

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

April 30, 2004

Network TV executive to speak at commencement

A network television executive, a physician and a university professor will be awarded honorary degrees from Francis Marion University during spring commencement ceremonies at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 8, in the Smith University Center gymnasium.

Selected to receive honorary doctoral degrees are: Marva Smalls, executive vice president of public affairs and chief of staff of Nickelodeon, Nick at Nite, TV Land, Noggin and Spike TV; Sompong Kraikit, a Florence physician; and Charlene Wages, professor of psychology at Francis Marion University.



Smalls

Smalls also will be the commencement speaker for the 260 candidates for FMU degrees. Candidates include 234 students for undergraduate degrees and 26 for graduate diplomas. In addition, 27 bache-

lor's degrees will be awarded through a cooperative nursing program with the Medical University of South Carolina.

Headquartered in New York, Smalls is the chief administrative officer for three networks and their ancillary businesses, coordinating and directing financial resources, personnel, and facilities for their New York, Los Angeles, Orlando and international offices. Nickelodeon is the number one kids' entertainment brand; TV Land, the highest rated cable network to launch within the past six years; and Spike TV, the first network for men.

In her public affairs role, Smalls oversees Nickelodeon's pro-social and corporate responsibility initiatives and the company's relationships with child advocates, government officials, educators and non-profit organizations. Most recently, she

helped launch Let's Just Play, a national multi-media campaign and grassroots effort to get kids more physically active and encourage more positive, healthy and playful lifestyles. She also spearheaded The Big Help, Nickelodeon's award-winning national campaign that for over nine years has encouraged and empowered kids to pledge over 380 million hours of volunteer service to their communities. The campaign has been recognized for its achievements by both the Clinton and Bush Administrations and has garnered the support of the top names in the entertainment industry.

Prior to joining Nickelodeon in 1993, Smalls' career in the public sector included serving first as staff director of South



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Jordan named FMU's Distinguished Professor for 2003-04

Jesse J. (Mike) Jordan of Florence has been selected the Distinguished Professor for the 2003-04 year at Francis Marion University.

Announced at a campus banquet April 22, this award has been given since the 1975-76 school year and is based upon a faculty member's contributions to teaching, professional service and scholarly activities.

The award is the highest honor to be bestowed upon a faculty member. It will be presented at FMU's spring commencement Saturday, May 8. The award carries a cash prize.

As a result of his selection, Jordan will be the Francis Marion University nominee for the Governor's Professor of the Year Award competition next fall.

"Mike Jordan is recognized for his outstanding teaching and his administrative abilities," said Fred Carter, FMU president. He also praised Jordan for his strong commitment to research and his service to the university and community.

"Students hold him in high regard as a caring and passionate instructor, while his colleagues have enormous respect for his scholarship and leadership," said Carter.

A professor of psychology, Jordan joined the FMU faculty in 1972. He has progressed through the academic ranks and was named director of institutional research in 2002. He has also served as program effectiveness coordinator for the undergraduate programs, coordinator of undergraduate psychology and webmaster of his department.

Jordan is a member of the American Psychological Society, the American Association of University Professors, the Southeastern Psychological Association, the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, the Society for the Advancement of Social Psychology, the Human Behavior and Evolution Society and Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology.

He was elected president of Phi Kappa

Phi in 1993-94. He was awarded the first excellence in teaching and dedication to students award of the S.C. Psychological Association in 1989. In 1976, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Florence Mental Health Association. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Florence Junior Achievement Program.

Jordan has conducted numerous seminars and workshops in his profession, made scholarly presentations and written articles for professional journals. He also has become adept at developing Internet websites and played a leading role in overhauling FMU's new web presence.

He has received more than \$600,000 in research grants while at FMU, and he has served as a reviewer for several psychology books.

He also has been a consultant for a number of community organizations and served on many university committees. He was chair of the Faculty Senate from 1998 to 2000.

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Jeff Pompe, professor of economics, presented a paper titled "Private Enterprise and Coastal Resource Management" at the Coastal Issues Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas, March 12.

