

## Experience inspires Cortez's poetry

Thelma McAndless Professor teaching, performing on campus this fall

By Carol Anderson

From the heartfelt observations recorded in a young girl's journal to the rhyming thoughts and drawings on paper, Jayne Cortez began cutting a path toward an artistic career early in life.

Cortez describes her poetry as confrontational – a mix of art and politics. One poem, entitled "If The Drum Is A Woman" conveys the message that men should be respectful of women.

Portions of the poem read, "*If the drum is a woman, don't abuse your drum... Why are you saying disrespectful things to your mother drum, your sister drum, your wife drum and your infant daughter drum.*"

"People can zero in, get excited and feel included with my poetry," she said. "Sometimes men walk out, but no one leaves unfazed."

Cortez, a poet for more than 40 years, is this year's M. Thelma McAndless Distinguished Professor in Humanities. The McAndless position, housed this year in the African-American Studies Department, is a college chair that rotates among departments at EMU and is offered to a professor who can bring a new perspective, knowledge and experience to students on campus. The chair was established in 1985 and is reserved for persons with national or international reputations in various arts and humanities areas.

Cortez has tried various forms of artistic expression: she "threw paint" in the Jackson Pollack style and tried act-

### DISTINGUISHED VISITOR



**THRIVING POET:** Jayne Cortez is this year's M. Thelma McAndless Distinguished Professor in Humanities. The longtime poet is teaching a course this fall and will perform some of her work this month and in November.

#### CORTEZ'S CALENDAR

Jayne Cortez will appear with the following guest artists and groups during the next month. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 487-3460.

- A conversation with visual artist and guest sculptor Melvin Edwards of New York City, who will present a slide presentation of his work, Oct. 14, 7 p.m., Ford Gallery.
- Life as a poet with the EMU Poetry Society, Oct. 27, 3-3:50 p.m., Multicultural Center Lounge, King Hall.
- Poetry reading and conversation with Jamaican poet Linton Kwesi Johnson, Oct. 28, 7 p.m., Guild Hall.
- Poetry and music performance with "The Firespitters," Nov. 18, 7 p.m., Ballroom, McKenny Union.
- "Jazz Fan Looks Back" book signing, reading and reception, Nov. 19, 8 p.m., Shaman Drum Bookstore, 313 South State St., Ann Arbor.

ing classes. She has since emerged with her own style of poetry.

Cortez is currently teaching a poetry and performance class of 16 students on campus.

"I'm eager to hook into whatever students are doing," Cortez said. "I like interacting with students and finding out what they're thinking. I'll listen, critique

and guide them in class. As a poet, I go many places and am open to many new experiences. Poetry is very free. It has no limitations."

Throughout this month and next, Cortez has invited a series of guest artists to appear with her at various campus

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## American Humanics program helps students prepare for careers with nonprofit organizations

By Summer Wilhelm

When Nora Curiel was a wilderness intern at Yosemite National Park, she wasn't only getting future experience; she was coming one step closer to graduation.

Curiel, a senior at Eastern Michigan University, is part of the American Humanics program, a national alliance of colleges, universities, nonprofit agencies and collaborating professional organizations committed to preparing and certifying undergraduate students for careers in the nonprofit field.

The American Humanics program at EMU, which officially started in fall 2001 and is housed in the Office of Undergraduate Studies, educates and certifies students who, upon graduation, would become employed by nonprofit youth and human ser-

vice agencies such as the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity International and YMCA of the USA.



Curiel is planning for a career in environmental nonprofit and believes that an AH certificate, earned after pro-

gram completion, will be a good complement to her parks and recreation degree.

"The American Humanics

**WILD, WILD WEST:** Nora Curiel, an Eastern Michigan University senior, served as a wilderness intern at Yosemite National Park this past summer under EMU's American Humanics Program.

**The American Humanics program is a national alliance of colleges, universities, nonprofit agencies and collaborating professional organizations committed to preparing and certifying undergraduate students for careers in the nonprofit field.**

program fits in really well with my major and my future career goals," she said. "I would definitely recommend this

program to people who know they want to serve the community. It really increases your awareness of the nonprofit field and it shows that yes, nonprofit work is an actual career."

American Humanics was instituted at EMU to fulfill one of President Samuel A. Kirkpatrick's strategic goals of preparing students to meet the needs of area and regional businesses and is aimed at enhancing the undergraduate experience. Twenty-four EMU students are currently enrolled in the program.

