

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

March 31, 2006

FMU to offer minor, collateral in gender studies

Francis Marion University has established a gender studies program, which will begin offering courses during the fall 2006 semester.

The program is designed to provide students with an interdisciplinary lens through which to examine human conditions and experiences; gender role development; and legal, political, economic, social and cultural systems.

The gender studies program infuses insights from an array of disciplines as part of the process of examining questions thematically and developing more inclusive perspectives.

A minor and a collateral in gender studies will be offered. The minor consists of 18 hours of courses and the collateral consists of 12 hours.

Courses eligible for the gender studies minor and collateral include classes in biology, English, gender studies, history, health, psychology, and sociology. Not all courses will be offered every semester.

FMU English professor Jennifer Kunka and health education professor Janis McWayne are co-chairs of the

university's Gender Studies Steering Committee. A coordinator for the program has not yet been named.

"I want to commend Janis and Jennifer, and the entire Gender Studies Steering Committee, for their hard work in bringing this program to fruition," said FMU president Fred Carter. "This program should serve to broaden students' perspectives regarding any number of gender-related issues. Hopefully, it will also promote greater tolerance and appreciation for differing points of view. Ultimately, that's what a quality educational program seeks to accomplish."

The gender studies program has already sponsored two public speeches on campus, each with a specific disciplinary focus.

Last fall, Judith James from the University of South Carolina spoke about "Gender and the Literary Marketplace," and this spring, former South Carolina State Rep. Harriet Keyserling discussed "Gender and Politics."

"The interdisciplinary nature of the

Gender Studies Program will provide students with diverse avenues of inquiry for exploring the social, political, and historical influences of gender in our culture," said Kunka. "The program will also better prepare FMU students for conducting gender-related research and entering a variety of careers in the humanities, sciences, and education."

"Gender has a profound affect on the political, economic, and social components of our culture. Actually, gender impacts all facets of our lives," said McWayne. "Awareness and understanding of gender issues will engage students in the process of examining questions in regard to gender thematically, and motivate them to develop more inclusive, diverse and global perspectives. Comprehension of gender dynamics, biases, and patterns can improve the ways in which we live, work, and play."

For more information about FMU's gender studies program, call Kunka at 1520 or McWayne at 1467.

Jones named School of Business Outstanding Alumnus

Sherry Miller Jones of Darlington has been named the Francis Marion University School of Business Outstanding Alumnus for 2006.

The award was presented during a breakfast this morning (March 31).

Jones graduated from FMU in 1989 with a B.S. degree in Accounting. She returned to FMU and earned an M.B.A. degree in 1995.

Jones started her career at Florence Concrete Products in 1981. She was hired as part-time clerical help and over time was promoted to accountant, personnel manager, and then vice president of special projects. In 1996, Jones was named president of the business.

Florence Concrete Products Inc. has been in business for 50 years, is a \$20 million a year company, and employs 200 people. It manufactures and erects bridges, commercial buildings and prisons. It also has a retail brick and block business in Florence as well as a tilt-up division.

In addition to her work, Jones is active in her community. She is a past chairperson for Georgias/Carolinas PCI, a graduate of Leadership Florence, a past member of the Pilot Club of Darlington and is an active member of Temple Freewill Baptist in Darlington.

Jones is married to J.J. Jones, a conductor with CSX. They live in Darlington with their 6-year-old son, Jake. Jones is the daughter of Henry and Jerry Miller.

**Nominations are now being accepted for the Outstanding Staff Service Award.
A nomination form appears in this issue. See Page 3 for more details.**

Faculty/Staff News

Natalie P. Young of Latta has joined the FMU staff as a senior administrative assistant in the Financial Assistance office. She is a graduate of FMU.

Marianne P. Langley of Lake City has been named administrative coordinator of the North Eastern Strategic Alliance.

Rogers Library has received some 250 gift books from Mr. and Mrs. Grady Greer. Mr. Greer is an avid reader and has donated his collection of current fiction and non-fiction titles to

the library. Many of them will be added to the library's "Current Fiction" shelves. Authors include Tom Clancy, John Grisham, Danielle Steele, W.E.B. Griffin, Nicholas Sparks, and a host of other popular writers. This is possibly the most impressive collection of current reading materials the library has ever received.

Glen Gourley, professor and director of theatre, was elected administrative vice president of the Southeastern Theatre Conference at its March meeting in Orlando, Fla.

The Southeastern Theatre Confer-

ence is the largest regional theatre organization in the country with over 4,000 members. Participation in the organization ranges from theatre for youth to colleges and universities, from student actors and directors to professional members of the Actor's Equity Association.

Gourley has been active in the organization since he began auditioning for summer stock jobs as an undergraduate. Most recently, Gourley has served as the South Carolina state representative on the executive board and as the 10-states representative on the eight-member executive committee.

Allen delivers second-annual William C. Moran address

Francis Marion University mathematics professor Roger "Bucky" Allen Jr. delivered the second-annual William C. Moran address at FMU, Thursday, March 30.

A reception was held in the Cottage following the program in the Lowrimore Auditorium.

