

Patriot Digest

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Two FMU professors named Trustees' Research Scholars



Camper

Jeffrey D. Camper, professor of biology, and Victor Scott Kaufman, associate professor of history, will be named Francis Marion University Board of Trustees' Research Scholars for 2007

in a special ceremony to be held at the quarterly meeting of the board on Friday, Feb. 2.

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

"I am so pleased that these two exceptional faculty members are being honored as Trustees' Research Scholars," said Ken Jackson, chair of the FMU board of trustees. "Both are distinguished professors."

The Research Scholar appoint-

ments are for three-year terms and are renewable. A native of Aurora, Ill., Camper has been a professor of biology at FMU since 1994. Before coming to FMU, he was a professor of biology at Austin College in Sherman, Texas, from 1991 to 1994.

"Jeff Camper is a renowned herpetologist who not only excels in his field of research but also makes himself available throughout the community," said FMU President Fred Carter. "I am proud that the university can recognize his extensive scholarship in this way."

Camper earned the B.S. degree in zoology from Southern Illinois University, the M.S. degree in biology from Drake University, and the Ph.D. degree in wildlife and fisheries sciences from Texas A & M University.

Camper's area of expertise is the

field of herpetology and evolutionary biology. In 2006, he was a Harry M. Lightsey, Jr. Visiting Scholar at Hobcaw Barony, and he received the 2004-2005 FMU Faculty Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship.

Camper has published numerous articles and served on numerous professional and university committees.

His professional memberships include the American Society of Ichthyologists & Herpetologists, the Association of Southeastern Biologists, the Herpetologist's League, the National Center for Science Education, Sigma Xi, the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles and the South Carolina Academy of Science.



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Portraits of FMU First Ladies Unveiled at Wallace House



First Lady Folly Carter and the Stanton family

Portraits of late FMU first ladies Rhondda Miller Smith and Sara Louise Stanton were placed in the Wallace House during a special ceremony on Thursday, Jan. 25.

"These ladies served on the campus with dignity and grace, and I am delighted that we can honor them in such a memorable way," said FMU First Lady Folly Carter.

Smith was the wife of Walter D. Smith, FMU's founding president who held the position from 1970 to 1983. Smith was born in 1920 in Brisbane, Australia, and passed away on Jan. 8, 2000. She served in the British and Australian Navies as a communications instructor during World War II. While serving in the Australian Navy, she met her husband, who was stationed in Sydney. Smith also had a strong interest in art and music and loved to sing.

Stanton was married to the late Thomas C. Stanton, who served as FMU's second president from 1983 to 1994 and died in 2006. A Pee Dee native, Stanton was born in Cheraw in 1918 and passed away on Dec. 28, 2005. She was an avid golfer and member of the Women's Golf Associations at both the Florence Country

Club and the Country Club of South Carolina. Stanton also worked as a bookkeeper and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Florence.

"Both of these ladies were so unassuming and worked hard behind the scenes," noted Libby Cooper, director of community relations. "They were very supportive of their husbands and this university."



The Smith Family

Faculty schedule for Spring 2007

(Cycle One and Two)

Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) meets in the President's Board Room. Faculty Senate meets at 3:45 p.m. in UC 218. General Faculty meets at 3:45 p.m. in Lowrimore Auditorium on Feb. 27. Location of the April 10 General Faculty meeting to be announced.

Cycle One

Thursday, Feb. 1: AAC meets, 3:45 p.m., President's Board Room
Tuesday, Feb. 6: Proposals from Beckie Flannagan to Faculty Senate
Tuesday, Feb. 13: Faculty Senate meets
Tuesday, Feb. 20: Proposals from Flannagan to Faculty
Tuesday, Feb. 27: General Faculty meets

Cycle Two

Friday, Feb. 23: Proposals to Rannie Gamble, Provost's Office
Thursday, Mar. 1: Proposals from Gamble to David Cowles, AAC Chair
Friday, Mar. 2: Proposals from Cowles to the Faculty
(Spring Break: Mar. 5 - 9)
Thursday, Mar. 15: AAC meets, 3:45 p.m., President's Board Room
Tuesday, Mar. 20: Proposals from Beckie Flannagan to Faculty Senate
Tuesday, Mar. 27: Faculty Senate meets

Proposals passed in Spring Cycles One and Two can be approved by the General Faculty before the end of the 2006-07 academic year.

Former FMU employee dies at 86

Colonel William P. (Bill) Tallon, Jr., 86, a former registrar and director of development at Francis Marion University, died Jan. 20 at his home in Florence.

