

# Patriot Digest

Faculty and Staff Newsletter for Francis Marion University

April 30, 2008

## Gourley named Distinguished Professor

A. Glen Gourley of Florence has been selected the J. Lorin Mason Distinguished Professor for the 2007-08 year at Francis Marion University.

Announced at a campus banquet April 17, this award has been given since the 1975-76 school year and is based upon a faculty member's contributions to teaching, professional service and scholarly activities.

The award, named in honor of the former chairman of the FMU Board of Trustees, is the highest honor to be bestowed upon a faculty member. It will be presented at FMU's spring commencement Saturday, May 3. The award carries a cash prize.

As a result of his selection, Gourley will be the Francis Marion University nominee for the Governor's Professor of the Year Award competition next fall.

"Glen is an extraordinary, gifted professor who consistently exemplifies outstanding scholarship and service to FMU and to the community," said FMU President Fred Carter. "He is most worthy of this recognition."



Gourley

Gourley is a native of Sweetwater, Tenn. He has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1985. He is a professor of theatre arts and speech, and received the Award of Excellence in Service in 2004.

Gourley was recently appointed to the Peter

D. Hyman Chair in Art. This chair is named for a respected Florence attorney, who served in the state House of Representatives in the late 1960s, where he was instrumental in the founding of Francis Marion University.

Gourley has directed more than 25 theatre productions at FMU and has been a judge, consultant or adjudicator for numerous pageants and theatre performances throughout the state. From 1985 to 1999, he held a number of positions with the Cherokee, N.C., outdoor drama "Unto These Hills." He also has been involved in Oconuftee Little Symphony productions, Glassboro Summer Theatre, Florence Little Theatre, Encore Theatre Co., Lake City Community Theatre, Manning Back Porch Players, Hartsville Community Theatre and dozens of public school projects.

He earned an associate's degree from Hiwassee College, a bachelor's degree in theatre from the University of Montevallo and a master's in fine arts from the University of Mississippi.

## Three professors recognized for teaching, research, service

Three Francis Marion University faculty members were honored for outstanding individual work during the past year at a faculty recognition banquet on April 17.

Bill D. Whitmire of Florence was given the Award of Excellence in Teaching; T. Alissa

Warters of Florence was presented the Award for Excellence in Service; and Victor Scott Kaufman of Florence received the Award for Excellence in Research. Each award carries a cash prize.

"Bill, Scott and Alissa rank among the

very best professors in the state of South

Carolina," said Fred Carter, president of FMU. "Their work, in the areas of teaching, research and service, has garnered the respect of colleagues and students alike. I am filled with admiration for their accomplishments and profoundly grateful for their service and friendship."

An associate professor of mathematics, Whitmire has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1997. He is also coordinator of secondary education certification for mathematics programs. Whitmire has created courses for continuing education in-service teachers including geometry for the middle school teacher, methods for the middle school teacher, using Sketchpad in the middle school, statistics



Kaufman



Warters



Whitmire

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and data analysis and working with manipulatives. He has made numerous presentations at local, state and national conferences in the area of mathematics and technology.

A native of Greenwood, he earned the B.A. degree in chemistry and mathematics from Lander College, and the M.A. degree in mathematics education from the University of Kentucky. He also earned the Ed.S. and Ph.D. in mathematics education from the University of Georgia.

Warters, a native of Rock Hill is an assistant professor of political science. She has been a member of the FMU faculty since 2004. Warters received the B.A. and M.A. degrees in political science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va. She received the Ph.D. degree in political science from the University of Tennessee.

Her primary research and teaching interests are the American presidency and public law. She was recently recognized for her role as co-chair of the United Nations Symposium. Warters has given numerous professional presentations on various topics. Her work has been published in several scholarly journals and magazines, all of which focus on the president of the United States and civil liberties.

Her professional memberships include the American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, South Carolina Political Science Association and Popular Culture and American Culture Association in the South.

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.

