

Patriot ★ Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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Three professors named Trustee Research Scholars

Jeffrey Pompe, professor of economics, Jackson F. (Jeff) Lee Jr., professor of education, and Jon W. Tuttle, professor of English, have been named Francis Marion University's Board of Trustees' Research Scholars for 2005.

The Research Scholar designation signifies outstanding scholarly achievements and the promise of continued scholarly activity in the future.

"I am delighted that these three outstanding faculty members are being honored as trustees' research scholars," said FMU President Fred Carter. "All three are distinguished colleagues and extraordinary professors."



Pompe

The Research Scholar appointments are for three-year terms and are renewable. The three new appointees join Fred David, Lorraine de Montluzin, John A. Britton, Larry J. McCumber and Benjamin Woods as the university's eight Research Scholars.

Pompe was cited for his study of environmental economic and community development issues. He is co-author of one book, *Environmental Conflict: In Search of Common Ground*, published in 2002 by State University of New York Press. He has contributed to three other books, *South Carolina Governance Project in Civic Education* (2003), *Encyclopedia of Business and Finance* (2001) and *Land Rights: the 1990s Property Rights Rebellion* (1995).

He also has published more than 40 articles in numerous journals and publications, many dealing with coastal resources, property rights, and cultural economics. He and former FMU faculty member James Rinehart were presented the Award for

Outstanding Paper in Entrepreneurship and Private Enterprise in 1997 by the Association of Private Enterprise Education.

A native of Russelton, Pa., Pompe joined the FMU faculty in 1988. Prior to that, he was a graduate and research assistant at Florida State University. He also has been a bassoonist with the Ft. Lauderdale Symphony and with the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra.

He is a reviewer for *Coastal Management, Journal of Environmental and Economic Management*, and *Delaware Sea Grant*. He has been a member of the American Economic Association, the Southern Economic Association, the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, the Atlantic Economic Society and the Coastal Society.

He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in music from Duquesne University before receiving a master's and doctorate in economics from Florida State University.

Lee was cited for his work in public education for more than 30 years.

Lee has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1972 and holds the Phillip N. Truluck Professorship in Public Policy. Earlier this year, he was named associate dean of the School of Education. He was director of the Pee Dee Math/Science Hub from 1993 to 2003, assistant state director of the Coastal Rural Systemic Initiative from 1999 to 2003, and director of the Coastal-Pee Dee Regional Math and Science Center from 2003-2004.

He is co-author of five books, *The SCSSI Curriculum Leadership Insti-*



Lee

tute (2001), *Electricity and Magnetism* (1993), *Electrical Energy* (1993), *American Education and the Dynamics of Choice* (1991) and *Providing for Individual Differences in Student Learning: A Mastery Learning Approach* (1984). He also has published numerous articles, developed workbooks and supplementary classroom materials, conducted workshops and made scholarly presentations.

Lee is a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Middle School Association, Phi Delta Kappa and South Carolina Science Council. He also was on the founding board of directors of the South Carolina Educators for the Practical Use of Research and is the founder and past president of College and University Science and Mathematics Educators.

Prior to coming to FMU, Lee taught in the Durham City (N.C.) Schools, was activities director for the adolescent unit at John Unstead Hospital in Butner, N.C., was a research associate at the N.C. Advancement School in Winston-Salem, was a research assistant at Piedmont Technical Institute in Roxsboro, N.C., and was education supervisor at the N.C. Museum of Life and Science in Durham. He also was part-time director of professional development for Florence School District One.

A native of Wilmington, Del., and raised in Fayetteville, N.C., Lee earned a bachelor's degree (1965), a master's in biology (1965) and a doctorate in curriculum and instruction (1978) from



Tuttle

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Several members of the FMU Chemistry Department gave presentations at the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society (SERMACS), Nov. 10-13, at the Research Triangle Park in North Carolina.

LeRoy Peterson, professor of chemistry, gave a talk titled "New

Coordination Polymers Utilizing Bi-pyridyl-based Spacer Ligands."

Ken Williams, professor of chemistry, presented a poster titled "Various Elimination Reactions of Cinnamic Acid Dibromide: A Pedagogically Useful Undergraduate Lab Sequence."

Allen Clabo, assistant professor of chemistry, presented a poster titled

"Computational Studies of Group 15-substituted Carboxylic Acid Analogues."

Students **Rachel Severance**, **Michelle Henderson** and **Osman Sabari** also presented posters. Faculty **Jennifer Kelly** and **Kris Varazo**, and students **Tamar Maxwell** and **Shakoya Paulin** also attended the conference.

School of Education receives \$5,000 grant from ECA

The Francis Marion University School of Education has received a \$5,000 grant from ECA Educational Services to support the science education of teacher candidates.

