

# Patriot Digest

*The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter*

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## FMU again ranked in top 100 by U.S. News

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 sixth year in a row.

FMU also was ranked as one of the South's most diverse campuses for the eighth time in nine years.

The rankings will be published in the magazine's book *America's Best Colleges, 2007 Edition*, which went on sale Aug. 18. The magazine released the rankings Aug. 18.

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 557 universities in the master's level category, ranked within four geographic areas—North, South, Midwest and West—because they generally draw students heavily from sur-

rounding 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 42 percent, FMU was ranked seventh among 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.

For the first time, the magazine also ranked all master's-level schools in the South in economic diversity. In this category, the magazine identifies the percentage of students who receive Pell Grants, which are typically awarded to undergrads with family incomes under \$40,000.

Forty-four percent of FMU undergraduate students receive Pell Grants. In the economic diversity category among master's-level universities in the South, percentages ranged from 9 percent to 92 percent.

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. FMU offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in more than 49 areas of study.

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## FMU adds 28 new faculty members for 2006-2007 year

Officials at Francis Marion University have announced the addition of 28 new faculty members for the 2006-2007 school year.

They are: James D. Christian of Columbia, instructor of speech communication; Kenneth E. Crocker of Perrysburg, Ohio, professor of marketing; Erin M. Eaton of Charleston, assistant professor of biology; Larry P. Englehardt of Ames, Iowa, assistant professor of physics; Heather E. Epes of Carrboro, N.C., assistant professor of English and assistant director of the FMU Writing Center; Elena N. Eskridge-Kosmach of Cheraw, assistant professor of history; Donna S. Estes of Effingham, instructor of nursing; Nathan E. Flowers of Florence, assistant reference librarian and instructor; and Charles Jeffcoat of Memphis, Tenn.

Also, assistant professor of graphic design; Daljit Kaur of Gastonia, N.C., assistant professor of education; Christopher M. Kennedy of North Providence, R.I., assistant professor of history; Joseph A. Kennedy of Plymouth, N.H., assistant professor of English; Timothy K. Lance of Cornwall On Hudson, N.Y., assistant professor of mathematics; Cheryl O. Lane of Central, assistant professor of education; Maria del Rosario Lara of Fayetteville, N.C., assistant professor of Spanish; Nicholas W. Loudon of Lafayette, Ind., instructor of physics; Latha M. Malaiyandi of Lexington Park, Md., assistant professor of biology; and Ronald T. Murphy of Malden, Mass., associate professor of psychology.

In addition, Hari K. Rajagopalan of Charlotte, N.C., assistant professor of management; Danielle Rowell of

Myrtle Beach, instructor of political science; Shawn Smolen-Morton of Turners Falls, Mass., assistant professor of English; David C. Szurley of Clemson, assistant professor of mathematics; Peter W. Tinsley of Clinton, assistant professor of chemistry; Matthew W. Turner of Philadelphia, Pa., assistant professor of philosophy; Sharon A. "Mandy" Watts of Oxford, Ohio, instructor of English; Amy R. Whicker of Florence, assistant professor of computer science; Valerie G. Williams of Florence, instructor mass communication; and Nancy L. Zaice of Columbia, assistant professor of English.

For more information about FMU's new faculty, go to <http://www.fmarion.edu/news>

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**Travis Knowles**, assistant professor of biology, presented a paper titled "Microhabitat Analysis of Eastern Woodrat (*Neotoma floridana*) Nest Sites in the South Carolina Coastal Plain" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists, June 17-21, at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Recent alumnus Robbie Burger (B.A., 2006) was co-author of the paper.

**Farrah Hughes**, assistant professor of psychology, recently had an article accepted for publication in the *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

The paper is titled "Predicting the Use of Aggressive Conflict Tactics in a Sample of Women Arrested for Domestic Violence" and is based on a study Hughes conducted with Gregory L. Stuart at Brown Medical School and Butler Hospital, Kristina Coop Gordon at the University of Tennessee, and

Todd M. Moore at the University of Houston-Downtown.

In June, **Scott Kaufman**, associate professor of history, interviewed Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter for a biography of the former first lady. The biography, "The President's Partner: The Life of Rosalynn Carter," is forthcoming from the University Press of Kansas.

Kaufman also has two books coming out in September. The first, which he co-wrote with his father, is the revised edition of his father's "Presidency of James Earl Carter, Jr.," published also by the University Press of Kansas.

The second is a biography of Revolutionary War General Francis Marion. Titled "Francis Marion: Swamp Fox of South Carolina," it is a children's book (aim-ed at fifth graders) published by OTTN Publishing in New Jersey.

