

What's Happening @ UofL  
Week of Feb. 17 - 23

## NEWS

### **Engineering outreach kindles early interest in field**

Jefferson County Public Schools announced today an expansion of the Engineering is Elementary program at Wheeler Elementary School, where J.B. Speed School of Engineering faculty members have volunteered their time and expertise on projects ranging from building model bridges to designing water treatment filters. The effort is part of a push to create a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) "pipeline" from elementary school to college. For more information, call Gary Rivoli, director of Speed outreach programs, 502-905-2545.

### **Brown-Forman Cardinal Challenge showcases young entrepreneurs, new ideas**

The College of Business will host the Brown-Forman Cardinal Challenge this Friday and Saturday. The challenge showcases new business concepts developed by MBA students at 12 of North America's leading university entrepreneurship programs. The teams will compete for more than \$30,000 in prizes by presenting their new concepts to a panel of judges made up of venture capitalists, investors and entrepreneurs. For more information about the Brown-Forman Cardinal Challenge, contact Erin Denny at 502-852-8523 or [erin.denny@louisville.edu](mailto:erin.denny@louisville.edu) or visit [www.cardinalchallenge.com](http://www.cardinalchallenge.com).

## EXPERT SOURCE

### **Vaccines and autism**

Last Thursday, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims ruled that evidence presented by parents in three cases did not prove an association between certain childhood vaccines and autism. What does this mean for parents who worry about vaccinating their children?

- Gary Marshall, professor and pediatric infectious diseases specialist, 502-852-0943, [anne.eldridge@louisville.edu](mailto:anne.eldridge@louisville.edu)
- Gail Williams, professor and developmental pediatrician, 502-852-0943, [anne.eldridge@louisville.edu](mailto:anne.eldridge@louisville.edu)

### **Civil rights in Kentucky**

February is African American History Month. The co-director of UofL's Oral History Center has written the book "Civil Rights in the Gateway to the South: Louisville, Ky., 1945-1980," scheduled for spring release, and can discuss the history of the civil rights movement in Louisville and Kentucky.

- Tracy K'Meyer, history associate professor, 502-891-8887

### **Washington and the presidency**

Everyone knows who George Washington is – we're taught about him in grade school and his picture is on our dollar bill – but how does his leadership still affect the U.S. presidency today?

- Gary Gregg, director, McConnell Center, 502-852-3306 or [ggregg@louisville.edu](mailto:ggregg@louisville.edu)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 17: College of Arts and Sciences' induction of former faculty members Charles Breslin, Lois Cronholm, Burt Monroe and Paul Weber into its Hall of Honor, 6 p.m., Speed Art Museum. Reservations, 502-852-6490. <http://louisville.edu/a-s/centennial/hallofhonor/>

Feb. 19-21: Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture Since 1900, keynote speakers in 101 Strickler Hall and Ekstrom Library's Chao Auditorium. Full schedule, <http://modernlanguages.louisville.edu/conference/index.html>

Feb. 19-21: "The Vagina Monologues," 8 p.m., The Playhouse. The production is part of V-Day University of Louisville 2009, sponsored by PEACC and the Student Activities Board. Tickets are \$5 for UofL students and \$8 for the public. Call 502-852-2663 for more information.

Feb. 22: Solar System Adventures is a workshop for 4- to 6-year-olds and their parents or guardians from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Rauch Planetarium. The workshop includes hands-on activities that explore just how big the planets are, how to make a comet and an exploration of the cosmic collisions that shaped the solar system. The workshop is \$25 for each non-member, adult-child pair and \$20 for members. Price includes all materials.

Feb. 26: "After the Election," UofL NETWORK luncheon panel discussion with UofL professors Clarence Talley, sociology, and David Owen, philosophy, noon, University Club. Meal is \$10; reservations required by Feb. 23 with Linda L. Wilson, 502-852-0274 or [llwils01@louisville.edu](mailto:llwils01@louisville.edu)

Feb. 26: Kentucky Author Forum. Elizabeth Gilbert, author of "Eat, Pray, Love" and the soon to be released "Stern Men," will be interviewed at the Kentucky Center. Talk begins at 6 p.m. and audience question and answer session begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$17; dinner with the author is \$100. For more information, visit [www.kentuckycenter.com](http://www.kentuckycenter.com).