I am pleased to present the 2008 edition of the Annual Report for the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of South Alabama. This report documents the many accomplishments of our faculty and students in 2008, which was another very strong year for the College.

Some highlights:

Enrollment in the College remains very strong, with over 4000 students registered for classes in fall semester. The number of students studying abroad continued to increase, and the number participating in undergraduate research programs also grew. Many Arts and Sciences students reached significant academic achievements. Of the 13 students graduating in Chemistry, 7 have chosen to enter Ph.D. programs with assistantship support. 8 Chemistry students presented academic papers at the annual meeting of the American Chemistry Society, and 12 chemistry articles with student co-authors were published in peer reviewed journals. Philosophy set a record by graduating 15 majors. The Jazz Combo from the Department of Music, made up of three students, Stephen Roberts, Brad Turner and Adam McGee, and one faculty member, Tracy Heavner, performed at the Montreaux Jazz Festival in Montreux Switzerland.

Several new academic programs were initiated during this past year. The Department of Psychology, in partnership with the Counseling program in the College of Education, received approval from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education to start a new PhD program in Clinical and Counseling Psychology. This program will admit its first class of doctoral students in the fall of 2009. Psychology also started an undergraduate certification program in Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA). Trained Applied Behavioral Analysts are in high demand to teach children and adults who have autism. The ABA program is an important component of the new multi-disciplinary Center for Autism, recently established at USA.

The Department of Visual Arts received approval to start a new undergraduate concentration in studio glass. The Department is currently busily planning construction of a new building that will house a state of the art glass blowing facility. This program will be the first of its kind of Alabama, and will be the only program located at a state funded college or university in the southeastern U.S. The Department of Music has started a new marching band program that will give the half time performance at the first USA football game in the 2009 fall semester. Ward Miller was hired as the first marching band director at USA, and he is currently actively recruiting band members. The Steven and Angelia Stokes Center for Creative Writing was established. This Center was made possible by a generous gift from Dr. and Mrs. Stokes.

The College added 32 new talented faculty members to start the new academic year, and many A&S faculty members received honors. Steve Picou (Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work) received the William Foote Whyte Distinguished Career Award from the section on Sociological Practice from the American Sociological Association. This award is given to one sociologist per year from around the world who has made a lasting contribution by applying sociological knowledge to the amelioration of important social problems. Much of Dr. Picou’s research has studied the effects of disasters on human communities, and he has been instrumental in developing new interventions to reduce their harmful effects. Dr. Picou also will receive the O.R. McGlothren Award for Distinguished Scholarship from the USA Alumni Association and he was selected to give the Dean’s Lecture this fall to the
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faculty and supporters of the College of Arts Sciences. Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling (Psychology) was chosen to receive the McGlothren Award in 2007, and she also gave the Dean’s Lecture in that year. Tracy Heavner (Music) was chosen Phi Kappa Phi Artist of the Year. Sue Walker (English) was reappointed as Poet Laureate for the State of Alabama. She also was named the first Steven and Angelia Stokes Distinguished Professor of Creative Writing at USA. Three Drama faculty members, Rebecca Britton, Lyle Miller and Leon Van Dyke received commendations from the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival for USA main stage productions.

A&S professors had another productive year in scholarship, research and creative activity. The following faculty members published books in the past year:


Gaillard, Frye. Prophet from Plains: Jimmy Carter and His Legacy, University of Georgia Press.

With Music and Justice for All, Vanderbilt University Press.

In the Path of the Storms: Bayou La Batre, Coden and the Alabama Coast, Pebble Hill, an imprint of the University of Alabama Press.


Revenant, (paperback original), MIRA, Toronto, Canada


Faculty participation in sponsored research was also high, with competitive awards totaling about $3.5 million 2007-8. Ten A&S faculty members received grants from the prestigious National Science Foundation, with awards totaling $585,000. Papers presented at the History Department’s 2007 Mahan Symposium entitled “Through the Eyes of Katrina: The Past as Prologue?” were published as a special issue of the *Journal of American History*. Ben Shamback (Visual Arts) exhibited paintings this past year at 14 national shows, and Jason Guynes (Chair of Visual Arts) painted a beautiful mural that was commissioned by the Wave Transit system located in the historic GM&O building in downtown Mobile.

College faculty donated nearly 10,000 hours of community service and outreach to such programs as the Center for the Living Arts, Science Olympiad, Mobile County Public Schools, United Way, SPCA, Habitat for Humanity, Mobile Police Department, Mobile Regional Science and Engineering Fair, and the Alabama Historical Society.

The College continued to receive generous support from alumni and other members of the community. The Dean’s Leadership Council had two outstanding meetings, and the College exceeded its fundraising goal for the USA Leadership campaign by more than two million dollars.

These are just some of the accomplishments listed in this annual report. As you can see, 2008 was a great year for the College of Arts and Sciences. I congratulate our students, faculty, and staff on a job done well, and express sincere gratitude to our supporters.
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In achieving these educational goals, the College of Arts and Sciences will:

- offer a full range of subjects in the humanities, fine arts, social sciences, mathematics, and the natural sciences,
- encourage breadth of learning and training in the fundamentals of scholarship,
- create and apply knowledge in the arts and sciences through dedicated research, teaching, scholarship, and creative works,
- foster educational exchange within the University, the Mobile community, and society as a whole,
- maintain a community of teachers and scholars devoted to the preservation and discovery of knowledge and its transmission to students and to the public,
- promote an intellectual climate that encourages lifelong learning and open and free inquiry,
- encourage and support the application of knowledge in service to the University, the Mobile metropolitan area, and the wider society,
- promote diversity, tolerance, and mutual understanding among all members of the University community and society as a whole,
- emphasize the regional uniqueness of southwest Alabama, including its cultural heritage, its natural environment, and its strategic location as a port city on the Gulf of Mexico,
- prepare students to participate in the larger world beyond the region by giving them an awareness of the complexity of global issues and contexts, and
- prepare students for meaningful and productive careers and contribute to the development of an educated work force responsive to the needs of the region.
A Vision for the College

The College of Arts and Sciences is the intellectual foundation of the academic enterprise at the University of South Alabama. With more than 350 full and part time faculty, and 3500 undergraduate majors, and over 200 graduate students make it by far the largest academic unit within the university. More importantly, through the liberal arts general education curriculum, the College plays an integral role in the education of every undergraduate student at the institution.

Research and scholarship are essential to the teaching mission of the College. As the University has evolved since its origin in 1964 to its present status as a doctoral research intensive university, its mission has expanded to include an emphasis not only on teaching and service, but on research as well. The faculty have responded to the challenge to engage in research, and as the University has grown and new faculty have joined its ranks, research has become increasingly important in defining the University of South Alabama and in distinguishing it from other colleges and universities in the Gulf Coast region and the state of Alabama.

The College of Arts and Sciences has played an integral role in sustaining the new direction for the University. Faculty members in Arts and Sciences have demonstrated increasing success in their research and scholarly pursuits. The faculty in Arts and Sciences is second only to the Medical School in the level of extramural funding received, but that is only one measure of the scholarship that has become an expected part of every faculty member’s professional responsibility. Much of the research, scholarship and creative work of the faculty receive little or no extramural funding, yet it contributes significantly to the intellectual climate and to the growing reputation of the University of South Alabama as a leading research institution in the Southeastern United States.

The vision for the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of South Alabama, which is shared by students, faculty and administrators alike, is one of continued excellence and expansion in the integration of research and scholarship with the teaching and service missions of the College and the University, and in the application of research to classroom instruction and to the solution of problems and the improvement of the quality of life in our community.
A Brief Overview of the College

The College of Arts and Sciences is made up of 19 academic departments and five interdisciplinary programs offering 24 academic majors, 33 minors, and one certificate program. Nine of the departments in the College offer graduate programs leading to the Master of Arts or Master of Science degree, and one program, Marine Sciences, offers the Ph.D. degree. The College also houses five academic centers: USA Polling Group, Center for Public Policy, Center for Archaeological Research, Coastal Weather Research Center, and the Psychology Teaching Clinic.

In the academic year, 2007-2008, the College of Arts and Sciences employed 225 full time faculty. The College relied on 135 members of the greater Mobile community who were employed as part-time adjunct faculty. The breakdown of the 225 faculty is as follows: 144 males and 81 females. Minority faculty comprises 12.9% of the full time faculty.

The College of Arts and Sciences is the largest college of the University of South Alabama. In the fall of 2007, 3,720 undergraduate and 241 graduate students were enrolled in majors in Arts and Sciences. More indicative of the prominence of the College is the fact that in the fall of 2007 and spring of 2008 semesters, Arts and Sciences accounted for 50.3% of the total of all credit hours in the University.

In the academic year, 2007-2008, the College graduated 475 bachelor's degree recipients, 44 with master's degrees, and 5 students earned the Ph.D.
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Members 2005-2007

Dr. Linda Busby-Parker earned her B.A. from the University of South Alabama (English and Creative Writing), her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan (Journalism and Mass Communication), and her M.F.A. from Spalding University (Creative Writing). She is the author of two college level textbooks, numerous research articles, and her first novel, Seven Laurels, was published in 2004. Seven Laurels won the James Jones Award for a first novel and the Langum Prize for Historical Fiction. She served on the faculties of Eastern Michigan University, Iowa State University, and the University of South Alabama. She has most recently taught fiction writing as a visiting professor at Spalding University and has taught in a continuing education program at Middle Tennessee State University. In 2004, she was a Tennessee Williams Scholar in Fiction at the Sewanee University summer writing program. As chair of the Arts & Sciences Council, she looks forward to bridging the space between the university community and the civic community and to serving the best interests of the college.

James Patterson Caldwell is a marketing consultant and principal consultant for James Caldwell Consulting of St. Louis, MO. Mr. Caldwell previously served as Vice President for the Boeing Company and is a Viet Nam Veteran of the US Marine Corps. Mr. Caldwell serves as Chairman of the Board of Advisors for the James and Ivel Caldwell Scholarship in International Studies at USA. He holds Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees from the University of Alabama.

Dr. Jean P. McIver recently retired after serving as Professor of English and Director of African American Studies at USA. Dr. McIver is a member of the Board of Directors of Museum of Mobile, the College Language Association, the Toni Morrison Society, and Delta Sigma Theta, a public service sorority. Dr. McIver is awaiting publication of a book chapter profiling Judge Herman Thomas. She holds the Ph.D. in English from the University of Alabama, an M.A. in English from Atlanta University, and the A.B. from Miles College. Dr. McIver is Professor Emeritus of English.

Ms. Celia Mann Baehr is a certified financial planner with her own business and is Chair of the Board of Directors of the Mobile Symphony, a lifetime member of the USA Alumni Association, and a Member of the Mobile Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. She is President of the Board of Directors, Gulf States chapter of the Financial Planning Association. Ms. Baehr earned her B.S. degree in geology from the University of Alabama and has the MBA from USA.

Ms. Judsen Culbreth has more than thirty years of experience in magazine and television journalism, serving as editor-in-chief of Working Mother, executive editor of Redbook, and the first work/family contributing editor on the Today
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show. Ms Culbreth currently serves as executive editor of Mobile Bay Monthly. Her first book, “The Boomer’s Guide to Online Dating” was recently released by Rodale Publishers. She is a history graduate of the University of South Alabama.

Ms. Carlos Fendley Parkman received her B.A. degree from Converse College in 1965. Over the past thirty years, she has been active in organizing and conducting fund raising campaigns for projects and buildings that have benefited social services and the cultural community in Mobile, Alabama. She coordinated and directed the capital campaign for Child Day Care Association, a United Way Agency, which raised 1.5 million dollars to build a center for the children of low income families and developed annual fund programs for the Mobile Symphony and Mobile Public Library. Carlos is currently serving as president and chief executive officer of the Centre for the Living Arts, a non-profit corporation that operates performing and visual arts centers in downtown Mobile. She is married to Harold D. Parkman, a practicing lawyer.

Mr. Michael McGlothren is a trial lawyer in private practice in Fairhope, Alabama, with the firm of McGlothren & Caldwell, P.C. A magna cum laude graduate of USA with a degree in Philosophy, Mr. McGlothren is a cum laude graduate also of the Cumberland School of Law at Sanford University. Mr. McGlothren has endowed multiple scholarships for philosophy majors and pre-law students at USA in honor of his parents, brother and sister.

Dr. Susan Youngblood serves as Faculty Liaison to the Dean’s Leadership Council. She is Assistant Professor of Philosophy and has built the scholarship endowment in philosophy and art and is currently working to enhance premed scholarships for the College of Arts and Sciences. She has presented at national and international conferences in philosophy. Her community service includes a successful fundraising effort for the Playhouse in the Park. Dr. Youngblood holds the Ph.D. from Tulane, and Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees from the University of Alabama.

Mr. Nick Stratas is a graduate in Journalism from the University of Southern Mississippi. He worked his way through college in the amusement business and upon graduation moved to Mobile and grew the amusement business to the largest in the state. Mr. Stratas and others worked through AHEPA, a Greek American Civic Organization to build and manage AHEPA retirement units throughout Mobile. He has served as President of the National Housing Board of AHEPA and he and his wife Pipsa chair the Greek Fest in Mobile for the last several years. Through Paideia, the Panhellenic organization, Mr. Stratas has contributed to the Paideia Scholarship for Greek study abroad and Classic Studies at the University of South Alabama.

Members 2007-2009

Ms. Angelia Stokes holds the Bachelor's Degree in Management with a Minor in Economics from USA. She is a certified grant writer from Troy University and has volunteered at PTO President of Dothan High School, the Educational Foundation for the Future of Dothan City Schools on both the Allocation Committee and has served as secretary. She is a docent at Wiregrass Art Museum and a member of Covenant United Methodist Church in Dothan. Ms. Stokes and her husband Dr. Steven H. Stokes have funded creative writing scholarships in the English Department at the University of South Alabama.

Mr. Danny K. Patterson is the Senior Location Executive for IBM’s Mobile and Pensacola locations and is a native of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He has a BA degree in Economics from Carleton College. He has been with IBM for 26 years and was recognized with the IBM Chairman’s Award for his leadership with the Mercedes-Benz first US based assembly plant in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He established the Lighthouse Community Development Corporation in 2002 to assist the underserved residents of Southwest Mobile County and has served as Chairman of this non profit organization. He is active with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, the Women’s Business Center, United Way, Leadership Mobile, and Mobile Rotary.
Mr. Stillman Knight is Executive Vice President for the NHP Foundation in Washington, DC. He is the former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs in the Office of Housing/Federal Housing Administration (FHA) at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Stillman has been recognized as Builder Developer of the Year by the National Home Builders’ Council and founded the Knight Companies in 1991. He was recognized nationally with the Robert Corletta Award for Achievement in Affordable Housing and the Pillars of the Industry Award among others. Stillman is an alum from USA’s Political Science Department and the University of Alabama School of Law. He is a native of Mobile and he and his wife Dr. Mary A. Knight currently reside in Alexandria, VA.

Mr. Al Stokes is City Government’s resident academician, Al (as he is commonly referred to), has been visiting scholar, guest lecturer, instructor, assistant professor at University of Illinois, University of South Alabama and Xavier University in L.A. Twelve years ago, this native Mobilian descended from the Ivory Tower to become the executive assistant to the Mayor of New Orleans where he was known as “the glue” that kept the administration and council together, on key issues. After receiving an associate degree at Mobile’s Bishop State Community College, Al earned a B.S. from a Dallas College and a Master’s in Public Administration from the University of Illinois where he was a doctoral candidate. As Mayor Jones’ “Chief of Staff”, Al is in charge of “anything the Mayor says he’s in charge of”. The executive directors report to him and he is responsible for inter-as well as intra-governmental relations.

Dr. Richard Rogers worked in design and synthesis for the Dow Chemical Company for 31 years including roles as Global Director and Development Manager. He has been actively involved in mentoring young scientists and achieved the rank of Fellow which is the highest scientific level in Dow AgroSciences and his research resulted in the publication of several patents. Dr. Rogers brought his enthusiasm and energy to the University of South Alabama Chemistry Department first in 2001 and has been a popular professor since then. Dr. Rogers holds the Ph.D. from the University of Alabama, the Master’s from University of Wisconsin and a Bachelor’s Degree from Tulane. He did post doctoral work at Indiana University. He and his wife reside in Mobile in a restored 150 year old home.

Mr. Christopher Lee is presently the Director of the J. L. Bedsole Foundation. He was born in Los Angeles, California, received an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from George Washington University. In 1974 he was commissioned in the Navy and completed Navy Flight Training. Chris had a 22 year career with the Navy and Coast Guard where he flew both rotary wing and fixed wing aircraft and he also served as Director of Aviation Plans and Programs in Washington DC. Following retirement from the Coast Guard in 1994, Chris served in the Dow administration as Executive Director of Administrative Services for the City of Mobile for over 11 years. During this time he was also on the adjunct faculty for the University of South Alabama in the Department of Criminal Justice and Public Administration. Chris holds a Masters in Management and Human Relations from Webster University and a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University. Chris’s hobbies include cycling, sailing, reading and gardening. He is married to Sandra and he has two step daughters and four grandchildren, all living here in Mobile.

Ms. Patsy Busby Dow is a former Assistant US Attorney and Former Assistant District Attorney. She is the co author of “Winning the Day Trading Game” published in 2005 by John Wiley and Sons, and the co author of the upcoming “The Markets Never Sleep” to be published by John Wiley and Sons in February 2007. Patsy is active as a staff writer and in Volunteers of America. She holds three degrees from the University of South Alabama: a B.A. in History, an M.A. in History, and a M.Ed. Early Childhood. She graduated with honors from Tulane School of Law and enjoys traveling and real estate. She has been married for 36 years to Mike Dow.

Mr. Scott Speck is the Director of the Mobile Symphony. With recent performances in London, Paris, Moscow, Beijing, San Francisco and Washington, Scott Speck has inspired international acclaim as a conductor of passion,
intelligence and winning personality. He has led numerous performances with the symphony orchestras of Baltimore, Houston, Paris, Moscow, Shanghai, Beijing, Buffalo, Columbus (OH), Honolulu, Louisville, New Orleans, Oregon, Rochester, Florida, and Virginia, among many others. Previously he held positions as Conductor of the San Francisco Ballet (1998 to 2002); Music Advisor and Conductor of the Honolulu Symphony; and Associate Conductor of the Los Angeles Opera. During a recent tour of Asia he was named Principal Guest Conductor of the China Film Philharmonic in Beijing. In addition, Scott Speck is the co-author of two of the world’s best-selling books on classical music for a popular audience, Classical Music for Dummies and Opera for Dummies. His third book in the series, Ballet for Dummies, was released in September 2003. Born in Boston, Scott Speck graduated summa cum laude from Yale University. He received his Master’s Degree with highest honors from the University of Southern California, served as a Conducting Fellow at the Aspen School of Music, and studied at the Tanglewood Music Center.
## New Faculty

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Vanessa Murphree Communication Associate Professor
Daniel Rogers History Professor
Martin Rohling Psychology Professor
Lisa Turner Psychology Professor
John Valentine Marine Sciences Professor

Tenured
Faculty Member Department
Donald DeVore History
Ellen Harrington English
Cristopher Hollingsworth English
Vanessa Murphree Communication
Harrison Miller History

Emeritus
Faculty Member Department
Heide Lomangino Foreign Languages & Literatures
Glenn Sebastian Earth Sciences
Robert Fornaro Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work

Retired
Faculty Member Department
Calvin Jones Foreign Languages & Literatures
Steve Thomas Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work
John Papastafan Music

2008 Sabbaticals
Faculty Member Department
Robert Holm Music
Jennifer Langhinrichsen – Rohling Psychology
Benjamin Shambach Visual Arts
Madhuri Mulekar Mathematics & Statistics
Michael Monheit History
Brian Axsmith Biology

Faculty Leaving the University
Faculty Member Department
Sara Frear History
Philip Hadlock Foreign Languages & Literatures
Michael Horton Philosophy
Kyeong-Won Youn Visual Arts
John Kline Psychology
Moira Miller English
Joe Pendleton Music
Faculty Announcements & Awards
announcements & awards continued

Resignations
Faculty Member Department
Abhijit Champanerkar Mathematics & Statistics
Jyoti Champanerkar Mathematics & Statistics
Claire Evangelista Visual Arts
Alan Glenn Gardner Music
Kyung-Hoon Lee Chemistry
Wenfei Winnie Wang Earth Sciences
Timothy Rice Biology

2008 Arts and Sciences Support & Development Awards
Faculty Member Department
Robert Barletta Chemistry
Joshua Barnard Mathematics & Statistics
Andra Bohnet Music
Joerg Feldvoss, Cornelius Pillen &
Yorck Sommerhaeuser Mathematics & Statistics
Romulus Godang Physics
Robert Holm Music
Matthew Johnson Visual Arts
Kyung-Hoon Lee Chemistry
Mark Moberg Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work
David Nelson Biology

2008 Merit Awards
Faculty Member Department Award
Isabel Brown Foreign Languages Excellence in Teaching
Eric Loomis Philosophy Excellence in Teaching
Stephen Morris Political Science & Criminal Justice Excellence in Teaching
Keith Blackwell Earth Sciences Excellence in Teaching
Steven Picou Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work Dean's Lecture
Bin Wang Mathematics & Statistics Junior Scholar
Aaron (Bill) Williams Earth Sciences Outstanding Service Award
2008 Technology Infrastructure Enhancement Awards

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Student Scholarships

Arts & Sciences Scholarships
Earl P. Andrews Scholarship
Sharon Beech
Frederick Palmer Whiddon Scholarships
Hirotafa Ata
Mary Davidson
Jason Shepard
Bruce & Patricia McCrory Scholarship
Meghan Mee
Albert Schweitzer Memorial Scholarship
Kimberly Proctor
James A. Yance Endowed Scholarship for Pre-Law
Charles E. Clark Jr.
Dr. Michael Meshad Scholarship
Hirotafa Ata

Chemistry Scholarships
2005-2006 Original Award (continued in 2007-2008)
Anna Blice-Baum
Seth Jarrell
Camden Henderson
Susanna Pischek
2007-2008 New Awards
Jason Clements
Wes Edmunds
Paul Vogel
Samantha Reilly
2007 Williams-Phillips –Van Hook Endowed Scholarship
Phillip Ogden

Communication
USA/Press-Register High School Journalism Contest Scholarships
David Thrift
Billy Goodman
Brandon Flynn

Dramatic Arts Scholarships
Gerrells – Jackson Scholarship
Carly York
Lauren Broussard
Danny Conway

Laidlaw Performing Scholarships
Amy Robertson
Marianne McConnell
Harolyn Fleming
Freshmen Awards
Lauren Ashley
Bryce Davidson
Aaron Dent
DeMarcus McMillan
Alexandra Messer
Ravyn Otis

Earth Sciences Scholarships
Geography awards
Eugene Wilson Award in Geography
Sean Huber
Geography Atlas Awards
Amanda Botts
Daphne Foster
Robert Greene
Sean Huber
Lauren Monteith
Jennifer Reynolds
T.R. Risner
Royce Sutton
Phillip Whatley
Glenn Sebastian Award
Nicholas Stricklin
Geographic Information Science Award
Tim Witt
Geographic Information Science Certificates
Robert Greene
Stuart Hooper
Tony Nguyen
Tim Witt

Meteorology awards
ExxonMobil Outstanding Senior in Meteorology
Chris Morris
ExxonMobil Outstanding Junior in Meteorology
Christina Holt
Dr. Bill Williams Scholarship in Meteorology
Christina Holt
Jackie Rauch
Adam Rydbeck

College of Arts and Sciences
Student Scholarships

Coastal Weather Research Center
Outstanding Senior Awards
Matt Anderson
Todd Murphy
Kibo Nakano
Coastal Weather Research Center Service Award
Jason Holmes
Synoptic Meteorology Top Forecaster
Daniel Lamb
NOAA Hollings Scholarship Award
(Funding for Junior and Senior years, includes an internship with a NOAA facility)
Meghan Mee
National Weather Center’s Research Experience for Undergraduates Program (REU)
Christina Holt

Geology Awards
Hammer Awards
Heather Foster
Charles Hoffman
Myles Meade
Bryan Mosher
Hardy C. Roberson
Elizabeth Root
Denmark - Isphording Award
M. Brad Hughes
Sedimentology Award
J. Hunter Phillips
Wiggs Paleontology Award
Alex Beebe
Desk and Derrick Award
Sara Mason
Vladlen Labenski
K. Elliott Hagler Award
Carol Austin
Sean Stout
Mobile Rock and Gem Society Field School Award
Alex Beebe
Faggard Award
Andrea Kinsey
Eco-Systems, Inc. Environmental Geology/Hydrogeology Award
Tyler Johnson
George Lamb Award
Tyler Johnson