Pompe presented a paper, "Exploring Voters Choices to Purchase Public Lands," with **Jody Lipford** (FMU '86), at the Annual Association of Private Enterprise International Conference, in Nassau, Bahamas, April 5.

William Fox, professor and chair of mathematics, and **Richard West**, associate professor of mathematics, served as national judges for the Collegiate Mathematical Contest In Modeling (MCM) sponsored by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Consortium of Mathematics and Its Applications (COMAP). Fox also served as associate director of the contest.

Fox and **Damon Scott**, assistant professor of mathematics, attended the SEMAA meeting in Tennessee, March 26-27. Fox presented a three-hour mini-course in mathematical modeling and Scott present-

ed "A New Formalization of Proof Using Context-Oriented Mathematical Logic."

Will Wattles, associate professor of psychology, presented a research paper titled "Increasing Motivation through Attention and Relevance" at the annual meeting of the South Carolina Psychological Association in April.

Based on research conducted with student **Alexandra Marshall**, it looked at ways to stimulate interest and critical thinking in undergraduate courses: Health Psychology as well as Group Dynamics and Leadership.

The intervention used supplemental readings and written assignments on current events relating to the subject areas.

Todd J. Hudak, news editor in the Communications Services office, was elected to the board of CNAC, the College News Association of the Carolinas, at the group's annual conference in March.

Drucilla Russell, director of admissions, was recently elected vice president

for admissions for CACRAO, the Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

The professional organization for North and South Carolina encourages professional development, sponsors guidance counselor conferences, arranges college fairs for the state, and promotes the advancement of higher education in its fullest and broadest aspects.

Mail Center staff **Bryan Austin** and **Ann Williams** attended the 2004 South Carolina Postal Forum held in Charleston, March 18-19.

The forum contained USPS workshop sessions as well as several mailing vendor exhibits.

John G. Rae, Shirley Malloy Professor of Biology, has had a research paper accepted for publication in the journal *Hydrobiologia* (Dordrecht, The Netherlands).

The paper is titled "The colonization response of lotic chironomid larvae to substrate size and heterogeneity."

Faculty Senate committees, at-large senators chosen

New Standing Committee and At-Large Faculty Senate members have been selected.

All seats will be for three years with the exception of one seat on each of these committees: Budget Review and Planning, Honors Program, and Mediation. One of the elected terms within each committee will be a one-year term in order to maintain committee continuity. That one-year term will be decided at the first meeting of that committee in the fall.

New committee members are:

Academic Affairs: Charlene Wages

Academic Freedom and Tenure: David Cowles, Ed Eleazer

Academic Support: Susan Ruppel, Shirley Bausmith, and Damon Scott

Admissions, Advising, and Retention: Kathy Pompe and Laurie Sullivan-Hunter

Budget Review and Planning: David Franck and Chris Johnson

Faculty Grievance: Pamela Rooks

Faculty Life: Roger Hux and Abby Wurster

Grade Appeals: Lisa Pike and Jane Quick

Honors Program: Jon Tuttle and Tommy Ramey

Information Technology: John Sutton, Jennifer Kunka, and Jeannette Myers

Institutional Effectiveness: Chris Johnson and Beckie Flannagan

Mediation: John Rae and Jim Rennecker

Nominating: Meredith Love and David White

Professional Development: Glen Gourley and Roger Hux

At-Large Senators: David White, Pamela Rooks, and Glen Gourley

Book by professor Katharine Boling published posthumously

The English Department at Francis Marion University is honoring the memory of a colleague, Katharine Boling, who served on the English faculty from 1974 until her death in 2002.

Copies of her new children's book, *January 1905*, will be donated to FMU's James A. Rogers Library and the Faculty/Alumni Cottage.

Boling was inspired to write *January 1905* by photographs taken by Lewis Hines of child laborers in the early 1900s. The novel is about Pauline and Arlene, 10-year-old twin sisters, both worked to exhaustion, filled with longing and blinded by hatred for each other. Each is certain that the other has an easier life, but in the course of one remarkable week, each discovers how wrong she is.

