

# Patriot Digest

*The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter*

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## FMU ranked in Top 100 by *U.S. News & World Report*

Francis Marion University has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine as one of the South's top 100 master's level universities for the fourth year in a row. FMU also was ranked as one of the country's most diverse campuses for the sixth time in seven years.

The rankings will be published in the magazine's book *America's Best Colleges*, 2005 Edition, which went on sale Aug. 23. The magazine released the rankings Aug. 20.

FMU is among schools that are classified as master's level institutions under the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, the grouping system that *U.S. News* uses as the basis for its ranking categories. There are 572 universities in the master's level category, ranked within four geographic areas -- North, South, Midwest and West -- because they generally draw students heavily from surrounding states.

The method that *U.S. News* uses to rank colleges and universities consists of three basic steps. The schools are

categorized primarily by mission and in some cases, region, using data in 15 indicators of academic excellence. The indicators used to capture academic quality fall into seven categories: academic reputation through peer assessment, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving and graduation performance. The ranking formula gives greatest weight to academic reputation.

With an African-American enrollment of 35 percent, FMU was ranked among the top 13 master's-level schools in the South in the magazine's campus diversity category. The magazine identifies colleges in this category where students are most likely to encounter undergraduates from racial or ethnic groups different from their own.

FMU is classified by the magazine as a regional university, an institution that offers a wide selection of undergraduate programs and master's degrees, but few, if any, doctoral programs.

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## FMU announces addition of 15 new faculty members

Officials at Francis Marion University have announced the addition of 15 new faculty members for the 2004-2005 school year.

**Sharon Moore Askins** of Lake City returns to FMU as an assistant professor of education. She earned the B.A. degree in English and the M.Ed. degree in elementary education from Francis Marion University, and the Ph.D. degree in educational administration from the University of South Carolina. She previously served as an assistant superintendent in Florence County School District 3 in Lake City.

**Tamatha R. Barbeau** of Gainesville, Fla., has been appointed an assistant professor of biology. She received the A.S. degree (magna cum laude) from the State University of New York at Canton, the B.A. degree (cum laude) from the State University of New York at Oswego, and the M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Florida.

**Scott Kenneth Campbell** of Milledgeville, Ga., has joined the fac-

ulty as an assistant professor of management. He received the B.S. degree in psychology from the University of Montevallo in Alabama, the M.B.A. degree from Auburn University at Montgomery, and the Ph.D. degree from Auburn University.

**Kirk E. Dineley** of Pittsburgh, Pa., comes to FMU as an assistant professor of biology. He earned the B.S. degree in biology from Pennsylvania State University and the Ph.D. degree in molecular pharmacology from the University of Pittsburgh.

**Amy R. Earhart** of Memphis, Tenn., has been named an assistant professor of English. She received the B.A. degree in English from George Mason University and the M.F.A. degree in writing from the University of Memphis.

**Jo Angela Edwins** of Knoxville, Tenn., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of English. She earned the B.A. degree in English and communications (summa cum laude) from Augusta College, and the M.A.

and Ph.D. degrees in English from the University of Tennessee.

**Jennifer G. Kelley** of Champaign, Ill., has been named an instructor of chemistry. She received the A.S. degree from Rockingham Community College, the B.S. degree in biology from Greensboro College, and the Ph.D. degree in chemistry from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Andrew Lindsay** of West Hill, Ontario, Canada, comes to FMU as an assistant professor of history. He received the B.P.H.E. and B.E. degrees from the University of Toronto, the M.H.K. degree from the University of Windsor, and the Ph.D. degree in history from the University of Toledo.

**William F. Loewenstein III** of Charlotte, Mich., has been appointed an assistant professor of mass communication. He earned the B.A. degree in journalism from Michigan State University, the A.S. degree in photography (magna cum laude) from

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**Joe Aniello**, assistant professor of management, has been selected to serve with the 2004-2005 class of Leadership Florence. **Mary Dittman**, instructor of marketing, has just completed her Leadership Florence service with the 2003-2004 class.

**Laurie Sullivan Hunter**, associate professor of psychology, along with psychology alumnus Janel Crowder, has published a paper titled "Nursing students' perception of infant attractiveness" in the *Journal of Pediatric Nursing* (Volume 19, Issue 4, pp. 257-266).

The research, previously presented at the Society for Research in Child Development 2003 conference, examined whether nursing students have varying perceptions of infant attractiveness as a function of parental SES, infant gender, infant health-at-birth, and the nursing students' amount of experience in the field.

This research was based on Janel Crowder's senior research project conducted during spring 2002.

Hunter and Crowder, along with two undergraduate psychology majors, Amy Leach and Rebekah Norris, presented a research project, "Pictures are better than words: A case for reducing false memories," at the annual meetings of the American Psychological Society in Chicago, May 27.