English Scholarships
Stokes Graduate Fiction Scholarship
Jeannie K. Holmes
Nicole Kay Schlaudecker
Stokes Undergraduate Fiction Scholarship
Maria Lombardi
Stokes Graduate Poetry Scholarship
P. T. Paul
Stokes Undergraduate Poetry Scholarship
Nathan D. Fell
Stokes Creative Nonfiction Scholarship
Peggy Tran
Stokes Graduate Creative Writing, Fiction
Regina Dossett
Stokes Graduate Poetry Scholarship
Regina Dossett
Stokes Undergraduate Creative Writing, Fiction
Ariel Davis
Stokes Undergraduate Poetry Scholarship
Meagan McDaniel
Stokes Graduate Creative Writing, Poetry
Tammi Stefaniini
Stokes Undergraduate Creative Writing, Nonfiction
Elisabeth Gibbs
Shelley Memorial Graduate Poetry Scholarship
Brandon McLeod
Shelley Memorial Undergraduate Poetry Scholarship
Megan McDaniel
Shelley Graduate Poetry Scholarship
Ingrid Felts
Shelley Undergraduate Poetry Scholarship
Jessica Jones
English Dept. Composition Winner/Comp I
Kathy Bates
English Dept. Composition Runner-up/Comp I
Chris Donalson
English Dept. Composition Winner/Comp II
Vandessa Quintana
English Dept. Composition Winner/Comp II
Vandessa Quintana
English Dept. Composition Runner-up/Comp II
Kimberly Miller
Katherine Lawrence Richardson Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship
Amy Boylan
Student Scholarships

student scholarships continued

Jean McIver Undergraduate Scholarship
Mary Susan Pruitt

Patricia Stephens Memorial Graduate Scholarship
Jeannie K. Holmes

English Dept. Graduate Student Essay Contest
Christy Hutcheson

English Dept. Undergraduate Essay Contest
P. T. Paul

Lloyd Dendinger Memorial Graduate Scholarship
Stephanie Evers

English Dept. Endowed Graduate Scholarship
Stephanie Evers

Foreign Languages & Literatures Scholarships
Patricia L. Dyess Scholarship
Dawn Edwards
Chelsea Dean

Margaret Pol Stock Scholarship
Roxanne Dunson

Graciella Blanco Scholarship
Makiko Inamura

French Language Scholarship
William Sweeney
Ervin W. Goessling Scholarship
Narine Karapetyan

Russian Language Scholarship
Alan Stuard Richards

History Scholarships
Macy Wims Reid Endowed Scholarship
Kahren-Dawn Andrews

Montgomery Carlton Stallworth Scholarship
Rachel Logan

Minnie Lee Wilkins Stallworth Scholarship
Jeffrey Harris

Marine Sciences Scholarships
Tuition Assistantship/Fellowship Award Recipients
Matthew Ajemian
Nathan Lemoine
Justin Liefer
Heather Patterson
Joseph Senne
Casey Smith

Nelson/Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Award Recipients
Luciano Chiaverano
Marcus Drymon
Alison Rellinger
Mary-Elizabeth Miller

Mathematics & Statistics Scholarships

Christopher Nash Scholarship
First: Josue Morales
Second: Aaron Lepry
Third: Corey Small

Sushila Mishra Memorial Scholarship
Emily Kim

Victorino S. Blanco Award
Devan Cockrell

Departmental Scholarships
Henry Mitchell
Josue Morales
Jasmit Shah

Music Scholarships

Fall 2008
Brandon Ambrose
Hironori Anazawa
Ian Austin
Katie Bandy
Samuel Barksdale
Aaron Bearden
Tiffany Bishop
Jessica Boyette
Nathaniel Browder
Nick Brownlee
Meagan Burns
Troy Clark
Courtney Cox
Chadrick Davidson
Jordan Davis
Thomas Finch
Aaron Fiveash
Richard Fontes
August Gallaher
Monica Ganoe
Tiffany Gibbs
Ashley Gruner
Student Scholarships

student scholarships continued

Benjamin Hafner
John Hangen
Preston Hanne
Jessica Head
Rachel Herring
John Hicks
Katherine Hicks
Gabrielle Hildebrant
Charles Hoffman
Benjamin Ivey
Philip Jones
Sidney King
Tiffanii Lombardo
Joshua Long
Isabel Martinez
Shanna Meadows
Soren Odom
Lauren Pendleton
Melinda Price
Jonathan Pruitt
Joylyn Reese
Roderick Richardson
Aimee Riemersma
Joseph Brian Smith
Stephen Smith
Thomas Leo Smith
Rebecca Suttle
Anna Temple
Kevin Threadgill
Bradley Turner
Arie J. Vandewaa
Kristen Walker
Bryant Wheat
Greg Youngblood

Fall 2008 New Music Scholarship
Tiffany Bishop
Ashton Boykin
William Burtt
Shauna Charlton
Joshua Corday
Breanna Davis
Michael Devery
Breanna Dobyns
Brianna Dunbar

Lauren Fussell
Jasmine Jones
Brandon Moseley
Jessica Mullen
Chad Niblett
Marcus Nobles
Stephen Roberts
Cody Salter
Saila Sanderson
Daniel Singleterry
Basia Smith
Andrew Timothy
Victoria Turner
Kevin Waddell
Jake Walker
Zachary Warner
Antwan Washington
Christina Wright
Laidlaw Scholarship
Caleb Givens
Benjamin Rollings

John H. Chester Scholarship
Abate Desta

Mike Bartels Scholarship
Benjamin Ivey

Presser Foundation Scholarship
Emily Eubanks

Sue Houston Hanlein Piano
Gretter Diaz Suarez

Philosophy Scholarships

McGlothren Scholarship
Cindy Phillips
Christina Tardiff

Pinebrook I Scholarship
Travis Miller

Pinebrook II Scholarship
Elysha Francis

Jean & Julius Marx Scholarship I
Jason Shepard

Jean & Julius Marx Scholarship II
Brian O’Shaughnessy

Jean & Julius Marx Scholarship III
Pavan Kapadia
Student Scholarships

Jean & Julius Marx Scholarship IV
Anthony Shiver
Jean & Julius Marx Scholarship V
Justin Litaker

Physics Scholarships
Faculty Honors Fellowship Fall 2007
Matthew M. Severson
USA Foundation Physics Scholarship Fall 2007
Josue R. Morales Cifuentes
Faculty Honors Fellowship Spring 2008
Matthew M. Severson
USA Foundation Physics Scholarship Spring 2008
Josue R. Morales Cifuentes
Outstanding Physics Student Award
Algebra/Trigonometry Based Physics Sequence
Sarah B. Syklawer
Calculus Based Physics Sequence
Robert W. Edmonds
Carmen D. Zirlott
Graduating Senior Awards
Matthew M. Severson
Outstanding Physics Major Award
Matthew M. Severson
Scholarships Offered for 2008-2009
Freshman Scholarship in Physics
Justin Ladnier
Faculty Honors Fellowship
Josue R. Morales Cifuentes

Political Science & Criminal Justice Scholarships
David L. Horton Memorial Award
for Excellence in Political Science
Sebastian Andres Nievas
Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society
Leah T. Dubisson
Jennifer L. Johnson
Sebastian A. Nievas
Andrea E. Owen
Nadine Mendelsohn-Ziskind

Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society
Heather R. Gaudet
Douglas J. Keller
William M. Phillips
Ashley M. Reed
Stephanie L. Robinson

Psychology
Outstanding Undergraduate Students 2008
Andrew Manley
Joshua Goff
Outstanding Graduate Students 2008
John Friend
Katie Wood
USA Psychology Scholarship
Riley Trimm
The Pinnacle Endowed Scholarship
Hayden Collier

Sociology & Anthropology, & Social Work Scholarships
USA Foundation Scholarships: Anthropology
Joseph E. Formichella
Rachael R. Landry
USA Foundation Scholarships: Sociology
Michelle Showers
Eileen Shoff
USA Foundation Scholarships: Sociology (Graduate):
Casey M. White
USA Foundation Scholarships: Social Work
Jenny Richardson
Kassie Everett-Carroll

Visual Arts Scholarships
The Robert Snell Scholarship
Cindy Phillips
Amanda Johnson
Visual Art Memorial Scholarship
Jeanna Jordan
USA Polling Group

Surveys

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Polling Projects

Regular Weekly Public Opinion Polls
- 2nd Quarter, 2007: 10 surveys
- 3rd Quarter, 2007: 7 surveys
- 4th Quarter, 2007: 5 surveys
- 1st Quarter, 2008: 6 surveys
**Sponsor:** Mobile Register Newspaper
**Principal Investigator:** Dr. Keith Nicholls (USA Polling Group)
**Typical Samples:** Statewide, Mobile/Baldwin Counties, Mobile County, Mobile City
**Screening:** General adult population
**Typical Sample Size:** 400 completed interviews

Engineering Alumni Survey, June 2007
**Sponsor:** USA College of Engineering
**Principal Investigator:** Robert Foley (Assistant Dean, Engineering)
Survey 1
**Target population:** Engineering Alumni
**Sampling Frame:** College of Engineering Alumni lists
**Sample Size:** 115 completed interviews
Survey 2
**Target population:** Employers of Engineering Alumni
**Sampling Frame:** College of Engineering Alumni lists
**Sample Size:** 70 completed interviews

ACES Environmental Survey, October 2007
**Sponsor:** AL Center for Estuarine Studies
**Principal Investigator:** Steve Picou, USA Sociology Dept.
**Sample:** General Adult Population
**Sampling Frame:** Mobile and Baldwin Counties, AL
**Sample size:** 800

Autism: Public Perceptions & Policy Preferences, January 2008
**Sponsor:** Autism Task Force
**Principal Investigator:** Dennis Campbell, USA College of Education
**Sample:** General Adult Population
**Sampling Frame:** Alabama Statewide
**Sample Size:** 746 completed interviews

SARPC Water Access Survey, February 2008
**Sponsor:** South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
**Principal Investigator:** Keith Nicholls, USA Polling
**Sample:** General Adult Population
**Sampling Frame:** Mobile and Baldwin Counties, AL
**Sample Size:** 425 completed interviews

Gulf Shores AL: Citizen Satisfaction Survey, March 2008
**Sponsor:** Gulf Shores Committee for Responsible Growth
**Principal Investigator:** Keith Nicholls, USA Polling
**Sample:** General Adult Population
**Sampling Frame:** City of Gulf Shores, Alabama
**Sample Size:** 400 completed interviews

USA College of Nursing, Accreditation Survey, March 2008
**Sponsor:** College of Nursing
**Principal Investigator:** Candice Ross (Associate Dean, Nursing)
Survey 1
**Target Population:** College of Nursing Alumni
**Sampling Frame:** College of Nursing alumni lists
**Sample size:** 300 completed interviews
Survey 2
**Target Population:** Employers of College of Nursing Alumni
**Sampling Frame:** College of Nursing Employer lists
**Sample size:** 30 completed interviews
Senator Richard Shelby was recently inducted as an honorary member into the Sigma Phi Omega National Academic Honor and Professional Society in Gerontology/Alpha Zeta Chapter at the University of South Alabama. Senator Shelby serves on the Senate Special Committee on Aging and has represented the citizens of Alabama since 1986. Senator Shelby has received numerous awards for his support of seniors including “Guardian of Seniors’ Rights,” from the 60 Plus Association. Pamela Brown presented Senator Shelby the honorary membership at his DC office. Ms. Brown was 2007-2008 president of the Alpha Zeta Chapter and during fall semester 2007 served as intern in the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) and the National office of Sigma Phi Omega. Ms. Brown, who received her M.A. in Sociology in May 2008, represents the growing pool of highly qualified non-traditional students in the USA Programs in Gerontology graduate certificate program. Her internship with AGHE/SPO is the latest exciting opportunity presented by the long professional association of AGHE and Sigma Phi Omega and the USA Programs in Gerontology. The Alpha Zeta Chapter is the oldest Sigma Phi Omega chapter in the state of Alabama.

Two former students from the USA Leadership Institute for Older Adults, sponsored annually by the SARPC-Area Agency on Aging, have entered academic programs at USA. Gerald Friedlander, Mobile attorney and business leader, is pursuing his Graduate Certificate in Gerontology and Marilyn O’Brien is pursuing her M.A. in Sociology. Both returned to formal education after learning of opportunities at USA through their Leadership Institute experiences. Mr. Friedlander is former Board Chair of United Way of Southwest Alabama, former Board member of Mobile Theater Guild and the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, and patron of the Mobile Museum of Art, the Mobile arts Council, and the Mobile Symphony Orchestra. He is the 2008 recipient of the USA Programs in Gerontology Outstanding Graduate Student award.

Ray Weinshenker, graduate of the Undergraduate Certificate Program in Gerontology, was guest speaker at the Assisted Living Association of Alabama’s Spring Conference in Birmingham. Ray presented “Laughter in the Work Place and in Senior Care” to over 500 attendees of the conference. Ray has been a favorite presenter at the USA Programs in Gerontology and SARPC-AAA’s Leadership Institute for the last three years. Congratulations to Ray for his success!

Dr. Roma Stovall Hanks, Director, USA Programs in Gerontology, received a Top Prof award from the Azalea Chapter of the Mortar Board Honor Society at the 2008 Mortar Board/SGA banquet in February.

Thanks to enthusiastic support from Dr. Ron Franks, Vice President for Health Sciences, and Dr. Julio Turrens, Associate Dean, College of Allied Health Professions, faculty interested in the study of aging have formed a Gerontology Research Interest Group. A series of organizational meetings were chaired by Dr. Turrens and a luncheon discussion was hosted by the Office of the Dean, College of Arts & Sciences and chaired by Dr. Roma Stovall Hanks. Attendees represented the Colleges of Allied Health, Arts & Sciences, Education, Medicine, and Nursing. The website of the USA Programs in Gerontology has been modified to allow faculty to submit research collaboration opportunities and to view links to research funding sites. Initiatives suggested by the group include increased collaborative research and making students more aware of the flexibility of the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology to meet needs of traditional and non-traditional students in health care fields, psychology, education, and business, as well as sociology and social work. The group plans to meet monthly.
Coastal Weather Research Center

The 2007-2008 academic year was a period of diversification for the Coastal Weather Research Center (CWRC). Although the Weather Center continued its traditional forecast and warning service to a record number of clients in eight states, the CWRC also became more involved in the support of the meteorology program and its many activities.

This year the CWRC provided funding for conferences, projects, national meetings and speakers. In January, several students attended the national meeting of the American Meteorological Society in San Antonio, Texas and participated in the special student conference. In March, several students visited the National Weather Center on the campus of the University of Oklahoma where Dr. Kevin Kloessel, a recent visitor to USA and an Assistant Dean, provided a tour of the facility. In April, the CWRC helped fund activities in the annual Southeast Coastal and Atmospheric Processes Symposium (SECAPS) on campus. The CWRC also brought Bill Proenza, Regional Director of the Southeast Region of the National Weather Service, to the campus for SECAPS and provided an informal luncheon for Mr. Proenza and our majors. In addition, SECAPS transportation funding was provided for John Gordon of the National Weather Service in Louisville, and Dr. Phillip Klotzbach of Colorado State University. During SECAPS, the Meteorology Club introduced a “tornado model” that was built by several students and funded by the Weather Center. The CWRC also enhanced our meteorology laboratory with the installation of track lighting to minimize reflection on our new computer workstations.

The 2007 hurricane season was not an active one for the U.S. coastline. However, a couple of strong hurricanes crossed the Caribbean causing some anxious moments for several Coastal Weather clients including ExxonMobil, the U.S. Coast Guard and utility and emergency operations in the Corpus Christi, Texas area. As usual, the CWRC got the season off to a rousing start with a media day on June 1. An excellent turnout of television stations produced several key interviews for local hurricane specials.

Of great importance to the CWRC is the analysis of radar for warnings and research. In order to improve both of these areas, the CWRC purchased Level 2 radar software. This technology allows the Center to study radar imagery in much greater detail and produce a more accurate assessment of the strength and structure of severe thunderstorms. This means an improvement in current severe weather warnings for the clients and in the evaluation of past weather events for the legal profession.

In December, the 18th edition of the Mobile Weather and Marine Almanac was published and distributed to advertisers around the Mobile area. For more than ten years, the CWRC has published the almanac and made it available to Gulf coast residents free of charge. As in previous years, 10,000 copies were printed with WALA-TV serving as this year’s media host.

During the year, several new clients joined the Weather Center to receive weather forecasts and warnings. Included in the more than 100 clients of the Center are Shell Chemical in Saraland, Austal Shipbuilding in Mobile, the University of South Carolina at Beaufort, Beauregard EMC in Louisiana, San Patricio EMC in Texas, Corpus Christi Emergency Management and Talquin Electric of northern Florida.

The year closed with the annual award ceremony conducted by the Department of Earth Sciences. The Coastal Weather Research Center gave a Service Award to Jason Holmes who for more than two years has assisted the Center and developed a remarkable proficiency in radar analysis. In addition, meteorology seniors Todd Murphy, Kibo Nakano and Matthew Anderson all received Kestrel hand weather stations from the CWRC in recognition of grade point averages that exceeded 3.5.
USA Youth Violence Prevention Program

Description of Program
The mission of the USA Youth Violence Prevention Program (YVPP) is to develop and support collaborative, culturally relevant, community-based research on youth violence prevention and to broadly disseminate these findings.

The program is multidisciplinary, supporting research from a number of different fields of study, and interdisciplinary, supporting projects that cross disciplinary boundaries. The overall program is funded on a year-to-year basis through a Congressional appropriation to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Initial funding for the program was received in September 2001. The most recent award - $987,228 was received in September 2006 - brings the total to $4,418,934.

Each year, YVPP requests proposals for research projects related to its mission. The proposals must include at least one faculty member from the College of Arts and Sciences. While successful proposals must meet the same Federal standards for research projects as in national competitions, the applicant pool is smaller and only among USA Faculty. In the past, award amounts have ranged from $20K to $160K.

YVPP uses an expert advisory panel that is external to USA to evaluate these research proposals and makes recommendations for funding. Investigators who submit proposals to YVPP are given the opportunity to confer with the members of the advisory panel before, during, and after the proposal process.

Community Involvement
The staff of the YVPP interact regularly with various community organizations and entities to both support current research projects and work toward the development of future projects. This interaction builds the capacity of the program—allowing it to better address youth violence related issues affecting the service area. Additionally, it supports the YVPP mission by increasing opportunities for formal and informal dissemination of the findings and implications derived from the various projects.

Throughout the reporting period the Co-PI has maintained an active relationships with The Robert J. Martin Leadership Academy, the Mobile County District Attorney’s Office, and the Mobile County Teen Center. Additionally, the program manager has been an active participant in the regional Council Against Family Violence and the Children’s Policy Council. Both the Co-PI and the program manager have maintained active involvement in the USA Health Disparities Research Group, the Mobile County Domestic Violence Task Force, the Strickland Youth Center, Lifelines Mobile, and the USA Violence Prevention Alliance. The program manager and the research specialist have also participated in trainings and conferences including the following:

- Program Manager: The Grantsmanship Center Grant Writing Seminar. Cheyenne, WY, October 2007.

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Along with actively participating in numerous community organizations and attending conferences and trainings, the Co-PI, the program manager, and the research specialist have made presentations and taken leadership roles in events throughout the region and even the nation.

**Presentations and Leadership**

- Co-PI, October 2007, She tries and he dies: Global conversations about the gender paradox and adolescent suicidal behavior. Invited address to the Global Conversation Series at the University of Michigan.
- Program Manager, July 2007, Annual Regional Health Disparities Symposium, Are We Really Listening to Each Other? Moderator, Mental Health Panel. Symposium coordinating committee member.
- Program Manager and Co-PI, September 2007, Maintaining and Promoting a Safe University Community. Coordinated, planned, executed and presented campus wide program for faculty and staff.
- Research Specialist, October 2007, Information table at the Annual conference of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Mobile, AL.
- Co-PI, November 2007, Intimate Partner Violence is a human issue: Thoughts from a scientist feminist. College of Art and Sciences Dean's Lecture, the University of South Alabama.
- Program Manager, March 2008, Effective Community Collaboration. Presentation presented at the annual meeting of the National Conference on Juvenile Justice, St. Louis, MO.
A Longitudinal Analysis of Suicide Proneness in Adjudicated Youth

Investigators
Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling
Ph.D., Department of Psychology
Nicole T. Carr
Ph.D., Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work
Kenneth Hudson
Ph.D., Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work

Start date of initial award: 2006
Project Status: Active

Description of Initiative

The purpose of this project is to study suicide proneness in adjudicated adolescents by conducting analyses in two pre-existing data sets. The first data set was used to determine if adjudicated youth have elevated rates of suicide proneness in comparison to truant youth, or similar aged youth in school. The second data set was used to determine predictors of suicide proneness in male and female youth who are residing in an alternative sentencing program.

Latest Results: Preliminary replication of LAS-SF Total Factor Score Structure produced acceptable fit statistics and factor loadings that are similar to the findings by Lewinsohn and colleagues (2004). The researchers were able to replicate previous research testing the theoretical model of the LAS-SF. These findings confirming the factor score structure of the LAS-SF in a sample of adjudicated adolescents are very promising. The researchers’ findings lend evidence to the possibility of using the LAS-SF to successfully assess suicide proneness in adjudicated youth. The researchers are now in the process of using the preliminary confirmatory factor analyses of the LAS-SF in this high-risk sample to model changes in suicide proneness over time.

Publications & Presentations


Langhinrichsen-Rohling, J., & Lamis, D. A. (in press). Predicting and understanding the suicidal behavior of adjudicated adolescents, Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior.
Description of Initiative

This project is designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the Helping Families Initiative (HFI). HFI provides support for families at a critical time - when a child has committed C (severe behavior), D (drugs), or E (weapons) violation(s) within the Mobile County School System. The goal of HFI is to assess the family’s needs, refer the family to appropriate services, follow-up to see that the services are accessed, and then assess the family after services have been received.

With data gathered by HFI staff, the researchers will address two questions: (a) Does school adjustment vary as a function of HFI? and (b) Does family functioning improve for families in HFI? These findings will contribute to the refinement of HFI and to the possible development of future programs.

Because of the recent hurricanes along the Gulf Coast, many students have endured significant stress and have been displaced. All displaced students are coded within this database and the researchers will conduct a set of analyses to describe the needs of this group. First, the researchers will determine if displaced students account for a disproportionate number of school offenses. Second, they will determine if displaced families that are being served by HFI differ noticeably from the non-displaced families. These findings will contribute to the understanding of hurricane related stress and its potential effects.

Latest Results: Analysis of the HFI (N = 181) and school data (N = 106) indicate that scores on the North Carolina Family assessment improved from pretest to posttest and scores of Child Well-Being were related to school outcomes. These findings support the hypothesis that the Helping Families Initiative has been effective in improving important elements of family functioning.

The analysis of the hurricane data has not yielded interpretable patterns. Referral rates were not greater in the hurricane year (or immediately after) and schools more affected by the hurricane Katrina (e.g., displacement) did not have higher referral rates to HFI. Families in HFI that were affected by the hurricane Katrina scored similarly on the North Carolina Assessment Scale to other families in HFI. However, the hurricane affected families composed a very small sample (21 of 182 cases), making statistical comparisons problematic.
Linking Lives: Developing Intervention Strategies Based on a Life Course Model of Female Crime and Deviance

Investigators
Roma Hanks
Ph.D., Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work; Chair of Department of Gerontology
Nicole T. Carr
Ph.D., Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work

Start date of initial award: 2006
Project Status: Active

Description of Initiative
The researchers will analyze interview data from their previous work, including their process and outcome evaluation of the Network Aftercare System and their qualitative investigation of life histories of women in the Mobile Metro Jail, in order to develop evidence-based intervention strategies. To date, their work with girls and women in these projects has been directed at better understanding how events during childhood and adolescence relate to delinquency in youth and to adult criminal outcomes. Based on these findings, the researchers will complete their qualitative analysis of interviews with women in jail and develop a model for a “Linking Lives” intervention strategy for girls.

