science Extravaganza history!

For the first time in the history of FMC's Science Extravaganza, a student was able to guess the exact number of gumballs in the jar for the Gumball Geometry competition! That student was Scharbauer

Elementary sixth grader Keely Martin, at left, who was also able to correctly calculate the volume of the jar—a rectangular prism—holding the gumballs. As her prize for winning the event, Keely took home 144 giant gumballs!

Gumball Geometry was one of many events at MC's Science Extravaganza, held on April 3, which hosted approximately 2,000 area elementary students at Midland College for the hands-on opportunity to experience just how fun math and science can be.



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