Boling was a South Carolina native who earned master's

degrees from both Hollins University and the University of South Carolina. Her other books include the highly acclaimed *A Piece of the Fox's Hide*, which recounted the story of the murderous Bigham clan of Pamplico, and two popular picture books, *Country Bunnies* and *New Year Be Coming: A Gullah Year*. She was also a popular teacher of writing and a highly esteemed colleague.

FMU English professor Mary McNulty remembers Boling as "gracious, generous and unassuming. For 28 years she taught her classes with dedication. At an age when she could have looked back over her career and counted her many accomplishments and looked ahead to the leisure years of retirement, Kit instead became a student once more and earned a second master's degree. She leaves behind an ageless legacy, and *January 1905* will be enjoyed by children and adults for years to come."



Three professors recognized for teaching, research, service

Three Francis Marion University faculty members were honored for outstanding individual work during the past year at a faculty recognition banquet on April 22.

Rebecca H. Flannagan was given the Award for Excellence in Teaching; A. Glen Gourley Jr. was presented the Award for Excellence in Service; and William P. Fox received the Award for Excellence in Research. Each award carries a cash prize. All three live in Florence.

"Becky, Glen and Bill are ideal examples of what superlative faculty contribute to a university. I am very proud of them," said Fred Carter, president of FMU. "Exemplary teaching, public service and scholarship are essential characteristics of a good faculty member, and these awards recognize the importance of each in our mission of educating students."

An assistant professor of English, Flannagan has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1995. She was cited for her classroom teaching skills. A native of Hardinsburg, Ky., she earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Kentucky University and a doctorate from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. At FMU, she is co-director of the Swamp Fox Writing Project, assistant coordinator for freshman English and has served on a number of university committees. She has published numerous poems, reviews and

articles. She is editor of *Postscript*, the publication of the Philological Association of the Carolinas.

Gourley, a native of Sweetwater, Tenn., has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1985. He is an associate professor of theatre arts and speech, and was cited for his service to the university, the community and the state. He has directed more than 25 theatre productions at FMU and has been a judge, consultant or adjudicator for numerous pageants and theatre performances throughout the state. From 1985 to 1999, he held a number of positions with the Cherokee, N.C., outdoor drama "Unto These Hills."

He also has been involved in Oculuftee Little Symphony productions, Glassboro Summer Theatre, Florence Little Theatre, Encore Theatre Co., Lake City Community Theatre, Manning Back Porch Players, Hartsville Community Theatre and dozens of public school projects. He earned an associate's degree from Hiwassee College, a bachelor's degree in theatre from the University of Montevallo and a master's in fine arts from the University of Mississippi.

A native of Newport News, Va., Fox has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1998. Chairman of the Mathematics Department, Fox was cited for his extensive scholarly work, primarily in mathe-

matical modeling, an area where he is considered a national authority. He has published four books, written numerous articles and made extensive scholarly presentations.

Since 2000, he has been involved in statistical analysis involving several medically related research studies. Fox received his bachelor's degree in general engineering from the U.S. Military Academy, his master's degree in operations research and systems analysis at the Naval Postgraduate School, and a doctorate in industrial engineering and operations research from Clemson University where he taught before coming to FMU. He also taught at the U.S. Military Academy.

Duane P. Myers of Florence, the A.R. Avent Professor of History, also was presented the Shared Governance Award, sponsored by the FMU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

This award is given to a faculty member who demonstrates commitment to the principles of shared governance between the faculty, administration and the board of trustees. A member of the FMU faculty since 1972, Myers earned his bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University and his master's and doctoral degrees from Yale University. He is a native of Detroit, Mich. He also serves as faculty assistant to the president for special projects.

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Carolina's Private Industry Council for Gov. Richard Riley and later as chief of staff for Congressman Robin Tallon for 10 years. She has a long history of political activism and public service in South Carolina, and across the United States having served in a variety of positions in government on the state and national level and the NAACP.

A native of Florence and a graduate of Wilson High School, Smalls has a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina.