Latest Results: To date, the researchers’ evidence supports previously reported links between female crime and the following variables: drug abuse, physical and sexual abuse during childhood, and living environments that present opportunities to commit crime and/or do not protect young women from exposure to criminal behavior. Researchers have also identified a group of late-onset women, or those who did not get involved in crime until after age 21. This contrasts with much of the literature in the area and supports a small but growing body of research that argues that women have somewhat different pathways to crime than men and that women may become involved in criminal activities much later in life than originally expected.

Publications & Presentations


**Youth Violence Prevention Program**

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**Art Builds Character**

*Investigators*

Shannon Shelley-Tremblay  
J.D., YVPP Program Manager  
Claire Evangelista  
MFA, Department of Visual Arts  
Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling  
Ph.D., Department of Psychology

*Start date of initial award: 2006*

*Project Status: Completed*

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**Description of Initiative**

The project provided arts skills training conducted by a professional artist to the youth served by Wilmer Hall and measured the effects on developing verbal and social skills. Numerous studies have indicated that arts based programs show promise in preventing and reducing violent and delinquent behavior in at-risk youth. The researchers along with staff members of Wilmer Hall created and evaluated a visual arts training course that took place in the spring/summer of 2007.

The researchers found the following:

- Males and females had baseline differences amongst all variables
- Females did not serve as an adequate control group
- There was a lack of correlation amongst psychological variables

These findings are inconsistent with past research and demonstrate the critical need to investigate considerations for developing the most effective means of delinquency prevention for the at-risk youth population.

Furthermore, it is important to note that although the program affected males and females differently, participants consistently responded positively to the program experience. The results of the current study provide strong direction for future research.

**Presentation**

Reducing Intimate Partner Violence with High-Risk Adolescents – Year Three

Investigators
Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling
Ph.D., Department of Psychology
Lisa Turner
Ph.D., Department of Psychology

Start date of initial award: 2006
Project Status: Active

Youth Violence Prevention Program
continued

Description of Initiative

Intimate partner violence is a serious problem that has profound effects on the victim, the perpetrator, other family members, and society. The goal of this project is to continue to investigate the effectiveness of a four-session brief intervention designed to equip adolescent mothers with the skills necessary to build healthy and non-violent intimate relationships. The researchers hypothesize that at-risk adolescent women participating in the intervention will have better relationship skills, less anger, violence, and jealousy, and better conflict management strategies than at-risk adolescent women randomly assigned to the control group. In addition to the continued investigation with adolescent mothers, they also propose to direct funds and energy to developing and pilot testing a similar intervention for at-risk male adolescents who are residing in an alternative sentencing program.

Latest Results: Overall, across all groups and sessions and questions about the program, the mean rating for the program was 4.66 on a scale from 1 to 5. The mean session ratings are as follows: Session 1 = 4.63; Session 2 = 4.61; Session 3 = 4.61, and Session 4 = 4.80. Further analyses of changes in the pre- and post-assessments are in progress. Evaluation of the pilot sessions with participants at Camp Martin began in June 2007. The mean session ratings are as follows: Session 1 = 4.53, Session 2 = 4.62, Session 3 = 4.67, and Session 4 = 4.98. Overall, across all groups, sessions and questions about the program, the mean rating for the program was 4.70 on a scale from 1 to 5. Verbal feedback indicated that both the boys and the girls enjoyed the session materials.

Publications & Presentations


Langhinrichsen-Rohling, J. (2004, November). Domestic violence research in the community: Collaborating with agencies and coping with co-occurring problems. Panel discussion presented at the 38th annual meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, New Orleans, LA.


Youth Violence Prevention Program

Description of Initiative

This project involves collaboration with the Dramatic Arts Department and the Therapeutic Recreation Program in the College of Education. This development project is geared towards young adolescents at risk for violence without delinquent records. The youth are those who have expressed an interest in developing skills in expressive arts. The project focuses on decreasing the potential for violence through implementation of an expressive arts program designed to change the participants social and emotional functioning. A thorough literature review preceded the development of a curriculum that was tested spring of 2007. Outcome measures for the pilot program included socio-emotional skills, theatre skills, social validity of the program, and participant enjoyment level. The researchers additionally used focus group discussions for feedback on the program and outcomes. Based on the pilot results, a long term research program will be developed.

Latest Results:

Mean scores between pre-tests and post-tests were compared using t-tests ($p < .05$). The results for self esteem showed significant difference ($t = 2.907, p = .034$, pre-test $M = 27.50 \pm 2$, post-test $M = 21.67 \pm 5.1$) and conflict resolution showed significant change ($t = 3.781, p = .01$, pre-test $M = 10.17 \pm 1.3$, post-test $M = 14 \pm 3.1$). Knowledge of drama improved significantly ($t = 2.82, p = .03$, pre-test $M = 24 \pm 2$, post-test mean $29 \pm 1.4$). Improvements, but no significant differences were found for problem solving, teamwork, respect of others, locus of control, and self-confidence. This pilot study was limited to a small sample size ($n = 7$). Information from the interviews, social validity questionnaires, and focus group are being compiled. However, preliminary results indicate that the participants enjoyed the program, increased their self confidence, valued the goals and outcomes, learned dramatic arts skills, and desired to continue participation in dramatic arts programs.

Presentation

Youth Violence Prevention Program
continued

Neighborhood and School Effects on Persistent Youth Offending and Violence

Investigators
Kenneth Hudson
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Nicole T. Carr
Ph.D., Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work
Michael Daley
Ph.D., Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work

Start date of initial award: 2006
Project Status: Active

Description of Initiative

Data collected by YVPP researchers between 2000 and 2005 indicate that between 25 and 30 percent of youth completing residential treatment programs for local low-to-medium risk juvenile offenders were charged with a new offense within 4 years. Forty-five percent of male youth were charged with a new felony offense (Flynn, Hudson, Hanks, Hunt 2006). Previous research suggests that the characteristic of neighborhoods (Shaw and McKay 1942; Wadsworth 2000) and schools (Farnworth and Leiber 1989; Sampson and Laub 1993) have a significant impact on the likelihood of youth crime. The proposed project will extend YVPP’s previous research on youth recidivism by examining the impact of neighborhood poverty, low wage employment, limited opportunities for occupational mobility, local crime rates, and the role of school resources and conduct problems on the likelihood of youth crime and persistent offending. Information from neighborhoods and schools will be combined with previously collected individual youth recidivism data. These data will be used to conduct multilevel analyses on the effects of individual, school, and neighborhood effects on the hazard of youth recidivism. Particular attention will be given to explicating the specific mechanisms by which school and neighborhood contexts impact the youth offending.

Latest Results: Preliminary analyses of the multilevel data show that household composition and poverty are associated with the prevalence of youth offenders in Mobile County census tracts. Additional analyses of these data suggest that the number of youth offenders in a given census tract may increase the hazard of youth recidivism. Analyses of national labor market data and Mobile census tract data show that male unemployment and employment in poor quality jobs negatively affect the marriage rates and the formation of two-parent families. Analyses of the ADHEALTH data indicate that absent male households and delinquent peer networks increase the risk of youth crime. The next phase of this project will use multilevel data to assess both neighborhood and school characteristics of youth recidivism and violence.

Publications & Presentations


DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES
Biology: Department Chair: Dr. John A. Freeman  
Professor: Dr. John Freeman  
Associate Professors: Dr. Brian Axsmith, Dr. Anne Boettcher, Dr. Kelly Major, Dr. John McCreadie, Dr. David Nelson, Dr. Timothy Sherman  
Assistant Professors: Dr. Juan Mata, Dr. Jack O'Brien, Dr. Timothy Rice  
Instructors: Ms. Anna Cinkovich, Ms. Cynthia Delaney  
Mr. Clinton S. Major  
Secretary: Ms. Judy Sadler

Biology: Department Highlights

The faculty and students in the Biology department had a very successful and active year. Fourteen faculty members taught over 2,900 students in 62 classes. Continuing our emphasis on undergraduate participation in research, 48 students conducted directed studies projects under faculty supervision and 7 of the 42 presentations at national and regional meetings were made by undergraduate students. Fifty three BS degrees were awarded. Some of our graduates will enter medical, dental, veterinary, pharmacy, and optometry schools next fall while several students will enter graduate schools in various areas of biology. Throughout the year, we advised 400 majors and 20 graduate students. Two students completed their project for the Biology Honors program and five students continue to conduct research as part of the program.

As part of our learning outcomes program, two senior level classes totaling 22 students participated in the assessment of the students’ skills as biologists. The students developed their own research questions, protocols, and hypotheses, and presented the results in oral and poster sessions. The success of this activity is encouraging and it will be expanded to include more courses next year.

Supported by 18 funded projects totaling over 1.2 million dollars, the faculty and students published 14 articles in peer reviewed journals and books and presented 14 papers at regional and national meetings. In addition, several faculty members were officers or local arrangements committee members in national scientific societies. Through funding from a variety of sources, we were able to invite four guest speakers.

The search for a microbiologist was successful. Dr. Sinead Ni Chadhain will be joining our faculty in August.

Service activities including visiting K-12 classrooms and answering numerous inquiries about various organisms demonstrate the faculty’s strong interest in the role of the University in the community. In the spring many faculty helped with the Regional Science Fair, Expanding Your Horizons, participated in the Science Olympiad, and the National Estuary Program. Several faculty members participated in teacher workshops.

Biology: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Brian J. Axsmith


Anne Boettcher


Ueda, N., & Boettcher, A. (in review). Differences in heat shock protein 70 expression during larval and early spat development in the Eastern oyster, Crassostrea virginica (Gmelin)

Clinton S. Major

Kelly M. Major  


Ashley B. Morris  


David H. Nelson  

John O'Brien  

Timothy Matthew Rice  


Tim Sherman  


Biology: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters  
John McCreddie  
Biology: Reviews

John O’Brien


Biology: Editorship of Books or Journals

John McCreadie


Biology: Abstracts

John Freeman


Clinton S. Major


Kelly M. Major


Juan Luis Mata


Ashley B. Morris


David H. Nelson


John O’Brien


Tim Sherman


Biology: Grants

Brian J. Axsmith


Anne Boettcher


Clinton S. Major


Kelly M. Major

Environmental Protection Agency/AL Center for Estuarine Studies (2006, Summer). Metal Accumulation in Aquatic Primary Producers: Ecological Consequences and Potential Application for Early Detection of Metal Pollution. $82,800. Awarded.


Juan Luis Mata


ACES. (2006, July). Diversity and abundance of fungal decomposers on seagrass beds of the North Central Gulf of Mexico. $60,000. Awarded.
BIOLOGY

John McCreadie


Ashley B. Morris


David H. Nelson


John O’Brien

University of South Alabama, University Undergraduate Research Council (UCUR) (2008, March). Use of PCR-RFLP to investigate the infection of blue crabs by the parasitic rhizocephalan barnacle, Loxothylacus texanus. $2,300. Awarded.

Timothy Matthew Rice

USA Undergraduate Research Council (UCUR). (2007, Summer). Benthic Macroinvertebrate Diversity in the Dog River Watershed: Associations with Heavy Metal Levels and Land Use Patterns. $2,000. Awarded.


Tim Sherman


Biology: Presentations

Brian J. Axsmith


Axsmith, B. J. (2007). History in peril: A National Geographic Society expedition to endangered fossil sites in China. Invited presentation, University of South Alabama Library Lecture series, Mobile, AL.

Axsmith, B. J. (2007). Preliminary investigation of Neogene plant fossils from southern Alabama. Invited presentation, University of East Tennessee State, University Department of Biology seminar, Johnson City, TN.
Axsmith, B. J., Corso, T., & Fraser, N. C. (2008). A Triassic seed with a pappus-like dispersal mechanism. 25th Mid-continent Paleobotanical Colloquium. University of South Alabama, Mobile AL.


Anne Boettcher


Clinton S. Major


Kelly M. Major


Biology


Juan Luis Mata


John McCreadie


Ashley B. Morris


David H. Nelson


John O’Brien


Biology


Timothy Matthew Rice


Tim Sherman


CHEMISTRY Highlights

Last year the Department of Chemistry graduated 13 chemistry majors. Seven of these students were accepted to Ph.D. graduate programs (Auburn, Duquesne, LSU and Penn State). All our chemistry majors were involved in the Directed Studies Program and participated in local and national professional meetings. During the last academic year, 8 students from the Department of Chemistry were delegated to attend the National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in New Orleans in April 2008 to present their research papers at this meeting. The costs of conference participation for chemistry majors was, in substantial part, covered by the Department of Chemistry. The Chemistry Department has an active American Chemical Society Students Affiliates (ACSSA) student organization with 18 members registered last year (8 National ACSSA members registered). The Department continued funding scholarships for chemistry majors which provided $1,500 of paid tuition per student per year and awarded Chemistry Scholarships to 4 new chemistry majors during the last academic year. During the 2007-2008 academic year there were 8 chemistry majors supported by the Chemistry Scholarship program. Also during the academic year 2007-2008, the third award for the Williams-Phillips-Van Hook Endowed Scholarship was made to our chemistry major Phillip Ogden.

During the last year, our faculty members had 27 research papers published/accepted in professional journals. Twelve of these papers had undergraduate students from our Department as co-authors. The faculty members from the Department of Chemistry participated in many international and national professional meetings, delivering and contributing to 52 papers. Many of these presentations included undergraduate students as co-authors. The Chemistry faculty also participated in 34 professional workshops. During the last academic year, the Department of Chemistry faculty members were PIs on a record high number of externally funded grants with $1,168,041 in the total amount of external funding and on several internally funded research grants with the total amount of funding equal to $30,390. External funding was provided by the federal government (two new and three continuing NSF grants), by the Alabama state government (ACES), by a private organization (Research Corporation), and by the chemical industry (Chevron Texaco). The Chemistry Department faculty members were also recipients of several research grants sponsored by the University of South Alabama (UCUR, USARC, USA Arts and Sciences Support and Development Award, and USA Arts and Sciences Summer Professional Development Award). During the last academic year, 47 students were involved in undergraduate research in our Department, and altogether 97 research projects involving undergraduate students were supervised by our faculty. These projects were in the form of Directed Studies or externally and internally funded sponsored undergraduate research.

The Chemistry Department participated in the Science in Motion program by providing office and laboratory space as well as stockroom support. Our Department organized and participated in the 2008 US Chemistry Olympiad: 54 students from 5 local high schools participated in the Local Exam of the 2008 US Chemistry Olympiad, and later four students selected from 2 local high schools competed in a National 2008 US Chemistry Olympiad competition, organized and supported by the Chemistry Department. Our faculty members also participated in the 2008 Science Olympiad and 2008 Science Fair. The Department hosted Open Doors Day during the Chemistry Olympiad and participated in USA Days. Our active Chemistry Seminar Program provided a platform for scientific exchange that involved visiting and local speakers, faculty members from other departments, and industrial scientists. The Chemistry Department has very close and frequent interactions with the local schools and local chemical industry.

Chemistry: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Eugene A. Cioffi

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Jason W. Coym


James H. Davis, Jr.


David C Forbes


Alexandra Stenson


Richard Sykora


Andrzej Wierzbicki


**Chemistry: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters**

James H. Davis, Jr.


**Chemistry: Editorship of Books or Journals**

Eugene A. Cioffi


Robert E. Barletta


**Barletta, R. E.** (2007, October). Ultraviolet µ-Raman Analysis of Ice-Core Samples, 2007 WAIS Divide Science Meeting.


Eugene A. Cioffi


**Bohentin, B. P., Cioffi, E. A., & Rice, T. M.** (2007). Heavy metal analysis and benthic invertebrate diversity from the Chickasaw Creek/Mobile River watershed, Mobile, Alabama. Poster presented at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) held in Milwaukee, WI, November 11 – 15, 2007; *Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry North American Conference; Poster Abstracts, 14.*


David C. Forbes


Norris W. Hoffman


Richard Sykora


Andrzej Wierzbicki


**Chemistry: Grants**

Robert E. Barletta


USA-Research Council (2007, November 20). Title: µ-Raman Analysis of Iron in Marine Aerosols. $5,000. Awarded.


Eugene A. Cioffi


Jason W. Coym


James H. Davis, Jr.

Chevron. (2007, June 1). Title: Task-Specific Ionic Liquids. $100,000. Awarded.


David C Forbes


Norris W. Hoffman


Alexandra Stenson

NSF (2006, November, commenced). Alabama ALSAMP Project Phase IV. $19,964 (received this academic year). Awarded.
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Richard Sykora


Andrzej Wierzbicki


Chemistry: Presentations

Robert E. Barletta


Eugene A. Cioffi


Bohentin, B. P., Cioffi, E. A., & Rice, T. M. (2007). Heavy metal analysis and benthic invertebrate diversity from the Chickasaw Creek/Mobile River watershed, Mobile, Alabama. Poster presented at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC), November 11 – 15, Milwaukee, WI.


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James H. Davis, Jr.


David C. Forbes


Forbes, D. C. (2008, February). *Application of Sulfur Ylide and Ionic Liquid Technologies*, oral presentation, presented as an invited speaker at University of Richmond, Richmond, VA.


Alexandra Stenson


Richard Sykora


CHEMISTRY


Andrzej Wierzbicki


Communication: Highlights

The Communication Department has had another excellent year. Our programs continue to be attractive, with enrollments holding steady at about 400 undergraduates and more than 40 graduates. The quality of our program and the excitement and challenge of careers in communication seem to be important factors in attracting students. Both our faculty and our resources have been challenged to fulfill the needs created by our growth, while maintaining a quality educational program. We were able to hire excellent faculty members to fill two positions. The new faculty members are: Nekita Huling, University of Alabama, and Michele Kimball, American University, Washington, D.C.

Our faculty members continue receiving excellent ratings from their students in our annual opinion of instruction with an average rating 92 percent. In addition, faculty members have been very active in publishing and presenting their scholarship and serving the community. This activity is documented below.

Our facilities continue to be among the best in the region. Our 3 computer laboratories provide support for our research course, computer application of communication technology, and industry-standard writing and publishing support. We were able to significantly upgrade our journalism computer laboratory last year and our computer research laboratory. We were also able to provide new digital cameras and video editing equipment.

Our faculty served as reviewers for a number of programs in national-level professional meetings and scholarly journals. The list includes these reviews:

Review for Professional Meetings:

James L. Aucoin — American Journalism History Association; Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Law and History Divisions.

Vanessa Murphree — American Journalism History Association; Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, History Division.

Reviews for Scholarly Journals:


Professional Association Leadership:

Jim Aucoin — President, Mobile Bay Area Pro Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists

Vanessa Murphree — History Division Research Chair, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Other Activities of Communications Faculty:

Our grant from the Mobile Press Register for the University of South Alabama/Mobile Register High School Journalism Contest and Journalism Day was renewed this year. This allowed us to continue our excellent outreach and service program to area high school students. This is a very popular program with numerous college scholarships awarded. James L. Aucoin deserves high praise for his leadership as chair of this activity.

Our faculty served the university and community in a wide variety of activities. Steven C. Rockwell has served on the Accreditation Committee of the E. R. Dixon Elementary School, he also served on the Board of Directors, Mobile’s Playhouse in the Park and as a communication consultant to the Mobile Symphony and Mobile Child Policy Council. James L. Aucoin and Richard Ward served on the USA Board of Student Publications. Steven C. Rockwell continues to manage the content for the USA Communication Department web site, electronic bulletin board and servers. Gerald L. Wilson served as a presenter and public relations person for marriage enhancement seminars.

A number of faculty members provided significant service as advisors to student groups. Genevieve Dardeau served as advisor to the Lambda Pi Eta Communication Honor
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Society. April DuPree Taylor advised Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Steven C. Rockwell served as advisor for Sigma Chi Fraternity. Katherine Rigsby advised the Communication Student Association and the USA Chapter of Toastmasters International. Richard Ward advised the Student Film Club.

Two faculty members served as board members for a variety of organizations. James L. Aucoin served as President of the John Will Scholarship Foundation Board and on the Board of Student Communications at the University of South Alabama. Patricia Mark served on the America’s Junior Miss Advisory Board. April DuPree Taylor served as a member of the Mobile YWCA Board.

Communications Faculty provided specific service in the area of public relations and advertising to local organizations. Patricia Mark and her students worked for America’s Junior Miss. Nadia Bush and Reginald Moody developed and implemented a public relations program for USA Baldwin County.

Other Communication Faculty provided training workshops in the community and nationally. Genevieve Dardeau instructed the USA Southerners. Steven C. Rockwell worked with elementary school teachers in the Mobile County School System. April DuPree Taylor instructed members of Abneefoo Kuo Honor Society and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Papers, Productions and Scholarly Work:

A list of papers, productions, and scholarly works published by Communications faculty follows.

Communication: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

James Aucoin


Brett Lunceford


Vanessa Murphree


Communications: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

James Aucoin


Vanessa Murphree


Richard Ward


Communications: Peer Reviewed Books

James Aucoin


Communications: Non Peer Reviewed Books

Gerald Wilson


Communications: Reviews

James Aucoin

Aucoin, J. A. (in press) [Review of the book We are all journalists now.] In Choice.
**Communication**

**Communication: Presentations**

James Aucoin


Genevieve Dardeau


Brett Lunceford


Patricia Mark

Mark, P., & Braley, E. (2008, March) Perceptions of Mississippi Gulf Coast residents toward the property and casualty insurance industry before and after Hurricane Katrina and their effect on Brand Equity. Paper presented at the AEJMC Southeast Colloquium, Auburn University, Auburn, AL.

Vanessa Murphree


Murphree, V. (2007). Moderated panel of published authors in media history, the 17th Annual American Journalism Historians Association Southeast Symposium, Panama City Beach, FL.

Steven C. Rockwell

Department Chair: Dr. Leon Van Dyke

Professors: Mr. Lyle B. Miller, Dr. Leon Van Dyke

Associate Professor: Ms. Rebecca Britton

Assistant Professor: Dr. Alan Gardner

Secretary: Ms. Janet Lambard

Dramatic Arts: Highlights

The Dramatic Arts Department had a particularly successful production year, with three of the four mainstage shows receiving special commendations from the Kennedy Center/ American College Theatre Festival’s Region IV. (KC/ACTF region includes 10 states). Their three commendations went to: Rebecca Britton, costumes for A Year with Frog and Toad, Lyle B. Miller, technical direction of Buried Child, and Leon J. Van Dyke, direction of The Two Gentlemen of Verona. Particularly noteworthy was the children’s production, A Year With Frog and Toad, which was seen by hundreds of school children in ten fully-packed matinee performances as well as by six adult evening audiences. Professor David K. Sauer, of Spring Hill College writing for the KC/ACTF said, “it is hard to imagine a better season than that offered by the University of South Alabama Theatre Department...offering a range of plays that a community theatre could never do, and yet which bring important works to the fore.” Not limited to “main stage” productions, our students produced two studio theatre pieces in our “black box:” the musical version of Reefer Madness, and a matched pair of one acts billed as a “double-double feature,” which included Jack Heifner’s Bargains and Debrah Pryor’s The Love Talker. Several of our students and two faculty members were also busy in the spring filming featured roles in an independent film which has the working title of The Saints of Mt. Christopher being shot locally by former U.S.A. basketball star Shane Dean.

In addition to the aforementioned productions, Dr. Van Dyke, with assistance by Constance Smith conducted the October 27 Alabama Preliminary Auditions for the South Eastern Theatre Conference (SETC). We placed five of our students in what is their opportunity for summer and graduate school auditions/ interviews. Of these five students, three received summer job placements, (in Heritage Ensemble Theatre at the University of Virginia, and Norfolk’s professional theatre, the Virginia Stage Company as well as the Carnival Cruise Line’s entertainment division). In addition to this, one graduating senior actor accepted a fully paid graduate assistantship to the University of Arkansas’ MFA acting program. Additionally at the Spring SETC conference, two faculty members presented workshops. Lyle B Miller on technical problems of designing without a fly system, and Alan Gardner on film projects for acting classes.

Other significant departmental awards of note included: Gerrells/Jackson: Carly York, Lauren Broussard, Danny Conway

Continuing Laidlaw Performing Scholarship Recognition was awarded to: Amy Robertson, Marianne McConnell, & Harolyn Fleming

Freshmen receiving scholarship offers include: Lauren Ashley, Bryce Davidson, Aaron Dent, DeMarcus McMillan, Alexandra Messer, & Ravyn Otis

A new recruitment video was produced for the current year and audition procedures for scholarships were regularized. We have instituted the freshman required text analysis class for all incoming theatre majors.

