

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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McWayne named coordinator of Gender Studies Program

Janis McWayne, assistant professor of education, has been appointed coordinator of the gender studies program at Francis Marion University.

"Many faculty members across campus are involved in the development of FMU's gender studies program," said Provost Richard Chapman. "Professor McWayne is an outstanding choice to lead this effort to provide students with an interdisciplinary lens through which to examine this important dimension of the human experience."

McWayne also will chair the gender studies advisory committee in the continuing development of the program.

"All facets of our lives are profoundly impacted by gender and gender relations," said McWayne. "Education in the biological, psychological, sociological, health, literary, historical, economic and political aspects of gender will allow students to complement their academic inquiry in many disciplines."

McWayne joined the FMU faculty in 2003, after completing her doctorate in health promotion education and behavior from the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina. She also earned a master's degree from USC and a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado.

While at USC, she held several graduate assistantships, working in the

South Carolina Cancer Center's Department of Population Studies and USC's Department of Women's Studies. She also worked on breast and prostate cancer projects and on the Alzheimer's Registry.

A native of Benson, Vt., she also has been a clinical researcher with Medical Health and Research Associates in New York, N.Y., a clinical assistant at Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, Md., an interviewer with Battelle Survey Research Associates at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, a partner in a used bookshop and coffee house in Guilford, Conn., and a consultant and data collector for Physician Information and Referral in Denver, Colo.

McWayne is active in the Pee Dee Heart Walk, serves on the advisory board of Living Well Retreats, is a consultant to the McLeod Health community physical activity programs, and is involved in disaster relief with the American Red Cross and in domestic animal disaster relief rescue for Pet Smart.

At FMU, she serves in the Faculty Senate and as faculty adviser to Omega Lambda Delta and in the School of Education's Center of Excellence for Teaching Teachers of Children of Poverty and the Teacher Education Task Force.



McWayne

FMU resolution to name Center for Child in honor of Richardson couple

During its quarterly meeting Nov. 17, the Board of Trustees of Francis Marion University was presented with a resolution to name a university facility in honor of Gail and Terry Richardson of Barnwell.

The resolution, which will be voted upon at the Feb. 2 trustees' meeting, proposes naming the Center for the Child in honor of the Richardsons.

The Richardsons have been longtime supporters of Francis Marion University and enthusiastic proponents for establishing the Center for the Child. This \$2 million facility will be built during 2007 on a site near the Pee Dee Education Center.

The Center for the Child will be a state-of-the-art teaching facility for early childhood education and will enable students to get firsthand experience in dealing with small children. It also will serve as a daycare facility for children of students, faculty and staff. It is being funded through state appropriations and private funding.

"Not only are Gail and Terry Richardson substantial donors to FMU, but they have been very active in university life for many years," said President Fred Carter. "This is a fitting tribute to their loyalty to FMU and their devotion to children."

Gail Ness Richardson has served on the FMU Board of Trustees since 1988, and was the first woman elected to a two-year term as chair in 2003. She earned a bachelor's degree from Queens College in Charlotte and a master's in library science from the University of South Carolina. She has been a public school teacher and a community advocate for education.

Terry E. Richardson Jr. is a successful attorney with the law firm Richardson, Patrick, Westbrook & Brickman in Barnwell. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Clemson University and a law degree at the University of South Carolina. He received the President's Award for Service from the S.C. Trial Lawyers Association in 1994, and the Compleat Lawyer Award from the S.C. Bar in 2003.

Knight, Belissary receive Alumni Awards

Lorraine (Rainey) Knight, superintendent of Darlington County School District, and Mary Kay Belissary, director of rehabilitative services with McLeod Medical Center in Darlington, have been honored by the Francis Marion University Department of Biology with outstanding alumni awards.

Knight received the John S. Boyce Award, while Belissary was presented the Lawrence Swails Award. These distinguished alumni awards, named after the Biology Department's first two chairmen, were presented during a

reception Nov. 14 on the FMU campus. This is the first of what is planned to be an annual recognition of outstanding graduates of the biology program.

Knight received her bachelor's degree in biology in 1977 and went on to complete her master's degree in biology from the University of South Carolina in 1980. She earned her doctorate in philosophy from the University of South Carolina in 1991.

Knight has been a teacher and a coach at Cheraw High School; an adjunct instructor at the University of

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South Carolina; has worked at the South Carolina State Department of Education in the Office of Research; and has been in the Darlington County School District as a secondary coordinator, a principal, an associate superintendent, and since 1999, has served as the superintendent of the Darlington County School District.

