Levenson to direct FSU initiative promoting student research

By Browning Brooks
DIRECTOR, NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Florida State University Dean of Undergraduate Studies Karen Laughlin has announced the appointment of Professor Cathy W. Levenson as the new director of the university’s unique Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors.

The office (URACE) was established a year ago to help coordinate the numerous research experiences available to undergraduate students at the university.

“Research isn’t just for graduate students,” Laughlin said. “It is an exciting way for undergraduates to engage in an academic discipline outside

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Former NSF director to discuss ‘Why science matters’ for Pathways lecture

Physicist, university administrator and former National Science Foundation Director Neal Lane is scheduled to come to Tallahassee to speak as part of Florida State University’s Pathways of Excellence Distinguished Lecture Series.

The lecture, “Why Science Matters: A Message for Our Future President,” will take place Monday, Oct. 6, at 4 p.m. in the FSU Alumni Center Ballroom.

Lane is the Malcolm Gillis University Professor and a senior fellow of the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University in Houston. He was trained as a physicist at the University of Oklahoma. The bulk of his career was spent at Rice, where he rose through the ranks from assistant professor to provost of the university.

Lane was director of the National Science Foundation and a member (ex officio) of the National Science Board from October 1993 to August 1998. He subsequently served as Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy from August 1998 to January 2001.

Green Showcase hits the road

The FSU Green Showcase — an impressive display of individual departments’ green initiatives that are designed to save resources and have a positive effect on the university’s budget — will be one of the star attractions at this year’s Florida Government Technology Conference (FGTC) Sept. 23 and 24 at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center.

The conference, “Government IT: Saving Green by Going Green,” consists of two days of educational sessions and vendor exhibits that provide an opportunity for state and local government and education employees to learn about the latest technologies. The sessions will cover topics detailing government’s most pressing issues, new

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For the fifth consecutive year, Hispanic Business magazine has ranked the Florida State University College of Law the fifth best law school in the nation for Hispanics. This year, the magazine also ranked the FSU College of Medicine as the 11th best medical school for Hispanics.
The 7 Mistakes People Make When Planning for Retirement and How to Avoid Them

Free Report Available

It’s been said that every 10 seconds, a Baby Boomer turns age 60. This started in January 2006. I don’t know if it’s every 10 seconds, 20 seconds, or 30 seconds. The point is that Baby Boomers are turning age 60 and will for the next 18 years. This will have tremendous consequences for all of us.

Most people will not be prepared for retirement. Why? I think it’s because of the following seven mistakes:

- Underestimating Life Expectancy
- Paying Too Much in Taxes
- Ignoring Inflation, The Silent Thief
- Relying Too Heavily on Government and Employer Retirement Plans
- Not Planning for Health Care and Long Term Care Services
- Not Saving Enough Money on a Personal Basis
- Focusing on Financial Products Instead of Strategic Planning

Well, there you have it: the seven mistakes that will impact everyone in planning for their retirement. I hope that you will study these issues and I wish you much success and financial freedom. Check out my self-study DVD at www.SecureRetirementDVD.com.

Free Report available!! Learn how to plan for and avoid these seven mistakes and Prepare for a Secure Retirement.

Call Toll Free 1-800-398-4565 x 7111, 24 hours a day for a Recorded Message, or go to www.JohnHCurry.com/fsu to download the report.

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John Curry earned his Master of Science in Financial Services and has authored several articles and special reports. He is a Senior Associate of the North Florida Financial Corporation. John has assisted thousands of people in planning for a Secure Retirement through his retirement workshops, speaking engagements, DVD’s and CD’s, and personal consultations. John may be contacted by calling (850) 562-3000, e-mailing john.curry@glic.com, or visiting his website www.JohnHCurry.com.
Talk about “not painting outside the lines!” Brian Donaway, the chief of the Athletics Grounds Crew, carefully applies the white paint to the Seminole logo on Bobby Bowden Field on the Friday before FSU’s home opener against Western Carolina. (The Seminoles shut out the Catamounts 69-0.) For nearly 10 years, Donaway has been responsible for painting the Seminole and other logos onto the university’s athletic fields, which must be done prior to all home games. In addition, he and his crew keep the fields fertilized, mowed, cleaned and repaired. It takes Donaway and his 7-man crew 20 hours to apply two coats of lines, hash marks and logos onto the football field with a water-based field paint that won’t kill the grass.

Is painting the field fun or just another day at the office?

BD: It’s a fun day at the office. We live for the Thursdays and Fridays before a home football game to get out here and do this. After we’re done, we go up to the press box and appreciate our work. It’s instant gratification!