Dr. Kraikit, a native of Nakornsawan, Thailand, has practiced medicine in the Florence community since 1976. A specialist in nephrology and hypertension, Dr. Kraikit was medical director of Florence Dialysis Center for 20 years. He currently is medical director of Darlington Dialysis Center and Florence Home Dialysis Center. For 10 years, he was medical

director of the Acute Dialysis Unit, Medical Intensive Care at McLeod Regional Medical Center. Since 1977, he has been a clinical assistant professor of medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Chairman of the FMU Foundation and actively involved in the university's \$12 million capital campaign, Dr. Kraikit established an international education fund at the university in honor of his wife. He also established a renal education fund at McLeod Regional Medical Center and a nursing fund at Florence-Darlington Technical College, where he serves on the nursing program's advisory board. He is on the boards of trustees at Trinity Collegiate School and the Florence Museum.

Dr. Kraikit is a two-time winner of the Arthur V. Williams Award from the National Kidney Foundation of South Carolina. He is a charter member of the Huntington Society of Brookgreen Gardens.

A professor of psychology, Wages has been a member of the FMU faculty since

1986 and has served as chair of the general faculty for the last four years. She will be the first FMU faculty member to be presented an honorary degree.

Active in faculty governance since her arrival at FMU, Wages was elected chair of the faculty in 2000 and has been re-elected each year since. She is stepping down from that post June 30. She was presented with the shared governance award in 2001 by FMU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors. That same year, she also received the FMU Faculty Service Award.

A charter member of FMU's Chapter of AAUP, she is serving a three-year term on that organization's National Committee on Governance. She also is a member of the American Psychological Society, Phi Kappa Phi, the S.C. Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience, the S.C. Psychological Association and the S.C. Women in Higher Education.

Gov. Mark Sanford appointed Wages to the Governor's Advisory Committee to Study the Goals of the Commission on Women.



Library extends hours during exams

As a reminder, during exams, the library will have some extended hours. The library will remain open until midnight on Sunday, May 2.

Other changes in the hours of operation include closing at 5 p.m. Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1, as well as Tuesday, May 4.

Ever visited the James A. Rogers Library website? You should. From the

site you can access full-text electronic resources as well as search the library database. Visit <http://library.fmarion.edu/> and learn more.

Also, remember that you can access the DISCUS database from off campus to do those important end-of-semester projects. Just call the reference staff at 661-1310, and they'll provide you with the user ID and password for this semester.

Seven trustees re-elected to FMU board

Seven members of the Board of Trustees of FMU were re-elected to their positions in a vote April 21 by the state legislature.

Re-elected for another four-year term to the FMU board are:

- Melissa Johnson Emery of Conway, representing Congressional District One.

- Gail Ness Richardson of Barnwell, representing Congressional District Two.

- Patricia C. Hartung of Greenwood, representing Congressional District Three.

- Alex Kiriakides III of Greenville, representing Congressional District Four.

- George McIntyre of Bennettsville, representing Congressional District Five.

- William W. Coleman Jr. of Florence, representing Congressional District Six.

- Robert W. Williams Jr. of Effingham, an at large representative.

Lorraine H. Knight of Hartsville, who held a District Five seat, resigned from the board, and McIntyre, a gubernatorial appointee, ran for her seat. The governor will now appoint someone to fill McIntyre's seat.

The 17-member board is made up of two representatives from each of the six congressional districts, three at-large members and two gubernatorial appointees.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 4-27-04)

- Instructor of English
- Assistant Professor of English
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (2)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management & Director of the Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute
- Assistant Vice President for Accounting
- Executive Director of Francis Marion University Foundation/ Director of University Development
- Assistant Professor of History (East Asia)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education
- Coordinator of Student Life

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, call 1140, or access job openings at <http://www.fmarion.edu/~hrjobs>

Coming Up On Campus

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| through May 8 | Senior shows by graduating FMU art majors; student works by FMU Ceramics and 3-D classes, HFAC galleries |
| through May 8 | Student works by FMU painting and photography classes, UC gallery |
| 8 10 am | Spring Commencement, UC gymnasium |
| 11 | Late spring classes begin |
| 18-Aug. 2 | "Danger in the Idyllic: South Carolinians at Risk," a photo essay by Lisa Pike and Lynn Hanson, UC gallery |
| 31 | Late spring classes end, examinations |

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| 1 | Registration for Summer I classes |
| 2 | Summer I classes begin |

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