In order to earn their certificates, students enrolled in the program must achieve 14 specific competencies through 180 hours of coursework, most which is included in the coursework

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# Cho makes light of taboo subjects

By Tom Perkins

Few comedians have mastered making light of our days' most grim taboos with the widespread approval Margaret Cho has. Eating disorders, bedroom oddities, making out with Anna Nicole Smith — little in the way of dysfunction is left untouched by her wit.

To the delight of a large gathering of the mostly young and hip Oct. 2 at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center, she made no big departure from the typical humor with which she has notoriously pleased fans and riled foes.

Though her performances often approach one step from obscenity, there is enough intelligence and awareness to save her from becoming another bathroom humorist.

"No, I don't want to play a pissed-off liquor store owner," she said, mocking the stereotypical roles available in movies for Asian-Americans like herself. "No, I don't want to ever be riding a bicycle with five of my family members on it."

Her routines are commonly aimed inward. A story of losing reign over one's bowels while driving is typically withheld from crowded auditoriums.

Describing the moments preceding such a catastrophe, Cho said, "Usually, you have twenty minutes. There's that window of opportunity where you start looking for a Barnes and Noble."

After howls of laughter, she matter-of-facts the inevitable outcome.

And she has never left herself short of fodder for such style of comedy.

Growing up in the San Francisco home of two strict Korean parents who, to this day, still don't get many of her best lines, she knew she always

wanted to do stand-up comedy.

Her first big break came when she won a contest earning her the opening slot on a Seinfeld Tour. From there, she went on several whirlwind tours of the U.S., earning spots on late-night television and eventually landing her own sitcom, "All-American Girl." The sitcom never took off, however, due to the ABC executives' reservations over Cho appearing too ethnic.

During this time, she flirted with an array of vices from which she garners much of her material.

In 1999, she embarked on a tour, "I'm the One That I Want," that was eventually made into a movie and a best-selling book. Now, on her fourth tour, "Cho Revolution," she is still maintaining the eccentric act.

One minute she's impersonating a lesbian "breeding" with a nightstand, and not long thereafter she's striking a pose as an even more frightening version of Kim Chong-il, the North Korean president. It goes like this all evening.

The act stays saleable mostly because of the delivery. Cho is gifted in her ability to create and hold animated expressions. Her face seems almost taffy-like at times. And such a talent coincides well with her spastic tempo changes and long, mirthful pauses. This is all employed to mimic her conservative parents or her favorite Thai sex-club employees.

Much to the approval of her largely left-leaning fan-base, there were timely political jokes injected into the performance.

"I'm afraid of terrorism. But I'm more afraid of the Patriot Act," Cho said to a mixture of applause and laughter.

Her uncompromising act certainly isn't making any changes. Using audience reactions as an indicator, she can stick with it.



Photo by Myah Benjamin

**SHE'S CHO FUNNY:** Comedienne Margaret Cho performs during her recent appearance at the Convocation Center.

# Provost touts teaching award for lecturers

By Ron Podell

Lecturers are dedicated teachers who often work without much recognition. Eastern Michigan University has taken a major step to bring such dedication to light.

For the second consecutive year, an EMU Full-Time Lecturers Outstanding Teaching Award, worth \$1,000, will be bestowed upon an EMU lecturer for outstanding teaching. Rick Rogers, a history and philosophy lecturer, won the inaugural award last year.

"The Division of Academic Affairs at Eastern Michigan University is committed to providing encouragement and incentive for lecturers' outstanding teaching achievement," said Paul Schollaert, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

All full-time lecturers during the academic year are eligible. An academic year consists of two semesters of instruction per calendar year, with spring and summer terms equating to one half-semester each.

EMU administrators, faculty, full-time lecturers and any three students are eligible to submit nominations to the appropriate department head. Nominations should include documentation showing a lecturer's commitment to the education of students and ability to facilitate student learning through effective teaching. Supporting data should include: the nominee's teaching philosophy statement; a brief curriculum vita and biography; letters of support from former and current students, colleagues, department heads and other appropriate individuals who have knowledge of the candidate's teaching ability; summaries of course and curricular innovations developed/used by the nominee; and student evaluations.

Nomination forms and supporting documents must be submitted to the appropriate department head by Oct. 31, 2003.

A review and selection committee will review the nominations between Nov. 14-Dec. 1. Between Dec. 1-5, the provost will notify the award recipient. A luncheon will be scheduled to recognize the winner, who will receive a \$1,000 check and a plaque commemorating the achievement.

