Dr. Douglas Gransberg, Sam K. Viersen, Jr. Presidential Professor of Construction Science, was awarded the Fulton Hogan Visiting Research Fellowship to conduct highway pavement research at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand. He and Dr. Susan Tighe, University of Waterloo in Ontario Canada, also won Erskine Visiting Lecturer fellowships to teach at the University of Canterbury during the spring, 2009 semester.

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Prof. Rajesh Nair, Younane Abousleiman, and Musharraf Zaman received the IJOG Excellent Paper Award from the International Association for Computer Methods and Advances in Geomechanics (IACMAG) for their paper “Modeling Fully Coupled Oil-Gas Flow in a Dual-Porosity Medium.” The award was presented at the recent IACMAG conference in Goa, India.

Dr. Dr. Jozef C. Raadschelders, Henry Bellmon Chair of Public Service in the Department of Political Science, delivered invited lectures and keynotes on public administration in China and the Republic of Korea.

Prof. Brad Abbott, Department of Physics and Astronomy, was part of a team of researchers that discovered two new subatomic particles using the Tevatron accelerator at Fermilab near Chicago. The new particles are combinations of quarks, which make up the proton, and provide information about new particles yet to be discovered.

In May and June, 2010, Professor Howard Baer, Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, will co-lead an 8-week workshop on Dark Matter in the Universe and Its Detection at the Italian Galileo Galilei Institute for Theoretical Physics in Florence, Italy.

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Profs. Lance Lobban, Daniel Resasco and Richard Mallinson, School of Chemical, Biological and Materials Engineering, and Profs. Ramkumar Parthasarathy and Sub Gollahalli, School of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering, received $738,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy to develop hydrocarbon fuels from biomass. The fuels are designed to be compatible with the existing fuel infrastructure.

Jeanne H. Smith Prof. of Film & Video Studies, Andrew Horton, received a contract from the University of Texas Press to publish his book titled, Nothing in Moderation: Ernie Kovacs and Early American Television Comedy.
People

✓ Presidential Prof. Jizhong Zhou, Department of Botany and Microbiology and Director of the Institute for Environmental Genomics, was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

✓ Prof. Yiqi Luo, Department of Botany and Microbiology, was appointed an editor for *Global Change Biology*, a premier journal in environmental science and ecology that promotes biology in global change research. He also is an editor for *Ecological Applications*, *Journal of Plant Ecology*, and *Journal of Integrative Plant Biology*, and serves on the advisory board for *New Phytologist*.

Scholarship

✓ A new book by Prof. Chad Johnson, Human Relations at OU-Tulsa, provides an in-depth exploration into how 12 highly experienced therapists successfully treat religious and spiritual concerns in their practices.

✓ Prof. of Music Theory, Sarah Reichardt, recently published the book *Composing the Modern Subject: Four String Quartets by Dmitri Shostakovich*. It explores the musical ambiguities of the composer's middle quartets, proposing that Shostakovich's musical language poignantly articulates the fractured state of modern subjectivity.

People

✓ Prof. of Physics and Astronomy, William Romanishin, received the distinguished honor of having an asteroid, or minor planet, named after him. The International Astronomical Union (IAU) christened his namesake "(20361) Romanishin," which orbits the Sun every 4.3 years between Mars and Jupiter in the main asteroid belt. The IAU is the official world-wide body that names astronomical bodies and features on other planets, such as craters and mountains.

Funding

✓ Prof. Lori Jervis, Center for Applied Social Research and Department of Anthropology, received $269,152 from the National Institute of Aging to continue her developmental work on abuse and neglect among older American Indians. The project is a continuation of a community-based participatory research project to develop and pilot a culturally relevant elder mistreatment survey in Native communities.