He has taught many courses in the field of history including 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.

Kaufman has published five 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," "Francis Marion: Swamp Fox of the Carolinas" and a biography of former first lady Rosalynn Carter.

Kaufman has also published numerous articles in scholarly journals. Kaufman was recently awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture in Ireland.

His research interests include U.S. diplomatic, Latin American and U.S. military histories and the history of Japan.



Flannagan

Rebecca H. Flannagan, an assistant professor of English, also was presented the Shared Governance Award, sponsored by the FMU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors. She has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1995. This award is given to a faculty member who demonstrates commitment to the principles of shared governance between the faculty, administration and the board of trustees. A native

of Hardinsburg, Ky., she earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees from Western Kentucky University and the Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. At FMU, she is co-director of the Swamp Fox Writing Project, assistant coordinator for freshman English and has served on a number of university committees. She has published numerous poems, reviews and articles. She is editor of Postscript, the publication of the Philological Association of the Carolinas.

Her professional memberships include the American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, South Carolina Political Science Association and Popular Culture and American Culture Association in the South.

## Jobs on Campus

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- Instructor/Assistant Professor of English
- Assistant Professor of English
- Lead Teacher
- Police Officer
- Programmer
- Senior Administrative Assistant/Financial Assistance
- Accounts Receivable Manager
- Coordinator of Classification, Compensation, and Employment
- Part-time Teaching Assistant/Floater
- Part-time/Temporary Substitute Teaching Assistants
- Part-time/Temporary Teaching Assistant

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

## Jason Orning joins staff in compliance role

Athletic Department officials at Francis Marion University have announced the hiring of Jason Orning of Plymouth, Minn., as assistant athletic director for compliance and academic support.

Orning replaces Kit Alewine, who left Francis Marion for a similar position at Troy University.

Orning will monitor a "compliance community" of athletic and academic personnel in order to ensure that the university has institutional control of all athletic activities. This includes day-to-day responsibility for those aspects of the athletics operation most directly regulated by NCAA rules, including certification of initial and continuing eligibility, administration of financial aid to student-athletes, and recruitment.

He oversees a comprehensive and continuing education program to ensure that university individuals are knowledgeable and continually updated on NCAA rules. He chairs the school's Compliance Committee, which monitors NCAA rules and provides a system of checks and balances between the athletic, academic, admissions, and financial aid sectors in order to provide FMU with proper institutional control.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in political science and business administration from the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire, Orning went on to earn a master of science degree in sports management from the University of Kentucky.

## FMU presents Student Life Awards

Francis Marion University's Division of Student Affairs presented Student Life Awards to outstanding students and campus organizations during a ceremony on April 15.

A list of award recipients, with hometowns, follows:

### Campus Recreational Services

Men's Independent Intramural Team  
 Champion: Baptist Collegiate Ministries  
 Women's Independent Intramural Team  
 Champion: Baptist Collegiate Ministries  
 Fraternity Intramural Team Champion: Tau Kappa Epsilon  
 Sorority Intramural Team Champion: Zeta Tau Alpha  
 Overall Campus Men's Champions: Baptist Collegiate Ministries  
 Overall Campus Women's Champions: Baptist Collegiate Ministries

### Greek Life President's Cup

Men's President's Cup: Alpha Phi Alpha  
 Women's President's Cup: Alpha Delta Pi

### Pride of the Patriot Award

Heather Grace Brown of Langley  
 Jennifer Driggers of Pamplico  
 Whit France-Kelly of Loris  
 Alonda Monet Heyward of Summerville  
 Katherine Kiefer of Lilburn, Ga.  
 Ashley Leamon of Florence  
 Samantha Penland of Laurens  
 Lindsay Reilly of Dublin, Ohio  
 John Sweeney of Poland, Ohio  
 Veronica Thomas of Effingham  
 Lauren Tucker of Lancaster

### Student Life: University Programming Board

President Award: William McNamara of Columbia  
 Vice President Award: Shameka Wilson of Tillman