ECA Educational Services is a national business specializing in providing exemplary instructional material and support services to elementary and middle schools.

ECA is currently contracted by school districts throughout the Pee Dee and state to provide kit-based materials support for elementary science programs.

In presenting the grant, Dennis Harlan, president of ECA, said, "Hav-

ing spent more than 18 years studying effective strategies for implementing exemplary science programs, I am convinced of three things.

"First, children are born with a genuine curiosity about the natural world. Second, inquiry-based science programs that allow children to conduct investigations with materials such as caterpillars, pendulums, seeds, and motors allow children to learn firsthand how living things develop and how physical objects work - which significantly contributes to their overall education.

"And third, teachers who know how to use these types of teaching

materials before they graduate are in a much better position to help their students from their first day on the job.

"I chose to support the School of Education at Francis Marion University because I was impressed by the way they are preparing their teacher candidates to engage in inquiry-based teaching."

According to Jeff Lee, FMU's coordinator of the grant and associate dean of education, the funds will assist professors in the School of Education in providing teacher candidates with ample opportunities to teach using exemplary instructional materials like those provided by ECA.

Recent graduates urged to consolidate loans now

Recent graduates are rushing to consolidate their student loans in order to lock in some of the lowest interest rates in history.

Graduates who consolidate during their student loan grace period can take advantage of a discount that brings the already low variable rate on federal loans down even further. This can cause the interest rate to drop to as low as 2.77 percent. (The rate on a consolidation loan disbursed after July 1, 1998, is calculated by taking the weighted average of the interest rates on the loans, then rounding up to the nearest one-eighth of a percent.)

"There's no question that our borrowers have an unprecedented opportunity to save time and money by consolidating their student loans," South

Carolina Student Loan President Bill Mackie said. "The interest rates will likely never be this low again."

Indeed, the chance to consolidate at a fixed rate may be ending soon. The Federal government is considering changing the fixed rate consolidation loan to a variable rate loan. Congress is concerned that if the interest rate is not changed from fixed to variable, federal spending costs on consolidation loans could rise by billions of dollars over the next few years.

The South Carolina Student Loan Corporation, South Carolina's statewide lender, makes it even more attractive to consolidate by offering several incentives. Borrowers receive a reduced interest rate for the first year of repayment that is one percent less

than the average rate. There is also a ¼ percent interest rate reduction if borrowers sign up for Automatic Bank Draft.

And finally, South Carolina Student Loan offers an additional one percent reduction for making the first 48 payments on time. These consolidation incentives have saved borrowers millions over the last several years.

"This is truly the best time in history to consolidate," Mackie said. "These low fixed rates and incentives will encourage thousands to consolidate, so student loan borrowers should apply as soon as possible."

For more information about these programs, visit the S.C. Student Loan website at www.scstudentloan.org or call 800-347-2752.



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Duke University.

Tuttle joined the FMU faculty in 1990 where he specializes in dramatic and modern literature. A former head of the FMU Honors Program, Tuttle is playwright-in-residence and literary manager at Trustus Theatre in Columbia. Tuttle's plays have won national and regional awards and received almost 100 productions and staged readings in 25 states.

His plays include *Holy Ghost*, which is scheduled for its premiere production at Trustus in August 2005; *The White Problem*, which was com-

missioned by and premiered at the University of South Carolina before moving to the 2001 Piccolo Spoleto Festival; *Drift*, winner of the 1998 S.C. Playwrights' Festival Award and 2003 silver medallist in the Pinter Review international competition; *The Hammerstone*, winner of the 1994 S.C. Playwrights' Festival Award and scheduled for production at FMU in 2006; *Terminal Café*, winner of the S.C. New Voices' Award; *Sonata for Armadillos*, which has been produced several times off-Broadway and more than 30 times around the country; and *A Fish Story*, a finalist in the 1993 Interplay International Play Festival competition.

Tuttle also has published numer-

ous articles, made many academic presentations, conducted writers' workshops and served as adjudicator for various playwriting and fellowship competitions. He is a member of Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Alpha Psi Omega Dramatic Fraternity.

A native of Albuquerque, N.M., Tuttle earned a bachelor's degree in mass communications from the University of Utah, and master's and doctoral degrees in English from the University of New Mexico, where he also taught. He also earned a certificate in modern British literature and culture from Edinburgh University in Scotland.

Candidates sought to serve as faculty athletic representative

After serving as faculty athletic representative since 1988, Eddy Harding has decided to step down from this post in order to devote more time to international exchange program activities in Germany.

A screening committee invites expressions of interest from tenured faculty members in the position of fac-

ulty athletic representative. The screening committee is composed of Ken Kitts, associate provost (who will chair the committee), Murray Hartzler, director of athletics, and a faculty member appointed by faculty chair Ken Autrey. Autrey has appointed Will Wattles to the screening committee.

