

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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Fox, Ramsey named Trustees Research Scholars

William P. Fox, chairman and professor of mathematics, and William M. Ramsey, professor of English, have been named Francis Marion University Board of Trustees' Research Scholars for 2006.

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 outstanding faculty members are being honored as trustees' research scholars," said FMU president Fred Carter. "Both are distinguished colleagues and exceptional professors."

The Research Scholar appointments are for three-year terms and are renewable. The two new appointees join Fred David, Lorraine de Montluzin (retired), John A. Britton, Larry J. McCumber, Benjamin Woods, Jeffrey Pompe, Jackson F. (Jeff) Lee Jr. and Jon W. Tuttle as the university's 10 Research Scholars.

A native of Hampton, Va., Fox has been a professor of mathematics and chairman of the mathematics department at FMU since 1998. Before coming to FMU, he was a professor of

mathematics at the United States Military Academy from 1982 to 1998, with a brief hiatus while serving as a branch chief/division chief at Combat Development Command at Fort Gordon, Ga., from 1986 to 1987.

Fox earned the B.S. degree in general engineering from West Point, the M.S. degree in operations research and systems analysis from the Naval Postgraduate School, and the Ph.D. degree in industrial engineering and operations research from Clemson University.

Upon graduation from USMA in 1973, he served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Signal Corps until he retired in 1998.

Fox's area of expertise is operations research, and he is also considered one of the national leaders in the area of mathematical modeling. He has recently been involved in applied statistical research in the medical field with a team of orthopedic surgeons from the University of Miami.

Fox has published five books, and is working on several others. He has published more than 80 technical and educational journal articles. He also has served on numerous professional and university committees.

He has also earned several teaching awards, including the FMU Faculty Research and Scholarship Award in

2004.

Ramsey, a native of Bethlehem, Pa., has taught English at FMU since 1988. Prior to that, he taught at Birmingham-Southern College, Chowan College, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Sullins College. He has taught courses in American literature, African-American literature, Southern literature, general education literature and composition.

He earned the A.B. degree from Bates College, and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in American literature from UNC.

Ramsey has written two books of poetry, "Ascend with Care" and "This Wine." His poems also have appeared in such magazines as *Christian Century*, *Commonweal*, *Southern Poetry Review*, and others. He has written numerous poems, including more than 250 haiku and related forms, which have been published in a variety of literary and poetry reviews and anthologies. He also has authored nearly 40 scholarly articles and papers and has won several awards for his Asian verse.



Fox



Ramsey

National juried ceramic art exhibition on display through April

"Skin Deep: A National Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Ceramic Art," will be featured as part of Francis Marion University's Art Gallery series, Jan. 17 through April 6.

The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge, and may be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Hyman Fine Arts Center gallery.

"Skin Deep" is a national juried exhibition of ceramic art celebrating the variety and beauty of contemporary ceramic surfaces. With its focus on surface development as

it relates to form, function, aesthetics and/or concept, this exhibition will display functional, nonfunctional, and sculptural works which use clay as the primary medium.

The exhibition is funded in part by the Florence Regional Arts Alliance and the South Carolina Arts Commission, which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as by an award from the John and Susan Bennett Memorial Arts Fund of the Coastal Community Foundation of South Carolina.

Faculty/Staff News

Kevin L. Geddings of Charlotte, N.C., has joined the FMU staff as a marketing specialist.

Felicia S. Chambers of Florence has joined the FMU staff as a financial assistance counselor. She is an FMU graduate.

At the United States Association of Small Business & Entrepreneurship in Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 12-15, **Joe Aniello**, assistant professor of management, was involved in three presentations: "Developing Entrepreneurial Thinking," as part of the Coleman Foundation panel on creativity and innovation; "Best Practices for Using Film in the Entrepreneurship Classroom," as part of Syracuse University's "Lessons from Hollywood" series; and "Entrepreneurs in Action: Learning Environments for Teaching Entrepreneurship."

Jeff Pompe, professor of economics, co-authored a paper with Matt Bonds (FMU 1998), titled "Improving Institutional Incentives For Public Land Management: An Econometric Analysis Of School Trust Land Leases," published in the December issue of the Journal of Institutional Economics.

Biology professors **Travis Knowles** and **Jeff Camper** and geography professor **Scott Brown** are organizing a summer field course/trip to Peru during the Summer I term in June. For more information, contact Brown at

1611 or ssbrown@fmar-ion.edu.

The **Campus-Wide Research Poster Fair** for the spring semester is scheduled for Monday, April 24, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Set-up will be from 3 to 3:30 p.m. The fair will be held in CEMC, with registration and refreshments in the Lowrimore Auditorium lobby and the posters in the halls around the auditorium, modern languages, and psychology.

The purpose of the fair is to expose upper-level students and faculty to research and creative works from all disciplines, not just the sciences.

For submission requirements, contact Susan Ruppel at 1643 or sruppel@fmarion.edu.