### Student Government Association

**Executive Officers for 2007-2008**  
 President: Everett (Robbie) Robinson of Charleston  
 Vice President: Laquilla Corbett of Rock Hill  
 Secretary: Alonna Landry of Summerville  
 Treasurer: Todd Davis of Bonneau

### Executive Officers for 2008-2009

President: Todd Davis of Bonneau  
 Vice President: Laquilla Corbett of Rock Hill  
 Secretary: Rekenya Bowens of Greenville  
 Treasurer: Everette (Robbie) Robinson of Charleston

### 2007-2008 Senators:

Thomas Allen of Hartsville  
 Nadiyah Batiste of Nolanville, Texas  
 Byron Bostick of Florence  
 Rekenya Bowens of Greenville  
 Blake Branham of Camden  
 Christopher Covington of Florence  
 Shana Glover of West Columbia  
 Felisha Golston of Columbia  
 Chris Harley of Florence  
 Lateefah Johnson of Columbia  
 Winford Johnson of Charleston  
 JerJuan Kenny-Page of Marion  
 Sherrell Ladson of Charleston  
 Nia McCray of Charleston  
 William McNamara of Columbia  
 Alicia Montgomery of Sumter

Ashley Palmer of Pacolet  
 Bruno Rivera of Dillon  
 Lauren Smalls of Charleston  
 Chappelle Smith of Florence  
 LaPorsche Smith of Columbia  
 Shayla Williams of Columbia

### 2008-2009 Senators:

Nadiyah Batiste of Nolanville, Texas  
 Byron Bostick of Florence  
 Taburn Evans of New Zion  
 ShaLonda P. German of Mt. Pleasant  
 Shana Glover of West Columbia  
 Vanessa Green of Columbia  
 Sherrell Ladson of Charleston  
 Nia L. McCray of Charleston  
 Dyatawaun Moultrie of St. Stephen  
 Xavier Sams of Florence  
 Marcus Scott of Little River  
 Christian Simmons of Latta  
 Lauren Smalls of Charleston  
 LaPorsche Smith of Columbia  
 Sophia Sweatman of Cross  
 Alana Timmons of Effingham  
 Ebony Wade of Columbia  
 Sharee White of Estill  
 Shayla Williams of Columbia

**Organization of the Year:** Baptist Collegiate Ministry

**Multicultural Organization of the Year:** Phi Beta Sigma

**Multicultural Program of the Year:** Gamma Sigma Alliance

**Advisor of the Year:** Donald Jackson of Hartsville

## Events Calendar

### May

Commencement 10 a.m.	May 3 UC
Art Gallery Series New Work: Florence Visual Arts Guild 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. M-F	May 10-July 22 HFAC
Dooley Planetarium "The Red Planet" 3 p.m.	May 11 CEMC
Hewn Timber Cabins Tours 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	May 13
Dooley Planetarium "The Sky Watchers" 3 p.m.	May 25 CEMC

## ARCH offers free health screenings

The Francis Marion University ARCH (Advancing Rural Community Health) program will sponsor a series of free health screenings for the general public at the following locations:

- Friday, May 9 – Pleasant Grove/ACR Family Resource Center, 1333 Penderboro Rd., Marion, 1-5 pm

- Friday, May 16 – Marion Housing Authority, 826 Walnut St., Marion, 1-5 pm

The screenings will consist of height, weight, blood pressure, finger stick blood sugar, and lab work. All patients will have lab work

for cholesterol, liver and kidney function drawn. Diabetics will also have a hemoglobin A1C drawn (a test that measures diabetic control over the previous three months). Men over 50 (and high-risk men over 40) will have PSAs drawn (a blood screening for prostate cancer). Assistance with completing a Universal Medication Form will also be provided for all patients who bring their medications.