Knight lives in Hartsville and has one son, Harris. She is a member of the board of trustees at the Pee Dee Education Center, board of directors for Darlington Free Medical Clinic, board of directors for Rubicon and a former member of the board of trustees at Francis Marion University.

Belissary attended FMU from 1977 to 1981 and returned to campus in 1986 to finish her bachelor's degree in biology. Before returning to FMU, Mary Kay received her bachelor's degree in physical therapy in 1983 from the Medical University of South Carolina. In 1986, she earned her master of science in physical therapy from the Medical College of Virginia.

Belissary has been employed with McLeod Medical Center – Darlington since 2001 and serves as the director of rehabilitative services. She is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association and the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association.

She is an active area representative for "Wheels for the World," a disability outreach program where people in developing countries are fitted for wheelchairs, and had the pleasure of visiting Cuba, China, Poland and the Ukraine with this organization. She is a past president of the 4H Foundation Board of Florence County, past board member of "Stirrups," past secretary/treasurer and vice president for the FMU Alumni Association and is very active in her church.

She resides in Darlington and is the daughter of Katherine Belissary and the late Matthew Belissary, both of Darlington.

Donations sought for Holiday Fund

The Staff Advisory Committee is once again attempting to assist a member of the FMU community undergoing a financial hardship during this holiday season. If you know of such an individual who is undergoing a hardship, please let the committee know about the person or family. All information will be kept confidential by the committee.

The Holiday Fund Campaign will continue through Dec. 15. Each FMU employee is asked to contribute a minimum of one dollar. Cash or checks, made payable to the Staff Advisory Committee fund, will be accepted. Receipts for tax filing purposes will be available upon request.

You may direct questions or concerns to any committee member via

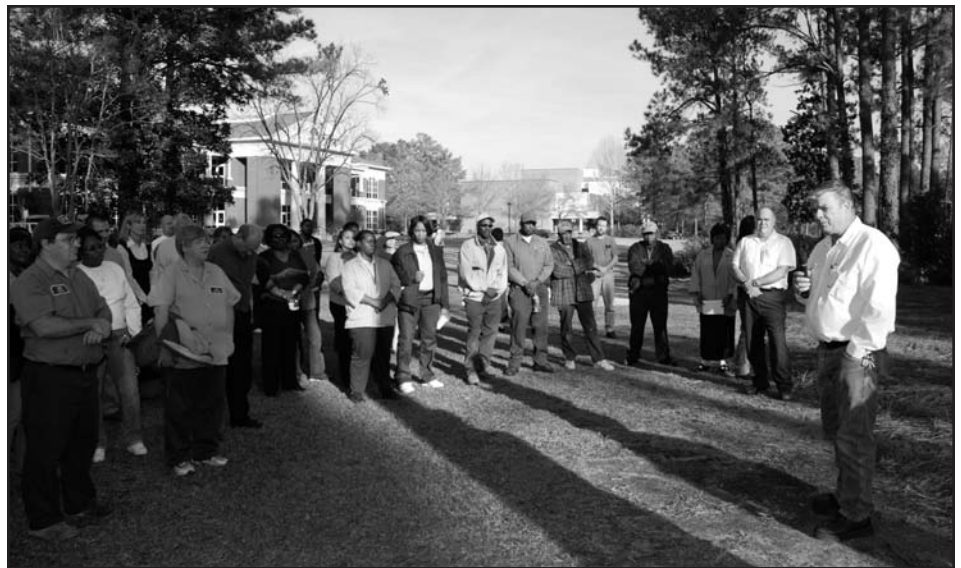
telephone or email. Members are Kay Spears, Curtis Cato, Sam Chandler, Kim Davis, Mary Greene, Kathy Johnson, Susan Johnson, Claretha McCall, Cheryl Tuttle, Quentin Williams, and Benita Woodbury. For more information, call committee chair Kay Spears at 1307 or view the Staff Advisory Committee link on the Human Resources website.

Tree dedication ceremony commemorates Johnson's service

The Facilities Management staff and members of the University community honored Emanuel L. Johnson by dedicating a live oak tree in his memory.

Emanuel worked for the university from July 1985 until his death on Sept. 21, 2006. He began his career as an electrician, and was later promoted to assistant superintendent of building maintenance.