**Joe Aniello**, assistant professor of management, presented his research titled "Teaching Entrepreneurship Using Lessons from Hollywood, Tucker: the Movie" at the Entrepreneurs-in-Action Think Tank, Aug. 7-8, at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

**Harry L. Johnson** of Florence has joined the FMU staff as a lead groundskeeper.

**Wendell Lyde** of Florence has joined the FMU staff as a custodian.

**Daniel McCall** of Darlington has joined the FMU staff as a custodian.

**Lisa Pike**, associate professor of biology, and her partner, Veronica White, announce the birth of Lucie Marie Pike. Lucie was born at 2:30 p.m., Aug. 21, weighing 8 lbs. 5 oz., and measuring 20.5 inches long.

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## FMU announces tenure and promotion of faculty

Officials at Francis Marion University have announced tenure and promotion of faculty members for the 2006-07 academic year.

Receiving promotions to professor are: Lawrence P. Anderson, chair, Department of Fine Arts; Joyce M. Durant, library; Lynn Hanson, English; Peter D. King, biology; and Gerald W. Long, biology.

Receiving promotions to associate professor are: Wendy Caldwell, Spanish; Gregory G. Fry, art and graphic design; Lisa A. Pike, biology; and Russell E. Ward Jr., sociology.

Earning tenure are: Caldwell; Fry; Brad R. Johnson, accounting; Tammy H. Pawloski, education; Cynthia A. Price, library; and Ward.

Several faculty members were also recently recognized

for length of state service. Recognized for 30 years of state service were: Stanford E. Bergstrom, Spanish; Lloyd B.B. Hutchings, education; Roger K. Hux, library; and Susannah McCuaig, education.

Recognized for 20 years of state service were: A. Glen Gourley Jr., theatre arts and speech; Dorothy M. Harris, education; Lynn B. Kostoff, English; Mary H. McNulty, English; Charlene Wages, psychology; and Kenneth B. Williams, chemistry.

Recognized for 10 years of service were: Gary D. Coker, computer science; Rebecca H. Flannagan, English; Allen E. Smith, management information systems; and William P. Wattles, psychology.

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## FMU to again host Pee Dee Area College Fair, Sept. 20

For the fourth straight year, Francis Marion University will play host to the Pee Dee Area College Fair, Wednesday, Sept. 20.

The event will be held in the Smith University Center gymnasium, and will include a morning session, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and an evening session, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event, which is geared toward high school juniors and seniors and their parents, is free and open to the public.

Representatives from more than 50 colleges and universities will be on hand, as well as recruiters from all branches of the military. The evening program will include financial aid information sessions. Activities will also include a live remote from local radio station 103X.

For more information, contact FMU admissions counselor Maggie Gause at 1235.



As part of a continuing effort to improve services to library patrons, Rogers Library realigned staffing, effective July 1.

Joyce M. Durant now serves as public services librarian. She leads reference and serials services, combining those areas into a more unified program. The expanded reference team includes Durant, Yvette H. Pierce, M. Suzanne Singleton, John M. Summer, new library faculty member Nathan Flowers (FMU class of 2003), Roger K. Hux, part-time, and Brenda B. Calcutt, a 2004 FMU alumna. They are joined by serials staff members Marcy Turner and Dominic Davis who will cross-train for reference back-up, and Calcutt will cross-train for serials back-up.

Linda D. Becote is now technical services librarian and leads both the cataloging and acquisitions compo-

nents of library services. She will also lead the library's participation in the South Carolina academic library holdings consortium, PASCAL's "Union Catalog."

Systems librarian Pamela B. Radcliffe continues to lead implementation of library automation modules for the new (2004) Millennium integrated library system. In addition she now serves as the library's wireless liaison and on-staff trainer for Millennium upgrades. She is assisted in these roles by systems support technician Nancy A. Jeffords.

Circulation manager Patricia T. Pigatt will assume new responsibilities for management of the universal borrowing component of Millennium and PASCAL's implementation of this program. Also in the Circulation Department, Steven Sims will have an expanded role and Karl McAlister

takes on additional responsibility as liaison with campus maintenance and custodial services.

Acquisitions coordinator Yvonne G. Davis assumes additional duties in procurement, bibliographic control, and budgeting/accounting, as well as additional responsibility for acquisitions operations previously handled by Durant. Cataloger Wendy Moore assumes routine and specialized duties previously assigned to Becote, and catalog staff member Janet Pearson is taking on new duties as back-up to Davis. Loretta K. Spears and media librarian Cindy Price also assume added responsibilities within the technical services area, as does staff member Barbara Frinks.

Library staff members also assuming modified roles to complete the realignment are Janet S. McLeod and Satoria Lowe.

## Kraikits establish scholarship for international students

Drs. Sompong and Suwanee Kraikit have established an endowed scholarship to benefit international students at Francis Marion University.

