

# Sooner Shorts



**Stay in your PJs**, pour your favorite cup of coffee and start your morning with a mini-art lecture featuring work from the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art. Once a month, the Fred Jones will host virtual discussions around a favorite work from the permanent collection presented by a curator, OU faculty member, or other art professional. At 9:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 24, writer, artist and Director Emeritus of OU's School of Visual Arts Andrew Phelan will discuss Emilio Amero's "The Game." To register or to look at other museum events, visit <https://www.ou.edu/fjima/Events>.

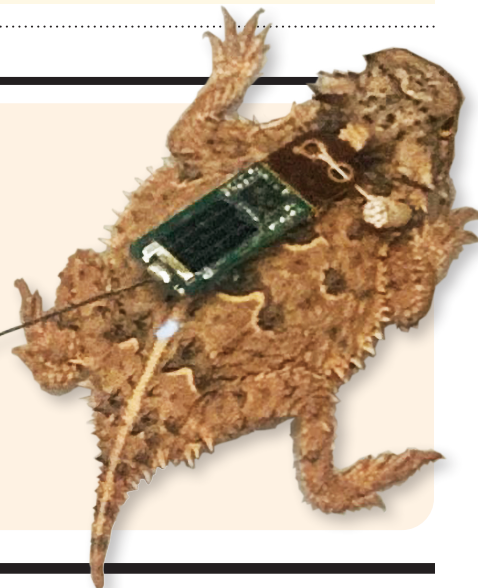


## OU PROFESSOR WINS DOCUMENTARY FILM AWARD

A documentary by Zoe Sherinian, professor and chair of ethnomusicology in the OU School of Music, earned the Best Oklahoma Feature Award at the 21st annual deadCenter Film Festival in June. Sherinian's film, *Sakthi Vibrations*, explores the success of the Sakthi Folk Cultural Centre for Dalit in Tamil Nadu, India. The center uses Tamil folk arts like dance and drums to re-humanize and develop self-esteem in young women who are considered outcasts or untouchables by their community, while teaching leadership and economic skills for a better life.

## Lizards with antennas roaming Oklahoma

No, they're not trying to get rid of their cable subscriptions, these Texas horned lizards have been outfitted by an OU research team, led by Sam Eliades, to help understand the dramatic decline in the horned lizard population. The lizards were hatched at the Oklahoma City Zoo from eggs found at Tinker Air Force Base and were reared over the winter before being returned to their natural habitat. The small reptile that resembles a miniature ankylosaurus was once a frequent summer night visitor to backyard patios but has been shrinking in numbers since the 1960s.



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## REGENTS NAME NEW LAW DEAN

**Award-winning educator** and devoted mentor Kathleen Guzman recently was named the 13th dean of the College of Law by the OU Board of Regents. The OU professor and former interim law dean succeeds Joe Harroz Jr., who became the University’s interim president in 2019 and president in May 2020. “Her enthusiasm for our students, passion for the pursuit of scholarly excellence and widespread admiration among her peers make her an outstanding choice to lead the College of Law,” says Harroz.



## FESTIVAL OF THE FIVE MOONS

**The OU School of Dance** is honoring the five renowned Native American ballerinas from Oklahoma with the inaugural Five Moons Dance Festival Aug. 27 to 29 on OU’s Norman campus. The five ballerinas—Maria Tallchief, Marjorie Tallchief, Rosella Hightower, Moscelyne Larkin and Yvonne Chouteau—created distinguished careers in the dance world during the 20th century. The first festival highlights the remarkable accomplishments and legacies of sisters Maria and Marjorie Tallchief, culminating in a dance performance at 3 p.m. Aug. 29. For more information, visit [ou.dance.edu](http://ou.dance.edu).

## OU’S OLYMPICS COACH

**The 2021 Olympics** in Tokyo marked the sixth time OU’s men’s gymnastics coach Mark Williams has been an integral part of the international games. Williams, who has coached at OU since 2000, served as an assistant coach at the 1996 Olympics and as a personal coach in 2004, 2008 and 2012. In 2016, he coached Team U.S.A. to a bronze medal at the games in Rio de Janeiro. Yul Moldauer, a 2019 OU grad, is the seventh Sooner gymnast Williams has coached from OU to the Olympics. Others include alternate Allan Bower, 2021; Guard Young, 2004; Jonathan Horton, 2008 and 2012; Jake Dalton, 2012 and 2016; and Chris Brooks, 2016.