Nominations for the **Faculty Service, Research, and Teaching Awards** for 2006 will close on Friday, Feb. 3. Send nominations to Abby Wurster at awurster@fmarion.edu.

The Office of Career Development will host its first **Career Blitz** on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Each semester, the Career Blitz will feature presentations and panels that focus on a specific career-related issue.

This time, the office is targeting students enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts. Five presentations are planned that will help students think about their job searches more creatively and better market themselves as job candidates. Students are free to attend as many of the presentations as they would like.

Even though this event targets liberal arts students, all FMU students are welcome to attend any and all of the presentations. For more information or a list of presentations, contact Dollie Newhouse at 1678 or dnewhouse@fmarion.edu.

The **Faculty Senate** will meet on the following dates during the spring semester: Feb. 14, March 28, and April 18. All Senate meetings begin at 3:45 p.m. in UC 218.

The **General Faculty** will have two meetings this spring, on Feb. 28 and April 11. Faculty meetings begin at 3:45 p.m. in McNair auditorium.

A new product has been installed on the Alpha1 e-mail server called "**Precise Mail Anti-Spam Gateway.**" Use of this service is optional. To have it process mail to reduce spam, users will need their e-mail address and password to log in at its web site and explicitly "Opt In" to its services.

For suspected spam, it will then begin deleting some mail and temporarily placing the rest in quarantine for subsequent but optional inspection and action.

More information about this product may be found at <http://acsweb.fmarion.edu/helpdesk/spam/quickstart.htm> or <http://acsweb.fmarion.edu/helpdesk/spam/quickstart.doc>.

For more assistance, contact the Help Desk at 1111 or helpdesk@fmarion.edu.

U.S. Air Force Academy Winds to perform at FMU, Feb. 10

The United States Air Force Academy Winds will perform in concert at FMU, Friday, Feb. 10.

The performance will begin at 7 p.m. in the McNair Science Building auditorium. Tickets are free, and are available at the Morning News and the Florence City/County Complex.

The concert is sponsored by FMU, the Morning News and the City of Florence.

Academy Winds is the newest member in the U.S. Air Force Academy Band's family of musical ensembles. This

innovative sextet is composed of instrumentalists from every section of the Concert Band to include woodwinds, double reeds, brass and percussion. The result is an eclectic performance sure to please every audience member.

Drawing on fresh, dynamic arrangements, the group presents a wide variety of musical styles, always with contagious enthusiasm. Whether performing renaissance, symphonic favorites, traditional jazz, or even the latest pop chart, this versatile ensemble will have you wondering, "What could possibly be next?"



The Ciompi Quartet with Benjamin Woods to give concert, Feb. 7

The Ciompi Quartet with Benjamin Woods will perform in concert at Francis Marion University, Tuesday, Feb. 7, in an FMU Department of Fine Arts Guest Recital.

The performance, which is also a part of the David Marshall and Catherine Koger Burns Memorial Recital Series, will begin at 8 p.m. in the Hyman Fine Arts Center's Kassab Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Ciompi Quartet has a distinguished past dating to 1965, when the group was founded by the renowned Italian violinist Giorgio Ciompi. The quartet currently travels widely to destinations throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia, while it continues to play a leading role in the cultural life of its home state through its residency at

Duke University, where its members are on the music faculty. Joining the quartet for this concert on piano will be professor Benjamin Woods of FMU.

One of the featured works will be "Chambers: Attracted to the Light," a recently completed string quartet by Sherry Woods of Florence.

Based on the artwork in and around the North Carolina Museum of Art, the piece premiered at the museum in January. The recipient of the 2005 Miriam Gideon new music composition award presented by the International Alliance of Women in Music, Sherry Woods has also recently been an artist-in-residence at the Julia and David White Artist Colony in Costa Rica as well as the top-voted applicant for a residency in the Wildacres Retreat Center.

Sherry Woods has doctorates in viola and composition, is a member of the South Carolina Philharmonic, and is a solo artist for the South Carolina Arts Commission's Community Tour Program.

Benjamin and Sherry Woods are husband and wife.

Performances by the Ciompi Quartet are known for their intelligence and musical sophistication, and for a unified sound that leaves room for the players' individual voices. With a rare maturity and insight born of its considerable experience on the concert stage, the Ciompi Quartet projects the heart and soul of the music, in a repertoire that ranges from well-known masterpieces to works by today's most communicative composers.

Trustees to consider four resolutions at board meeting, Feb. 3

The Francis Marion University Board of Trustees will hold its quarterly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, in the Stokes Administration Building Board Room.

The trustees will consider four resolutions, including one authorizing the university to enter a partnership with the City of Florence to build a performing arts center in downtown Florence.

Other resolutions to be considered include adjusting fees for housing and meal plans for the 2006-2007 academic year; naming the university arboretum in honor of

Lawrence F. Swails, a retired faculty member who served for many years as chairman of the FMU Biology Department; and naming the clinical laboratory in the new nursing building in memory of the late Elizabeth Williamson Barnes, a distinguished nursing practitioner and educator who was vice president of nursing for the Bruce Hospital System upon her death in 1990.