Allen retires in August after 35 years of service to FMU. Among his many honors are being named Distinguished Professor in 1981 and Mamie C. Gray Professor of Mathematics in 2004. He is a member of the honor societies Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, of Spades at Auburn University and the Raven Society at the University of Virginia, and is an original initiate of Kappa Mu Epsilon. He has served as faculty secretary of Omicron Delta Kappa since its inception at FMU and as president of Phi Kappa Phi.

Before beginning his teaching career, he graduated with high honors from Auburn University and earned the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Virginia. He has since been elected a Danforth Associate for excellence in teaching and commit-

ment to students. He has also made numerous scholarly presentations at national, regional and state meetings.

As a professor of mathematics, Allen has specialized in the calculus series and analysis and probability, but has taught almost every mathematics course offered at FMU, frequently for the Honors program. He is a nationally recognized leader in the Advanced Placement calculus program, having served for 18 years as a reader and table leader at AP calculus readings, and has taught many AP calculus endorsement courses. He has even taught aboard a ship for the United States Navy's PACE program.

Allen was the first non-chairman to serve on FMU's Academic Council, and together with L.D. Hendrick, reformed promotion and tenure policies in the early years of Francis Marion.

He chaired the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science from 1986 to 1995 and has served on five SACS visiting committees. He has been elected to a wide spectrum of university committees and to the Faculty Senate, and has chaired the Promotion

and Tenure and the Nominating committees. As ranking senior faculty member, he has served as mace-bearer at FMU's commencement ceremonies for the last three years.

Allen has been active in the Southeastern Section of the Mathematical Association of America, serving as state director for South Carolina and on the Section Teaching Award and Site Selection committees.

He has also been vice president of the South Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics and of the South Carolina Association of Advanced Placement Mathematics Teachers. He is a co-author of "Solutions to the Advanced Placement Examinations (AB and BC)" and oversees the distribution of these "Solutions" locally, regionally, and nationally.

Outside the university, Allen has coached many youth and church teams in basketball and baseball. He has been a Sunday school teacher and president of the Parent-Teacher Association at West Florence High School. He and his wife, Kitty, have been married 45 years and are parents of three sons, Roger, George, and Dan.



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Outstanding Staff Service Award nominations sought

Nominations are being sought for the Outstanding Staff Service Award.

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Career Development office to hold Spring Job Fair Expo, April 5

Francis Marion University's Office of Career Development will hold its Spring 2006 Job Fair Expo on Wednesday, April 5, from 12 to 4 p.m. in the Smith University Center commons.

Local, state and regional business and industry representatives have been invited to participate by setting up information booths at the fair. Participants include ADP Tax Credit

Service, Auto-Owners Insurance, ERA Leatherman Realty, ESAB, IRIX Pharmaceuticals, Martek Biosciences, McLeod Health, Perfection Clutch, S.C. Air National Guard, S.C. State Auditor, U.S. Border Patrol, and Wellman Inc. Additional organizations are expected to be represented at the fair as well.

The fair will offer employment information and opportunities for FMU

students who are seeking internships and part-time and summer employment, as well as career networking opportunities and employment information for FMU seniors and alumni who are seeking full-time employment. All FMU students and alumni are invited to meet employers, make contacts, and apply for available positions. For more information, call the FMU Career Development office at 1676.

Center of Excellence website features interactive message board

The Francis Marion University Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty has established an interactive message board on its website for area teachers.

The message board can be accessed by logging on to the center's website, www.fmucenterofexcellence.org and clicking on the message board link. The message board is designed to give teachers an opportunity to com-

municate with each other on a variety of topics having to do with children of poverty, such as classroom management, culture of poverty, curriculum models, developing parent partnerships, health issues, language instruction issues, mathematics development, resources for teachers, science development, social studies development, and underachievement.

The FMU School of Education

was awarded a five-year grant that established on campus the Center of Excellence. The grant includes a component that supports staff development and in-service training for teachers in the Pee Dee region.

For more information about the message board or the Center of Excellence, e-mail the center at COE@fmarion.edu, or call 843-669-3391 ext. 28.

Orr to be featured in performance of 'The Oratorio,' April 4

"The Oratorio," featuring soprano Sue Butler Orr, will be performed at Francis Marion University, Tuesday, April 4, as part of FMU's First Tuesday Arts Event series.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in the Hyman Fine Arts Center's Kassab Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Orr, a native of Birmingham, Ala., graduated from Samford University with a Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance. While at Samford, she studied with Eleanor Ousley, and appeared as soprano soloist with the university orchestra and sang in numerous opera produc-

tions. She then attended Florida State University, receiving a Master of Music degree, also in vocal performance, studying with Eugene Tally-Schmidt. Since coming to Florence in 1969, Orr has sung in many churches and appeared as soloist with the Masterworks Choir, Florence Symphony Orchestra, and the Longbay Symphony.

For the past 26 years, Orr has taught at FMU. As an assistant professor of music, she is the director of the choral program and teaches private voice. Under her leadership, the choral program has grown and now includes two choral groups: the Concert Choir and CUT TIME.