The Sompong and Suwanee Kraikit Scholarship is intended to offer a teacher in Thailand an opportunity to pursue a graduate degree in education at FMU. The scholarship will cover tuition, room and board, and books for the recipient.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must have a bachelor's degree and meet admission requirements for international students as outlined in the FMU catalog. The student must be accepted into the graduate program in

instructional accommodation through the FMU School of Education. The student must also be a native of Thailand and intend to return to Thailand to teach in a rural area.

If no student meets the above criteria, the scholarship may be awarded to a student recommended by the School of Education.

The Kraikits are longtime supporters of the university, with Sompong Kraikit serving on the FMU Foundation Board, including several terms as chair. Actively involved in the university's capital campaign, he previously established an international education fund at the university in honor of his wife.

## Richey named director of facilities engineering and maintenance

Michael W. Richey has been named director of facilities engineering and maintenance at Francis Marion University.

Richey, of Greenwood, will be responsible for managing the planning and implementation phases necessary to complete university facilities construction, renovation, and major maintenance projects. He will also be responsible for providing leadership and supervision for the building maintenance section.

He spent 21 years in the U.S. Army, most recently as a deputy operations manager with the 18th Engineer Brigade in Afghanistan and Germany. Prior to that, he was a facilities manager with the 3D Corps Support Command in Iraq and Germany. He has also served as a project manager for the



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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Texas, and as an engineer officer in various locations throughout the U.S. and overseas.

Richey has managed construction and renovation projects for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers budgeted over \$26 million and he has more than 15 years of planning experience, taking projects from design to construction.

Richey earned the B.S. degree in civil engineering from Clemson University.



## Human Resources Update

### TIAA-CREF to visit campus Sept. 13

TIAA-CREF will hold one-on-one counseling sessions at FMU, Sept. 13, from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. in SAB 105. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with a TIAA-CREF representative to review your current accounts or to get information about TIAA-CREF 403b tax-deferred annuities.

To schedule a counseling session, visit [www.tiaa-cref.org/moc](http://www.tiaa-cref.org/moc) or call 877-267-4505, ext. 0. For more information, call Becky Culbertson at 1143.

#### McLeod programs

McLeod Health and Fitness has several special events open to both members and non-members. An eight-week body makeover program will be held Sept. 21 through Nov. 9. Evening and daytime classes are available. An orientation session for the makeover program will be held Sept. 7 at 6 p.m.

An adult basketball league, as well as Karate classes and swim lessons for all ages are also being offered. For more information on any of these events, call 777-3000.

“She Saturday” with McLeod Health will be held Sept. 16 at the Florence Civic Center, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will include free and low-cost screenings, a wide variety of health education materials, fitness demonstrations, giveaways, and local retail vendors.

For more information, call Sage Andrews, McLeod marketing and public relations, at 777-5432.

#### Bruce and Lee Library event

The Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Library will host coffee with authors and radio show hosts Sara Ellington and Stephanie Triplett, Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Florence County Library.

Ellington and Triplett are co-authors of “The Mommy Chronicles: Conversations Sharing Comedy and Drama of Pregnancy and New Motherhood.” They are the hosts of “The Mommy Chronicles Show” on Sirius satellite radio (channel 114).

## Jobs On-Campus

(as of 8-29-06)

- Grant Writer for Center of Excellence Activities (Part-time, Temporary)
- Chief Information Officer
- Police Officer (2)
- Lead Groundskeeper
- Craftsman – Electrician
- Craftsman – Maintenance Mechanic
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting - Managerial/ Cost Accounting (August 2007)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting -Financial Accounting (August 2007)
- Assistant Professor of Political Science
- Chair, Department of History
- Assistant Professor of Sociology (Criminal Justice)
- Assistant Professor of Sociology (Gerontology/Health)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management

Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call 1140.

## Coming Up On Campus

### SEPT.

- through Sept. 28 Art Gallery Series: “Vessels,” ceramics by Hiroshi Sueyoshi, HFAC gallery
- through Oct. 26 Art Gallery Series: Paintings by Dr. John W. Baker, UC gallery
- through Sept. 28 Art Gallery Series: “Natural Selections,” photographs and sculptures by Tom Herzog, HFAC gallery
- 5 7 pm Gallery Gala, HFAC
- 5 8 pm First Tuesday Arts Event: Concert: violinist Caroline Jefferies and pianist Benjamin Woods, Kassab Hall, HFAC
- 25 8 pm Artist Series: “Othello,” by William Shakespeare, performed by the National Players, McNair auditorium
- 28 2 pm Artist Lecture Demonstration by Hiroshi Sueyoshi, HFAC Room 121

### OCT.

- 3 8 pm First Tuesday Arts Event: Concert: pianist Benjamin Woods, Kassab Hall, HFAC

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