NewsMakers

“We speculate that it has to do with the fact that, you know, there is kind of a saturation point. You can’t just keep getting strong hurricanes as the ocean warms up.”

James Elsner, a Florida State University professor of geography, as quoted at U.S. News & World Report.com discussing his new study about the effect of rising ocean temperatures on the strength of hurricanes. As a result of a news release produced by FSU’s News and Public Affairs, the story was carried by TIME, United Press International, The Wall Street Journal, the Houston Chronicle, the Christian Science Monitor, the International Herald Tribune, the Times of India and BBC News, among others.

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Brian Donaway

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The Lucky Few

FSU researcher shines light on forgotten generation

By Jill Elish
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

John McCain, Elvis Presley, Gloria Steinem and Martin Luther King Jr. took different paths in life, but they were all lucky.

That’s because they were born between 1929 and 1945, a generation sandwiched between the Greatest Generation and the Baby Boom that Florida State University Professor Elwood Carlson has dubbed “The Lucky Few.”

“It’s an entire generation that’s been lost in the shuffle, and it’s a generation that’s very different from the one before it and the one after,” said Carlson, the Charles B. Nam Professor in Sociology of Population. “It’s also the first generation that is smaller than the one before it.”

In a new book, “The Lucky Few: Between the Greatest Generation and the Baby Boom” (Springer), Carlson argues that 41 million Americans who were born during the 16-year period that...
began with the crash of the stock market and ended with the conclusion of World War II were blessed by the virtue of their comparatively small numbers and the fortunate timing of world events.

Their childhoods were marked by the Great Depression and wartime rations, but by the time members of this generation came of age, the postwar economy was booming, jobs were plentiful and educational opportunities were abundant. The Lucky Few hopped on the gravy train with the explosion of white-collar jobs in the 1950s and continued to ride it right into retirement, Carlson said.

“Because of their childhoods, they had really low expectations,” Carlson said. “But after the war, those tough times evaporated and the reality exceeded their expectations, so they felt really lucky.”

And for good reason. Their transition to adulthood was early, fast and easy. Although a military draft was still in place, most, like Elvis, served in peacetime. They were able to take advantage of veteran’s benefits -- such as a college education under the GI Bill -- while suffering only a fraction of the casualties of the “Greatest Generation.”

Throughout adulthood, they experienced the longest continuous economic boom in the country. They had the highest employment rates of any generation, and they contributed to the rise of corporate America and its accompanying perks. They pioneered the trend of early retirement.

Their economic success fueled social changes as well, Carlson said. Members of this generation married younger and started families sooner, not because of changing mores, but because they could afford to do it.

Of course, some — namely white men — were luckier than others. But even blacks and women fared better than their counterparts in the generation that preceded them, Carlson said. Their prosperity afforded them opportunities to become trailblazers throughout their lives. Members of this generation traveled to the moon, championed civil rights and saw one of their own — Sandra Day O’Connor — become the first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Now between the ages of 63 and 79, members of this generation are still on a winning streak, according to Carlson, who at 58 counts himself among the baby boomers.

“They are still fortunate,” he said. “They’re healthier, living longer and retiring earlier while the younger generations pay for their Social Security benefits.”

Carlson said he was inspired to research this generation and its characteristics after requiring his students to read “Birth and Fortune: The Impact of Numbers on Personal Welfare” by Richard Easterlin. Easterlin’s book argues that the number of people born in a generation directly and indirectly affects personal destiny and the economy in general.

While Easterlin used his theory to focus mainly on the negative pressures facing the 78 million baby boomers — unemployment, high crime, marital stress and divorce — Carlson saw an opportunity to explore the positive circumstances that shaped the lives of the first “baby bust” generation in America.

“No matter who you are, you can define yourself as part of a generation,” he said. “The circumstances of your generation may help make sense of the way your life has gone. You can see the broader currents that have shaped your life. The Lucky Few just happened to have a smoother ride.”
**Known genetic risk for Alzheimer’s in whites also affects blacks**

By Jill Elish
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A commonly recognized gene that places one at risk for Alzheimer’s disease does not discriminate between blacks and whites, according to new research led by Florida State University.

FSU Psychology Professor Natalie Sachs-Ericsson and graduate student Kathryn Sawyer have found that the gene APOE epsilon 4 allele is a risk factor for African-Americans as well as whites. Until now, it has been a mainstream belief that the gene is only a risk factor for whites.