Dramatic Arts: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Rebecca F. Britton


Leon J. Van Dyke


DRAMATIC ARTS

Dramatic Arts: Reviews

Leon J. Van Dyke

Van Dyke, L. J. (2008). Eight Proposals for Funding. [Review of proposals to advise funding division of Alabama’s State Council of the Arts, Theatre Division.]


Dramatic Arts: Juried Performances, Productions and Recitals

Leon J. Van Dyke


Glenn Alan Gardner


Lyle B. Miller


DRAMATIC ARTS


Leon J. Van Dyke


Dramatic Arts: Grants

Rebecca F. Britton


Glenn Alan Gardner

Gardner, G. A. (2008.) Creating Film Projects For Acting Class. Workshop presented at the meeting of Southeastern Theatre Conference, Chattanooga, TN.

Lyle B. Miller


Leon J. Van Dyke

Van Dyke, L. J. (2007, October 26). Southeastern Theatre Conference State (SETC) Coordinator for Preliminary Auditions. Three Judges, 150 student actors, piano accompanist, and entrants from all Alabama Colleges and Universities which attempt to obtain one of 55 places for actors who advance to spring conference in Chattanooga, TN. Auburn University, Montgomery, AL.

EARTH SCIENCES

Department Chair: Dr. Mimi Fearn

Professors: Dr. Lary M. Dilsaver, Dr. Roy Ryder

Associate Professors: Dr. David Allison, Dr. Keith G. Blackwell, Dr. Murlene W. Clark, Dr. Mimi Fearn, Dr. Douglas Haywick, Dr. Sytske Kimball, Dr. Victoria L. Rivizzigno, Dr. Aaron Williams

Assistant Professors: Dr. James Connors, Dr. Carol F. Sawyer, Dr. Wesley Terwey, Dr. Winnie Wang

Emeritus Professors: Dr. George Lamb, Dr. Glenn Sebastian, Dr. Eugene Wilson

Instructors: Ms. Karen J. Jordan, Mr. Sam Stutsman, Ms. Gina Wade, Mr. Ryan Wade

Secretaries: Ms. Sherall Cornwall, Ms. Cory Rhodes

Earth Sciences: Highlights
(Geography, Geology, Meteorology)

The Earth Sciences Department has experienced a productive and challenging year. Special recognition goes to Dr. Glenn Sebastian, Professor Emeritus of Geography, who received the College of Arts and Sciences Service Award and who gave the Fall 2007 Commencement address. Recognition also goes to Dr. Jim Connors (Geology) who won the College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Excellence Award for junior faculty. Dr. Connors once again did an outstanding job as director of the Mobile Regional Science and Engineering Fair, and he completed his Ph.D. through the University of South Alabama’s Marine Sciences Program in Fall 2007. In Meteorology, Dr. Sytske Kimball’s Center for Hurricane Intensity and Landfall Investigation (CHILI), supported by a multimillion dollar congressional appropriation, has moved into its office space at the USA Research and Technology Park. The center currently manages eight operational weather stations in the Gulf Coast area, with more soon to be added. A website (http://chili.disl.org/) displays weather data in near real time. Archived data will be added soon. At the Department’s annual spring awards ceremony, Sean Huber, a double major in Meteorology and Geography received the Eugene Wilson Award as the most outstanding geography graduate. The new Glenn Sebastian Award went to Nick Stricklin in recognition of his service to and enthusiasm for Geography. The new GIS award went to Tim Witt for his outstanding performance in the GIS classes.

Gamma Theta Upsilon Geographical Honor Society and the Geography Club had an active year. They brought in Dr. Kevin Kloesel, University of Oklahoma, as a Visiting Geographical Scientist. Dr. Kloesel’s well attended presentation was on the interaction between Geography, Meteorology and Native American Studies. Students also participated in the Dog River Watershed storm drain marker project, the Alabama Coastal Cleanup, and a spring break trip to North Alabama.

Geography

Dr. Lary Dilsaver continues his work on National Parks with a major project starting on the administrative history of Joshua Tree National Park, California. Dr. Carol Sawyer received a travel grant from the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies at Brigham Young University to study debris flow frequency in Glacier National Park, Montana. Service activities for geographers included Dr. Rivizzigno’s membership on the Mobile Planning Commission and Dr. Sebastian and Dr. Fearn’s annual Odyssey adventure. In the summer of 2007, they took Odyssey students to “Ride the Wave”, which involved using the city bus system for transport to different restaurants.

Mr. Sam Stutsman and Ms. Karen Jordan planned and led the 2008 summer field trip to the desert southwest. Students and faculty on the trip traveled from Mobile to the Pacific Coast visiting almost every arid lands park along the route. Highlights included camping on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, seeing a herd of bighorn sheep, and visiting two of the lowest elevations in the Western Hemisphere (Salton Sea & Death Valley).

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Geology

The Geology Program in the Department of Earth Sciences experienced several significant changes in 2007-2008. Jim Connors was promoted to Assistant Professor, and Mary Anne Connors will join us in the fall as our new Instructor of Geology. The introductory Geology curriculum also underwent important restructuring.

The Geology faculty experienced a productive 2007-2008 academic year. This year eighty thousand dollars in technical support and external grants were awarded to...
Geology. Dr. Allison received support for undergraduate field mapping and upgrades for Applied Geomorphology Lab stations. Dr. Connors received support for the Community Learning School Summer Science Camp, and Dr. Haywick received an equipment grant that provided five new petrographic microscopes for students and a new light microscope for research.

David Allison led field trips to Texas and to north Alabama. He also conducted Field Camp in Texas and Taos, NM. Doug Haywick took students on his annual field trip to Moscow Landing. Jim Connors directed the Geology outreach program aimed at making the science of Geology better known in the community. He gave numerous presentations in area classrooms as well as career fairs. Dr. Connors also served as academic advisor of the Nu Mu (USA) Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, and Dr. Clark continued as the faculty advisor for the Alpha Chi Honor Society.

Geology undergraduate students were extremely active this year in community and university service. Students participated in the Mobile Regional Science and Engineering Fair, the Science Olympiad, and the Mobile Rock and Gem Show. This year the SGA recognized the Geology Club as the most improved student organization. Geology students attended the Southeastern GSA meeting in Charlotte, NC, where Tyler Johnson participated in a poster session and David Sandy and Elizabeth Barclay were authors on a published abstract.

Meteorology
The Meteorology Program had quite a successful 2007-2008 academic year, which was kicked off by the annual Severe Storms Evaluation Field Methods Trip to the Great Plains at the beginning of the Summer semester in May. While the student group led by Meteorology faculty Gina and Ryan Wade did not see any tornadoes, they did observe several spectacular supercell thunderstorms in the High Plains of Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming. Later in the Summer, Dr. Keith Blackwell and Mr. Ryan Wade were the Local Coordinators for the Deployment of Ocean Wave Sensors. The Ocean Wave Sensors are a joint effort between USA’s Center for Hurricane Intensity and landfall Investigation (CHILI – Dr. Sytske Kimball, Director) and NOAA’s Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory (NOAA/AOML). Students and faculty coordinators participated with AOML staff in the deployment of several bottom sensors in the Gulf south of the Fort Morgan Peninsula. Dr. Keith Blackwell was an invited speaker on hurricanes to the U.S. Coast Guard’s Junior Officer’s Seminar.

In the Fall semester, all Meteorology faculty participated in a semester-long Odyssey Program on Weather. They gave guest lectures on weather that included such topics as Recent Hurricanes of the Northern Gulf Coast, The University of South Alabama Mesonet Program, Remote Sensing of Weather, Weather Forecasting, Severe Weather, and Storm Chasing. Meteorology major and Resident Advisor Clarence Brackett arranged for Dr. Keith Blackwell to give an award winning presentation on Hurricane Katrina’s Double Eyewalls for the Delta Dorm Program. Meteorology faculty and students assisted with the Girls Exploring Math and Science by hosting a program in which middle school girls created weather forecasts and then produced television weathercast videos of their weather forecasts (http://www.southalabama.edu/usawfc/video.htm). Senior Meteorology Honor’s student Ronnie Schumann successfully defended his senior thesis titled Determining the Significance of Measured and Derived Tropical Cyclone Parameters when Classifying Tropical Cyclone Strength.

The Spring semester was particularly exciting with the addition of a new faculty member, the renovation of the Synoptic Meteorology Laboratory, participation in multiple Meteorology conferences, and the hosting of a regional conference at USA. The Meteorology Program welcomed a new Assistant Professor of Meteorology, Dr. Wesley Terwey. Dr. Terwey comes to South Alabama after completing his doctoral studies in Atmospheric Science at Colorado State University where his research focused on Hurricane Dynamics. Several students and faculty attended the American Meteorological Society 88th Annual Meeting in New Orleans where Dr. Keith Blackwell was an invited panelist and presenter at the “Hurricane Katrina-Looking Back to Look Ahead” Presidential Policy Forum/ Tropical Meteorology Special Symposium. The Meteorology Program received funding to upgrade the technology in the Synoptic Meteorology Laboratory with Windows/Linux dual-boot computers in order to enhance both operational weather forecasting, radar interpretation of severe storms, and computer modeling of the atmosphere. Dr. Wesley Terwey received a Technological Infrastructure Grant from the College of Arts and Sciences to purchase a storage server to enhance the computing capabilities of this lab. In April 2008, Drs. Blackwell, Kimball, and Terwey attended the bi-annual American Meteorological Society Conference on Hurricanes and Tropical Meteorology. Dr. Kimball’s NOAA grant sponsored three meteorology majors (Ronnie Schumann, Christina Holt, and Jackie Rauch) to attend as well. The three students presented well-received posters at this professional conference and made solid contacts for graduate school opportunities.
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The University of South Alabama Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (Meteorology Club), with support from the Coastal Weather Research Center and the Department of Earth Sciences, hosted the fifth Annual Southeastern Coastal and Atmospheric Processes Symposium (SECAPS) at the Student Center Ballroom. The symposium had record attendance with an audience of over 150 students and faculty from various universities, National Weather Service meteorologists, television meteorologists, and USA Meteorology alumni. One of the highlights of SECAPS was the panel discussion on the public’s perception of severe weather watches and warnings. The panel included many prominent researchers and operational meteorologists who discussed problems and potential solutions to the public’s understanding of severe weather. The Meteorology Program’s new Tornado Machine, built by Meteorology students Christina Holt and Christopher Morris, was unveiled during the SECAPS Social Mixer. The Meteorology Club also sponsored the significant public outreach activity of programming weather radios for the public. As a direct result of Meteorology Club members efforts, over 300 families in the greater Mobile metro area now have weather radios programmed to receive warnings of specific weather threats. The Meteorology Club also won many SGA student organization awards including “Chapter of the Year”, “Program of the Year” for SECAPS, and Met Club president Christopher Morris won “Member of the Year”. The faculty advisors for the Met Club are Gina and Ryan Wade. During the annual Department of Earth Sciences Awards Ceremony, Christopher Morris received the Exxon Mobil Award for the Top Senior Meteorology student; Christina Holt received the Exxon Mobil Scholarship Award for the Top Junior Meteorology student; and Daniel Lamb received the Synoptic Meteorology Top Forecaster Award.

Earth Sciences: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

David T. Allison


Lary M. Dilsaver


Sytske Kimball


Carol F. Sawyer


Wesley Terwey


Wenfei Wang


Earth Sciences: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Lary M. Dilsaver


Carol F. Sawyer


Wenfei Wang

**Earth Sciences: Non Peer Reviewed Publications**

Aaron Williams


Keith G. Blackwell


**Earth Sciences: Reviews**

Lary M. Dilsaver


**Earth Sciences: Abstracts**

David T. Allison


Lary M. Dilsaver


Douglas W. Haywick


Sytske Kimball


Carol F. Sawyer


Earth Sciences: Grants

David T. Allison


Lary M. Dilsaver


Douglas W. Haywick

A&S Technology Infrastructure Enhancement Award (2008, March). Acquisition of an Incident Light Microscope. $8,500 (from award; total with match $19,011). Awarded.

Sytske Kimball


Wesley Terwey


Ryan Wade

USA College of Arts and Sciences. (2008). Arts and Sciences Technology Grant. $25,600. Awarded.

Earth Sciences: Presentations

David T. Allison


Keith G. Blackwell


Blackwell, K. G. (2007). Invited Presentation: Recent Hurricanes of the Northern Gulf Coast (Is this activity unprecedented and why were these storms so devastating?), (Presented two 1.5 hour sessions to college scholarship winners.), Bedsole Foundation’s Young Scholar’s Program Retreat, Beckwith Lodge, July 21, 2007, Weeks Bay, AL.

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James J. Connors, Jr.


Lary M. Dilsaver


Douglas W. Haywick


Sytkske Kimball


EARTH SCIENCES


Roy Ryder

Ryder, R. (2008). Land use diversification in the elite residential sector of Latin American cities. Presentation in Humanities and Social Sciences Colloquium (in conjunction with the USA Research Forum), University of South Alabama, March 20, 2008, Mobile, AL.

Carol F. Sawyer


Wesley Terwey


Wenfei Wang

Department Chair: Dr. Sue Walker

Professor: Dr. Sue Walker

Associate Professors: Dr. Larry Beason, Dr. Robert Coleman, Dr. Annmarie Guzy, Dr. Becky McLaughlin, Dr. Linda R. Payne

Assistant Professors: Mr. Bruce Alford, Dr. Moira Amado-Miller, Dr. Nicole Amare, Dr. Patrick Cesarini, Ms. Carolyn Haines, Dr. John Halbrooks, Dr. Ellen Harrington, Dr. Richard Hillyer, Dr. Cristopher Hollingsworth, Dr. Kern Jackson, Dr. Barry R. Nowlin, Dr. Chris Raczkowski, Dr. Justin St. Clair

Senior Instructor: Ms. Linda Spain

Instructors: Ms. Vickey Daley, Ms. Dana Escobio, Ms. Alice Kracke, Ms. Karen Peterson, Ms. Debra Roy, Mr. Jeff Trumbo.

Writer In Residence: Mr. Frye Gaillard

Secretaries: Ms. Karen Burns, Ms. Jo Ann Olivera

Teaching Assistants: Ms. Christy Hutcheson, Mr. Matthew Lambert, Mr. Chris Starkey, Ms. Tammy Stefanini, Ms. Beth White.

Interns: Mr. Gary Walker, Ms. Debra Ferguson, Ms. Mistica Maples, Ms. Melissa Smith

Graduate Assistants: Ms. Amy Brown, Ms. Stephanie Evers, Ms. Alyson Koblas, Ms. Jennifer Powel, Ms. Nicole Schlaudecker

English: Highlights

Particia Foster, Professor of English at the University of Iowa taught as a Visiting Professor in Creative Writing during the fall semester, 2007.

October 19, 2007: Don Morrill (University of Tampa) and Karen McElmurray gave a reading and participated in a panel discussion of Creative Nonfiction.

January 17, 2008. Angela Davis was the guest speaker at the Martin Luther King event.

February 16-17. Distinguished Professor Emerta, Sandra Gilbert, spoke with a literature class, gave a public lecture, and a poetry reading.

March 3-8: Visiting Professor Robert Morgan taught a week-long mini-course in Creative Writing and gave a reading of his work.

April 3, 2008 Favorite poem Reading at the Laidlaw Performing Arts Center.

The establishment of the Stokes Center for Creative Writing. The English Department and Creative Writing is grateful to Dr. Steven and Angelia Stokes for their million dollar endowment.

Poetry Theatre USA met once a month at Satori Sound where featured readers and students performed and read their work.

The annual Favorite Poem Reading took place in the Laidlaw Performing Arts Center in April and was well attended by the community and the University. The welcome was presented by President Gordon Moulton.


Sue Walker was named Stokes Distinguished Professor of Creative Writing.

English: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Bruce Alford


Nicole Amare


Christopher Thaddeus Raczkowski

Raczkowski, C. T. (2007). The Simple Art of Murder Criticism. In MFS: Modern Fiction Studies, 53(4), 876-886. [Review Essay of three books: Hard-Boiled Masculinities, Twentieth-Century Crime Fiction, Detective Fiction.] This is a 4,000 word review essay by invitation from one of the most highly selective journals in my field.


English: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Nicole Amare


Becky McLaughlin


English: Peer Reviewed Books

Nicole Amare


Richard Hillyer

Barry R. Nowlin


**English: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

John Halbrooks


Sue Brannan Walker


**English: Non Peer Reviewed Book Chapters**

Carolyn Haines


Ellen Burton Harrington


**English: Non Peer Reviewed Books**

Carolyn Haines


Haines, C. (2007) *Revenant*, (paperback original), MIRA, Toronto, Canada

Sue Brannan Walker


**English: Reviews**

Bruce Alford


Nicole Amare


Carolyn Haines


Review of Carolyn Haines’ *Revenant* (2007) Publisher’s Weekly, Romantic Times (top pick, starred review in mystery category)

**ENGLISH**

Ellen Burton Harrington


Sue Brannan Walker


**English: Editorship of Books or Journals**

Ellen Burton Harrington


Becky McLaughlin


**English: Abstracts**

Becky McLaughlin


**English: Other Performances, Productions and Recitals**

Bruce Alford


Carolyn Haines


**Haines, C.** (2007, July 12). *Name that Author show* Houston, TX: Murder by the Book.

Sue Brannan Walker


**Walker, S. B.** (2007, September 27) [Poetry Reading]. Columbus, GA: Columbus Public Library.


**Walker, S. B.** (2007, October 12) Reading with other authors in Whatever Remembers Us Fairhope, AL: Page and Pallet Bookstore.


Walker, S. B. (2008). Poem selected for the Chicago performance May 2, 2008 at the Vietnam War Memorial at Wabash & Wacker along the Chicago River. The poem was read aloud at the Public Poem 4000 Words commemorating 4000 Dead, then the words were cut up and given away to passing pedestrians.

English: Recordings

Carolyn Haines


English: Poetry

Sue Brannan Walker


English: Interviews


English: Grants

John Halbrooks


Kern M. Jackson

National Endowment for the Arts. (2008, March 15). The Alabama Community Scholars Institute (ACSI) to be held at the University of South Alabama Summer 2008. $25,000. Awarded.

Christopher Thaddeus Raczkowski

College of Arts and Sciences, Univ. of South Alabama. (2007, January 16). Title: Summer Professional Development Award. $6,500. Awarded.
**ENGLISH**

Justin St.Clair

USA College of Arts and Sciences Professional Development Award. (2008, Summer). Novel Listening: Background Sound and the Technologies of Aural Control. $6,000. Awarded.

**English: Presentations**

Bruce Alford


Nicole Amare


Larry Beason


J. Patrick Cesarini


Annmarie Guzy


Caroline Haines


John Halbrooks


Ellen Burton Harrington

ENGLISH


Cristopher Hollingsworth


Kern M. Jackson


Becky McLaughlin


Karen Peterson


Christopher Thaddeus Raczkowski


Justin St. Clair


Sue Brannan Walker

FOREIGN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

Department Chair: Dr. Isabel Z. Brown
Professors: Dr. Calvin N. Jones, Dr. Joseph P. Mozur, Dr. Bernard Quinn (emeritus)
Associate Professors: Dr. Isabel Brown, Dr. Susan McCready, Dr. Federico Pérez-Pineda, Dr. Zoya Khan
Dr. Phillip Hadlock, Dr. Heide Lomangino (emeritus), Dr. Harry L. Roddy, Jr.
Assistant Professors: Dr. Christian Fantoni, Dr. David Faught
Instructors: Ms. Kristy Britt, Ms. Terri L. Wilbanks
Secretary: Ms. Katrina Kennedy

Foreign Languages & Literatures: Highlights

In view of the tradition of the university and the tradition of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures 2007-2008 was a momentous year.

The department has only known four chairs in its history. This year, after a national search, the first female chair for the department was appointed. Of Polish origin, Dr. Isabel Z. Brown can be characterized as a polyglot of sorts, which makes her a good choice to chair a department whose focus is the teaching of a wide variety of languages and cultures.

Hiring a new chair meant replacing the highly revered Dr. Calvin Jones who served as department chair for five years. As the chair of the department and as the head of the German section Dr. Jones will be grandly missed.

The biggest changes in the department are in the area of personnel. Dr. Jones’s replacement in German is Dr. Christine Rinne, who completed her Ph.D. in German and German Cultural Studies at Indiana University. The French line has been filled by Dr. Mihaela Marin, who completed her Ph.D. in French Literature at Tulane University. The department was granted a new line for an additional instructor in Spanish. USA alumna, Ms. Jenny L. Hall who has just completed a Master’s in Spanish linguistics at the University of Alabama, will be joining us in the fall as well.

A new course of study was added this year and two new courses of study were proposed. The new course of study is a two-year program in Classical Greek. The Self Instructional Language Program (SILP) will be adding Portuguese and Italian after a campus-wide survey was conducted to gauge the interest in these languages.

Dr. Susan McCready hosted the annual international meeting of the Nineteenth Century French Studies Colloquium in downtown Mobile in October of 2007. The event was highly lauded for the unusual number of engaging scholarly panels, for its organization, and for the general hospitality exhibited by all involved.

The look of our classrooms changed dramatically this academic year with the addition of custom-made multi-media podiums to each of the main classrooms. This has made it possible to conduct classes with the latest technology available. Our podiums are the envy of other departments as we have had visitors in to see how they work and to try out their functionality.

Our study abroad programs for last summer were highly successful and this summer’s are breaking the record with regard to the number of students traveling. Because the department’s endowment for the USA foundation is no longer sufficient to generously fund each major’s travel, the department is considering the possibility of establishing a new endowment. The chairperson of this campaign will be Dr. Bernard Quinn, former chair of the department.

The department co-sponsored, along with the Department of Philosophy and the Department of Dramatic Arts a one-act drama by Yannis Simonides on the life of Alexandrine Poet C. P. Cavafy. It also co-sponsored along with many departments and programs in the college, political activist and feminist Angela Davis’s visit to the area.

In collaboration with USA’s International Studies Program the Department hosted a booth representing both International Studies and Foreign Languages at USA during Mobile’s International Festival.

The faculty of the department continues to distinguish itself internationally through its research endeavors both by publishing peer-reviewed articles in journals of international merit and by presenting research papers at international conferences both nationally and internationally. Several of our faculty members hold positions on advisory boards of prestigious journals. Others serve as chairs of organizational panels at international conferences.

The department continues to make plans toward growth in the areas of technology, community outreach, and certificate programs.
Foreign Languages & Literatures: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Zoya Khan


Foreign Languages & Literatures: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Susan McCready


Foreign Languages & Literatures: Reviews

Christian Fantoni


Susan McCready


Foreign Languages & Literatures: Editorship of Books or Journals

Susan McCready


Foreign Languages & Literatures: Grants

Kristy McKenzie Britt


Susan McCready


Foreign Languages & Literatures: Presentations

Kristy McKenzie Britt


Isabel Zakrzewski Brown


FOREIGN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

David A. Faught


Zoya Khan


Susan McCready


Federico Pérez Pineda


Harry Louis Roddy, Jr.


Terri Wilbanks


HISTORY

Department Chair: Dr. Clarence L. Mohr
Professor: Dr. Clarence L. Mohr
Associate Professors: Dr. Leonard Macaluso, Dr. Henry M. McKiven, Jr., Dr. Michael L. Monheit, Dr. Daniel E. Rogers, Dr. Joseph A. Nigota, Dr. Martha J. Brazy, Dr. Donald DeVore
Assistant Professors: Dr. Marsha L. Hamilton, Dr. Mara Kozelsky, Dr. Harrison Miller, Dr. Rebecca Williams, Dr. Michelle Strong
Instructor: Dr. Robert E. Faust, Dr. Sara Frear
Secretaries: Ms. Michelle Cagle, Ms. Debbie Thomaston

History: Highlights

SCHOLARSHIPS

This year the History Department awarded three major scholarships.