For more information about the screenings or the ARCH program, contact the ARCH office at ext. 1846 or email [swrchp@fmarion.edu](mailto:swrchp@fmarion.edu). Visit the website at [www.fmarion.edu/students/arch](http://www.fmarion.edu/students/arch).



## Human Resources

### The Pee Dee Federal Credit Union to hold 44th Annual Meeting

The Pee Dee Federal Credit Union is holding its 44th annual shareholder's meeting on Monday, May 12, in Ervin Dining Hall. Registration for the event will begin at 6 p.m.

It's an important event, allowing employees to participate in the decisions of the credit union. As a member-owned cooperative, member support and participation are important. Participants learn more about the credit union and have an opportunity to vote for their board of directors. Please make plans to attend. There will be food and door prizes.

For more information, contact Shelia Derrick, director of marketing at Pee Dee Federal Credit Union, at 843-669-0461 or by email at [sderrick@pdfcu.org](mailto:sderrick@pdfcu.org).

### District Governor Presents Pins to FMU Lions

Lions District 32-C Governor Jim Varn presented Lions International Presidential Pins to outgoing FMU Chapter President Tara Thiry, outgoing Lions Board Member Courtney Thiry and incoming President Jennifer Gaskins at the FMU Lions Club meeting April 3.

Also recognized at the meeting were Florence Lions Agnes Folk and Steve Webber for their support in establishing the chapter at FMU. The FMU Lions Club is the only college or university Lions Club in the entire 32-C district, Varn noted.

As one of their service projects, the FMU Lions Club raised funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk on campus March 29. The club also sponsored other fundraisers off campus.

The club is currently accepting applications for fall membership. Contact Faculty Sponsor Paul Dove by email at [pdove@fmarion.edu](mailto:pdove@fmarion.edu) or at ext. 1300 for additional information.

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## FMU and FDTC announce Bridge Partnership Program

Francis Marion University (FMU) and Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC) have joined forces to make it more convenient for FDTC students who want to earn a bachelor's degree to transfer to FMU.

FDTC President Charles Gould and FMU President Fred Carter recently announced the partnership program, which will take effect fall 2008.

The program is intended for first-time college students who are recent graduates of high schools in Florence, Darlington and Marion counties. Program participants will include applicants to FMU who are referred to FDTC for assistance in meeting admissions standards and those who apply to FDTC and express an interest in eventually transferring to FMU.

"This university is committed to working closely with Florence-Darlington Technical College to ensure that students receive the best education with the greatest amount of flexibility, convenience and access to resources," said Carter. "I am looking forward to working with Dr. Gould and the Florence-Darlington Technical College students who will become part of our institution."

In the program, students may complete developmental or other required coursework, enhance study skills and acclimate to college life while attending FDTC.

Students who wish to participate in the program must submit an Application for Admission to FMU and a Bridge Program Registration Form to FDTC. Once participants are identified, FDTC will forward a copy of the registration form to the FMU Office of Admissions for system input and tracking.

In order to complete the Bridge Program and qualify for transfer admission to FMU, students must:

- Complete all developmental and required coursework as identified through placement testing at FDTC.
- Complete a minimum of 22 credit hours of transferable coursework with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
- Complete and submit an updated Application for Admission to FMU at least two months prior to the start of the desired semester of entry.

"Each year, a large number of FDTC graduates select Francis Marion University as the institution of choice to further their education. This new initiative will present opportunities to an even greater number of students. We value our relationship with Francis Marion and look forward to a continued partnership," said Gould.

For more information, contact either Ed Bethea, FDTC director of public relations and marketing, at 843-661-8060, [Ed.Bethea@fdtc.edu](mailto:Ed.Bethea@fdtc.edu) or Libby Cooper, FMU vice president for public and community affairs, at ext. 1225, [ecooper@fmarion.edu](mailto:ecooper@fmarion.edu)

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## Faculty and Staff News

G. Wayne King, a long-time member of the Department of History at FMU, passed away. King joined the FMU faculty in 1970 and retired in May 2007.