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Division Lead at Stake

Lecture Features Migration Expert

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Photo by J.R. Hernandez

Demetrios G. Papademetriou, co-founder and president of the Migration Policy Institute, spoke at UTEP's Millennium Lecture Series event on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at the Undergraduate Learning Center.

Papademetriou presented an overview of migration trends around the world, explaining that migration, if handled wisely, can offer significant benefits for everyone involved.

He said to move forward with sound immigration policies, the United States first needs to address the "elephant in the room"—the 12 million or so immigrants living illegally in the country. Papademetriou recommends offering these immigrants a "road map" to permanent residence, while working with other countries to encourage the migration of high-skill workers to the U.S.

The next Millennium Lecture will be presented by William Dee, president and CEO of Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14 in the Undergraduate Learning Center.

For more information about the Migration Policy Institute, visit www.migrationpolicy.org.

--David Perearino

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Homecoming Parade 

State-of-the-Art Piano Laboratory Opens 

Oct. 11, 2007



photos by J.R. Hernandez

UTEP President Diana Natalicio and College of Liberal Arts Dean Howard Daudistel slip on their headsets to listen to Macchioni's piano lesson and test the equipment in the new lab.

UTEP President Diana Natalicio and others tested their piano skills at the university's newly renovated Digital Keyboard Laboratory in the Department of Music.

The university received a \$250,000 gift from The Brown Foundation, Inc., to renovate the high-tech laboratory, now being used by music students.

There are 21 new Roland electronic pianos and a teacher's console with audio-visual aids, allowing instructors to listen through headsets to an individual student or a group. Cameras allow instructors to show correct hand positions and pedals to ensure better instruction.



Assistant professor Oscar Macchioni, Ph.D., gives piano instructions during the inaugural opening of the new digital keyboard lab.

"I'm really excited about this lab because it's really unique," Oscar Macchioni, Ph.D., assistant professor of piano and piano pedagogy, said. "It's probably one of the most advanced piano labs in the world."

There are an additional four keyboards in practice rooms and four keyboards connected to computers in another classroom, for a total of 29 keyboards.

The lab is also equipped to record student performances for evaluation and critiques by professors and other musicians. There is also an observation room and a Piano Pedagogy Library.

Macchioni said that the previous lab was three decades old and many of the pianos were not fully functional. Every music student, whether they play the violin or sing in a choir, is required to take four semesters of piano classes so they can learn keyboard skills and reinforce basic musical concepts such as theory and history.

"UTEP music students and the community are going to benefit tremendously from this lab," said Macchioni. "We will train them competitively with other higher education institutions in the country."

– Laura Cruz Acosta



The University of Texas at El Paso invites the public to a week filled with activities, parades, rallies, reunions and more as part of Homecoming Week Oct. 7-13.

This year's theme is Miner Fever, as UTEP is sizzling hot with success. With the support of our friends and our fans, our temperature is sure to keep rising!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Miner Morning Fever

5-8 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 10

Larry K. Durham Sports Center parking lot

Show your Miner pride live on TV! Marching Miners, Goldiggers, Cheerleaders, Homecoming Court and others will be part of the celebration.

Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally

Friday, Oct. 12

Parade: 12:15 p.m.

Oregon Drive onto University Avenue

Pep Rally: 1:15 p.m.

Undergraduate Learning Center patio

Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner

6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12

Don Haskins Center

UTEP Alumni Association Homecoming Pre-Game Party

4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13

De Wetter Center and Alumni Village on Glory Field

UTEP Miners versus the East Carolina University Pirates

7:05 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13

Sun Bowl Stadium

Tickets: UTEP Ticket Center, 915/747-5234

For a full calendar of events: www.homecoming.utep.edu**Randy Van Horne Dies** **UTEP Hosts International Visit** 

October 3, 2007



photo by Laura Trejo

Ed Hamlyn, from the Center for Environmental Research Management, led a discussion about water resource management with an international delegation.

An international delegation from Afghanistan and Tajikistan arrived on campus Monday to learn about water resource management in the Southwest region.

The four members of the delegation are visiting the U.S. as part of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. The members were Sayed Sharif Shobair, from Afghanistan's Ministry of Energy and Water; Kamol Nuraliev, from Tajikistan's Water Management; and Mahmasaid Isoev and Akbarkhoja Nabiev, from Tajikistan's Tajik Water Construction Unit.

Ed Hamlyn, Center for Environmental Research Management program coordinator and manager, led the delegation into several discussions about arrangements between the U.S. and Mexico on sharing water, local irrigation practices, and the general subject of sustainable development in arid regions.

– Laura Cruz Acosta

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