The Macy Wims Reid Endowed Scholarship for an outstanding junior or senior history major, was given this year. The recipient was Kahrendawn Andrews

The Montgomery Carlton Stallworth Scholarship for an outstanding junior history major was awarded to Ms. Rachel Logan. Rachel Logan is a double major in History and Russian who plans to pursue graduate study in history. Her work in both her major fields has been outstanding, as indicated by her overall GPA of 3.92, one of the highest GPA of any of our majors this year. In 2007 she was recognized as the Outstanding Student of Russian by Professor Svetoslava Tew. Ms. Logan is a member of several honorary societies including the freshman society Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society, and Phi Kappa Phi, which is restricted to the top 7.5% of Junior Class. She is pursuing departmental honors in History and has received a 2008 award from the University Committee on Undergraduate Research to support an original investigation of political activism among college students in Mobile, Alabama from 1954-1970

The Minnie Lee Wilkins Stallworth Scholarship for an outstanding junior history major was awarded to Mr. Jeff Harris. Jeffrey Harris is a triple major in History, French and Political Science, with a particular interest in French identity and nationalism. As a Supplemental Instructor for History 102, Mr. Harris has helped numerous students grasp the fundamental narrative of Western Civilization and develop basic analytical skills, all with his usual infectious enthusiasm for, and knowledge of, history. He is also very active on campus and is involved in many groups, including Alabama Students for Constitutional Reform, Amnesty International, Secular Student Alliance, USA College Democrats, French Club, LGBT Alliance and the Student Government Association.

Both of the Stallworth scholarships, awarded for the first time this year and covering full tuition for the next academic year up to the amount of $3500, are made possible through the generosity of the late N. Jack Stallworth whose bequests to the USA Foundation also support an departmental lecture series in Southern history.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND OUTREACH ACTIVITY

N. JACK STALLWORTH LECTURE

On October 23, 2007 the department of History hosted the first N. Jack Stallworth Lecture in Southern History. The lecture was endowed through a generous bequest to the USA Foundation from the late N. Jack Stallworth. The son of Minnie Lee Wilkins Stallworth and Montgomery Carlton Stallworth, Mr. Stallworth was a lifelong Mobilian, well known in Mobile business circles having owned and operated several business ventures and restaurants over the years. He was a graduate of Castle Heights Military School in Tennessee and of Louisiana State University with a degree in forestry. Jack Stallworth was instrumental in founding the America’s Junior Miss, the Mobile Chapter of the English Speaking Union, and the Camellia Ball. With his grand leadership of the Mobile Carnival Association, he became known as “Mr. Mardi Gras.” His love of Mobile, Southern life, and history, led him to provide, through the USA Foundation, funding to establish and support the N. Jack Stallworth Lecture in Southern history.

The inaugural Stallworth Lecture was delivered to a capacity audience in the Recital Hall of the Laidlaw Performing Arts Center by Regents Professor Emeritus Emory M. Thomas of the University of Georgia. Born in Richmond, Virginia, Emory M. Thomas took his B.A. with Honors from the University of Virginia (1962) and his Ph.D. from Rice University (1966). He taught at the University of Georgia, for 35 years before retiring in 2002. Thomas has taught and written extensively about United States history, focusing on the Confederacy and its leaders during the Civil War. Among his eight books are Robert E. Lee: An Album (2000), Robert E. Lee: A


Biography (1995), Travels to Hallowed Ground: A Historian’s Journey to the American Civil War (1987), Bold Dragoon: The Life of J.E.B. Stuart (1986), and The Confederate Nation, 1861-1865 (1979). Dr. Thomas’s books have been praised for their style and wit, clarity of argument, and lucid presentation of complex ideas. These characteristics have attracted wide audiences, from fellow scholars to the general public. His 1971 book, The Confederacy as a Revolutionary Experience, stimulated new interest in the study of the Civil War-era South among a rising generation of historians. Among Professor Thomas’s many contributions to southern history perhaps none looms larger than his 1979 book The Confederate Nation, published as a volume in the prestigious New American Nation series. In addition providing what has become the standard history of the Confederate States, Thomas’ book offers the fullest statement we are likely to have of the place of the Civil War as a transformative regional event, demarcating the end of the Old South and the birth of the New. By viewing the Confederacy as a beginning rather than simply a tragic denouement, he aligns himself with what may called the ‘discontinuity school’ of southern historical scholarship, whose principal exponent was the late C. Vann Woodward.

Blending style with analytic substance, Thomas’ Stallworth lecture offered a nuanced portrait of the military leader of the Confederacy. His remarks revealed Lee as a man with a complex personality driven by the failures of his father. Thomas stressed that Lee, whether viewed in his role as a military commander or as a postwar symbol of the Lost Cause, was a complex human being whose significance is obscured when he is uncritically lionized as a hero or vilified as a traitor.

SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL OF AMERICAN HISTORY

On March 7-10, 2007 more than 20 scholars from history and related disciplines gathered in Mobile, Alabama to participate in a conference on the historical meaning of Hurricane Katrina. Sponsored by the Journal of American History in conjunction with the Department of History at the University of South Alabama, the proceedings of three day program were published in a special December, 2007 issue of the Journal of American History entitled “Through the Eye of Katrina: The Past as Prologue?” The guest editors for the volume were Lawrence Powell of Tulane University and Clarence L. Mohr of the University of South Alabama.

WRITER IN RESIDENCE—AWARDS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Three years ago Mobile native Frye Gaillard joined the History and English faculties as a Writer in Residence. Gaillard is the author of twenty-two books including Cradle of Freedom: Alabama and the Movement That Changed America. In October, 2005 this book received the Lillian Smith Book Award, Presented by Southern Regional Council and University of Georgia Libraries and in April 2007 Cradle of Freedom also received the Alabama Library Association’s award for adult nonfiction.

Mr. Gaillard has maintained an active writing and publishing schedule and has made a number of public appearances in which he has served as an ambassador for history across the state and the region.

Frye Gaillard Writings and Appearances, 2007 – 2008 Academic Year

Books:
Prophet from Plains: Jimmy Carter and His Legacy, University of Georgia Press, Fall ’07.
With Music and Justice for All, Vanderbilt University Press, Winter ’08.
In the Path of the Storms: Bayou La Batre, Coden and the Alabama Coast, Pebble Hill, an imprint of the University of Alabama Press, Spring ’08.

Articles:
“Bayou La Batre” and “The Bear’s Debut,” Mobile Bay Monthly, September ’07.
Book excerpt from Prophet from Plains, the Mobile Register, September ’07.
“Long Day’s Journey Into Night,” (the story of a legal scholar’s battle with schizophrenia), Vanderbilt Magazine, Spring ’08.

Contributions to books and anthologies:
The Way It Was by Tom Peacock, edited and wrote introduction for this collection of Depression-era and World War II vignettes from an 87-year-old memoirist in North Carolina; Mint Hill Books, fall ’07.
American Crisis, Southern Solutions, contributed a chapter to this anthology from southern historians, commentators and political writers; NewSouth Books, winter ’08.
Making Notes: Music of the Carolinas, contributed two essays to this collection of stories about Carolinas music; Novello Festival Press, spring ’08.
Public Appearances

September 1, 2007 The Decatur Book Fair, Decatur, GA,
September 27, 2007 Baker High School, Mobile, AL,
October 14, 2007 Southern Festival of Books,
          Nashville, TN,
October 24, 2007 Georgia Center for the Book,
          Atlanta, GA,
October 25, 2007 Georgia Center for the Book,
          Americus, GA,
November 6, 2007 University of South Alabama colloquium, Mobile, AL,
November 14, 2007 Auburn University, Auburn, AL,
January 30, 2008 Bellingrath Gardens, Theodore, AL,
February 16, 2008 Southern Voices Symposium,
          Hoover, AL,
February 21, 2008 Appalachian State University,
          Boone, NC,
March 3, 2008 First Baptist Church, Mobile, AL,
March 5, 2008 Sylacauga Public Library, Sylacauga, AL,
March 11, 2008 Davidson College Book Club,
          Davidson, NC,
March 18, 2008 Davidson High School, Mobile, AL,
April 12, 2008 Arts Alive, Mobile, AL,
April 19, 2008 Alabama Book Festival,
          Montgomery, AL,
May 4, 2008 The Blessing of the Fleet, Bayou La Batre, AL,
May 9, 2008 Bayou La Batre Community Celebration, Bayou La Batre, AL,

PHI ALPHA THETA EVENTS

Summary of Phi Alpha Theta Activity – 2007-2008

Phi Alpha Theta seemed to be undergoing a membership and enthusiasm crisis in the fall. Many active members had graduated, and few students attended meetings and events. As a result, the only successful event in the fall was our December 15 viewing of the WW2 photos at the Museum of Mobile.

It was mostly Nadine Mendelsohn-Ziskind who reversed the trend of tepid interest, by recruiting a new generation of members. Ms. Mendelsohn-Ziskind, Wayne Sirmon and I took time visiting history classes, making PAT known to the students. As a result, we initiated 16 new members and, in meetings, devised a spring event schedule that generated much higher student interest.

One innovation (here reported out of chronological order), designed to generate enthusiasm about PAT membership, was an initiation lunch, held at the Pillars restaurant on February 29, 2008. About fifteen persons attended, and we hope to fete initiates in like manner in the future.

The Phi Alpha Theta Alabama Regional Conference was held at Samford University, on February 8, 2008. Three USA students, Wayne Sirmon, Will Sirmon, and Nadine Mendelsohn-Ziskind presented papers. Our students were very well prepared, and their research was well received. For the first time, I served as a discussant for a small panel.

The ‘History vs. Hollywood’ film series continued to draw the biggest crowds, in part because the film schedule was set by the new generation of committed members. The schedule consisted of Gone with the Wind (shown 2/15 and critiqued by Drs. DeVore and McKiven), Burnt by the Sun (shown 3/5 and critiqued by Dr. Kozelsky), Saving Private Ryan (shown 3/28 and critiqued by Dr. Houston), and an ‘Inner-War German-Japanese Decadence Double Feature’: Cabaret and Mystery of Rampo (shown 4/18 and critiqued by Dr. Rodgers and myself).

On February 23, 2008, a few students went to the human body exhibit at the Gulf Coast Exploreum.

On April 12, 2008, I drove a vanload of students and one family to the World War Two Museum in New Orleans.

History Department Award Night was on April 14, 2008 and was hosted and catered by Phi Alpha Theta.

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE FACULTY

Assistant Professor—Mollie Lewis will join our faculty in August, 2008. Professor Lewis holds the Ph. D. in Latin American History from Emory University. Specializing in the history of Argentina, her research has focused on the study of Jewish life in Buenos Aires during the early twentieth century. Ms. Lewis will bring a number of new competencies to our program including the ability to develop courses in Jewish history and immigration history as well as the history of Latin America per se.

ACTIVITIES OF EMERITUS FACULTY

Associate Professor Emeritus W. Robert Houston is now teaching classes in military history and Western Civilization for the USA History Department on an adjunct basis. His continued presence on the third floor of the Humanities building is most welcome.
HISTORY

Professor Emeritus Larry Holmes continues to divide his time between periods of residence in Mobile and Russia, where he pursues an active research agenda. During the past year he received a residential fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars to support work on a new project entitled “Ours or Other? Evacuation and the Kirov Region, 1941-1945.”

INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENTS AND INNOVATIONS

Website Development

With the assistance of Mr. Farzam Bayat in USA Web Services we have established a schedule of frequent updating of the History Department website. The new web page [http://www.southalabama.edu/history] incorporates visual material on the history of Mobile and provides easy access to information about all aspects of our program. USA Web Services is now maintaining the page which is being updated on a continuing basis.

On-line Courses Inaugurated on a Trial Basis

During the summer session of 2008 the History Department will offer three on-line classes. Dr Robert Faust will offer two sections of HY 101 (Western Civilization) and Dr. Mara Kozelsky will offer HY 590, a graduate course on Europe and Empire. Decisions concerning future on-line offerings will be made on the basis of student demand and the opinion of faculty on matters of students performance and the suitability of online formats for work at the advanced level.

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION AND LEARNING SKILLS SEMINARS

With generous support from the Academic Vice-President and the College of Arts and Sciences the department launched a full scale peer tutoring program two years ago in which outstanding junior and senior history majors were assigned to work with each full time faculty member who teaches an introductory class in U. S. History or Western Civilization. The peer tutors attend all class lectures and provide assistance to students on an individual and group basis. Dr. Leonard Macaluso, the program coordinator, reports that initial response to the program from faculty, students, and peer tutors has been quite positive. It seems likely that both introductory students and the peer tutors themselves will derive intellectual benefit from the experience of collaborative learning.

The department also continues its highly successful program of Learning Skills Seminars open to all students history classes at any level, as well as to other non-history students on a space available basis. Our aim in both the peer tutoring and learning skills programs is to maximize the likelihood that students will work up to their individual academic potential.

DEPARTMENT STUDENT/ALUMNI NEWS


Rita Thompson (BA and MA 2006) won the Elizabeth B. Gould Award from the Mobile Historic Development Commission for her research into early Mobile tradesmen and their origins. This was a project Rita began in her Professional Studies (HY 597) course and developed into a database of tradesmen that can be accessed through the MHDC website. Rita is also writing a pamphlet about these tradesmen that will be published by the MHDC. Rita is working as Grants Manager for the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission Area Agency on Aging.

Sean Scarcliff (BA 2006, MA in progress) went on active duty with the Army in October 2007. He completed his Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Benning, Georgia and is now enrolled in Armor Officers Basic Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He has two more training courses to complete before going to Schweinfurt, Germany and then, most likely, Afghanistan.

Caitlin Dion (BA 2007) has started graduate studies in history with an emphasis on colonial America at Villanova University in Pennsylvania.

Rebecca Bond (BA and MA 2008) will enter the Ph.D. program at Louisiana State University in the fall.

History: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Donald E. DeVore


Mara Kozelsky

Kozelsky, M. (Forthcoming Fall 2008). Casualties of Conflict: Crimean Tatars during the Crimean War. Slavic Review.
History: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Mara Kozelsky


Michele Strong


History: Peer Reviewed Books

Mara Kozelsky


John Turner


History: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Clarence L. Mohr


Rebecca R. Williams


History: Non Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Harrison Stewart Miller


History: Reviews

Donald E. DeVore


Marsha Hamilton


John Turner


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Daniel E. Rogers


John Turner


Rebecca R. Williams

Department Chair: Dr. Robert L. Shipp

Professors: Dr. Richard B. Aronson, Dr. Kenneth J. Heck, Jr., Dr. Ronald P. Kiene, Dr. John Valentine

Associate Professors: Dr. Just Cebrian, Dr. William M. Graham, Dr. Kyeong Park, Dr. Sean Powers

Assistant Professor: Dr. Hugh MacIntyre

Secretary: Ms. Nancy Merrill

Marine Sciences: Highlights

Current research funding in excess of $2,000,000 annually.

Peer reviewed publications of USA funded faculty (Kiene, Park, Powers, Shipp) averaging 4 per faculty. Faculty/student publications are averaging about 2.5 refereed publications annually for all MESC/USA faculty.

3 MS and 4 PhD students completed their degrees between fall of 2007 and summer of 2008. Currently there are 25 Masters students and 21 doctoral students enrolled.

Between the USA Foundation and the University Foundation, the Department currently has nearly $700,000 in endowments committed.

Nelson award donation from Mobile Jaycees increased from $3,000, to $12,000. Competition to select Nelson awardees will be completed during May 2008.

New faculty position is being offered to Alice Ortmann.

Bids are soon to be awarded for new Shelby Fishery Building at Dauphin Island Sea Lab

Dr. Scott Quackenbush was selected as executive Director of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, and will take a tenure track position in the Department of Marine Sciences.

Marine Sciences: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Ronald P. Kiene


Kyeong Park


Sean Powers


Robert L. Shipp


**Shipp, R. L.** (in press). A perspective of the importance of artificial habitat in the management of red snapper (*Lutjanus campechanus*) in the Gulf of Mexico. *Reviews in Fisheries Science*. Texas A&I University

**Shipp, R. L.** & George Sedberry. (in review). First record of the wreckfish, Polyprion americanus, from the Gulf of Mexico. *Gulf of Mexico Science*.

**Marine Sciences: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters**

Sean Powers


Gregalis, K. C., Johnson, M. W., & **Powers, S. P.** (In review). Interactions between location and reef design affect responses of resident and transient species on restored oyster reefs in Mobile Bay, AL. *Transactions American Fisheries Society*


**Marine Sciences: Reviews**

Kyeong Park


**Marine Sciences: Abstracts**

Ronald P. Kiene


Kyeong Park


**Marine Sciences: Grants**

Ronald P. Kiene


Kyeong Park


Sean Powers


MARINE SCIENCES


Kyeong Park

Park, K. (2007, May 15). Water quality modeling in estuarine and coastal waters: Concept and an example application. Invited presentation, Naval Research Laboratory, Stennis Space Center, MS.

Park, K. (2008, January 24). A modeling study of the estuarine turbidity maximum along the main channel of the upper Chesapeake Bay, USA. Invited presentation, Gulf Ecology Division, USEPA, Gulf Breeze, FL.


Park, K. (2008, February 8). Water quality modeling in estuarine and coastal waters: Concept and an example application. Invited presentation, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA.


Sean Powers


Department Chair: Dr. J. Scott Carter

Professors: Dr. Satya N. Mishra, Dr. Madhuri Mulekar, Dr. Cornelius Pillen, Dr. Vasily Prokhorov, Dr. Alvin P. Rainosek, Dr. Daniel Silver, Dr. Susan G. Williams, Dr. Xin-Min Zhang

Associate Professors: Dr. Stephen G. Brick, Dr. Suzanne McGill

Assistant Professors: Dr. Abhijit Champanerkar, Dr. Jyoti Champanerkar, Dr. Jorg Feldvoss, Dr. Elena Galaktionova, Dr. Boris Kalinin, Dr. Sherwin Kouchekian, Dr. Nutan Mishra, Dr. Victoria Sadovskaya, Dr. Gabriella Segalla-Pickett, Dr. Bin Wang

Professorial Lecturer: Dr. Frank Jellett

Instructors: Ms. Shiela Bolerjack, Ms. Kun Huang, Mrs. Cynthia A. Crumb, Ms. Sonna Farmer, Mr. Kent Murdick, Ms. Ameina Summerlin

Secretaries: Ms. Sandy House, Ms. Christina Loyd

Mathematics & Statistics: Highlights

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics had an excellent academic year in 2007-2008. We have successfully recruited tenure track faculty members David Benko who received his University of South Florida PhD in 2001, M. Audi Byrne who received her Vanderbilt University PhD in 2004, and Iain Moffatt who received his Warwick University PhD in 2005. Iain and Audi will be replacing the Champanerkars who are leaving the department to accept positions in the New York City area. We wish the Champanerkars success in all of their future endeavors. Highlights of our academic year include a very successful colloquium series which included internationally known speakers in diverse areas such as mathematical biology, knot theory, group theory, approximation theory, design of experiment, Toeplitz operators, Riesz energies, Latin squares, bootstrapping, fractal dimensions, measure rigidity, differential geometry and statistics, and Lie group theory. These colloquia bring new frontiers in research to the front door of the university, improve our basic understanding, and provide opportunities for collaborative research. The department co-hosted the annual international conference Geometry Group Theory on the Gulf Coast that was held in Pensacola and the Statistics, Combinatorics, Mathematics, and Applications conference that was held in Memphis, Tennessee.

We are very proud of our majors and minors. Josue Morales won the Christopher Nash Award with Aaron Lepry coming in second, and with Corey Small earning third place. Emily Kim won the Sushila Mishra Memorial Award, and Devan Cockrell won the Victorino. S. Blanco Award. Henry Mitchell, Josue Morales, and Jasmit Shah earned departmental scholarships for the upcoming academic year. During the 2007-2008 academic year more than 15 students graduated fulfilling the requirements for the mathematics and statistics major. Several of these were double majors. Graduate students C. Scott Brown, Christopher Ogden and Sarah Gelsinger will have completed their Master’s degrees. Sarah’s involves her completing a thesis, “On the topology of the singularities of a sphere eversion.” The department wishes our past students good luck in their future endeavors.

Our faculty activities are supported by a number of grants. Scott Carter, Abhijit Champanerkar, Madhuri Mulekar, Victoria Sadovskaya, Dan Silver, and Susan Williams all have their research funded by the NSF. Other proposals are pending. Scott Carter, Cornelius Pillen, and Vasily Prokhorov have a grant from the Alabama Space Grant Consortium for the Mobile Mathematics Circle. A number of faculty have been successful at attracting funds from both the college and the university to support our research and our colloquium series.

Over 32 refereed papers written by USA math/stat faculty were accepted or published during the last year. Many of these are found among the best journals in the field. We spoke in more than 8 different countries, 12 different states and the District of Columbia. Talks were given at international conferences here and abroad. Venues included Princeton University, Columbia University, the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute at Berkeley, California, and other prestigious locations.

Our faculty routinely review papers for Mathematical Reviews and Zentralblatt der Mathematik. This year we wrote 20 of these. The centralized internationally renowned indices help researchers in the field by giving summaries of other researchers’ published results. New features of these indices allow us to compute the number of citations to the authors and the collaboration distance between any two mathematicians. We invite you to find out, for example, the collaborative distance between any of us and A. Einstein.

Meanwhile, we have been called upon by several top ranked journals to be the referees of important articles. Our research is on the cutting edge. Faculty attended regional, national, and international conferences and workshops. We presented plenary talks and papers, attended workshops, and gave invited presentations all around the world.

Steve Brick and Josh Barnard are co-organizers of Geometric Group Theory on the Gulf Coast conference.
Josh Barnard, Scott Carter, Abhijit Champanerkar, Jörg Feldvoss, and Yorck Sommerhäuser all spoke at the AMS meeting in Baton Rouge, LA. Scott Carter and Abhijit Champanerkar gave talks at the International Conference on Quantum Topology, VAST, Hanoi, Vietnam. Scott is one of the managing editors of The Journal of Knot Theory and its Ramifications. Jyoti Champanerkar, Madhuri Mulekar, and our former student J. Knutson published a paper in computational statistics. Abhijit Champanerkar also gave talks in Bombay, India, and The Knotting Mathematics and Art, International Conference in Low Dimensional Topology and Mathematical Art, at the University of South Florida, Tampa that was co-organized by Scott Carter. Jörg Feldvoss gave talks at University of Cincinnati, Ohio University, University of Louisville, and the University of West Florida. Elena Galaktionova worked extensively with the faculty of the College of Education to apply for a grant to improve the mathematical training of existing elementary school teachers. Boris Kalinin attended conferences and workshops at Pennsylvania State University and the University of Maryland. Nutan Mishra spoke on her work at the College of Charleston in South Carolina. Satya Mishra is the editor of the American Journal of Mathematical and Management Sciences, and he was chosen as the keynote speaker for the American Society of Quality Control’s Gulf Coast Chapter meeting. Madhuri Mulekar presented work in Louisville, Kentucky, Salt Lake City, Utah, Pensacola Florida, and Lisbon, Portugal. Kent Murdick has posted over 100 instructional videos on Youtube; these get multiple hits and many are the most popular math videos available. Cornelius Pillen and Vasiliy Prokhorov co-organized the Mobile Mathematics Circle. This problem solving group has received funding from the Alabama Space Grant Consortium. It is very popular among high school students. Cornelius Pillen presented a 60 minute invited address in the Workshop on Homological Methods in Representation Theory at the Mathematical Sciences and Research Institute, Berkeley, CA. He also gave talks at the University of Georgia, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Lafayette, Louisiana, and Gainesville, Florida. Vasiliy Prokhorov spoke on his work at the Banff International Research Station, in Alberta, Canada. Victoria Sadowskaya attended conferences and workshops at Pennsylvania State University and the University of Maryland. Dan Silver and Susan Williams, who were on sabbatical leave throughout the year in 2007-2008, visited the State University of New York in Stony Brook, George Washington University, University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales. Those last two are in Australia, mate. Yorck Sommerhäuser gave talks in Chicago and Wellington, New Zealand. Ameina Summerlin completed her dissertation at Tulane University. Bin Wang gave talks at the Joint Statistical Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah and at the Interdisciplinary Mathematics and Statistics Forum in Shanghai, China. He was one of the co-organizers in Shanghai. Xin-Min Zhang spoke in Pensacola, Florida and published a paper on fractal triangles. Specific details of all of our accomplishments are found below.

Mathematics & Statistics: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Joshua B. Barnard


Stephen Brick


J. Scott Carter


Abhijit Champanerkar


Jyoti Champanerkar

MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS

Boris Kalinin


**Kalinin, B. & Sadovskaya, V. (2008).** On Anosov diffeomorphisms with asymptotically conformal periodic data. Accepted to *Ergodic Theory and Dynamical Systems.*

Nutan Mishra


**Nutan M., & Sarvate D. (2008).** A Note on Non Regular Planar Graphs, Accepted in *Journal of Combinatorial Mathematics and Combinatorial Computing.*


Kumar, M., Gupta, R., & **Mishra, N. (2007).** Predictive Performance Of The Improved Estimators With Exact Restrictions In Linear Regression Models, Accepted for publication in *AJMMS.*

Satya Narayan Mishra


Madhuri S. Mulekar

**Mulekar, M. S. (2007).** Selecting the most diverse population using Gini measure of income inequality, *Special volume #IV Issue 2,* 91-104.