The trustees will also hear reports from their standing committees and from the university president.

FMU Observatory to hold public viewing session, Feb. 4

The Francis Marion University observatory will hold a public viewing session, Saturday, Feb. 4, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

The viewing session is open to the public free of charge.

Among the objects visible will be several planets and a few deep sky objects, such as the Orion Nebula and the Andromeda Galaxy. The moon will be in the first quarter and many of its craters will be easily visible through the telescopes.

The loosely structured viewing

program allows visitors to come and go as they please. If weather conditions block viewing, the session will be canceled. The public may call 1355 for recorded information about the prospect of a clear sky to allow the event to be held. Visitors to the observatory are urged to dress appropriately for the weather as temperatures will be much cooler in the evening hours. Flashlights may be used for walking to the observatory, but visitors will not be allowed to drive out to the observatory unless prior arrangements have been

made with the observatory director, Jeannette Myers.

The FMU observatory is located beyond the outfield fence of the FMU Softball Field, south of the Smith University Center. Visitors can park in Lot D at the southern end of the campus and follow the walkway to the observatory.

Persons requiring special assistance to visit the observatory, or seeking more information, may call 1441. The observatory webpage is <http://astro.fmarion.edu/observe/>

Mark your calendars for Homecoming 2006, Feb. 25!



Human Resources Update

Discounted circus tickets offered

The Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus is coming to Florence on Saturday, Feb. 4 and Sunday, Feb. 5 at the Florence Civic Center. Francis Marion University employees and their families can receive discounted tickets at \$16.50 per seat. The regular price is \$19.50.

Show times are Saturday at 7 p.m.

and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Children under age 2 are free and must sit on an adult's lap. Children age 2 and older must have a ticket.

Employees may show their employee ID or pay stub at the Florence Civic Center to redeem the discount. For more information, call 800-965-7658.

Keyserling to give gender studies lecture today

The Gender Studies Program and the Department of Political Science at FMU will sponsor a lecture by former state representative Harriet Keyserling today (Jan. 31.)

The lecture, titled "Gender and Politics in South Carolina," will begin at 3:45 p.m. in the McNair Science Building auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

Keyserling, who will speak about her experiences in South Carolina government, will be introduced by FMU president Fred Carter.

Keyserling was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1976 and represented District 124, Beaufort County, until her retirement in 1993.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 1-27-06)

- Assistant Professor of Political Science
 - Assistant/Associate Professor of History (Europe, 19th Century)
 - Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting
 - Assistant/Associate Professor of Management (2)
 - Assistant Professor of Physics
 - Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Elementary Education)
 - Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Educational Technology and Assessment)
 - Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Middle School/Secondary Education)
 - Assistant Professor of Psychology in the area of Cognitive Psychology
 - Assistant/Associate/Full Professor of Psychology (Clinical or Counseling Psychologist)
 - Assistant Professor of Psychology in Experimental Psychology (Biological)
 - Assistant Professor of Spanish
 - Assistant Professor of English (3)
 - Assistant Professor of Philosophy
 - Assistant/Associate Professor of Nursing (2)
 - Assistant Professor of Biology
 - Assistant Professor of Mathematics (2)
 - Assistant/Associate Professor of Mass Communication
 - Assistant Professor of Fine Arts (Graphic Design/Foundation)
 - Police Officer
 - Assistant Professor of Computer Science
 - Women's Volleyball Coach
 - Assistant Professor of Marketing
 - Instructor of Chemistry
- Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call 1140.

Coming Up On Campus

FEB.

- through Feb. 16 Art Gallery Series: "Enghi Journey: Photographs by Toshi Ueshina," HFAC gallery
- through March 9 Art Gallery Series: Paintings by Jeanne Barnes, UC gallery
- through April 6 Art Gallery Series: "Skin Deep - A National Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Ceramic Art," HFAC gallery
- 3 11:30am FMU Board of Trustees meeting, Stokes Board Room
- 4 6:30 pm FMU Observatory viewing session
- 7 8 pm Artist Series Concert: Ciompi Quartet with Benjamin Woods, Burns Memorial Recital, Kassab Hall, HFAC
- 11 8 pm "Return to the Forbidden Planet," a sci-fi musical based on *The Tempest*, by Shenandoah Shakespeare Express, McNair Auditorium
- 15 8 pm Concert: Washington Saxophone Quartet, Kassab Hall, HFAC
- 21-April 6 Art Gallery Series: Paintings by Tonya Gregg, HFAC gallery
- 23-25 8 pm University Theatre: "The Hammerstone" by Jon Tuttle, HFAC Theatre, call 661-1365 for seating
- 25 Homecoming 2006
- 28 8 pm Concert: University Wind Symphony, McNair auditorium

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