The research compared critical lure errors under four different condi-

tions (spoken word list, written word list, context display, non-context display). Results indicated no differences between written word or spoken word lists. Additionally, non-context produced significantly less critical lure errors than remaining conditions.

Nine FMU faculty members received state service awards at the annual faculty breakfast on Aug. 24.

Receiving 10-year service awards were: **D. Keith Best**, Fine Arts; **Kevin J. Lasher**, Political Science; **Gerald W. Long**, Biology; and **Lisa A. Pike**, Biology.

Receiving 20-year service awards were: **Phillip J. Gardner**, English; **Barbara Hankinson**, Chemistry; and **Stephen E. Taylor**, Education.

Receiving 30-year service awards were: **James R. Faulkenberry**, Education; and **Steven F. Gately**, Fine Arts.

Service awards were presented to those reaching their service milestone between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004.

**John A. Britton**, professor of history, and professor Jorma Ahvenainen of the University of Jyväskylä in Finland have completed a unique collaboration in the field of global business and communications history.

Britton and Ahvenainen pooled their research for what eventually became the article titled "Showdown

in South America: James Scrymser, John Pender, and United States-British Cable Competition," which appeared earlier this year in the *Business History Review*, a professional journal published by the Harvard Business School.

**Wendy Caldwell**, assistant professor of Spanish, has published her first book, "Narrative Voices and the Liberation Movement in the Mexican State of Chiapas."

The book focuses on a series of "indigenista" novels of Chiapas, Mexico, published between 1957 and 1994 and examines their portrayal of particular social, political, and economic realities that continue to have a negative impact on contemporary Mexican society, specifically Chiapas.

The book is published by The Edwin Mellen Press. More information about the book can be found at [www.mellenpress.com](http://www.mellenpress.com).

**Robert Brooks**, assistant professor of theatre history, attended the Association for Theatre in Higher Education Conference (ATHE) in Toronto, Canada, July 29-Aug. 1, and presented a paper titled "Teaching Theatre History On-line: Attempts to Replicate the Benefits of the Live Classroom Discussion."

The panel focused on web-based and web-enhanced teaching and was presented by the "Theatre as a Liberal Art" focus group.

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## Stroup wins Governor's Award for Excellence in Science

Francis Marion University biology professor David J. Stroup received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Science during a ceremony at the governor's office in Columbia, Aug. 13.

The award was established in 1985 by the Drug Science Foundation to honor an individual or team within the state whose achievements and contributions to science in South Carolina merit special recognition, and to promote wider awareness of the quality and extent of scientific activity in South Carolina.

Since 1989, the award has been under joint sponsorship of the governor's office, the S.C. Commission on Higher Education, and the S.C. Academy of Science. Industries have also joined as sponsors, including Roche Carolina Inc.

of Florence and MeadWestvaco of Charleston.

Two awards are given annually, with one being for scientific discovery and the other for scientific awareness. Stroup received the award for scientific awareness. John Baynes of the University of South Carolina received the award for scientific discovery.

The award consists of an honorarium and a framed certificate, which is presented at an awards ceremony in conjunction with the S.C. Academy of Science's annual meeting. A separate awards ceremony is held at the governor's office. Stroup became president of the S.C. Academy of Science in July, and was recently named the Palmetto Professor of Biology at FMU. He has been a biology professor at FMU since 1987.



# Library News

Reference staff senior technical assistant **Cleybianne C. (Key) White** is an August 2004 graduate of FMU.

White earned a B.S. in Psychology and graduated Cum Laude. She began working towards her FMU degree in 1979, the same year that she joined the Rogers Library staff as administrative assistant to J. Mitchell Reames, the first director of the library at FMU (1970-1983).

She was later promoted to reference technical assistant and subsequently to senior reference technical assistant. Her son, Keith White, is a 1999 FMU graduate. Her other children, Kim McLaughlin Cox and Johnny McLaughlin, attended FMU. Key has four grandchildren.

Patrons visiting Rogers Library can check out the latest breaking news on CNN Headline News or current weather and pending weather conditions on The Weather Channel on the TV monitors in the Current Periodicals

area.

Both TVs are muted but provide closed-captioning so patrons can read about current events and weather conditions.

Rogers Library now provides 50 PCs for patron use. These terminals include most software found on other campus laboratory workstations, including Internet access, email access, the library's Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC), and the myriad electronic full text and indexing services to which the library subscribes.

Patrons wishing to access full text databases from off campus may request an information sheet from the Reference Desk which denotes usernames and passwords for DISCUS and other databases for which remote access is currently offered.

FMU continues to be a partner with seven other South Carolina colleges and universities that are imple-

menting this fiscal year a second generation integrated library system (ILS). Library dean **Paul Dove** and systems librarian **Pamela Radcliffe** serve on a number of panels and committees associated with the procurement and implementation of the multi-institutional system.