Ralph Davis, director of facilities management, opened the ceremony with strong admiration for Emanuel's electrical knowledge and the professionalism he exhibited on the job. Following an inspirational prayer from Donald Hyman, Jay Perkins spoke, praising Emanuel for his dedication to the university and his willingness to get the work done. Jay told the audience, "If it is electrical on this campus you can be sure that Emanuel had his hand in it." Jay praised Emanuel's character as one of integrity, always helpful, and pleasant to deal with. Frank Braddock added that the live oak



Perkins praised Johnson's work ethic at the tree dedication ceremony.

was selected because of its strength and longevity, paralleling Emanuel's impeccable character and knowledge

that his legacy would not quickly fade away.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY PARTIES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Faculty & Staff Christmas Party • Friday, Dec. 8 • 5-7 pm Drop in at Wallace House
Christmas Party following at the Cottage from 7-10 pm

Santa Party for Children • Wednesday, Dec. 13 • 3:30 - 5:30 pm at Wallace House

Faculty/Staff News

On Monday, Dec. 4, the Psychology Department will be celebrating the career of **Ginger Ridgill** with a reception at the Cottage. Ginger, long-time employee of the university and, most recently, office manager of the Psychology Department, is retiring from FMU and moving on to the next phase of her life. The reception is from 4-6 p.m. and is open to the campus community. Refreshments will be served along with a cash bar and shared memories of Ginger's time at FMU. Call 1634 for more information.

The **FMU African-American Faculty/Staff Coalition** will hold its sixth annual holiday/scholarship banquet Thursday, Dec. 14, in Ervin Dining Hall.

The evening will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. in the Hendrick Room hosted by President and Mrs. Fred Carter, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. in the Palmetto Room. Guest speaker is retired educator Allie E. Brooks Jr.

Tickets are \$25 per person with proceeds going toward the group's scholarship fund. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Linda Becote at 1313 or Steven Sims at 1311.

Scott K. Campbell and his wife Kate announce the birth of a baby girl on Friday, Nov. 24. Sophia Katherine Campbell weighed six pounds and 13 ounces. Campbell is an assistant professor of management in the School of

Business.

Farrah Hughes, assistant professor of psychology, attended the 40th annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies in Chicago, Nov. 16-19. She co-chaired a paper symposium titled, "Forgiveness in Families," for which she co-authored a paper with colleagues at the University of Tennessee. The paper was titled, "Widening Circles of Impact: The Role of Forgiveness in Individual, Marital, and Family Functioning" (Gordon, Hughes, Tomcik, & Litzinger). In addition, she presented a poster titled, "Marital Satisfaction as a Predictor of Changes in Spouses' Perceived Parenting Alliance" (Hughes, Gordon, & McNulty).

FMU Chemistry Students and Faculty Present Research Results

Nine FMU chemistry majors and faculty members traveled to the Southeast regional meeting of the American Chemical Society in Augusta, Ga., recently and presented the results of their research. The research was supported by a \$250,000 collaborative grant from the National Science Foundation to the Chemistry Departments of FMU and University of South Carolina. FMU Chemistry Professor LeRoy Peterson is a primary recipient of the \$250,000 grant, and mentored the students' research, with the aid of colleague Kenneth Williams. The students attending the conference were Karmella Fullard, Katie Lewis,

Shakoya Paulin, Larnelle Peterson, and Diana Rishmawi. Allen Clabo and Kris Varazo of the FMU Chemistry Department also attended the meeting, and Clabo presented the results of his research.

Peterson's group presented work summarizing the synthesis and characterization of six new compounds classified as coordination polymers or inorganic-organic network materials. This is a recently discovered class of crystalline solids with many potential applications in energy, electronics, and catalysis for example. The presentations were titled "Synthesis and Crystal Structures of Two Novel Inorganic-

Organic Hybrids Featuring Fluorine-Fluorine Contacts," "Two Novel Coordination Polymers Generated from Carboxylate and Bipyridyl-Based Ligands," and "New Coordination Polymers Containing Uncoordinated Saccharinate and Acesulfamate Anions." Dr. Clabo's presentation was titled "Systematic Study of the Relative Energies and Barriers for Interconversion of XC(O)SH and XC(S)OH Isomers."

Peterson called the research and the conference "a valuable out-of-class learning experience important in the education of our students."

Campus Mail service alters schedule during holiday break

Campus Mail service will run the normal schedule through the afternoon pickup/delivery on Wednesday, Dec. 20. Any outgoing mail NOT ready by the afternoon pickup must be delivered to the Mail Center before 3 p.m. Dec. 20. If you are planning a BULK mailing (200 pieces or more) to go out prior

to the holiday break, please contact the Mail Center (ext. 1337) immediately. Bulk mailings will not be accepted or processed after Monday, Dec. 18. Bulk mail processing will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007.

During the holiday break, Mail Center personnel will provide limited mail services on Wednesday, Dec. 27. Incoming mail will be picked up at the Florence Post Office and delivered to

accessible campus offices on that day.