## EMU BY THE NUMBERS

Eastern Michigan University has approximately 10,057 parking spaces on campus. These spaces are divided into four categories: parking lots, parking structures, housing parking lots and other parking areas. Here are the top four parking areas by number of spaces:

**Rynearson Lot - 982 spaces**

**Convocation Center Lot - 958**

**North Campus Lot East - 896**

**N. Campus Lot addition - 885**



SOURCE:  
Public Safety

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

**These people are celebrating service anniversaries with the University in October.**

### 30 years

Richard Paffenroth (33 years)  
purchasing

Judith Glotfelty (31 years)  
health services administration

### 20 years

Richard Byrd (25 years)  
ICT-application development

Diane Browning (20 years)  
library-general account

Patricia Cartwright (20 years)  
HDC support services-housing

John Havranek (20 years)  
HDC support services-housing

Deborah Strine (20 years)  
dining services

Rosina Tammany (20 years)  
library-general account

Karen Varney (20 years)  
career services, co-op education

### 15 years

Patricia McGeorge (15 years)  
HDC support services-housing

Heidi Mercado (15 years)  
library-general account

Thomas Thompson (15 years)  
library-client services

Jane Wright (15 years)  
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## UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN



**LOADING UP:** Jim Vick, EMU's vice president for student affairs (standing, far right), also is vice president for Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels.

Meals on Wheels' volunteers include: (standing, from left) Doris Witherspoon, Michael Tally, Mary Bester, Joe Watkins, John Snyir (EMU Dining Services), Australia Brown and Tom Francis. (kneeling, from left) Virginia Baker and Kay Hartman.

## Language professor John Hubbard dies

Former math professor also dies

John Hubbard, professor of German at Eastern Michigan University from 1970-2003, died Sept. 22. He was 64.

Born in South Bend, Ind., Hubbard received his bachelor's degree from Hope College and his master's and doctorate from Michigan State University. Before coming to EMU, he taught at Mt. Morris Junior High and Whitehall High School, and was a Fulbright Research Fellow at the University of Munich in Germany.

While at EMU, Hubbard was a professor in the foreign languages and bilingual studies department and was head of the department twice. He also developed the language and international trade program, which offers students the opportunity to take university courses in a foreign country while completing a professional business internship or co-op; and the language and world business program, which allows students to receive dual degrees in language and business.



Hubbard

"My kids thought he looked like Santa Claus," said Elisabeth Morgan, department head of foreign languages and bilingual studies. "In fact, he was a lot like Santa Claus, merry and supportive. He was always ready when asked for advice and was always ready to give encouragement."

Hubbard was a member of the American Association of Teachers of German; Delta Phi Alpha, an honorary German society; the Michigan Foreign Language Association; Michigan Federation of Students of Government; and the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

Survivors include his wife, Sally; three daughters, Carole, Michelle and Carolyn; and two brothers, Jim and Jeff.

**Robert Bartle**, former professor of mathematics at EMU from 1990-1998, died Sept. 18 at his home in Ann Arbor.

Bartle was born in Kansas City, Mo. and graduated with highest honors from Swarthmore College. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and was a post-doctoral fellow of the Atomic Energy Commission.

"He was a very dedicated and active mathematician," said Don Lick, EMU professor of mathematics. "He was well-liked and respected by all his students. We were lucky to have him."

He was the author of 10 textbooks and 65 scholarly articles and reviews, and was the executive editor of "Mathematical Reviews," the bibliographic journal in mathematics. Bartle received the Lester R. Ford Award from the Mathematics Association of America for the best expository paper, "Return to the Riemann Integral," in 1997. He was a lover of music, travel, history and a supporter of the arts.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn of Ann Arbor; two sons, James of Lawrence, Kansas, and John of Omaha, Neb., a sister, Mary Lou Bartle Hall of Fort Myers, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

## Meals on Wheels close to Vick's heart

By Ron Podell

It's not just a hot meal. It's a difference in someone's life.

For 22 years, Jim Vick has been involved with Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels, doing everything from delivering meals to the homebound elderly to currently serving as the organization's vice president.

The mission of Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels is this: "To deliver hot, nutritious meals to the homebound elderly, ill and disabled in eastern Washtenaw County."

"This service really allows some people to maintain their independence. It allows them to stay at home," said Vick, EMU's vice president for student affairs. "If you can allow that for another month, a year or five years, that's so important. Home is so familiar and so comfortable."

In 2002, the agency delivered 54,196 meals to 462 persons in the service area, which includes the city of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, Superior Township and portions of Pittsfield, Augusta and York townships, Vick said. The agency delivers hot lunches six days a week between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

"We deliver more than a meal. We often times are the only person our recipients see during the day," Vick said. "Our staff usually will sit and chat

for a while. We provide a friendly face. Our deliverers are really wonderful human beings."