Cornelius Pillen

Bendel, C. P., Nakano, D. K., & **Pillen, C. (2008).** Cohomology for finite groups of Lie Type, preprint. 25pp

Vasiliy Prokhorov


Victoria Sadovskaya

**Kalinin, B., & Sadovskaya, V. (2008).** On Anosov diffeomorphisms with asymptotically conformal periodic data. Accepted for publication in *Ergodic Theory and Dynamical Systems.*


Daniel Silver


BIN WANG


SUSAN WILLIAMS


ZHANG, XIN-MIN


MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

J. Scott Carter


Jörg Feldvoss


MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Madhuri S. Mulekar


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Mathematics & Statistics:
Editorship of Books or Journals

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Bin Wang


Mathematics & Statistics:
Other Performances, Productions and Recitals

J. Scott Carter, Francis Jellett, Kent Murdick


Vasiliy Prokhorov


Mathematics & Statistics:
Abstracts

Madhuri S. Mulekar

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Mathematics & Statistics: Other Exhibitions

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Mathematics & Statistics: Grants

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Abhijit Champanerkar


Jyoti Champanerkar


Jörg Feldvoss

Special Faculty Development Fund. (2007, November). Support Varieties and Representation Type of Finite Quantum Groups. $1,000. Awarded.


Boris Kalinin


Madhuri S. Mulekar


Cornelius Pillen


Vasiliy Prokhorov


Victoria Sadovskaya


Daniel Silver


Yorck Sommerhäuser

Special Faculty Development Fund of the University of South Alabama. (2007, December). Hopf algebras and congruence subgroups. $1,000. Awarded.

Bin Wang


Susan Williams


Mathematics & Statistics: Presentations

Joshua B. Barnard


J. Scott Carter

Carter, J. S., & Robbin, T. (2007) *Bridging the 2-cultures, Knotting Mathematics and Art*, International Conference in Low Dimensional Topology and Mathematical Art, November 1 – 4, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.


Abhijit Champanerkar


Champanerkar, A. (2008). *Quasi-alternating links III*, Topology and Group Theory Seminar, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of South Alabama, February 8, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL.


Champanerkar, A. (2007). *Ribbon graphs and quasi-trees*, Department Colloquium, August 2, Department of Mathematics, University of Mumbai, Bombay, India.


Jörg Feldvoss

Feldvoss, J. (2007). *Lie Bialgebras and the Classical Yang-Baxter Equation*, Talk presented in the Colloquium of the Department of Mathematical Sciences at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.

Feldvoss, J. (2007). *Poisson Superbrackets, Classical r-Matrices, and Cohomology*, Talk presented in the Algebra Seminar of the Department of Mathematical Sciences at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.
Feldvoss, J. (2007). Injective Modules and Prime Ideals of Noetherian PI Rings, Talk presented at the International Conference on Rings and Things dedicated to Carl Faith on his 80th birthday and Barbara Osofsky on her 70th birthday, Ohio University - Zanesville, Zanesville, OH.

Feldvoss, J. (2007). Lie Algebras in which being an Ideal is a Transitive Relation, Talk presented at the Southeastern Regional Algebra Conference, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, LA.

Feldvoss, J. (2007). On the Cohomology of Modular Lie Algebras, Talk presented in the Special Session on Lie and Representation Theory at the 2007 Fall Southeastern Section AMS Meeting, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN.


Feldvoss, J. (2008). The Auslander-Reiten Quiver of Finite Quantum Groups, Talk presented in the Special Session on Actions of Quantum Algebras at the 2008 Spring Southeastern Section AMS Meeting, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA.

Feldvoss, J. (2008). Support Varieties and Representation Type of Finite Quantum Groups, Talk presented in the Special Session on Geometric and Combinatorial Representation Theory at the 2008 Spring Southeastern Section AMS Meeting, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA.


Nutan Mishra

Hurd, S., Mishra, N., & Sarvate, D. (2007, October). Group Divisible Designs With Two Groups and Block Size Five With Fixed Block Configuration, Presented at 21st MCCCC at College of Charleston, Charleston, SC.

Satya Narayan Mishra


Madhuri S. Mulekar


Cornelius Pillen

Pillen, C. (2007). Cohomology of finite groups of Lie type, Algebra Seminar, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL.


Pillen, C. (2007). Cohomology of finite groups of Lie type, presented in the special session Lie and Representation Theory at the 2007 Fall Southeastern Section Meeting of the American Mathematical Society, Murfreesboro, TN.


Vasiliy Prokhorov

Alvin P. Rainosek


Daniel Silver


Yorck Sommerhäuser


Bin Wang


Susan Williams


Zhang, Xin-Min

MUSIC

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Associate Professor: Dr. Robert Holm

Assistant Professors: Dr. David Durant, Dr. Jeannette Fresne, Dr. Joe Pendleton, Dr. Thomas Rowell, Dr. Peter J. Wood, Ms. Linda Zoghby

Secretary: Ms. Peggy Doyle

Music: Highlights

The Department of Music had a successful year with regard to concerts, presentations, research/creative activity, guest performances and recruiting. Some of the academic year’s highlights include: development of a marching band program, increased music major enrollment, retention, and participation in music ensembles for the 2007-08 academic year, and increased concert opportunities for students through faculty and nationally and internationally recognized guest artist performances. Music students enjoyed regional and national recognition in performance and composition. Performance, composition, and research/creative activity by the music faculty continued in a number of international, national, and regional venues as well as a variety of community arts and innovative education and technology programs including the Mobile Symphony, Mobile Opera, Mobile Pops Band, Mobile Arts Council, the Mobile and Baldwin County Public Schools, and podcast programs for schools throughout the state of Alabama.

Andra Bohnet. Professor of Music, maintains an active performance schedule as a flutist in both the classical and more eclectic musical realms. Her Celtic band, Mithril, performed as guest soloists with symphony orchestras in Jackson, Mississippi, Fort Smith, Arkansas and Santa Rosa, California. Mithril also released their fourth CD, The Return Home, in June 2007, which has received excellent reviews and airplay in the U.S. and Canada. She also traveled to Vancouver, BC to record portions of the Clinton on Clinton CD, music of John Clinton (1809-1864) on seven flutes of his manufacture, with research colleague Adrian Duncan who also played guitar and sang on the project. The rest of the music was recorded in Mobile with USA colleague Dr. Robert Holm, pianist, and is currently in post-production and scheduled for release in July 2008. Bohnet also performed on both coasts of Canada in July 2007 with appearances in Vancouver, BC and Lunenburg, NS. Closer to home, Bohnet serves as principal flutist with the Mobile Symphony (where a highlight of the season was performing with Joshua Bell) and has performed numerous concerts on both campus and in the region with Mithril and the Silverwood Quartet. The Silverwood Quartet has also been busy recording their latest CD, A Celtic Mosaic, which is scheduled for release on June 3, 2008. Bohnet wrote several new arrangements especially for that recording project.

Jerry Alan Bush, Professor of Music, presented a solo piano recital on campus honoring Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Hatcher, III--friends and benefactors of the Department of Music--on November 27, 2007. During the 2007-2008 academic year he appeared in a series of solo performances at the Golandsky Piano Institute at Princeton University in July, 2007, and in October presented lecture-recitals at Carnegie Hall (Zankel Auditorium) and Queens College (Aaron Copland School of Music) in New York, NY. Dr. Bush also was featured in master classes at Carnegie Hall and Queens College in New York, The Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and The Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He continued his series of classes as Master Clinician of the New Orleans Performance Institute, having given more than thirty classes for advanced preparatory students since August, 2007. In addition Dr. Bush presented a series of master classes in Atlanta under the auspices of the Greater Atlanta Piano Forum. He served as Chair of the Jury for the Guthman National Piano Competition in Atlanta in February, 2008. In April, 2008, Dr. Bush was again honored as a Laureate Teacher of the DeBose National Piano Competition in Baton Rouge, LA, where his USA piano students were awarded first prize in all four College Division categories—the first time one studio received all collegiate first prize awards in the competition’s 34-year history. The total of winners from Dr. Bush’s studio in national competition now stands at 61, and the number of honors and awards accrued by his students during his USA career has reached 726—including prizes in competitive auditions, scholarships, fellowships and graduate assistantships at institutions across the nation.

David Z. Durant. Assistant Professor of Music, performed his composition Vista for Solo Piano and Tape at the New Media Consortium Regional Conference, A Concert of Electro-Acoustic Music at Tulane University; the National Conference of the Society for Electroacoustic Music in the United States, Concert 2 at the University of Utah; the Florida Electroacoustic Music Festival, Concert VII at the University of Florida; and at the Electroacoustic Music Concert at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. He also performed the premieres of two other new compositions this season at USA. They were Ballata for Solo Piano and Remnants for Computer Driven Piano and
Grand Piano. Scott Walton of the University of San Diego premiered Durant's D'Olive for Solo Piano at the University of San Diego and subsequently performed it at Cuyamaca College in El Cajon, CA.

Jeanette Fresne, Assistant Professor of Music, continued to serve as Program Director for the Arts in Education program funded by a grant from the Alabama Commission of Higher Education and No Child Left Behind legislation, a state-wide partnership between the University of South Alabama and Alabama Institute of Education in the Arts offering arts integration programs in Comprehensive Arts Education: Alabama. She coordinated twelve fine arts specialists in dance, music, theatre, and visual art to instruct 48-hours of inservice training, while continually assessing and evaluating the sessions and overall program. As a part of this program, she and the other instructors mentored over 75 Baldwin, Clarke, and Mobile County elementary teachers in their classrooms. In January, she received a grant for $187,000 to fund the fifth year of the program. New grant submissions, course improvements, and four peer-reviewed submissions occurred in addition to teaching thirty-one hours this year with over 200 students. Sponsoring student groups — Collegiate Music Educators National Conference organization and Sigma Alpha Iota — she also attended the Alabama Arts Education Summit, Alabama Music Educator’s Association Conference, and John Jacobson Workshop. Fresne co-presented with Drs. Baggett, Giles, Shaw, and Byrd from the College of Education at the Association of Teacher Educators and presented a seminar for University of Mobile and two days of inservice sessions for Calvary Baptist Day School. Serving a second year as Secretary-Treasurer of the Alabama Music Educators Association Higher Education Division, she also served on the Mobile Arts Council as chair of the Education committee and as a board member of the Mobile Chamber Music Society. Professional service this year included serving on the USA Faculty Senate and the Dean’s Council on Teacher Preparation in addition for several other committees.

Greg Gruner, Professor of Music, remains active in composition, arranging, and conducting in addition to his teaching and administrative duties as Chair of the Department of Music. He has guest conducted in Indiana, South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama during the past academic year as well as serving as the Conductor and Music Director of the Mobile Pops. As an arranger, he has written a number of pieces for the Mobile Pops and high school bands throughout the region. He is currently working on a series of jazz compositions for performance by concert band instrumentation rather than the typical jazz band instrumentation. One of those compositions is slated for premiere in May 2008.

Tracy Heavner, Professor of Music, presented research at the International Association of Special Education Tenth Biennial Conference in Hong Kong, China and his research was published in the conference proceedings. Other research was published in Approaching Cultures Through English: Diversity in Context, Acoruna, Spain. He had research accepted for publication in the conference proceedings of the Bergen Interactive Music Conference, Bergen, Norway and the International Conference on e-Education, Bangkok, Thailand. He performed with the Mobile Symphony, the USA Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo, on faculty and student recitals and at Soundscape. He recorded with LiveHorns.com, a local studio that records horn lines and solos for a variety of music projects including CDs and movie tracks from all over the world. He also performed at a number of community events and served as a clinician for the Gulf Coast Jazz Camp and at the District VII Solo and Ensemble Festival. He received an invitation as the director of the USA Jazz Combo to perform two concerts at the Montreux Jazz Festival, Montreux, Switzerland and signed with the Beechler Music Corporation as a performing artist. He was also selected as the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Artist of the Year.

Robert Holm, Associate Professor of Music, was featured in thirty-five different full-length recitals during the academic year. Solo performances on recital series and master classes were given in Alabama, Florida, California and Washington and two solo recitals were given on campus, including the eighth and final program of Beethoven sonatas to conclude the composer’s cycle of thirty-two sonatas. The USA Faculty Trio, later renamed the Archduke Trio, comprised of violinist Enen Yu, cellist Guo-Sheng Huang and pianist Robert Holm performed at University of Mississippi, University of Mobile, University of South Alabama and on the Fairhope Recital Series at the Eastern Shore Arts Center. Eleven collaborative recitals were given with faculty, guest faculty and students and four recitals were given with faculty at the University of Mobile and at the University of West Florida. A reading of Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto with the Mobile Symphony Orchestra was given on five days notice. Adjudication for Music Teachers National Association competitions was given in Mississippi and Florida and accompanying services were rendered at state-wide conferences for the Alabama Music Educators Association, National Association of Teachers of Singing, Alabama Music Teachers Association and All-State Solo and Ensemble Festival. Service as chair of the search committee for Director of Choral Activities...
included interviewing, performing with and evaluating three qualified applicants. Supervision was given for two senior degree recitals and one optional student recital and the USA Piano Ensemble gave two recitals, featuring student pianists performing piano duets and performing in collaboration with instrumental music majors. Completed recording projects include one with Dr. Peter Wood of the Robert J. Bradshaw Trumpet Concerto and with Dr. Andrea Bohnet of music by English flute maker and composer John Clinton. The Bradshaw composition is accessible on-line at the composer’s website and also on a YouTube video entitled “Aftermath.” Dr. Bohnet’s CD will be released in the near future.

John Papastefan. Professor of Music, served on the Percussive Arts Society national education committee, the college/university pedagogy committee and on the PAS international conference planning committee. A CD review by Dr. Papastefan was published in the National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors Journal. The USA Percussion Ensemble presented two concerts, which included the performance of several new works. Several of his students have completed graduate degrees and one is currently in the doctoral program at the University of Miami.

Joe Pendleton. Assistant Professor of Music, served as an adjudicator for multiple solo/ensemble and choral competitions for both the Alabama Vocal Association and the Mississippi Music Education Association. The University Chorale was featured on a concert at the Alabama Music Educators Association conference in January 2008.

Thomas L. Rowell. Assistant Professor of Music, performed in numerous operatic productions throughout the Gulf Coast region this past season. Dr. Rowell appeared four times with Mobile Opera during the 2007-08 season in La Traviata, Messiah, Some Enchanted Valentine, and Andrea Chenier. He also appeared with Pensacola Opera in Mozart’s The Magic Flute and conducted two very successful USA student operatic productions: Opera and Muscial Theater Scenes and Gaetano Donizetti’s L’Elisir d’Amore. Dr. Rowell served as registrar and organized the Alabama Chapter of National Association of Teachers of Singing statewide student auditions. He was selected to appear in Piobbico, Italy, during the summer of 2008 with Vernon Hartman (Metropolitan Opera) and Amy Johnson (New York City Opera) and received a College of Arts and Sciences Summer Teaching Grant.

Peter Wood. Assistant Professor of Music, was active throughout the Gulf Coast region this year as performer and clinician. In addition to playing trumpet in the Gulf Coast and Mobile Symphony Orchestras and performing two solo faculty recitals on the USA campus, he also performed in September 2007 as soloist at the Nong Project, an electroacoustic music festival at the Korean National University of Arts in Seoul, South Korea. He also performed as a guest recitalist in a concert series in Foley, AL and in electroacoustic music concerts at Tulane University and Louisiana State University. He and pianist colleague Robert Holm did the premiere recording of Robert Bradshaw’s Concerto for Trumpet and Piano, soon to be released on the Beauport Classical label. He was awarded an Arts and Sciences Development Award for his fall recital tour along the East Coast, culminating in a performance on the Millenium Stage at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Dr. Wood also served as featured trumpeter and lecturer for the Tulane composers project, through which the graduate composition students at Tulane University in New Orleans all composed music for trumpet and electroacoustic accompaniment. Dr. Wood led discussions about the musical capabilities of the trumpet, provided feedback on the students’ compositions, and played the first performances of each of the pieces. As a teacher, Dr. Wood served as brass section coach for the Mobile Symphony Youth Orchestra. He continued his work utilizing technology in educational settings, leading a PETAL session on the use of podcasting in education. Over 1200 unique computers from all over the state of Alabama logged onto the USA Music Department’s series of All-State Preparation Podcasts, instituted by Dr. Wood. He also co-wrote an Arts and Sciences Development Award proposal, funding improved and expanded All-State Preparation Podcasts for next year. Dr. Wood serves the International Trumpet Guild as Editor of the “Recording Reviews” column for the ITG Journal. He served the USA Music Department on the Recruiting and Retention Committee. In this capacity, he updated many of the recruiting print materials and wrote the script for the upcoming departmental DVD. In addition, he took over the duty of revising the department’s web site. Finally, he continued his implementation and coordination of the South Alabama Brass Workshop, an annual summer educational event for high school students.

Linda Zoghby. Assistant Professor of Music, has performed as soloist in venues such as the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Spring Hill College, Saint Ignatius Church, and Saint Joseph Church. Her teaching, both at the University and in her private studio, has involved preparing students this year who have had professional regional auditions for classical performances; had audition and acceptance into the Doctoral Degree Program in Vocal Performance at The University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa; auditioned in Las
Vegas, NV for professional music management; and performed solo at The Wharf in Orange Beach, AL. Ms. Zoghby assisted one of her students in preparing and producing a CD and DVD as part of participation in a New York, NY competition. Ms. Zoghby’s students this year include those from Saint Paul’s, Bayside Academy, Daphne Middle School, and from Ocean Springs and Gulfport, MS. In Florida Monthly Magazine, Ms. Zoghby is featured in photograph and print, as one of Florida State University’s “Influential Leaders in the Arts.”

Music: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Jeannette Fresne


Tracy Heavner


Music: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles/Compositions/Arrangements

Greg Gruner


Music: Reviews

Andra C. Bohnet


John J. Papstefan


Peter J. Wood


**Music: Editorship of Books or Journals**

Peter J. Wood


**Music: Juried Performances, Productions, Recitals, Commissioned Compositions/Arrangements**

Andra C. Bohnet


MUSIC


Chamber Music Performances: National/International


Chamber Music Performances: Regional


Chamber Music Performances: Community


MUSIC


Orchestral Performances: Regional


Orchestral Performances: Community


Jerry Alan Bush


MUSIC


David Z. Durant


Greg Gruner


Tracy Heavner


Heavner, T. (alto & tenor saxophone). (2007, October 6). Fall concert, University of South Alabama Jazz Band, LPAC, Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama


Robert Edward Holm

*National: Solo*


National: Collaborative


Regional: Solo


Regional: Collaborative


MUSIC


Campus: Collaborative


Music: Other Performances, Productions & Recitals

Andra C. Bohnet

These concerts are also public, but took place on campus. The formal concerts are of high artistic merit and require significant preparation. The others are in service to the institution.

Formal Concerts


Directed Student Concerts


Service in Student Concerts


David Z. Durant


MUSIC


Robert Edward Holm

Regional: Solo


Regional: Collaborative


MUSIC

Campus: Solo


Holm, R., et al. (Director and Pianist). (2008, March 27). President’s Concert [Faculty Ensemble Recital]. Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama.


Holm, R., & Andra Bohnet (Pianist). (2007, August 30). Tales from the Sabbatical [Faculty Recital]. Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama.

John J. Papastefan


Thomas L. Rowell


Wood, P. J. (Trumpeter). (2007, September 1). Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra pops concert, Moss Point, MS.


MUSIC


Linda Zoghby


Music: Recordings

Andra C. Bohnet


Jerry Alan Bush


Robert Edward Holm


Holm, R., & Bohnet, A. (2008). Music by Flute Maker and Composer John Clinton. The CD is scheduled for release in 2008 on the Boxwood label (Lunenburg, Nova Scotia) and represents music of Clinton played on seven different Clinton flutes accompanied by piano. The project is a joint effort with Clinton biographers Adrian Duncan in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada and Terry McGee in Canberra, Australia.

Holm, R., & Wood, P. (2007). Concerto for Trumpet by Robert J. Bradshaw [MP3]. The recently composed Trumpet Concerto with piano reduction transcribed by the composer will reportedly be performed in all 50 states and in many countries within the next year. Dr. Wood and I were the first to record the three-movement work which is available for free download at email address http://www.robertjbradshaw.com/Welcome/ConcertoPremiereProject.html

Peter J. Wood

Music: Grants

Andra C. Bohnet


David Z. Durant


Jeannette Fresne


Greg Gruner

University of South Alabama Special Faculty Development Fund (2007, December). Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic. $1,000. Awarded.

Tracy Heavner

University of South Alabama (2007, June 10). Presidents Travel Fund to Present at the International Association of Special Education 10th Biennial Conference, Hong Kong, China. $1,000. Awarded.

Robert Edward Holm


Thomas L. Rowell

University of South Alabama College of Arts and Sciences Summer Teaching Grant. (2008, June 10 – July 7). The Professional Advantage: Operatic Singing in Italy. $6,000. Awarded.

Peter J. Wood

College of Arts and Sciences Support and Development Award. (2007, November 29). Concert/Masterclass Tour to the Kennedy Center. $2,128. Awarded.


Music: Presentations

Jerry Alan Bush


David Z. Durant


Jeannette Fresne


Peter J. Wood


Fresne, J. (2008). *Dancing Through the Curriculum*. Session presented at the Arts in Education Program through the University of South Alabama and Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, Loxley and Mobile, AL.

Fresne, J. (2008). *Introduction to Dance*. Session presented at the Arts in Education Program through the University of South Alabama and Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, Loxley and Mobile, AL.


Fresne, J. (2007). *Palo de Lluvia and Other Rain Activities!* Session presented at the Arts in Education Program through the University of South Alabama and Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, Loxley and Mobile, AL.


Fresne, J. (2007). *Strategizing*. Session presented at the Arts in Education Program through the University of South Alabama and Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, Loxley and Mobile, AL.

Fresne, J. (2007). *Dance Away*. Session presented at the Arts in Education Program through the University of South Alabama and Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, Loxley and Mobile, AL.

Fresne, J. (2007). *Administrivia*. Session presented at the Arts in Education Program through the University of South Alabama and Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, Loxley and Mobile, AL.


Fresne, J. (2007). *Just a Whole Lotta Something Going On!* Session presented at the Arts in Education Program through the University of South Alabama and Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, Loxley and Mobile, AL.

Fresne, J. (2007). *Children’s Books for Early Grades*. Session presented at the Arts in Education Program through the University of South Alabama and Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, Loxley and Mobile, AL.

Fresne, J. (2007). *Choral Reading*. Session presented at the Arts in Education Program through the University of South Alabama and Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, Loxley and Mobile, AL.

Fresne, J. (2007). *Play and Learn*. Session presented at the Arts in Education Program through the University of South Alabama and Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, Loxley and Mobile, AL.

Fresne, J. (2007). *Partner in Crime*. Session presented at the Arts in Education Program through the University of South Alabama and Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, Loxley and Mobile, AL.

Fresne, J. (2007). *Defining, Determining, and Directing*. Session presented at the Arts in Education Program through the University of South Alabama and Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, Loxley and Mobile, AL.


Holm, R. (2007, September 13). *Performance and Master class* [Guest Clinician]. Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA.

Holm, R., & Speck, S. (2007, September 6). *Lecture Recital on Mussorgsky’s Pictures at an Exhibition* [Mobile Symphony Orchestra]. Bernheim Hall, Mobile Public Library, Mobile, AL.
MUSIC


Holm, R., & McKinnel, S. (Pianist). (2007, June 6). Informance and Master class with flutist [University of Mobile Summer Music Camp]. University of Mobile, Mobile, AL.

