

# Events

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

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**The Department of Mechanical, Aerospace, and Nuclear Engineering presents** Professor Tony Huang from Pennsylvania State University. His colloquium is titled "Acoustic tweezers: manipulating particles, cells, and fluids using sound waves." It will be held in DCC 330 from 10:30–11:30 am.

**The Materials Science & Engineering Seminar Series continues** with guest speaker Dr Douglas Allan, from Glass Research at Corning, Inc. His presentation is titled, "Relaxation for Fun and Profit." It will be held in the CII 3051 from 11 am–noon.

**The Department of Physics, Applied Physics and Astronomy presents** Dr. Sidney Nagel from the University of Chicago. His lecture is titled, "The Life and Death of a Drop." It will be held in DCC 324 from 4–5 pm.

**The RPI Relief team is holding** an organizational meeting for its campaign in support of the victims of the Nepal Earthquake. Participants will mobilize and choose the organization for which funds will be raised. It will be held in Academy Hall 4200 from 6–7 pm. It will run until May 13. For updated information on the campaign, check the RPI Relief Website and Facebook page.

## THURSDAY

April 30

**Congress Street (from 8th St. through 15th St.) will be closed** on Thursday, April 30, 2015 from 8 am–4 pm. A revised and temporary west shuttle will be in effect this Thursday. Polytech/Congress St. shuttle stop will be moved to the Polytech parking lot for both pick-up and drop-off. Note that this revised, temporary route will certainly impact the West Shuttle time schedule.

**Spring 2015 Student Course Evaluations open** at 12:05 am. They will be available for completion until May 13.

**UPAC Concerts and the Rensselaer Union 125th Anniversary Committee present** MS MR at the East Campus Athletic Village. Tickets are \$18. Doors open at 7 pm and the concert starts at 8 pm.

## FRIDAY

May 1

**Sigma Phi Epsilon sells** breakfast sandwiches to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters. Cost is \$2 and will be sold near the walkway from 7:30–10:30 am.

**An annual tradition continues** with GameFest. The event kicks off at 7 pm with a games–research student panel and live electronic music by the PULSE collective. The student-designed video game exhibition will begin at noon on Saturday in the Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center. James Portnow will be this year's keynote speaker. He will present on Saturday at 4 pm in the EMPAC Theater.

**The annual drag show will** be held in the Academy Hall Auditorium from 8–10 pm. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door.

**The RPI Players present** *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*. Lawrence Jameson makes his lavish living by talking rich ladies out of their money. Freddy Benson more humbly swindles women by waking their compassion with fabricated stories about his grandmother's failing health. After meeting on a train, they attempt to work together, only to find that this small French town isn't big enough for the two of them. Cost is \$5 with RPI ID. It will be held at the RPI Playhouse from 8–11 pm.

## SATURDAY

May 2

**Troy Compost seeks** volunteers. Troy Compost has been organizing a number of big composting initiatives in Troy, such as the Farmer's Market foodscraps collection, a project that diverts food waste from landfills to get composted at local farms instead. Volunteering with us is a two-hour, low-intensity gig that does good work for a community organization. Contact Guy Schaffer at schafe@rpi.edu for more information.

**Union Programs & Activities Committee Cinema presents** *Daybreakers*. Screenings are at 7 pm, 9:30 pm, and midnight in DCC 308. The cost is \$2.50.

**UPAC Concerts presents** Wild Adriatic with The North & South Dakotas as their last show of the Spring Concert Series. It will be held in Mother's Wine Emporium from 7–10 pm.

## Sunday

May 3

**Study Break at the Pub.** All ages welcome. Prices are wings for \$.50 and soda for \$1. Cash only. There will be trivia and prizes. It will run from 7–8 pm.

## MONDAY

May 4

**The Biological Seminar Series presents** graduate students Drew Peifer and Pengwei Zhang. Zhang's seminar is titled "Mechanistic Analysis of Kinesin-2 KIF3AC." It will be held in the Bruggeman Conference Center in the Center for Biotechnology and Interdisciplinary Studies from noon–1 pm.

**Guinness and wing night will** be held at the pub. Enjoy discounts on both from 4–11:30 pm.

**The Mueller Center hosts** free Sahaja Meditation Classes, open to students, staff and faculty. Spend an hour to learn a simple effective way to de-stress and revive your energy, or, if you are so inclined, get yourself 'blissed out' sitting comfortably in a chair. Learn from someone with more than 30 years practicing and teaching meditation to newcomers. Class runs from 6:15–7 pm.

## Tuesday

May 5

**Cinco de Moes!** Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with \$5 Burritos all day.

**The Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology presents** Professor Daesung Lee. His seminar is titled "New Chemistry Mediated by Ruthenium Alkylidenes beyond Metathesis." It will be held in DCC 337 from 4–5 pm.

***The Polytechnic* will be holding elections for the Fall 2015 semester in Mother's on May 9 at noon.**