Outgoing mail (excluding bulk mailings) will be picked up from accessible offices and mailed on Dec. 27, unless otherwise instructed by the office manager.

Normal campus mail services will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007. If you have any questions, please call Mail Supervisor Bryan Austin at ext. 1337.

Governor grants extra day at Christmas

Gov. Sanford has granted state agencies an additional holiday at Christmas this year. In consideration of this additional day, FMU will close at the end of the working day on Wednesday, Dec. 20, and re-open on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007.

Leave hours will be credited back to those who have submitted leave requests for Dec. 21.

MLK Celebration scheduled at FMU Jan. 11

Mark your calendars for the Jan. 11 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration in McNair Auditorium. The 6 p.m. program features a dramatic presentation by Edward L. Hill Jr. who will chronicle the life of King with live music, slides and a video, giving the audience an insight into the movement and giv-

ing voice to the issues affecting society today. Free to the public, the program will be followed by a reception in Smith University Center. The program is sponsored by FMU, the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce and McLeod Health.



Human Resources Update

FMU's 2007 Holiday Schedule

Below is a list of 2007 holidays for classified employees and unclassified administrative staff at Francis Marion University:

Monday, Jan. 1, 2007 – New Year's Day

Monday, Jan. 15, 2007 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Friday, March 9, 2007 – Spring Break

Wednesday, July 4, 2007 – Independence Day

Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007 – Thanksgiving Day

Friday, Nov. 23, 2007 – Day after Thanksgiving

Monday, Dec. 24, 2007 - Monday, Dec. 31, 2007 – Christmas Break

The holiday schedule is also available on the web site at the following link:
<http://www.fmarion.edu/about/hr/article-1999977298c26736.htm>

Flex schedule requests due Jan. 3

Employees planning to participate in the flexible work schedule program during 2007 must submit a completed request form to Human Resources no later than Jan. 3. Employees must complete a new request form each year in order to participate. A Request for Flexible or Compressed Work Schedule form is available through the Human Resources Office to submit your 2007 flex or compressed schedule.

Some points to consider as you are completing your request form:

Flex schedules should be maintained for only a minimum period of four months – fall semester, spring semester, summer semester.

Flex schedules combined with compressed work week schedules must be for the calendar year. These sched-

ules cannot change during the calendar. If an employee decides he/she cannot adapt to the schedule elected, he/she may drop out of the program for the remainder of the year. He/she can elect another schedule at the beginning of the next calendar year.

All employees' work schedules must include a 30-minute lunch break.

Non-exempt employees cannot work more than 40 hours a week, so their flex schedules and/or compressed work week must be designed appropriately.

The work schedule must reflect partial hours in increments of .25, .50, or .75, just as time cards and leave slips are done.

If you have questions, call Kim Davis at ext.1145.

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 11-29-06)

- Grant Writer for Center of Excellence Activities (Part-time, Temporary)
 - Police Officer
 - Assistant/Associate/Professor of Accounting - Managerial/Cost Accounting
 - Assistant/Associate/Professor of Accounting -Financial Accounting
 - 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
 - Assistant/Associate/Professor of Mass Communication (Broadcast Journalism)
 - Assistant Professor of Psychology (Cognitive Psychology)
 - Assistant Professor of Psychology (School Psychology)
 - Assistant Professor of Psychology (Experimental Psychology)
 - Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Elementary Education)
 - Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Special Education)
 - 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
 - Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs
 - Assistant/Associate/Professor of Nursing (2)
 - Assistant Professor of Spanish
 - Assistant Professor of Biology
 - Assistant Professor of Biology (Tenure-track)
 - Assistant Professor of Physics
 - Craftsman
 - Administrative Associate – Psychology and Sociology
 - Assistant Professor of Management
- Visit Human Resources, SAB 105, or call ext. 1140.

Coming Up On Campus

NOV.

through Dec.16 Art Gallery Series: Senior shows by FMU graduating visual arts majors, HFAC gallery

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| 3 | 3 pm | Christmas Concert: University Concert Choir, St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1201 Cherokee Road |
| 4-16 | | Art Gallery Series: Student Works by FMU Ceramics Classes, HFAC gallery |
| 10 | 3 pm | Dooley Planetarium Show: "The Christmas Star," CEMC |
| 14 | 6 pm | Joseph E. Heyward African-American Faculty/Staff Coalition Scholarship Banquet
Ervin Dining Hall, Palmetto Room
Reservation required, call ext. 1313 for information |
| 16 | 10 am | Commencement, Smith University Center |
| 17 | 3 pm | Dooley Planetarium Show: "The Christmas Star," CEMC |

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