The merged catalogs from the eight PASCAL institutions will represent three-fourths of the academic bibliographic resources in the state, Dove said, and will provide access to more than 4 million bibliographic records.

The system will include a union catalog and facilitate patron-initiated loans between the eight partners, according to Dove. An overnight courier service is also envisioned, he said.

The proposed system will also enable other academic libraries in the state to add their catalogs to the database and thereby create a statewide catalog with universal borrowing and courier delivery.

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Lansing Community College, and the M.A. degree in communication from Western Michigan University.

**Tracy Elisha Meetze** of Marion returns to FMU as an instructor of education. She received the B.S. degree in elementary education and the M.A. degree in instructional accommodation from Francis Marion University. She is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree in elementary education from the University of South Carolina.

**Matthew C. Nelson** of Tecumseh, Mich., joins the faculty as an assistant

professor of English. He received the B.A. and M.A. degrees in English from Texas A&M University, and is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree in English and education from the University of Michigan.

**Gregory S. Pryor** of Gainesville, Fla., has been appointed an assistant professor of biology. He received the B.A. degree (magna cum laude) from the State University of New York at Oswego, and the M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Florida.

**Ann M. Stoeckmann** of Dunmore, Pa., comes to FMU as an assistant professor of biology. She earned the B.S. degree in zoology from the University of Washington and the Ph.D. degree in zoology from Ohio State University.

**Alissa Warters** of Knoxville, Tenn., has been appointed an assistant professor of political science. She received the B.A. degree in political science, the M.A. degree in history, and the M.A. degree in political science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. She received the Ph.D. degree in political science from the University of Tennessee.

**Sophia Denise Waymyers** of Cheraw has joined the faculty as an instructor of mathematics. She earned the B.S. degree in mathematics from Winthrop University and the M.S. degree in mathematics from the University of South Carolina. She previously served as a mathematics teacher at Cheraw High School.



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## Two new members join Student Affairs staff

Two new staff members have joined the Student Affairs office at Francis Marion University.

S. Leigh Bostick has been named coordinator for student life and LaTasha Brand, an FMU alumna, has been named assistant dean of students.

Bostick's responsibilities will include providing leadership for students, clubs and organizations; coordinating programs to enhance the life of students; and promoting student life activities.

She will also serve as an adviser to the NPC Greek organizations on campus, and coordinate activities for the University Programming Board.

Bostick, of Pamplico, comes to FMU from the banking industry. She most recently worked as a private banking sales assistant for the National Bank of South Carolina in Charleston.

Prior to that, she held positions at Branch Banking and Trust Co. in Charleston and Central Carolina Bank in Durham and Burlington, N.C.

She graduated from the College of Charleston in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in communications and plans to

continue her work toward an M.B.A. degree from FMU.

Brand's responsibilities will include providing direction to various student leadership programs; coordinating activities involving various offices, including Student Life, Multicultural Affairs, Housing, and Campus Recreation; providing advocacy for students; and serving as a student conduct officer.

Brand, of North Charleston, most recently worked as an appeals and denials administrator with the Hill-Rom Co. in Charleston.

She graduated from FMU in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in English. While a student at FMU, she served as president of the Student Government Association.

Both the coordinator for student life and the assistant dean report to the dean of students, Darryl Bridges.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Leigh and LaTasha to the Student Affairs staff," said Bridges. "Given their high levels of enthusiasm and energy, I am confident they will serve the FMU student body well."

2004-2005 FMU Faculty Senate  
and General Faculty Meetings  
(All are at 3:45 p.m.)

### Faculty Senate Meetings UC 218

September 28  
October 26  
November 16  
February 15  
March 29  
April 19

### Faculty Meetings McNair Auditorium

November 30  
March 1  
April 12

## Jobs On-Campus

(as of 8-27-04)

- Cheerleading Coordinator  
(Part-time, Temporary Position)
- Library Technical Assistant -  
Circulation

Visit Human Resources,  
SAB 105, or call 1140.

## Coming Up On Campus

### SEPT.

- through Oct. 29 Art Gallery Series: Paintings by Stephen M. Welch,  
UC gallery
- through Sept. 30 Art Gallery Series: 2004 Art and Art Education Alumni  
Invitational, HFAC gallery
- 7 8 pm First Tuesday Arts Event: Lecture recital on Brahms'  
*Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel, Opus 24*  
by pianist Benjamin Woods, Kassab Hall, HFAC
- 30 7 pm Art Gallery Series: Reception for 2004 Art and Art  
Education Alumni Invitational, HFAC gallery

### OCT.

- 5 First Tuesday Arts Event: Artists TBA, Kassab Hall,  
HFAC
- 5-28 Art Gallery Series: "Cultural Compost: Quilts from  
Surface to Content," fiber arts by Ellen Kochansky,  
HFAC gallery
- 14-16 University Theatre: "Lion in Winter," by James  
Goldman, Fine Arts Theatre, HFAC

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