

Patriot Digest

Faculty and Staff Newsletter for Francis Marion University

Aug. 15, 2007

Nelson appointed to endowed chair

Larry Nelson, professor of history professor at Francis Marion University, has been appointed to an endowed chair at the university.

Nelson has been appointed to the A.R. Avent Chair in History. This chair, established in 1987, was named for long-time supporter of FMU and former owner of Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, A.R. Avent.

Nelson has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1974. He serves as chair of the Department of History and is the author of three books and numerous scholarly articles. In addition, Nelson is the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) liaison between FMU's Department of History and the School of Education. He served from 2002-04 as a master scholar for South

Carolina's Teaching American History project.

He earned the B.A. degree in history from Brigham Young University, the M.S. in U.S. History from the University of Utah and the Ph.D. in U.S. History from Duke University.

"Larry Nelson has taught numerous courses and has skillfully served in many capacities in the History Department since 1974," said FMU provost Richard Chapman. "This chair recognizes his exemplary teaching and scholarship. Over the years, Larry's intelligence and vigor have enriched every aspect of the department's work."

This chaired professorship carries a four-year term and selection is based on recommendations from the program faculty to the provost.



Nelson

Events Calendar

August/September

Artist Series Aug. 7-Sept. 27

- Addicted to Pots: Selected Works from the Huggins' Collection

- Stitched: Embroidery by Fiber Artist Susan Lentz
8:30 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri • FAC Gallery

Artist Series Aug. 7-Oct. 25

Textiles from the Orient: Chinese and Japanese Kimonos

8:30 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri • UC Gallery

New Faculty Orientation Aug. 17
CEMC & EDH

Housing Open New Students Aug. 18

Student Orientation Aug. 20

Fall Classes Begin Aug. 22

Dooley Planetarium Aug. 26

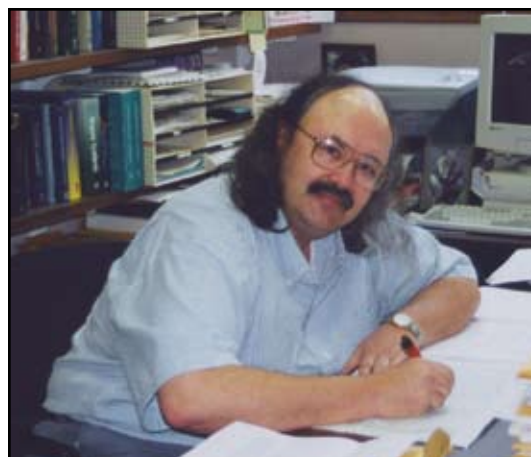
Galaxies in the Universe
3 pm • CEMC, Second Floor

Volleyball Invitational Aug. 31-Sept. 1

Labor Day Sept. 3
University Open

First Tuesday Concert Sept. 4
Allen Johnson, guitar
8 pm, Kassab Recital Hall, HFAC

Williams named chair of chemistry department



Williams

Kenneth Williams has been named chairman of the Francis Marion University Department of Chemistry.

Williams is the Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation Professor of chemistry at FMU.

He earned the B.A. degree in chemistry from

Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, the M.S. in organic chemistry from the University of Maryland and the Ph.D. degree in chemistry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Prior to joining the FMU faculty in 1985, Williams taught at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Stockton State College in Pomona, N.J. While at FMU, Williams has been nominated for

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Jobs on Campus

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- **Adjunct English Faculty (Part-Time)**
- **Assistant Professor of Political Science**
- **Part-Time Instructor of Mathematics**
- **Part-Time Press Operator**
- **Instructor/Assistant Professor of English**
- **Instructor/Assistant Professor of Nursing**
- **Assistant Professor of Economics**
- **Director of Network Security and Project Management**
- **Student Services Counselor - Registrar's Office**
- **Reference Librarian**
- **Custodian**
- **Lead Groundskeeper**
- **Assistant/Associate Professor of History**

Visit Human Resources in SAB, Rm 105 or call ext. 1140.

Technological improvements

The new academic year brings not only new students, but a number of instructional improvements to the environment here at Francis Marion University. The Campus Technology group has worked hard over the summer to install enhanced technologies in several of the classrooms as well as upgrade computer labs with new equipment.

The 600i SMART Board is an all-in-one interactive system bringing an interactive whiteboard, projector and audio system together. Installed in the Media Center and two classrooms in Founders Hall, the system addresses all technology needs by acting as a central hub for other audiovisual devices. A computer, VCR/DVD combo player and document camera are attached to the whiteboard which allows the speaker to switch between these devices using the interactive whiteboard's on-screen menu.

A SMART Board Symposium system is coming to Leatherman Science Facility, room 306. The Symposium has a 17 inch interactive monitor allowing for a large work area and high resolution images. While showing PowerPoint presentations, spreadsheets or Web browsers, notes can be made with digital ink to highlight areas of existing documents and then be saved for future presentations.

Other new initiatives involve three new PodCasting capture systems, one in CEMC 114 and two in LSF classrooms 102 and 306. These PodCasting systems capture audio, video, and data images during classroom presentations, publishing them to the students' Blackboard account or personal iPod for later review.

FMU continues to strive to bring the most up-to-date technologies to the campus to benefit students, professors and the community.



A total of 78 computers have been installed in the Stanton Academic Computer Center during the summer months.

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the Distinguished Professor Award three times and earned the Faculty Teaching Award in 2003 for which he was nominated twice.

His professional affiliations include the American Chemical Society, the South Carolina Academy of Science and the Chemical Heritage Foundation.

"I am delighted that the chemistry faculty recommended Dr. Kenneth Williams to be the chair of the Department of Chemistry," said FMU provost Richard Chapman. "Dr. Williams is a distinguished member of the faculty who will do an excellent job as department chair."



JOIN THE

Revolution

Faculty/Staff News

Anthony L. Addorisio of Florence has joined the FMU staff as an assistant men's soccer coach.

Paul V. DeMarco of Marion has joined the FMU staff as director of Rural Community Health Programs.

Cynthia A. Nixon of Timmonsville has joined the FMU staff as a special projects coordinator and adjunct professor of education.

Digest Deadline

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