“The results of our study have clear implications for research and treatment of Alzheimer’s disease,” Sachs-Ericsson said. “The APOE test might be used as one tool in identifying people who are at risk for Alzheimer’s. We now know that African-Americans and Caucasians alike need to be considered for such risk assessments.”

Sachs-Ericsson and Sawyer collaborated with Kristopher Preacher of the University of Kansas and Dan Blazer of Duke University Medical Center on the study. The study has been published online in the journal Gerontology.

The researchers’ findings underscore the importance of including both blacks and whites in future studies that explore why the APOE genotype is a risk factor for Alzheimer’s disease, a progressive and fatal brain disease that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. By understanding the mechanism by which the genotype confers risk, scientists could potentially develop medicines that slow the progress of Alzheimer’s or even prevent it, according to Sachs-Ericsson.
Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance sponsors lecture series

This fall, three notable artists — Alec Soth, Julie Heffernan and Valerie Hegarty — will visit the Florida State University campus to participate in the Visiting Artist and Scholar Lecture Series, sponsored by the FSU College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance and the FSU Department of Art. Each lecture will take place in 249 Fine Arts Building at 7 p.m.

**Alec Soth, Sept. 25**
Minneapolis-based photographer Alec Soth has work that is part of major public and private collections, including those of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis. His photographs have been featured in numerous solo and group exhibitions.

**Julie Heffernan, Oct. 16**
New York-based painter Julie Heffernan is a painter whose work is represented by three prestigious galleries — the PPOW Gallery in New York City, the Catharine Clark Gallery in San Francisco and the Mark Moore Gallery in Los Angeles. In the past year and a half, she has had solo exhibitions at the Lux Art Institute in Encinitas, Calif., and the Megumi Ogita Gallery in Tokyo, Japan, among others.

**Valerie Hegarty, Nov. 6**
Brooklyn, N.Y.-based sculptor and painter Valerie Hegarty has had work exhibited at the P.S. 1/Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Museion in Bolzano, Italy, and the Bronx Museum of Art. She was the recipient of the first Campari Commission for New York in 2007. In addition, she was the recipient of the Rema Hort Mann Foundation Grant in 2004 and the Tiffany Foundation Grant in 2003.

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**Florida State Law opens its doors:** The Florida State University College of Law will hold its Fall Open House on Friday, Sept. 19, from 4 to 6 p.m. in B.K. Roberts Hall. Admissions information will be available. In addition, there will be faculty and student panel discussions and mock trial demonstrations.

**Kroto to receive award, give talk:** Sir Harold Kroto, 1996 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry and FSU’s Francis Eppes Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, will receive the 5th annual Gold Award from the Tallahassee Scientific Society during a Thursday, Sept. 18, presentation at 7 p.m. in 1003 Chemical Sciences Laboratory (the new chemistry building). As part of the festivities, Kroto will give a talk, “Science, Art and Design: Closer than You Think,” discussing the relationships between art, science and design, and how they are more interconnected than only a passing consideration might suggest.

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TRAINING AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

>>TRAINING CLASSES: A current schedule of personal, professional and organizational development training classes is available online at hr.fsu.edu/train. The Spring/Summer 2008 Schedule of Classes lists course offerings through August. The Fall 2008 Schedule of Classes will list courses offered from September to December. Information: Office of Training and Organizational Development, (850) 644-8724.

>>NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: New employees can take the required university orientation online or in a classroom. To register for either version, go to the Human Resources Web site at hr.fsu.edu. Click the "New Employee Information" link for orientation sessions that are offered and to register. Participants must certify their completion of online NEO by faxing a completed copy of the certification of completion and evaluation of orientation to the Office of Training and Organizational Development as indicated on the form.

Information, schedules and necessary forms pertaining to NEO classroom sessions are available at hr.fsu.edu/train, under the "New Employee Information" link. Information: Pat Mullins or Sandra Dixon, (850) 644-8724.

>>8th ANNUAL BENEFITS AND WELLNESS FAIR: Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Oglesby Union Ballroom. Insurance, retirement, community and campus organizations will participate and offer information. All employees will receive a postcard invitation through campus mail and are encouraged to bring the card with them to register for door prizes.

>>2009 OPEN ENROLLMENT: Open Enrollment for the State Group Insurance Plan year 2009 will be Monday, Sept. 22, from 8 a.m., until Friday, Oct. 22, at 5:30 p.m., E.S.T. During this period, employees can make changes for all the state sponsored plans including health, life and dental.

Open Enrollment Packages will be mailed during the week of Sept. 2, through Sept. 5.

Preview period in People First will be from Sept. 15, through Sept. 19.

For updated information, employees can view the HR Web site at hr.fsu.edu.