Tallon came to FMU in 1972 and worked briefly as the FMU registrar. In 1973, he became the director of development, retiring in 1983. Upon his retirement, he was awarded the rank of Professor Emeritus.

Tallon was born in Trenton, N.J. He was a graduate of the University of Nebraska, where he received the bachelor's degree. Later, he attended George Washington University, where he received the master's degree.

Before he made his way to FMU, Tallon spent 32 years serving his country. He was a member of the New Jersey National Guard Mounted Artillery and served in World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, and the Cold War. He served as commander of the 101st Airborne Division Artillery and was chief of staff of the 101st Airborne during the Vietnam War. He was deputy commander of the John F. Kennedy Center for Military Assistance and Special Forces and a master parachutist. He was a graduate of and later an instructor at both the Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

He was a member of the Florence Rotary Club, founding member of West Ebenezzer Community Association, a member of the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was instrumental in the expansion of the Florence National Cemetery with his work for the organization For God and Country. He was also a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, the diocese of Charleston, and served on the diocesan school board for three years.

Memorials may be made to McLeod Hospice, 1203 E. Cheves St., Florence, 29506, or to St. Anthony Catholic School, 2536 Hoffmeyer Road, Florence, 29501.

Office of Provost accepts nominations for Distinguished Professor 2006-2007

Faculty and staff are invited to submit nominations for the Francis Marion University Distinguished Professor Award for 2006-2007.

The faculty member so selected will also represent the University as the nominee for the South Carolina Distinguished Professor of the Year Award next fall.

Award criteria will be based on the faculty member's contribution in teaching, scholarly activity, and professional service. Selection will be made from among nominated faculty members by the Distinguished Professor Selection Committee consisting of all Distinguished Professors currently under contract and students appointed by the Provost.

Those eligible for consideration for this award must be current full-time tenured or tenure-track FMU employees (including department chairpersons and school deans). The Office of the Provost may be contacted if you have a question regarding a potential nominee's eligibility.

Nominations for the award may come from a faculty colleague, an FMU student who has been enrolled within the last twelve months, or a current staff member. Eligible faculty members may also nominate themselves.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 2, at 5 p.m. They must be made to the Office of the Provost (SAB 115) in the form of a brief letter or e-mail message (rgamble@fmarion.edu). If the writer so desires, the letter or e-mail may explain why the faculty member being nominated would be a worthy recipient of the award. All nominations are warmly encouraged.



Faculty/Staff News

Trisha L. Bezmen, associate professor of economics, has joined the FMU business faculty.

Shala Boston, student services counselor for the registrar's office, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in history from FMU.

Roberta Olmstead of Florence earned a Master of Arts in teaching from FMU.

Laura Rhoads, senior accountant of

financial reporting, earned a Master of Business Administration degree from FMU.

Ginger Ridgill of Darlington earned a Bachelor of General Studies degree from FMU.

Joe Aniello, executive director of FMU's Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute, attended the U.S. Association of Small Business and Entrepreneurship annual conference

in Orlando, Fla. from Jan. 11-14. Aniello co-presented two papers on entrepreneurship, one of which focused on using case studies to benefit the revitalization of downtown areas. In addition, Aniello was an invited panelist to discuss the opportunities for multidisciplinary entrepreneurial learning based on his international study tour of Trentino, Italy.

...Trustees' Research Scholars (continued from front)

Kaufman, a native of Slidell, La., became an assistant professor of history at FMU in 2001 and an associate professor of history in 2005. Prior to that, he taught at the University of Washington, Southwest Missouri State University, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Ohio University.

"Scott has had four books published in the past seven years," said Carter. "I think there is no scholar in the state who has eclipsed the achievements of Scott Kaufman in the six years he's been here."

He has taught many courses in the field of history to include historiography, the Korean War, the Modern World and the History of the United States in World Affairs. He earned the B.A. degree from Kansas State University, and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio University.

Dr. Kaufman has published four books since 2000, including "Confronting Communism: U.S. and British Policies toward China," "The Presidency of James Earl Carter Jr.," "The Pig War: The United States, Britain, and the Balance of Power in the Pacific Northwest, 1846-72" and "Francis Marion: Swamp Fox of the Carolinas." Dr. Kaufman has also published numerous articles in scholarly journals and has just finished a biography of former first lady Rosalynn Carter, which is scheduled to be published in fall 2007.