Meals on Wheels is serving everyone in the area that is eligible, Vick said. The organization relies on a community network of doctors, hospitals and service agencies to make referrals of those that need the Meals on Wheels service.

Delivering the meals is a real team effort, Vick said. Dining Services staff at Dining Commons 3 in Hoyt prepares the meals. Volunteers load up the meals in insulated boxes onto mini-vans, which are used to deliver the meals. A number of the vans have been acquired, at competitive rates, from Gene Butman Ford. The physical plant receives kudos for making it a priority in the winter to clear the lots so that the Meals on Wheels vans can make their deliveries in inclement weather, Vick said.

Vick's main focus, at the moment, is to establish a \$300,000 endowment, in which the interest earned can be used to purchase a mini-van every year to continually be able to replenish Meals on Wheels' aging fleet of vehicles. Endowment pledges can result in a tax credit or a tax deduction, he said.

"Meals on Wheels is a wonderful community service that has a good reputation," Vick said. "It's a needed service."

For more information, call 487-9669 or stop by their offices at 1110 West Cross St. in Ypsilanti.

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## JOBSLINE

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Vacancy information may also be obtained by calling our 24-hour Jobs Line at 487-0016. Compensation/Employment Services office hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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PTAA0411 PT08 \$35,516-\$42,638 Workplace Education Specialist, Workforce Education/Continuing Education. Grant duration position. Computer Applications/English Instructor. Current Assignment: Dearborn Assembly.

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locations and in Ann Arbor.

Cortez has been described as a "jazz poet" because she has her own band, "The Firespitters," who occasionally accompany her poetry readings.

Recently, her film "Yari, Yari," was shown on campus to a standing-room only crowd. The 54-minute film depicted the international conference and its delegation of African-American women writers as they participated in

panels, workshops, performances, readings and book signings. The film's title means "future" in the Kuranko language of Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Since 1969, she has published 10 volumes of poetry. Her latest book is "Jazz Fan Looks Back" (Hanging Loose Press, 2002) which she will be autographing during a reception at the Shaman Drum bookstore Nov. 19.

In addition, she has appeared in films; been an artist-in-residence at New York University's Institute of African-American Affairs; and presented her work at New York's Museum of Modern Art. Her awards include the Langston Hughes Medal (2001); the Gwendolyn Brooks, Henry Blakely Award (2000); and the International African Festival Award (1998).

"I look at my work today, then tomorrow it looks different," Cortez said. "I say, 'That's pretty good, but tomorrow I'll write a new masterpiece.'"

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already required for a bachelor's degree. In addition, students must complete 300 hours of internships at local nonprofit agencies; participate in the American Humanics Students Association; and attend at least one American Humanics Management Institute.

The competency areas students master include: career development and exploration; communication skills; fundraising principles and practices; human resource development and supervision; and nonprofit marketing, program planning and risk management.

"Nonprofit services are so valuable to the population," said Deirdre Butler, a former American Humanics student who was certified in June. "I learned a lot from my internships at the Washtenaw County Red Cross and the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program. I stand firm in my decision to make a difference in the world through a career in nonprofit. I feel that the emotional and personal rewards will far outweigh the financial aspects."

For more information, call 487-4199 or 487-1612.

## Why I teach at Eastern Michigan University

After having taught at Auburn University and Louisiana State University, I began, in 1985, searching for a school that valued my academic field.

While interviewing at EMU, I felt at home and got the sense that the people in the business school and management department respected the discipline and worked together well. Those impressions have held true! Over time, I've developed friendships all across the campus.

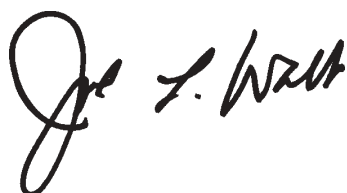
Eastern's administrators provide opportunities for innovation. For the past five years, I have been encouraged to develop on-line courses through Continuing Education. This experience has led me to test assumptions about teaching and to apply new technologies in my on-line and conventional classes.

During my years at EMU, I had a chance to develop and teach many courses, including "Corporate Social Responsibility," "Leadership," and "Business and Managerial Communication." I appreciate EMU's student-centered environment that's focused on good teaching.

As each semester progresses, I enjoy watching my students improve. They bring a variety of life experiences to our classrooms. I see potential in each of them and wonder where it will lead them. I always tell them not to forget us after graduation!

I like EMU's southeast Michigan location, enjoy visiting area antique stores, and I live in a wonderful old house in nearby Tecumseh's historic district with my wife, Jean.

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