February 4, 2022



#### **Mrug awarded Ireland Prize for Scholarly Distinction**

Sylvie Mrug, Ph.D., University Professor in the Department of Psychology, has been honored for her notable achievements in the field and contributions to the elevation of the arts and sciences on campus and in the Birmingham community.



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Pledge your support to the Blazer family, Birmingham community with a gift to the

**Benevolent Fund** Help the Benevolent Fund support the Blazer Kitchen, the Employee Emergency Assistance Program and community partners during their spring 2022 campaign. Visit go.uab.edu/BFSpring22 to learn more.



Fifth Avenue road construction begins today

Beginning this morning, traffic on Fifth Avenue South from Eighth to 18th streets south and 18th Street South from Fifth Avenue South to First Avenue North will be reduced through March for contruction on the Birmingham Xpress Bus Rapid Transit.

One lane will remain open at all times.

→ UAB Transportation has communicated to employees who park in Express Lot 4 and is addressing affected Blazer Express routes. Employees who park regularly along Fifth Avenue South can park in Express Lot 4 for the project's duration. Read more online.

Student events are back on — review the guidelines

Check UAB United for registration, capacity, masking, signage, health screenings, food and beverage policies and other safety requirements for on- and off-campus university events, plus other COVID updates and info.



#### Do you want to paint the next campus mural?

UAB needs an artist to paint a large, original mural showcasing the rich diversity of the campus community. Qualified muralists can submit their concept for consideration using this form by Feb. 15; the mural space is an outdoor cement parking garage wall



Nominate a Blazer for the **Student Excellence Awards** 

The awards honor students, student organizations and faculty and staff for outstanding contributions to leadership and service in campus life. Students and employees can submit nominations through Feb. 13 for one or more of the 14 available awards. Find more info online.

#### **Faculty Senate to meet Tuesday**

The UAB Faculty Senate will meet 7:30-9 a.m. Feb. 8 via Zoom, and all faculty may attend. The agenda includes an update from President Ray Watts; a services overview from Ralph Zottola, assistant vice president for Research Computing; and updates on international student arrival and support, Alabama House Bills 8 and 11, senate election nominations, IDEA surveys and childcare. Find a full agenda online.

→ Want to serve on the Faculty Senate? Nominate yourself and/or colleagues for positions as school senator, chair-elect or associate chair. Submit nominations online through Feb. 28.

#### More news online

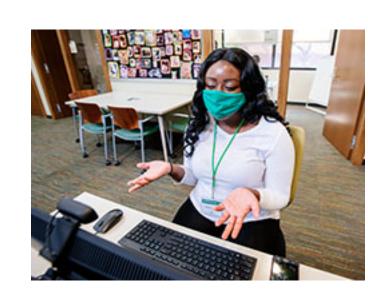
Get campus news at uab.edu/reporter and COVID-19 updates at uab.edu/uabunited. If you have news you want to share with UAB faculty and staff, use the Request Publicity form online.

#### Research & learning



**Darwin Day lecture to examine** weapons in the animal world

Evolutionary biologist Doug Emlen, Ph.D., Montana Regents Professor of Biology, University of Montana, will discuss the science behind animals' extreme weapons — like teeth, horns and claws — and what they can tell us about how humans develop and use weapons noon Feb. 7 on Zoom.



Learn about online tools in these virtual workshops

Attend these 2 p.m. eLearning seminars to get the 411 on these online tools at UAB.

- Turnitin Feb. 8 • ProctorU Feb. 9
- Respondus Lockdown Browser and Monitor Feb. 10

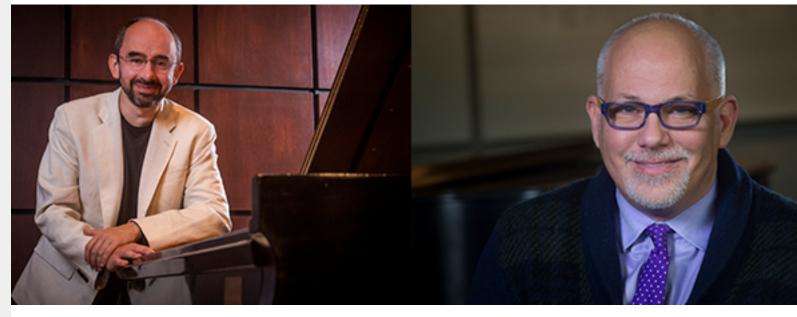
# Get funding to research the mechanics of aging

The UAB Nathan Shock Center accepts monthly requests for exploratory funds of up to \$10,000 for new small projects focused on the mechanistic hallmarks and/or energetics of aging; find details online and submit documentation to nscgrants@uab.edu.

# How can you mitigate health inequity in translational research?

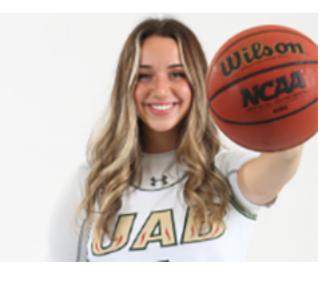
During the Center for Clinical and Translational Science Bioethics Forum, participants can explore ways to combat or reduce health inequity issues in translational research 11 a.m. Feb. 18 on Zoom. Learn more online.

# Mark your calendars



# See two Music faculty perform in recital Feb. 6

Patrick Evans, DM, chair of the Department of Music, and Yakov Kasman, DMA, distinguished professor of music, will perform the songs of Ned Rorem and Stephen Sondheim 5 p.m. Feb. 6 in Hulsey Recital Hall. Admission is free.



Watch UAB Women's Basketball vs. North Texas

Women's Basketball returns to Bartow Arena to take on North Texas 2 p.m. Feb. 7. Masks are required in Bartow.

# How can we quantify aging and rejuvenation?

Vadim Gladyshev, Ph.D., professor of medicine and director, Center for Redox Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, will deliver a lecture sponsored by the Nathan Shock Center of Excellence in the Basic Biology of Aging noon Feb. 9 on Zoom; Steven Austad, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor and chair in the Department of Biology, and Thomas Buford, Ph.D., professor in the Division of Gerontology, Geriatrics and Palliative Care, will co-host the discussion.

# Learn how talking could save a life

Join Marissa Grayson, Ph.D., from the Alabama chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, to discover suicide-prevention tools during "Suicide Prevention: Talk Saves Lives" noon Feb. 17 on Zoom. The presentation is hosted by Project ECHO Depression, a partnership between the Department of Family and Community Medicine, the Department of Psychiatry and the Depression and Suicide Prevention Center.

# One more thing

Lectures



# Remembering Coach Hilyer, UAB Football's first coach

Hilyer also was an assistant professor in the School of Medicine and an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Health Education and Physical Education, and served as a special assistant to UAB Football Coach Bill Clark during #TheReturn 2016-2019. Share your memories about Hilyer online.

Arts

**Athletics** 

**UAB Home** 

Jim Hilyer, M.D., UAB's first football coach, died Jan. 27. He coached UAB to an overall record of 28-12-1, good for a winning percentage of .695 — the highest in school history.

Check the campus calendar for more events

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