FMU Professor's Book Receives National Recognition

A book published by Kenneth Kitts, associate provost and political science professor at Francis Marion University, has been named an Outstanding Academic Title on Choice magazine's annual list and is featured in this month's issue.

Kitts's book, "Presidential Commissions and National Security: The Politics of Damage Control," published by Lynne Rienner Publishers of Boulder, Colo., is about blue-ribbon investigations of national security issues.

Each year in the January issue, in print and online, Choice publishes a list of Outstanding Academic Titles that were reviewed during the previous calendar year. This list reflects the best in scholarly titles reviewed by Choice. Fewer than three percent of the titles submitted for review last year were selected to appear on the list. Choice editors base their selections on the reviewer's evaluation of the work, the editor's knowledge of the field, and the reviewer's record.

In awarding Outstanding Academic Titles, the editors apply several criteria to reviewed titles:

- overall excellence in presentation and scholarship
- importance relative to other literature in the field
- distinction as a first treatment of a given subject in book or electronic form
- originality or uniqueness of treatment
- value to undergraduate students
- importance in building undergraduate library collections

According to the Choice review, the book "should be required reading for students of the American presidency, the US Congress, public administration, and public policy."

Kitts, a native of Waynesville, N.C., earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees in political science from Appalachian State University, and the Ph.D. degree in political science from the University of South Carolina. He joined the FMU faculty in 1987 and was the university's Distinguished Professor for 2002-03.

The 194-page book sells for \$49.95 and can be ordered at www.rienner.com as well as through online retailers such as amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.



Kitts



Human Resources Update

McLeod Heart Affair Health Fair

McLeod Health & Fitness is hosting the McLeod Heart Affair Health Fair on Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McLeod Health & Fitness Center. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about modifiable risk factors and the relationship of heart disease to other areas of health concerns. The event includes screenings for adults and children, as well as an activity for children.

Cardiologist to offer tips on heart disease

Dr. Fred Krainin, of Pee Dee Cardiology & Associates will be giving a presentation on Feb. 8 between 6 and 7 p.m. on "Women & Heart Disease". The session will be held at McLeod Medical Plaza, 800 E. Cheves St. Those who wish to attend can do so free with a meal included. For more information or to register, contact McLeod Reservations & Scheduling at (843)777-2005 or (800)667-2005.

McLeod cardiothoracic surgeon to hold session

Dr. Robert Phillips, McLeod cardiothoracic surgeon, will be giving a presentation on Feb. 12 on "Treatment Options for Angina". The session will be held at the Leatherman Senior Center, 600 Senior Way, next to Freedom Florence between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The session is free and includes a meal.

For more information or to register, contact McLeod Reservations & Scheduling at (843)777-2005 or (800)667-2005.

FMU Tax II students provide free tax return services

FMU and the IRS have joined forces to provide free tax return services to the Greater Florence area, FMU students, staff and faculty, each Thursday night beginning Jan. 25-April 8.

Community members who need tax assistance can receive it from FMU Tax II students in the School of Business computer lab located in Founders Hall room 259 C.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 1-23-07)

- Chair, Department of History
- Assistant Professor of Sociology (Gerontology/Health)
- Assistant/Associate/Professor of Management
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Educational Research)
- Assistant Professor of English
- Assistant Professor of Art Education
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Theatre History
- Instructor of Chemistry
- Assistant Professor of Spanish
- Assistant Professor of Biology (Non-Tenure Track)
- Assistant Professor of Physics
- Assistant Professor of Management
- Assistant Professor of Speech Communication
- Assistant Professor of History (Public History/United States History)
- Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs
- Craftsman
- Child Care Director

Visit Human Resources
SAB 105, or call ext. 1140

Coming Up On Campus

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

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| 2 – Feb. 15 | 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Art Gallery Series: Pastel Drawings by Tulla Lightfoot, HFAC gallery |
| 2 – Feb. 15 | 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Art Gallery Series: Ceramic Head Pots by David Hooker, HFAC gallery |
| 9 – March 8 | 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Art Gallery Series: Soulscape: Drawings and Paintings by Harry Arnette McFadden, Tim Green and Randall Fulton, CU gallery |
| Feb. 6 | 8 p.m. | First Tuesday Arts Event: Chamber Music and Art Exhibits, The Firenze Quartet, HFAC gallery, Kassab Recital Hall |
| Feb. 13 | 3:30 and 8 p.m. | Cinema 2006-07 Film Series, The Memory of a Killer, CEMC, Lowrimer Auditorium |

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