All of the vendors will be available at the Human Resources’ Benefits and Wellness Fair on Oct. 7.

Confirmation statements will start being mailed on Oct. 20. Employees can call the People First service center from Oct. 20 through Oct. 31 to make corrections.

All changes will be effective Jan. 1, 2009.

>>PRE-TAX VISION PLANS FOR 2009: Effective Jan. 1, 2009, the state will offer two pre-tax vision insurance plans through Humana Vision. The People First system has been updated for the new pre-tax vision offerings. The offerings are Exam plus Materials and Materials only. Additional information related to these plans and their applicable rates will be available in the Benefits Materials section in the People First Web site starting on Sept. 15.

>> “NEW” OVER-AGED DEPENDENTS FOR 2009: Effective Jan. 1, 2009, subscribers will be able to cover their children over the age of 25 (for an additional cost of $449.26 per month, per over-aged child). To ensure eligibility, requirements have been built into the “Register Dependents” screen. For more information, visit the People First Web site or the Human Resources Web site at hr.fsu.edu.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

>>CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: Hispanic Heritage Month begins on Sept. 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence on Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18. The term Hispanic, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race. More than 35 million people identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino on the 2000 Census.

Please join us in celebrating the diversity that makes America stronger and recognizing the many ways Hispanic Americans have enriched our nation.

>>MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER: October is National Disability Awareness Month and National Disability Employment Awareness Month. In recognition of these two significant events, the University, in collaboration with several other organizations, is hosting events on Oct. 28, 29, and 30, to recognize this national diversity month. The events are open to all faculty, staff and students to attend. Details will follow in future issues of State: The Faculty-Staff Bulletin of Florida State University.

HUMAN RESOURCES

>>JULY/AUGUST 2008 RETIREES: Terry Allen, skilled trades worker, Oglesby Union Administration; Bonnie Armstrong, assistant in research, Office for Distributed and Distance Learning; Maurizio Bertoldi, technical/research designer, Physics; Louis Claude Brunel, scholar/scientist, National High Magnetic Field Laboratory; Myrtice Cordell, purchasing specialist, Purchasing and Receiving; Maedea Davis, administrative specialist, Student Affairs; Jimmie Dickey, administrative support assistant, Modern Languages and Linguistics; Elizabeth Fairley, university librarian, Strozier Library; Alfred Gainous, custodial services superintendent, Building Services; Willie Harris, custodial worker, Building Services; James Ocie Harris, dean and professor, Medicine Instruction; Harriette Hudson, human resources specialist, Human Resources; Nathaniel McCaskill, senior custodial worker, Building Services; Cherie Miller, academic support assistant, Psychology; Elizabeth Paquette, academic program specialist, Education-Student Teaching; Robert Reeves, associate professor, Biological Science; Charlene Rucker, executive support assistant, Medicine Instruction; Thomas Wilson Jr., scientific and research technician, Edward Ball Marine Laboratory; Charles Wolfgang, professor, Teacher Education; James Wynn, custodial worker, Building Services.
Tallahassee Bach Parley announces 2008-2009 concert season

Baroque music lovers, rejoice! The Tallahassee Bach Parley, an ensemble that performs baroque music on period instruments, will begin this season with a concert of Italian Baroque music on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 3 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church: 211 N. Monroe St. The free concert is open to the public. Donations will be accepted and free childcare will be available.

After a successful “Bach Parley Revival Concert” in June, the Tallahassee Bach Parley has appointed Valerie Arsenault as music director.

“The group is excited to get back together to launch the new season, which will feature three diverse concerts beginning with the Italian Baroque music concert this month,” Arsenault said.

In addition to the pieces by the well-known Italian composers Vivaldi and Pergolesi, the October concert will feature two pieces by Caldara and introduce two works by Isabella Leonardo.

Arsenault is a soloist and principal player with the Atlanta Baroque Orchestra and a member of the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra.

As a visiting assistant professor at Florida State University, she directs the Baroque Ensemble on period instruments with the assistance of FSU Professor of Music Karyl Louwenaar Lueck, the founder of the Tallahassee Bach Parley.

The complete Tallahassee Bach Parley concert season is:

• Sunday, October 5, 2008, 3 p.m., St. John’s Episcopal Church: All Italian Baroque music;
• Sunday, March 29, 2009, 3 p.m., St. John’s Episcopal Church: J. S. Bach choral music, with Jeffery Kite-Powell, guest director;
• Sunday, June 7, 2009, 3 p.m., St. John’s Episcopal Church: 17th century central European music.