Human Resources Update

Living Your Healthiest Life Tour coming to FMU

The State Health Plan Prevention Partners is bringing its Living Your Healthiest Life tour to FMU on Monday, April 17. The event will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Palmetto Room of the Ervin Dining Hall.

The tour provides participants the opportunity to learn about what it takes to achieve a healthier lifestyle. The event will include the following topics: smoking cessation, reaching your nutritional peak, and weight loss skills.

The free event is available to all

employees, retirees and dependents. The deadline to register is April 10. To register, call Becky Culbertson at 1143.

YMCA offers discount

Florence Family YMCA has a special offer to FMU employees and their families: half-off the regular joining fee of \$85.

There is no time limit on this offer. Just show the Y the flyer that was e-mailed to FMU employees on March 20. For a copy of the flyer, call Becky Culbertson at 1143.

FMU to host mathematics conference, April 7

Francis Marion University will play host to college students from the eastern Carolinas at its Spring 2006 Joint Francis Marion/Kappa Mu Epsilon Region Three Undergraduate Mathematics Conference, Friday, April 7.

The keynote speaker will be Chris Arney of the U.S. Army Research Office. The topic of his speech will be "The Mathematics of Robots, Networks, Recess, and Life."

The conference will include student presentations focusing on applied mathematics, including mathematical modeling, numerical methods, statistics, and computational mathematics. The event will also include a graduate school panel discussion and a student awards ceremony. For more information, call Tom Fitzkee at 1572.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 3-30-06)

- Part-time Instructor of Biology
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management
- Assistant/Associate Professor of (Elementary Education)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Educational Technology and Assessment)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Middle School/Secondary Education)
- Assistant Professor of Psychology (Cognitive Psychology)
- Assistant Professor of Psychology in Experimental Psychology (Biological)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Nursing (2)
- Assistant Professor of Mathematics (2)
- Assistant Professor of Fine Arts (Graphic Design/Foundation)
- Assistant Professor of Marketing
- Instructor of Chemistry
- Assistant Professor of Art Education
- Assistant Reference Librarian
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of English (Composition)
- Instructor of Biology
- Director of Facilities Engineering and Maintenance
- Men's Basketball Coach
- Director of Facilities Management
- Executive Director of the Francis Marion Trail Commission
- Lead Groundskeeper
- Dean of Students
- Student Services Counselor - Admissions

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call 1140.

Coming Up On Campus

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| through April 6 | | Art Gallery Series: "Skin Deep - A National Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Ceramic Art," HFAC gallery |
| 2 | 3 pm | Concert: Florence Symphony Youth Orchestra, McNair auditorium |
| 4 | 8 pm | Concert: "The Oratorio" featuring Sue Butler Orr, Kassab Hall, HFAC |
| 4-18 | | Art Gallery Series: Student works by FMU painting classes, UC gallery |
| 6 | 8 pm | Concert: University Jazz Express, McNair auditorium |
| 7 | 8 pm | Concert: FMU String Ensemble, Kassab Hall, HFAC |
| 9 | 1-3 pm | Easter Party for Children, Wallace House |
| 11-May 6 | | Art Gallery Series: Senior shows by graduating FMU visual arts majors, HFAC gallery |
| 13-15 | 8 pm | University Theatre: "The Actor's Nightmare," Fine Arts Theatre, HFAC |
| 17 | 7 pm | Academic Awards program, McNair auditorium |
| 18 | 4 pm | Student Life Awards program, McNair auditorium |
| 18 | 8 pm | Concert: University Wind Symphony, McNair auditorium |

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2006 OUTSTANDING STAFF SERVICE AWARD

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

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The following criteria have been established:

- (1) Recipients must be full-time, permanent employees of Francis Marion University with classification below major department head level. Department heads, vice presidents, deans and faculty members are not eligible for this award.
- (2) Recipients must have demonstrated exceptional service for a sustained period of time, exercising sound judgment and character in their work. Community service activities also will be considered.
- (3) New nominations are required each year. Nominations may be made by any administrative, faculty or staff member at Francis Marion University. Self nominations are not accepted.
- (4) The deadline for nominations is May 15, and should be made on a nomination form available on the back of this page or through the Communications Services Office. Supporting materials, such as campus involvement, service on committees, and community activities, should be included with the nomination form.
- (5) Nominations will be judged by a committee appointed by the president.
- (6) Past winners will not be eligible to receive the award a second time.

N: forms

NOMINATION FORM

2006 OUTSTANDING STAFF SERVICE AWARD

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

Name of Nominee _____

Job Title of Nominee _____

Department Employed _____

Number of Years Nominee Employed at FMU _____

Why Should This Employee Be Recognized?

Describe How This Employee's Service Has Made a Difference at FMU.

Attach a resume, biographical information or any documents or materials that you deem appropriate to support your nomination. Include campus involvement, service on committees, community activities, etc.

Submitted by _____ Date _____
(Name of Person Making Nomination)

Return to Communications Services Office, 116 Stokes Administration Bldg., no later than May 15, 2006.

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