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The Pirates of Penzance

Friday, April 10 + Saturday, April 11, 2026 | 7:30 pm | Phillips Center

Event Page: bit.ly/3O9Lgkh

Set sail with the UF Opera Theatre and UF Symphony Orchestra for a night of laughter, romance, and rollicking pirates! Follow Frederic as he wrestles with a truly ridiculous twist of fate: a leap-year birthday that keeps him tied to a band of soft-hearted pirates far longer than he ever imagined. Along the way, you'll meet a blundering Modern Major-General, his chorus of daughters, and a cast brimming with mischievous creativity. The wit and spirit of Gilbert & Sullivan's beloved masterpiece shine in this delightful performance. The talented performers of the UF Opera Theatre, who have brought Carmen, La Bohème, Tosca, and La Traviata to the Phillips Center stage, make up this dynamic cast.

April is Earth Month





April is Earth Month, and UF and UF Health are celebrating their sustainability efforts. There will be an Earth Day celebration from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on April 20th in the UF Health Shands Hospital Atrium. Employees, patients and visitors are invited to learn more about all the sustainability efforts and successes happening within UF Health. Plus, there will be opportunities to learn about Wellness and receive giveaways!

Visit the booths to learn about current sustainability efforts at UF Health and how you can incorporate sustainable practice at work and at home.

Visiting Scholar Margo Schlanger - April 16



Sociology and Criminology and Law hosts
University of Michigan's Margo Schlanger

SOLITARY CONFINEMENT:

ORIGINS, DEVELOPMENTS, AND POTENTIAL PATHS FORWARD

During the early Republic, the United States invented modern imprisonment and pioneered mass solitary confinement. After a long hiatus, however, the federal government reinvented mass solitary in the 1980s. This lecture examines solitary confinement as currently practiced in American jails and prisons, canvassing its origins and explosive growth, its effects on prisoners, and recent reforms narrowing the path into solitary.

April 16, 3pm - 4pm, Reitz Union rm 2365

Distinguished Professor Lecture: Ghatu Subhash - April 16



Ghatu Subhash, Ph.D.

Distinguished Professor
Newton C. Ebaugh Professor
Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering

Riding Waves for Design of Innovative Experiments, Probing Material Behavior, and Detecting Structural Defects

- To unravel the constitutive behavior of materials under dynamic (or impact) loads and to detect defects in structures, wave propagation phenomenon is often utilized.
- In this talk, I will provide several examples of novel experimental techniques that have been developed using wave mechanics principles and present sample cases for the investigated material behavior.

Date & Time: April 16, 2026 at 1:00 PM

Location: Reitz Union, Chamber Room (ground floor) & via **Webcast:**

<https://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/Mediasite/Play/e8b16852ce3d431993fb1664254757571d>

Moving Beyond Compliance: Habits to Maintain Accessibility

Course instructors are invited to attend UF Information Technology's upcoming virtual Tech Byte event on Wednesday, April 15. Registration is open via [Zoom](#).

In this session, participants will explore habits that support continuous accessibility and Universal

Design for Learning strategies. Join us from 2-3 p.m. to explore micro-habits, accessibility workflows and best practices to meet the needs of all students.

Secrets of the Swamp

Whoa! Just 180 seconds. That's all it took for "Speedy" **Shannon Kelly** to clinch last week's *Secrets of the Swamp* quiz.

The *Faculty Update* email went out at 10:30 a.m. Kelly, a transition advisor in Undergraduate Education & Student Success, emailed the correct answers at 10:33 a.m. The students in the historic photo were architecture students, and they are soon to enjoy the "palace" that is the new [Ramos Collaboratory](#). (They were photographed in architecture's original home, an attic in Peabody Hall).

Congratulations to Ms. Kelly! We hope she enjoys the beautiful Provost's Pen and UF travel mug.

Addendum to last week's *Secrets*: Thanks to **Nicholas Mrozinske**, assistant director and pre-health advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center, for identifying the sculptor of the Tigert bust as **Margaret Smoot Laessle**. She grew up in Gainesville, studied sculpture in Europe and served as President of the Gainesville Association of Fine Arts (now the Gainesville Fine Arts Association) starting in 1948, according to [The Artists of Old Florida 1840-1960](#).

Writes Author Alfred R. Frankel, "Margaret Laessle helped introduce sculpture to Gainesville with an exhibition of her own work; several were later placed on the university campus ..." We welcome word of more M.S.L. sculptures!

Naming Names



This UF institution has an unusually colorful origin story, owing to the first two individuals pictured above. What's the institution, who are they, and who is the scientist at right? Be the first to identify the institution *and* name the three individuals in an email to ahover@ufl.edu — and you'll win the "ocean-blue" Provost's Pen and UF travel mug.

Share your thoughts or submit items by **emailing** the Provost Faculty Update staff.
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