Peter J. Wood


PHILOSOPHY

Department Chair: Dr. John C. Coker

Associate Professors: Dr. Eric Loomis, Dr. Kevin M. Meeker

Assistant Professors: Dr. Ted Poston, Dr. Susan Youngblood

Secretary: Ms. Patsy Jordan

Philosophy: Highlights

In the area of Teaching, the philosophy department had (to the best of my knowledge) the highest annual graduation rate ever – 15 students. The department is also sustaining the record number of majors that it has achieved over the last 5 years, which in turn involves record number of advisees. It is likely that the gains made in graduation rate and in recruitment and retention of majors are attributable in part to the strength of teaching in our department. The departmental mean on Question 12, Grade Instructor as a Teacher, was a 90, the highest average since I took over as Chair and began keeping records in Fall 2001.

In the area of Professional Development, several members of the Philosophy Faculty were actively engaged in publication and research activity. A few of these highlights are:

Referreed Journal Articles:


Accepted and Forthcoming:

Poston, Ted. “Know-how to be Gettiered?” Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (accepted & forthcoming) (Peer reviewed)

Poston, Ted. Critical Notice of Justification without Awareness by Michael Bergmann, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (accepted & forthcoming) (peer reviewed)

Poston, Ted “Hell, Vagueness, and Justice: A Reply to Sider” Faith and Philosophy (accepted & forthcoming) (peer reviewed)

Participation in professional institutes, workshops, courses, conferences (enhancing skills and/or knowledge):


Presentations to professional organizations:

Meeker, Kevin (2007). Hume on Hume: Consistency, Charity, and Context, at 34th Hume conference (peer reviewed)


Service:

Philosophy department faculty served on a variety of Department, College, and University Committees. Fundraising Activities

Susan Youngblood:
Acquired $50,000 for Philosophy major Pre-law endowment from John Crowder – matched for $100,000
Received first installment of $20,000 from Michael McGlothren for Philosophy major – Christian ministry endowment

John Coker: Created and run-off program for Simonides, Cavafy: Passions and Ancient Days. This performance was a fundraising event for the Hellenic Endowment, which raised $80,000.
Philosophy: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Eric Loomis


Kevin Meeker


Ted Poston


Philosophy: Reviews

Kevin Meeker


Ted Poston


Philosophy: Grants

Ted Poston

USA & USA Foundation (2007, October 4). Title: Attending the 2008 Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. $1,000. Awarded.

Philosophy: Presentations

Kevin Meeker


Ted Poston


PHYSICS

Department Chair: Dr. S. L. Varghese

Professors: Dr. R. Kent Clark, Dr. Paul A. Helminger, Dr. C. Merrill Jenkins, Dr. S. L. Varghese

Associate Professor: Dr. Justin M. Sanders

Assistant Professors: Dr. Albert A. Gapud, Dr. Romulus Godang

Senior Instructor: Mr. Michael Boleman

Instructors: Ms. Emel Ficici, Ms. Marija Novovic

Secretary: Ms. Betty Eubanks

Physics: Highlights

The University of South Alabama Physics Department completed the 2007-08 academic year continuing its sustained pursuit of excellence in Teaching, Research, Service and Outreach. As of this report, work has started on the exterior of the Instructional Laboratories Building, providing overall cleaning and water-proofing.

Mr. Dan LaBrier accepted another position to be closer to his family. Subsequent to a search, Ms. Emel Ficici, with a Masters degree from the Middle East Technical University, was hired to fill the vacant position, starting August 2008.

Dr. Paul Helminger working with Dr. Kent Clark organized the Alabama AAPT meeting. Mr. Michael Boleman, Dr. Clark and Dr. Helminger presented papers in the meeting. Dr. S. L. Varghese welcomed the attendees on behalf of the University. Also in attendance were Ms. Ficici and Dr. Albert Gapud. The department conducted its annual teaching workshop with Drs. Clark, Gapud, Helminger and Varghese as presenters. They reported on: 'Homework on the Web using Wiley Plus in PH 201', 'Web-enhanced Teaching in PH 115', 'Report from the Alabama AAPT meeting' and 'Comments on the Additional Complementary Hour in PH 201' respectively.

The department continued its highly focused scheduling and with the support of the dedicated faculty, healthy enrollments were maintained. Due in part to the faculty’s extra efforts both inside and outside the classrooms such as problem-solving sessions, demonstrations, astronomical viewings, use of the internet and the like, and the department’s free tutoring program, the retention rate in physics for 2007-08 was at a remarkable level of 85.7%. Dr. Clark developed and taught PH 290H, an Honors Special Topics Course. Dr. Romulus Godang taught Particle Physics as PH 494, Directed Studies. Dr. Helminger taught Classical and Modern Optics as PH 494 also with a view to offer the course in ‘three-hours’ instead of ‘four-hours’. A Muon Lifetime Experiment was incorporated into the Modern Physics Lab by Dr. Merrill Jenkins.

Cumulative results from the ETS Major Field Test taken by eight USA Physics Majors in 2006 and 2007 showed that the average school score for USA placed it in the 80th percentile. Ms. Erin McDonald is the latest USA Physics alumnus. Mr. Justin Ladnier has been awarded a four-year Freshman Physics Scholarship for 2008-09. Faculty selected with a unanimous vote, Mr. Josue R. Morales Cifuentes for the Physics Faculty Honors Fellowship. Mr. Cifuentes and Ms. Christina Holt were inducted into the National Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma. Students were recognized for their superior performance in the introductory physics sequences. In the Algebra/Trigonometry-Based Physics Sequence Ms. Sarah B. Syklawer was unanimously selected for the outstanding physics student award; while, Mr. Emile Kleyn, Mr. Jon M. Dockery and Mr. Tariq M. Yousef were presented honorable-mention certificates. For the Calculus-Based Physics Sequence, Mr. Robert W. Edmunds and Ms. Carmen D. Zirlott were unanimously selected for the outstanding physics student awards; honorable-mention certificates going to Ms. Ashlee N. Hudson and Samantha L. Stocker. Mr. Matthew M. Severson won the 2007-08 Outstanding Physics Major Award.

Several physics majors and a Ph. D. student from University of Mississippi worked with various faculty members on several research projects. Mr. Rajendra Khadka presented papers at the American Physical Society March meeting and at the 74th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Section of the American Physical Society. He also presented papers at the 17th Annual USA/USM Mini-Conference on Undergraduate Research in Sciences and Mathematics. Mr. Khadka participated in poster presentations to the USA Research Forum. Dr. Gapud took several students to the March Meeting of the American Physical Society. Additionally Drs. Clark and Sanders took several physics majors to the Deep South Regional Star Gaze.

In addition to the research and related activities on campus, faculty traveled to Fermi National Laboratory,
National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, Ohio State University and the University of Mississippi in pursuit of collaborative research. Dr. Gapud took Mr. Khadka to the National High Magnetic Field Lab to do research.

Physics faculty continued to be engaged in productive research as evidenced by publications, which are peer-reviewed, by procurement of research grants both intramural and external, by presentations, participation in professional gatherings and refereeing for journal publications. Refereed publications appeared in such prestigious journals as Computer Physics Communications, Journal of Molecular Spectroscopy, Physical Review A, Physical Review B, Physical Review D, Physical Review Letters, The Physics Teacher, Thin Solid Films as well as Conference Proceedings. Brief reporting of some of the research work has appeared in abstract form in publications such as the Bulletin of American Physical Society. Faculty members involved in these activities were: Mr. Boleman, Drs. Gapud, Godang, Helminger and Sanders.

Dr. Clark along with Dr. Sanders and Mr. Rodney Mollise continue to edit and publish the "Journal of the Double Star Observations."

Dr. Godang serves on the Berkeley Particle Data Group and Stanford Heavy Flavor Averaging Group.

Physics Faculty continue to serve on thesis committees outside the department in spite of the absence of a graduate program in physics- Drs. Godang and Sanders serve in this capacity.

Physics faculty members successfully pursued both internal and external funding for research activities. Dr. Gapud received a grant from the Research Corporation. Dr. Helminger, with collaborators from Ohio State University, pursued research funded by NASA. Dr. Jenkins' research involving Hyper-CP and CKM experiments at Fermi National Lab, funded by the USDOE continued. Both Dr. Gapud and Dr. Godang received grants from the University of South Alabama Research Council in support of their research. Additionally, Dr. Godang received a Summer Professional Development Award, as well as a Support and development Award from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Research results were presented either by the USA physics faculty or their collaborators in local, regional and national meetings, and faculty members attended several conferences. Dr. Gapud presented a paper at the 2008 American Physical Society March Meeting in New Orleans. Dr. Godang presented two papers at the April 2008 Meeting of the American physical society in St. Louis. Dr. Gapud and Dr. Helminger attended the 74th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Section of the American Physical Society and presented papers. Dr. Varghese attended the 37th Annual Meeting of the Conference of Graduate Schools, in Austin, Texas. Dr. Helminger attended the 62nd Ohio State University's International Symposium on Molecular Spectroscopy. Dr. Varghese attended the combined 2007 Region III /Region IV Meeting of the National Council of University research Administrators in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Clark co-organized the 17th Annual USA/USM Mini-Conference. Several faculty members attended the 15th Annual USA Research Forum- Drs. Gapud, Godang and Sanders presenting posters. Dr. Godang gave a presentation to the USA Research Round Table.

The Physics Department had five successful colloquia, Dr. Godang and Ms. Marija Novovic leading the efforts.

As in the past, USA physics faculty members were very active in outreach programs in significant ways. Serving the university community in particular and the public in general, the department’s plasma display was kept operational and the information current by Mr. Boleman. Dr. Helminger, the Project Director of the Alabama Science in Motion (ASIM) at USA, continued his service in the capacity. The ASIM grant for USA was renewed. Ms. Robin Chestnutt, ASIM Physics Project Specialist, organized several teacher workshops and took the SIM projects to classrooms in Mobile and surrounding counties. The program continues to make a very positive impact on the community. Participants of the Fourteenth Annual Physics Teacher/Student workshop, organized by Dr. Varghese and the recruiting committee (Dr. Helminger, chair) were highly complementary, as indicated by survey results and conversations with various teachers/students. For the year’s workshop Drs. Clark, Godang, Jenkins and Sanders made presentations to the teachers, while in parallel sessions Mr. Boleman, Ms. Chestnutt, Ms. Ficici, Dr. Gapud, Dr. Helminger, Ms. Novovic and Dr. Varghese engaged the students with hands-on experiments, presentations about physics careers and research laboratory tours. Dr. G. David Johnson, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences and Dr. David Stearns, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Services, welcomed the participants. Overall 22 students and 15 teachers attended the workshop.
The “Tuesday Evening Physics” program organized by Dr. Helminger had another great year. Drs. Clark, Gapud, Godang, Helminger, Jenkins, and Sanders provided 6 sessions, an average of 25 students per session attending.

‘Astronomy viewing sessions’ at various elementary and high schools and other outreach programs were integral parts of the activities of the department. Drs. Clark, Helminger and Sanders provided telescope-viewing sessions at various schools and to several groups.

Dr. Sanders continues to serve as USA’s advisor for the Society of Physics Students and Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Honor Society- both very active. The Astronomy Club, started two years back with student initiative remained very active. Dr. Clark serving as the advisor.

Ms. Ficici and Dr. Sanders were judges in the Regional Science Olympiad. Drs. Sanders, Helminger and Varghese served as judges for the Mobile Regional Science Fair. Dr. Varghese also participated in picking the overall winners for the Junior and Senior Divisions, as well as the Yale Science and Engineering Award winner.

Ms. Ficici and Ms. Novovic were very active in ‘Girls Exploring Math/Science’. Drs. Helmingh and Jenkins remain very active with the Boy Scout Program. Dr. Clark gave an interview to a local TV station. Dr. Sanders and Dr. Varghese served as Faculty Marshal and Lead Faculty Marshal respectively, for the USA graduation ceremonies.

Physics: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Michael Boleman


Albert A. Gapud


Romulus Godang


Justin M. Sanders


Paul Helminger

Godang, R. (2008). Technique for an improved measurement of the Y(4S) to B0 B0bar branching fraction, Babar Collaboration — We present a technique for improving the determination of the Y(4S) to B0 B0bar branching fraction using data collected by the BABAR detector at the PEP-II asymmetric-energy e+e- collider at SLAC. We present the projected precision of the improved measurement and what can be learned from such a measurement. St. Louis, MO.

Godang, R. (2008). Measurement of the Branching Fraction of B0 to D*+ lepton neutrino by Partial Reconstruction, Babar Collaboration — We present the branching fraction measurement of B0 to D*+ lepton neutrino using data collected with the BABAR detector at the PEP-II e+e- storage rings at the Stanford Linear Accelerator. We conduct the measurement by partially reconstructing the D+ mesons from B0 to D*+ lepton neutrino decays. We will discuss the methodology and provide preliminary estimates of the branching fraction of using B0 to D*+ lepton neutrino the partial reconstruction. St. Louis, MO.
PHYSICS

Paul Helminger


Justin M. Sanders


Physics: Grants

Albert A. Gapud


Paul Helminger


National Aeronautics and Space Administration (2007, January 1 – 2007, December 31). Millimeter and Submillimeter Spectroscopy of Molecules of Atmospheric Importance. $103,224. Awarded through The Ohio State University. This was the third year of a three-year grant.

Charles Merrill Jenkins


Justin M. Sanders


Physics: Presentations

Michael Boleman

Boleman, M. (April, 2008). JagFit & Plot Digitizer. Presentation at the Alabama section of the American Association of Physics Teachers, Mobile, AL.

R. Kent Clark

Clark, R. K. (2008). CLEA at USA, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers, Mobile, AL.

Albert A. Gapud

Khadka, R., Gapud, A. A., & Khan, A. (2008), Superconducting Film “Made in USA”, Poster presented at the USARC Research Forum 2008, Mobile, AL.


**PHYSICS**


Romulus Godang


Paul Helminger


Justin M. Sanders

POLITICAL SCIENCE & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Department Chair: Dr. Nader Entessar

Professors: Dr. Ethan M. Fishman, Dr. Stephen Morris

Associate Professors: Dr. David A. Bowers, Dr. Samuel H. Fisher, III, Dr. Mir Zohair Husain, Dr. Keith Nicholls, Dr. Timothy O’Shea, Dr. Lois A. Wims

Assistant Professors: Dr. Curtis Blakely, Dr. Ronald Nelson, Dr. Thomas C. Shaw

Secretary: Ms. Dell Connell

Political Science & Criminal Justice: Highlights

The Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice had a productive year of teaching, research and service. The number of majors in the Department has continued to grow, numbering some 500 undergraduate and graduate students in political science, criminal justice, international studies and public administration. The Department hosted the 2008 annual conference of the Alabama Political Science Association on our campus. Faculty attended workshops and participated in a number of local, regional and national conferences. They produced a significant number of publications and research papers as evidenced by what follows under the publications list of this report.

During this year, a successful search for a faculty position in criminal justice was conducted. Corina Schulze will join us this fall as assistant professor. Also, Jerome Hughes joined our department this year as a public policy analyst. We welcome both of them as new members of our department.

Several members of the Department were successful in securing over $220,000 in externally funded grants. They include Drs. Keith Nicholls, David Bowers, Samuel Fisher, and Mr. Jerome Hughes.

Dr. Ronald Nelson serves as the pre-law advisor for the University and represented the Department during the USA Day activities and served as an applicant reviewer and interviewer for the 2008-2009 Honors Program admissions process. He also organized the University’s 2007 Constitution Day program and sponsored a talk by Professor Susan Hamill of the University of Alabama School of Law entitled “Of Constitutions and Taxes” during the Constitution Day. Dr. Nelson also presented papers at the 2008 annual conference of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans and chaired a panel and served as a discussant on two panels at the 2008 annual meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association in Mobile.

Dr. Thomas Shaw presented papers at the 2007 annual meeting of the Southeastern Conference of Public Administration in Nashville, Tennessee and at the 2008 Southern Political Science Association meeting in New Orleans. In addition, he served as the program chair, organizer and vice president of the 2008 conference of the Alabama Political Science Association and participated as chair and discussant on two panels in that meeting.

Dr. Timothy O’Shea presented a paper at the 2008 annual conference of the Alabama Political Science Association. He also consulted with the Mobile Police Department and the City of Mobile to implement their command accountability program, and serves as an advisor to the Mobile County Sheriff’s Office and the Mobile Police Department.

Dr. David Bowers presented a paper at the 2008 annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Cincinnati, Ohio, and chaired a panel at the 2008 annual conference of the Alabama Political Science Association. He also produced a number of technical reports for the Alabama Department of Youth Services.

Dr. Keith Nicholls serves as the director of the USA Polling Group and is regularly quoted in the Mobile Register polling stories. He conducted 28 Mobile Register-USA polls this year, the majority of which received front page coverage in the Mobile Register, and many were picked up by other newspapers in Alabama and some were picked up by national newspapers. He is regularly interviewed by a variety of local radio and television stations, and gives talks to groups on issues of local and state interest. Dr. Nicholls also served as a panel discussant at the Gulf South History and Humanities Conference and as the organizer, chair and discussant on two panels at the 2008 annual conference of the Alabama Political Science Association.

Dr. Curtis Blakely presented a poster session on prison specialization at the 2007 annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, Georgia. He is an active member of the American Society of Criminology, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, American Correctional Association, and the Southern Criminal Justice Association.

Dr. Mir Zohair Husain presented papers at the 2008 annual meeting annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, Louisiana and at the
2008 annual meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association in Mobile. Dr. Husain gave several talks to community and campus groups, and he serves as faculty advisor to several student organizations on campus. He published 13 articles in the USA student newspaper, The Vanguard. The Office of Campus Involvement and the Student Government Association (SGA) honored Dr. Husain with the 2007-2008 Organization Advisor Award for his work with the Pakistan Student Association (PSA). The PSA won four other awards during the current academic year.

Dr. Jeffrey Blankenship presented a paper at the 2008 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, Louisiana and chaired and served as a discussant on a panel at the 2008 annual meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association in Mobile. During this meeting, Dr. Blankenship was elected to serve as the secretary of the Alabama Political Science Association for the period of 2008-2012.

Dr. Samuel Fisher participated at the 2008 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans where he served as a discussant and panel chair. Dr. Fisher was a member of this year’s Southern Political Science Association conference committee and served as the section head for public opinion. He also had a poster presentation at the 2007 biennial meeting of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Dr. Fisher serves as the treasurer for the American Council for Quebec Studies.

Dr. Stephen Morris is past president and a member of the executive committee of the Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies (SECOLAS) for 2007-2008. Dr. Morris is a member of the editorial board of The Latin Americanist and Carta Economica Regional, University of Guadalajara. He also presented papers at this year’s SECOLAS conference in Tampa, Florida and at the 2007 meeting of the Latin American Studies Association in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Dr. Morris chaired a panel at the 2008 annual meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association in Mobile and presented a paper at the International Seminar, Transparency, Citizen Confidence and Institutions in Mexico City. In addition, he gave a talk on Mexico as part of the USA’s Distinguished Lecture Series in Baldwin Country and another talk to the USA’s Latin American Seminar.

Dr. Ethan Fishman delivered a PETAL lecture on the Socratic Method on March 21, 2008. He serves as the Department’s advisor to Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, and as University advisor to the USA Jewish Students Association. Dr. Fishman's essay entitled “Not Compassionate, Not Conservative” has been nominated for a 2008 National Magazine Award in the category of American politics.

Mr. Jerome Hughes has been active conducting sponsored research on policy initiatives at the federal, state and local levels that advance the well-being of families and the development of communities, with a particular emphasis on the economic, physical and social environment of low- and moderate-income populations in southern Alabama. Areas of policy research include youth employment strategies, southwest Alabama regional housing initiative, community economic development initiative, and capacity-building and technical assistance.

Dr. Nader Entessar presented papers at the 41st annual conference of the Middle East Studies Association in Montreal, Quebec, Canada and at the 2008 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was also selected as a guest scholar for the Alabama Humanities Foundation's 2007 SUPER Teacher Institute on “The Middle East Faces the 21st Century.” Dr. Entessar serves as a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Third World Studies, Journal of Central Asian Studies, American Foreign Policy—Annual Editions, Encyclopedia of the Developing World, and Nationalism and Ethnicity Terminologies. He had more than twenty interviews with the Voice of America, BBC, SBS-Radio in Melbourne, Australia, and Sahar Universal Network, as well as published interviews in Hawar, Kurdistan Nou, Gulan, and Etemaad.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, the following students were recognized for academic achievements:


David L. Horton Memorial Award for Excellence in Political Science: Sebastian Andres Nievas.
Political Science & Criminal Justice: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Curtis R. Blakely


David A. Bowers, Jr.


Nader Entessar


Ethan Fishman


Mir Zohair Husain


Political Science & Criminal Justice: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Ethan Fishman

Fishman, E. (Autumn 2007). Unto Caesar (pp. 36-44). The American Scholar.

Ronald L. Nelson


Timothy O’Shea


Thomas C. Shaw


Political Science & Criminal Justice: Peer Reviewed Articles in Books

Mir Zohair Husain

Political Science & Criminal Justice: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Curtis R. Blakely


Mir Zohair Husain


Political Science & Criminal Justice: Reviews

Curtis R. Blakely


Blakely, C. R. (2007). [Technical paper entitled, Proactive community supervision](David Bowers as secondary author). This paper was presented to the Alabama Department of Youth Services (10/27).

Nader Entessar


Political Science & Criminal Justice: Editorship of Books or Journals

Curtis R. Blakely

**Political Science & Criminal Justice: Grants**

David A. Bowers, Jr.


Samuel H. Fisher III


Keith Nicholls


**Political Science & Criminal Justice: Presentations**

Curtis R. Blakely


Jeffrey M. Blankenship


David A. Bowers, Jr.


Nader Entessar


Samuel H. Fisher III


Mir Zohair Husain


Stephen D. Morris


Ronald L. Nelson


Keith Nicholls


Timothy O’Shea


Thomas C. Shaw

PSYCHOLOGY

Department Chair: Dr. Larry Christensen

Professors: Dr. Charles H. Brown, Dr. Elise E. Labbé
Dr. Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling

Associate Professors: Dr. Susan A. Anderson, Dr. Martin Rohling, Dr. Joan M. Sinnott, Dr. Lisa A. Turner, Dr. Cay M. Welsh

Assistant Professors: Dr. Josh D. Foster, Dr. John Kline
Dr. John Shelley-Tremblay, Dr. Mark Yates

Secretary: Ms. Bonnie Hall

Psychology: Highlights

The 2007-2008 academic has been exciting and very active on virtually all fronts. The most significant event impacting the Psychology Department is receiving approval from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education to offer a program of studies leading to a Ph.D. in Psychology. This is something the Psychology Department has had as its vision for several decades and has finally been accomplished. The program is a combined clinical/counseling psychology program that combines the resources and effort of the Department of Professional Studies Counselor Education program in the College of Education with the resources and effort of the Psychology Department in the College of Arts & Science. This program will admit its first cohort of students in the fall of 2009. Between now and fall of 2009 faculty members in the Department of Professional Studies and the Psychology Department will be busy preparing for this first group of students. This program will increase the size of the psychology graduate program which typically has about 20 to 25 full-time students. The other significant academic event that has finally been achieved is receiving approval to offer courses that will qualify undergraduate students to become associate Applied Behavior Analyst upon passing a certification examination and completing the requisite number of practicum hours. The first course in this series will be taught in the fall semester of 2008. This program will give undergraduate students an employable skill with numerous job opportunities, something that typically does not exist for students with an undergraduate major in psychology. There are currently over 300 students majoring in psychology and we expect this program to attract more students to the field which will further increase the number of psychology majors.

The Psychology Department continues to experience a natural turnover of faculty. Dr. John Kline will depart from the University at the end of the spring semester of 2008 and will be replaced by Dr. Dennis Reidy. Dr. Reidy will receive his Ph.D. from the University of Georgia in the summer of 2008. He is a clinical psychologist with research interests focusing on the interrelationship between personality and behavior. Specifically, he is interested in understanding the factors that facilitate violent and aggressive behavior as well as exploring personality constructs related to antisocial behavior. He will be a welcome addition to the department as we develop the doctoral program in clinical psychology. This next year we will also have to conduct a search for a replacement for Dr. Cay Welsh who will be retiring at the end of the fall semester of 2008. Dr. Welsh has been a valuable member of the Psychology Department for over 25 years and her services will be missed.

The Psychology Department has had another very productive year in terms of scholarly output. During the 2007-08 academic year psychology faculty were the principal investigator or co-investigator of over $600,000 in grant funding to support their research endeavors. The programs of research conducted by psychology faculty members has resulted published 16 articles in peer reviewed journals, 15 “in press” articles and 16 articles currently under review as well as one book and 10 book chapters and reviews. Psychology faculty members were also very active in presenting the results of their research at national, regional, and local conferences. The faculty made 17 presentations at national conferences, 9 at regional conferences and 6 at local conferences. The 2007-08 academic year has been a very productive year for psychology faculty members and reveals their dedication to scholarship.