After reviewing applications, the

screening committee will make a recommendation to President Carter.

If you have an interest in serving as faculty athletic representative, please submit a letter of interest to Kitts by Jan. 15, 2005. For more information about the position of faculty athletic representative, call Kitts at 1287.

FMU, Chamber to host 7th annual MLK Jr. Celebration, Jan. 13

Francis Marion University and the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce will host the 7th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, Thursday, Jan. 13.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. in the McNair Science Building auditorium. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

Poet and storyteller Glenis Redmond will be the special guest. Redmond tells stories with poetry - from her life, her family, her African-American heritage and sensitive observations of the world around her.

This year's celebration will also feature an essay contest as a tribute to King, "Celebrating the Legacy, Living the Dream." The essay should be between 750 and 1,500 words. The deadline for contestants is Dec. 31.

The final two essays will be read at the celebration. The winner will be selected at the end of the program and receive a cash award. Only original essays will be accepted. For more information about the essay contest or the celebration, call the chamber at 843-665-0515 or e-mail Mandy Dew at mdew@flochamber.com.

Mail Center to provide limited services during holiday break

Campus mail services will run the normal schedule through the afternoon pickup/delivery on Wednesday, Dec. 22. Any outgoing mail not ready by the afternoon pickup must be delivered to the Mail Center before 3 p.m. Dec. 22.

If you are planning a bulk mailing (200 pieces or more) to go out prior to the holiday break, please contact the Mail Center (ext. 1337) immediately.

Bulk mailings will not be accepted or processed after Friday, Dec. 17. Bulk mail processing will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005.

During the holiday break, Mail Center personnel will provide limited mail services on Wednesday, Dec. 29. Incoming mail will be picked up at the Florence Post Office and delivered to accessible campus offices.

Outgoing mail (excluding bulk mailings) will be picked up from accessible offices and mailed on Dec. 29, unless otherwise instructed by the office manager. Normal campus mail services will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005. If you have any questions, please call Mail Supervisor Bryan Austin at 1337.



Human Resources Update

Gastric bypass surgery not covered

Recently, some third-party information suggested incorrectly that gastric bypass surgery would be covered by one of the health insurance plans offered by the Employee Insurance Program. As a reminder, the State Health Plan will not cover gastric bypass surgery next year. This type of surgery is not covered by CIGNA HMO or Companion HMO, either.

Worried about getting pneumonia?

If you are in one of the high-risk groups that should receive a flu shot this season, then you may also want to consider getting a pneumonia shot. Pneumonia is an inflammation of the lungs most often caused by a bacterial or viral infection. Pneumonia can make it hard to breathe and to get

enough oxygen into the bloodstream.

The pneumonia shot can also protect you from getting a serious infection in your blood or brain that can cause other dangerous health problems. Normally, you only need to get the shot once; however, some people may have to get a booster shot every five years. It is available year round, so check with your doctor.

The high-risk groups include:

- People age 65 or older
- People who have problems with their lungs, heart, liver or kidneys
- People with health problems such as diabetes, sickle cell disease, alcoholism or HIV/AIDS.

For more information about the pneumonia shot, visit www.cdc.gov/nip/vaccine/pneumo/pneumo-pubs.htm.

Credit union offering check copies on CD

Attention Pee Dee Federal Credit Union members: Need a copy of a check for taxes? Get all your check copies on a CD for \$19.95.

Each copy contains an image of

the front and back of every check written in 2004. The CD will be mailed directly to your home. Order by Jan. 25 by contacting Veronica Blue at 669-0461.

**This is the final issue of Patriot Digest for 2004.
The digest will resume publication Jan. 14.**

Coming Up On Campus

DEC.

- through Dec. 18 Art Gallery Series: Senior shows by graduating FMU visual arts majors, HFAC gallery
- through Dec. 18 Art Gallery Series: Student works by FMU painting classes, UC gallery
- 16 7:15 pm FMU African-American Faculty/Staff Coalition Dinner, Ervin Dining Hall
- 18 10 am Fall commencement, UC
- 19 3 pm Dooley Planetarium public show: "The Christmas Star," CEMC
- 23 University closes for Christmas break

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- 4 University re-opens
- 13 6 pm Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, McNair auditorium

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 12-10-04)

- Part-time Instructor of Spanish
- Temporary Full-Time Instructor of French
- Assistant Professor of History (East Asia)
- Assistant Professor of History (Europe)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management Information Systems
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Psychology
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Pediatric Nursing)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Women's Health Nursing)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Community Health)
- Assistant Professor of Nursing (Medical Surgical Nursing)
- Assistant Professor of Physics
- Instructor of English
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Mass Communication
- Student Services Counselor - Admissions
- Police Corporal
- Administrative Associate - School of Business

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call 1140.

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