During the 2007-08 academic year Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling was selected to deliver the USA Dean’s Lecture Award, she also received the Olivia Rambo McGlothren National Outstanding Scholar Award, and was nominated for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars Inspire Integrity Award. Several students also received awards. Andrew Manley and Joshua Goff received the outstanding undergraduate student award, John Friend and Katie Wood received the outstanding graduate student award, Riley Trimm received the USA Psychology Scholarship award and Hayden Collier received the Pinnacle Endowed Scholarship award.

Psychology faculty continue to provide service to the university and community. The Psychology Clinic services the needs of the community at large by providing psychological services. Psychology faculty members are
also committed to their profession by serving on editorial boards of various peer reviewed journals such as the Journal of Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback, Journal of Genetic Psychology, Journal of Gambling Studies, Journal of Family Violence, and Aggression and Violent Behavior and the Journal of Sports Behavior is located in the Psychology Department with the co-editors being psychology faculty members. Psychology faculty members also provide service to the profession of psychology by reviewing books and articles for possible publication and serving on grant review committees.

AWARDS


Psychology: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Larry Christensen


Joshua D. Foster


Twenge, J. M., Konrath, S., Foster, J. D., Campbell, W. K., & Bushman, B. J. (in press). Egos inflating over time: A cross-temporal meta-analysis of the Narcissistic Personality Inventory. Journal of Personality.

Twenge, J. M., Konrath, S., Foster, J. D., Campbell, W. K., & Bushman, B. J. (in press). Further evidence of an increase in narcissism among college students. Journal of Personality.

Elise Labbé-Coldsmith


Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling


PSYCHOLOGY

Martin L. Rohling


John Shelley-Tremblay


Joan M. Sinnott


Lisa A. Turner


Mark Yates


Psychology: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Joshua D. Foster


Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling


Psychology: Peer Reviewed Books

Larry Christensen


Psychology: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Michael Gordon


Psychology: Non Peer Reviewed Books

Larry Christensen


Psychology: Reviews

Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling


Psychology: Editorship of Books or Journals

Elise Labbé-Coldsmith


M. Cay Welsh


Psychology: Abstracts

Joan M. Sinnott


Mark Yates


Psychology: Grants

Charles H. Brown

USARC (USA) (2007, March). To Swing or not to Swing: Psychological factors associated with decision-making in Major League Baseball. $4,498. Awarded

Joshua D. Foster

University of South Alabama Summer Development Award. (2007, December). An unmitigated approach model of narcissism. $6,500. Awarded

Michael Gordon

USARC (USA) (2007, March). To Swing or not to Swing: Psychological factors associated with decision-making in Major League Baseball. $4,498. Awarded

Elise Labbé-Coldsmith


Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling


John Shelley-Tremblay

PSYCHOLOGY

Joan M. Sinnott


Mark Yates


Psychology: Presentations

Charles H. Brown


Larry Christensen

Christensen, L. (2007). Admissions standards, curriculum, and job prospects for master’s degree students. Presentation made at the meeting of the State of Alabama Psychology Department Heads Conference. Auburn University, Montgomery, AL.

Christensen, L. (2007). Insights from senior chairs. Presentation made at the annual meeting of the Association of Heads of Departments of Psychology (AHDP) in Atlanta, GA.

Joshua D. Foster

Foster, J. D., Misra, T., et al. (2008, March). Narcissism and stock market investing. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the University of South Alabama Research Council, Mobile, AL.

Gordon, M., Foster, J. D., Brown, C., & Kolbusz, M. (2008, March). To hit or not to hit: Psychological factors associated with decision-making in Major League Baseball. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the University of South Alabama Research Council, Mobile, AL.


Westmoreland, L., & Foster, J. D. (2008, March). Measuring narcissism using alternative formats of the Narcissistic Personality Inventory. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, Charlotte, NC.


Michael Gordon

PSYCHOLOGY


Elise Labbé-Coldsmith


Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling


Langhinrichsen-Rohling, J. (2007, November). Intimate partner violence is a human issue: Thoughts from a Scientist-Feminist-Clinician. Dean’s Lecture presented to the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL.


Langhinrichsen-Rohling, J. (2007, October). She tries and he dies: Global conversations about the gender paradox and adolescent suicidal behavior. Invited address to the Global Conversation Series at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.


PSYCHOLOGY

Martin L. Rohling


John Shelley-Tremblay


Joan M. Sinnott


Lisa A. Turner


Mark Yates

Department Chair: Dr. John S. Picou

Professors: Dr. Michael R. Daley, Dr. Robert J. Fornaro
Dr. William D. Gartman, Dr. G. David Johnson, Dr. Mark A. Moberg, Dr. J. Stephen Thomas, Dr. Gregory A. Waselkov

Associate Professors: Dr. Nicole T. Carr, Dr. Philip J. Carr, Dr. Roma S. Hanks

Assistant Professors: Dr. Kenneth Hudson, Dr. Douglas A. Marshall, Dr. Denise D. McAdory

Instructors: Ms. Laurie F. Haas

Secretaries: Ms. Linda Burcham, Ms. Carol Naquin

Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work:
Highlights

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work had an outstanding academic year with pacesetter achievements in teaching, research and service. Departmental faculty received excellent teaching evaluations and faculty directly involved numerous undergraduate and graduate students in on-going research projects. Courses enrolled 1,916 students, which generated 5,841 credit hours for the college. Faculty advised 752 students, supervised 17 internships, 13 directed reading and served on 9 MA thesis committees. Faculty members published twenty-eight (28) articles in peer-reviewed journals, reflecting outstanding research activities on the part of the faculty. Faculty members also received 1,638,685 dollars in extramural research grants and contracts, indicating an extremely significant and active professional research agenda. The 1.6 million dollars plus generated by the department is an all-time record for faculty procurement of grants and contracts. Faculty presented forty-seven (47) papers at professional meetings, many involving graduate and undergraduate students. The vast majority of our faculty participated in service activities to the university, professional and local community. These activities included serving on university and college committees, the faculty senate, holding offices and committee memberships in professional associations and supporting local community volunteer organizations by providing pro bono research, teaching, administrative and consulting expertise.

The department hired two new faculty members during the 2007-2008 academic year. Dr. Christopher R. Freed (City University of New York) was hired as Assistant Professor of Sociology. His areas of research interest include medical sociology, addiction behavior and definitions of illness. Dr. Genevra Murray (University of Pennsylvania) was hired as Assistant Professor of Anthropology. Her areas of research interest include medical anthropology, Turkey, social studies of science and technology, social inequality and violence, and gender.

A number of faculty received honors and awards that recognized their distinguished achievements in teaching and research. Dr. Nicole Carr received the 2007 Teaching Excellence Award from the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Carr’s receipt of this award acknowledged her outstanding classroom teaching abilities, as well as her enthusiastic, student-oriented teaching style. Dr. Roma Hanks was recognized by the Mortar Board Honor Society as a “Top Prof”. Dr. Michael Daley was appointed as the Chair of the National Ethics Committee for the National Association of Social Workers. Dr. Doug Marshall was selected for the 2008 Teaching Excellence Award, which will be officially given in the Fall of 2008. Dr. Steve Picou was the recipient of the 2008 William Foote Whyte Distinguished Career award given the American Sociological Association section on Sociological Practice. This award will be presented in August 2008 at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association in Boston, MA. Dr. Picou was also selected to give the 2008 Dean’s Lecture for the College of Arts and Sciences in the Fall of 2008. The national and university recognition received by these members of the faculty of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work attests to the outstanding quality of teaching and research that is offered by the department.

The multidisciplinary context of the department provides a broad spectrum of interesting undergraduate and graduate courses for students in the disciplines of sociology, anthropology and social work. Furthermore, the department also supports teaching, research and service activities that are conducted by the Center for Archaeological Studies, the Delchamps Museum and the USA Programs in Gerontology. These three widely recognized programs made outstanding achievements in extramural funding, course offerings and community outreach over the 2007-2008 academic year.

Dr. Michael Daley. Director BSW Program, provided leadership for an active and productive year for the Social Work program at USA. The Social Work program moved into its third and final year of candidacy for accreditation after a successful review by the Council on Social Work Education in February 2008. This review cited many strengths of the new program and the program will apply for initial accreditation in the fall of 2008. Interest in Social Work remained strong as one hundred seventeen students had either declared Social Work as a major or were in the pre-professional program and enrollment in classes increased considerably. In
March the program brought noted Social Work Educator, **Dr. Saundra Starks** to campus to speak to social work students and faculty. Dr. Daley, Director of the program, was appointed Chair of the National Ethics Committee of the National Association of Social Workers, served as the President of the Rural Social Work Caucus, and the Chair of the Publications Committee of the Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors. He also had two publications in professional journals and made nine presentations at professional meetings. He also reviewed abstracts for the Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work, and reviewed abstracts for two professional conferences. **Dr. Valerie Bryan** who joined the Social Work faculty in August 2007 published two articles in professional journals, produced three technical reports, and made three presentations at professional meetings. **Ms. Laurie Haas**, Field Coordinator, developed new field placement agencies for the program, placed the program’s first six field practicum students and obtained a supplemental research grant for needs assessment on Masons, widows and their orphans. She served as an advisory board member of the Mobile Medical Reserve Corps. The program also had its Title IV-E grant with the Alabama Department of Human Resources renewed. This grant will provide program support and educational stipends for Social Work students.

The Alfred & Lucile Delchamps Archaeology Building was dedicated two years ago and serves as a major part of a long-term effort to upgrade archaeological facilities and create public outreach opportunities for the Center for Archaeological Studies. Construction of the permanent museum exhibit has begun in the Delchamps Building that will highlight “How we know about the past through archaeology” and draw upon important archaeological discoveries in South Alabama. The Center added several staff members and began preparing for museum exhibits. Nine undergraduate students engaged in research activities at the Center, and one presented a poster at a regional professional meeting.

**Senator Richard Shelby** was recently inducted as an honorary member into the Sigma Phi Omega National Academic Honor and Professional Society in Gerontology/Alpha Zeta Chapter at the University of South Alabama. **Senator Shelby** serves on the Senate Special Committee on Aging and has represented the citizens of Alabama since 1986. **Senator Shelby** has received numerous awards for his support of seniors including “Guardian of Seniors’ Rights,” from the 60 Plus Association. **Pamela Brown** presented **Senator Shelby** the honorary membership at his DC office. **Ms. Brown** was 2007-2008 president of the Alpha Zeta Chapter and during fall semester 2007 served as intern in the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) and the National office of Sigma Phi Omega. **Ms. Brown**, who received her M.A. in Sociology in May 2008, represents the growing pool of highly qualified non-traditional students in the USA Programs in Gerontology graduate certificate program. Her internship with AGHE/SPO is the latest exciting opportunity presented by the long professional association of AGHE and Sigma Phi Omega and the USA Programs in Gerontology. The Alpha Zeta Chapter is the oldest Sigma Phi Omega chapter in the state of Alabama.

Two former students from the USA Leadership Institute for Older Adults, sponsored annually by the SARPC-Area Agency on Aging, have entered academic programs at USA. **Gerald Friedlander**, Mobile attorney and business leader, is pursuing his Graduate Certificate in Gerontology and **Marilyn O’Brien** is pursuing her M.A. in Sociology. Both returned to formal education after learning of opportunities at USA through their Leadership Institute experiences. **Mr. Friedlander** is former Board Chair of United Way of Southwest Alabama, former Board member of Mobile Theater Guild and the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, and patron of the Mobile Museum of Art, the Mobile arts Council, and the Mobile Symphony Orchestra. He is the 2008 recipient of the USA Programs in Gerontology Outstanding Graduate Student award.

**Ray Weinshenker**, graduate of the Undergraduate Certificate Program in Gerontology, was guest speaker at the Assisted Living Association of Alabama’s Spring Conference in Birmingham. Ray presented “Laughter in the Work Place and in Senior Care” to over 500 attendees of the conference. Ray has been a favorite presenter at the USA Programs in Gerontology and SARPC-AAA’s Leadership Institute for the last three years. Congratulations to Ray for his success!

Thanks to enthusiastic support from **Dr. Ron Franks**, Vice President for Health Sciences, and **Dr. Julio Turrens**, Associate Dean, College of Allied Health Professions, faculty interested in the study of aging have formed a Gerontology Research Interest Group. A series of organizational meetings were chaired by **Dr. Turrens** and a luncheon discussion was hosted by the Office of the Dean, College of Arts & Sciences and chaired by **Dr. Roma Stovall Hanks**. Attendees represented the Colleges of Allied Health, Arts & Sciences, Education, Medicine, and Nursing. The website of the USA Programs in Gerontology has been modified to allow faculty to submit research collaboration opportunities and to view links to research funding sites. Initiatives suggested by the group include increased collaborative research and making students more aware of the flexibility of the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology to meet needs of traditional and non-traditional students in health care fields, psychology.
education, and business, as well as sociology and social work. The group plans to meet monthly.

The Department awarded USA Foundation scholarships to the following students: Anthropology: Joseph E. Formichella and Rachael R. Landry; Sociology: Michelle Showers and Eileen Shoff; Social Work: Jenny Ridderson and Kassie Everett-Carroll; Sociology-Graduate: Casey M. White.

In summary, I encourage the reader to review individual faculty activities included in this annual report or the department website for more specific information on the individual and collective achievements of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work during the 2007-2008 academic years.

Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Valerie Bryan


Nicole T. Carr


Philip J. Carr


Michael R. Daley


David Gartman


Roma S. Hanks


C. Kenneth Hudson


SOCIOMETRY, ANTHROPOLOGY & SOCIAL WORK


Douglas A. Marshall


Denise D. McAdory


Mark Moberg


J. Steven Picou


Gregory A. Waselkov


Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Mark Moberg


J. Steven Picou


Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work: Peer Reviewed Books

Mark Moberg


Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Michael R. Daley


Denise D. McAdory


Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work


Gregory A. Waselkov


Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work: Non Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

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Philip J. Carr


Michael R. Daley


Laurie French Haas

SOCIOLGY, ANTHROPOLOGY & SOCIAL WORK

Supplemental grant to continue original.

Roma S. Hanks

Community Foundation of South Alabama. (2007, December). USA Mitchell Cancer Institute/Community
Foundation of South Alabama - Health Initiative 2007-2008. $150,000. Awarded (largest single award to date by
CFSA).

National Center on Minority Health and Health
Disparities, National. (2007, October). Broad-based
Research Collaboratives on Minority Health Disparities.
$6,973,000 (over 5 years). Awarded.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Strategies Based on a Life Course Model of Female Crime
and Deviance. $85,680. No cost Extension Granted (until
August 31, 2008)

US Department of Health and Human Services –
Administration on Aging; Alabama Department of Senior
Leadership Institute for Older Adults – Year VI. $10,000.
Awarded/Completed.


Grand Lodge of Alabama. (2007, July 31). Grand Lodge of
Alabama- Needs Assessment. $10,500. Awarded
Supplemental grant to continue original.

C. Kenneth Hudson

University of South Alabama Youth Violence Prevention
Project. (2006, September). Neighborhood and school
effects on persistent youth offending and violence.

Center for Healthy Communities, EXPORT Research Core.
(2006, Fall). The impact of labor force/labor market status
on access to health care among black families in Mobile,
Alabama. $11,000. Awarded. No Cost Extension for 2007-
2008, Funding for Wave II Awarded 2008

University of South Alabama Youth Violence Prevention
Project. (2006, September). A longitudinal analysis of
suicide proneness in adjudicated youth. $81,968.

Mark Moberg

College of Arts and Sciences Support and Development
Grant. (2008). Graphic Services and Hardware to
Facilitate a Forthcoming Scholarly Book. $880. Awarded.

J. Steven Picou

Monitoring the Environmental Perceptions of AL Coastal
Residents. $51,500. Awarded.

Recovery and Hurricane Katrina: Corrosive and
Therapeutic Patterns In Mississippi and Louisiana.
$125,750. Awarded.

Hurricane Katrina: Long-Term Community Recovery.
$300,000. Awarded.

Gregory A. Waselkov

Research in Spanish Fort. $10,548. Awarded.

Webb/Simms Family Cemetery Relocation. $11,423.
Awarded.

Investigations of Union Earthworks at Spanish Fort.
$79,293. Awarded.

US Dept of Interior/Alabama Historical Commission.
(2007, December 5). Stabilizing and Curating Mobile
County’s Archaeological Collection. $92,440. Awarded.

Archaeology at Old St. Stephens. $75,007. Awarded.

82 small projects, including 16 gratis (e.g. Bayou La Batre
Assessments. $214,597. Awarded.

Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work:
Presentations

Valerie Bryan

participation? Perceptions of the Citizen Review Panel
initiative. Paper presented at the 12th Annual Conference of
the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC.


Nicole T. Carr

Carr, N. T., & Hanks, R. S. (2007). Like a kid again: analysis of life histories of women in jail and late onset criminality. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.


Philip J. Carr


Michael R. Daley


SOCIOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY & SOCIAL WORK


David Gartman


Gartman, D. (2007, 2008). The history and future of automotive fetishism. Invited keynote address for the Conference on the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility, Helmond, The Netherlands; and invited guest speech delivered to The Automobile in Our Culture Symposium, (Sponsored by Youngstown State University), Youngstown, OH.

Roma S. Hanks

Hanks, R. S. (2007). Addressing writing priorities for online courses: An online writing workshop inspired by the university assessment process and supported by student organizations. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Mid-South Sociological Association, October 24-27, 2007, Mobile AL.


C. Kenneth Hudson


Douglas A. Marshall


Mark Moberg


J. Steven Picou


Gregory A. Waselkov

Waselkov, G. (2007). Invited discussant for session, Recovering Gulf Coast History, at the 26th Annual Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, October 12, Mobile, AL.

Waselkov, G. (2007). The Colony of West Florida in Maps, at the biennial meeting of the Bartram Trail Conference, October 27, Spanish Fort, AL.

**VISUAL ARTS**

**Department Chair:** Mr. Jason Guynes  
**Professor:** Mr. Jason Guynes, Mr. Larry B. Simpson  
**Associate Professors:** Dr. Philippe Oszuścik, Mr. Benjamin Shamback  
**Assistant Professors:** Ms. Margarita Skiadas, Mr. Tony Wright, Mr. Kyeong-Won Youn, Ms. C. Diane Gibbs, Mr. Matthew Johnson, Dr. Elizabeth Richards  
**Instructors:** Ms. Claire Evangelista, Ms. Kara Burns  
**Secretary:** Ms. Lisa Kittrell

**Visual Arts: Highlights**

The Department of Visual Arts again had a productive and eventful year accented by the inauguration of new programs and projects. Among many new initiatives was the renovation of one of the studio classrooms to serve as an art gallery. The new Visual Arts Gallery replaces the Townhouse Gallery as the Department’s primary exhibition venue. It was inaugurated with a well attended and publicized exhibition of work by emeritus art faculty of the University of South Alabama. The gallery almost triples the amount of space previously available and provides an outstanding facility for the display of student and professional exhibitions.

During the year, the Department developed and offered a study abroad program in Spain which took place in May and was guided by Margarita Skiadas and Jason Guynes. This program presented a two week experience in studio art and art history based in Toledo, Spain with excursions to Madrid, El Escorial, Segovia, Cordoba, and Granada. The Department is pleased to be able to offer this important educational opportunity for our students.

In addition to programs, the Department also welcomed new faculty and scholars. The Department is pleased to have Elizabeth Richards and Kara Burns join the faculty in art history, and to have our first visiting international scholar, Dr. Eva Maria Dominguez Gomez. Dr. Dominguez joins us for the year from the faculty of the Universidad de Extremadura located in Merida, Spain. She has provided substantial cultural enrichment for our programs and contributed significantly to the internationalization of the Department.

Faculty sponsors and student organizations again played important roles in the Mobile arts community. Object, the ceramic students’ organization, assisted with the annual Soup-A-Thon fundraiser, and the Department Visual Arts, in conjunction with the English Department, published the Oracle Fine Arts Review. Of particular note this year was the success achieved by art students in the Take 5 exhibition organized by the Mobile Arts Council. This exhibition and competition was designed to showcase the work of collegiate students in Mobile, and was dominated by students from the University of South Alabama. Twenty-one works by seventeen of our students were chosen, and Justin Snyder, a BFA student in the Department, received the Best in Show award.

Faculty in the Department continued to maintain impressive levels of professional activities and to achieve recognition for their work. In art history, Dr. Philippe Oszuścik published an article titled, “Two Houses with Caribbean Connection with French, Spanish and Anglo-American Influences,” in Pioneer American Society Transactions. Studio faculty were again particularly active on the national and international levels. Margarita Skiadas received awards for several of her photographs and had work in exhibitions in France, Brazil, and Colombia. Matthew Johnson launched the monthly publication Sports Reports which covers sports in the Mobile area and serves as the publication’s artistic director. Tony Wright exhibited his ceramics work in several national and international juried exhibitions and invitational shows. Of particular note was the inclusion of his work in the “11th Biennial Teapot Exhibition” at the Craft Alliance Exhibition Gallery in St. Louis, Missouri. Benjamin Shamback again had an extremely busy year having works in numerous juried exhibitions and mounting a solo show of thirty-eight paintings at Hidell Brooks Gallery in Charlotte, North Carolina. In addition, he won several awards and his work was featured in “The National Drawing Annual” published by Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. Diane Gibbs, in addition to producing an impressive list of commissioned pieces, won three international design awards and had her work featured in “Creativity 37,” and “The Communicator Awards.” And, Jason Guynes unveiled a mural commissioned by The Wave Transit System located in the Transportation Center of the historic GM&O building in Mobile, AL. While these are only a few of the highlights, all of the faculty were extremely productive, and a complete list of activities follows.

**Scholarships**

The Department of Visual Arts awarded three scholarships. The Visual Art Memorial Scholarship is a competitive scholarship awarded to a rising sophomore art major. This year’s recipient was Jeanna Jordan.
The Robert Snell Scholarship is awarded to two students who have reached junior standing and are majoring in art. This year’s recipients were Cindy Phillips and Amanda Johnson.

**Visual Arts: Books**

Diane Gibbs


**Visual Arts: Juried Exhibitions**

Diane Gibbs


Jason Guynes


Benjamin J. Shamback


Shamback, B. J. (2007, March 14 – May 11). *2008 Visual Arts Department Faculty Exhibition, University of South Alabama, University Library, 3rd Floor Gallery, Mobile, Alabama, Split Shell on Yellow and Dinosaur, Local Invitational Exhibition

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Margarita Skiadas

Skiadas, M. (2008, March) Alhambra, Spain, Entrance, and Untitled #1, one 3 X 5 platinum print, one 8 X 10 Polaroid transfer, one 4 X 5 salt print, University of South Alabama Library, Faculty Art Show, Mobile, AL. Invitational, Group Exhibition.


Skiadas, M. (2007, September) Greek I.D. Card, One 8 X 10 silver gelatin print, Salon de Arte La Universidad de la Amazona Tabatinga, Brazil, Nexus, Invitational, Group Exhibition.


Tony Wright


Visual Arts: Other Exhibitions and Commissions

Diane Gibbs


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Jason Guynes


Matthew A. Johnson


Johnson, M. (2008, January) Study Abroad poster design [Client, USA Department of Visual Arts]. Mobile, AL.


Philippe Osjuścik

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Richards, E. (2008, March 4 – April 30). University of South Alabama Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition. Mobile, AL.

Benjamin J. Shamback


Larry B Simpson


Margarita Skiadas

Skiadas, M. (2008, March) Alhambra, Spain, Entrance, and Untitled #1, one 3 X 5 platinum print, one 8 X 10 Polaroid transfer, one 4 X 5 salt print, University of South Alabama Library, Faculty Art Show, Mobile, AL. Invitational, Group Exhibition.


Tony Wright


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**Wright, T.** (2008, March 3 – April 30). USA Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition, University Library, Local Invitational Group Exhibition, Mobile, AL.


**Visual Arts: Grants**

Matthew A. Johnson


**Visual Arts: Presentations**

Margarita Skiadas

**Skiadas M.** (2007, September) *The Poetic Nature of Photography*, Guest Lecturer at the Center for Living Arts Contemporary Arts Center. Mobile, AL.
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