For additional information about the Tallahassee Bach Parley and the upcoming October concert, contact Valerie Arsenault or visit www.tallahasseebachparley.org.

SABBATICALS

The University Committee on Faculty Sabbaticals invites applications for one-semester sabbaticals at full pay and two-semester sabbaticals at one-half pay from eligible, tenured faculty members covered by the Florida State University/United Faculty of Florida Collective Bargaining Agreement. Eighteen one-semester sabbaticals at full pay and an unlimited number of two-semester sabbaticals at one-half pay are available to be awarded during the 2008-2009 process to be effective in the 2009-2010 academic year. Detailed information is available on the Office of the Dean of the Faculties’ Web site at http://dof.fsu.edu under “Faculty Development.” Applications are to be submitted by the applicant through the department chair and academic dean to the dean of the Faculties by Friday, Oct. 10, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAVE

The University Committee on the Professional Development Program invites applications for professional development leave for one-semester (or the equivalent) at full pay and two-semesters at one-half pay to be awarded during the 2008-2009 process to be effective in the 2009-2010 academic year. Professional development leave is available to eligible non-tenured and non-tenure earning faculty members and A&P employees covered by the FSU/UFF Collective Bargaining Agreement. Detailed information is available on the Office of the Dean of the Faculties’ Web site at http://dof.fsu.edu under “Faculty Development.” Applications are to be submitted by the applicant through the department chair, program leader or project director, and the academic dean of the college in which the applicant holds an appointment, or through the director of an equivalent unit (e.g., the director of Libraries) to the dean of the Faculties by Friday, Oct. 10, 2008.

Opportunities for sabbaticals, professional development leave

of the classroom. Dr. Levenson is an outstanding researcher and teacher who will use her tremendous experience and skill to help students make the most of their time at FSU.”

Levenson is the Hazel K. Stiebeling Associate Professor in Nutrition, Food & Exercise Sciences and also holds appointments in the Program in Neuroscience (since 1998) and the Institute of Molecular Biophysics (since 1997). She joined the Florida State faculty in 1993 after earning her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

“Research can lead to a deeper understanding of an undergraduate student’s chosen academic discipline or to a field they had not considered or even knew existed,” Levenson said. “The end result might be an original work or piece of scholarship that can be presented at local, regional, and national conferences and even submitted for publication. Getting research experience clearly enhances a student’s chances of getting into graduate or professional school and can lead to other travel and fellowship opportunities, but most importantly, it adds to the quality of their overall education and undergraduate experience.”

Third annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium

Tuesday, Sept. 30 • 5 p.m.
FSU College of Medicine

This public symposium will showcase the work of nearly 30 outstanding undergraduate researchers, many of whom were the beneficiaries of summer research grants awarded by FSU’s Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors.

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programs and solutions for the workplace.

The FSU Green Showcase is presented by the FSU Sustainable Campus & Community Committee.

“For more than 15 years, FGTC has been and continues to be an excellent forum for showcasing the latest technologies and exchanging ideas,” said Bill Lindner, director of FSU’s Academic and Professional Program Services. “Our conference team works together with government agencies to develop a strong program.”

To learn more, visit www.florida-gtc.com or call (850) 644-3002.
RECOGNITIONS

Christie M. Koontz, Ph.D. (Information), and Rick Rice of Tallahassee Community College, won Runner up to Best Newsletter in the Management and Marketing Section at the 74th conference of the International Federation of Library Agencies, Quebec City, Canada.

Wei Yang, Ph.D. (Chemistry and Biochemistry, Institute of Molecular Biophysics), was one of five young researchers nationwide to win a 2008 Hewlett Packard Outstanding Junior Faculty Award. The award is designed to recognize early success and academic potential in computational chemists who are on the tenure track, but have not yet received tenure. The award consists of a check for $1,000, a special gift from Hewlett Packard and recognition at the American Chemical Society’s annual meeting.

BYLINES


Joseph Dodge, LL.B., LL.M. (Sterns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff and Sitterson Professor, Law), wrote the article “Murphy and the Sixteenth Amendment in Relation to the Taxation of Non-Excludable Personal Injury Awards,” published in the Florida Tax Review, Vol. 8, 2007.

Dino Falaschetti, Ph.D. (Law) co-wrote the book “Money, Financial Intermediation, and Governance,” with Michael J. Orlando, with a foreword by Antoine Martin, published by Edward Elgar Publishing; and wrote the essay “When Deficits Make Sense,” published in the journal Hoover Digest, No. 3.


Juan R. Guardia, Ph.D. (Multicultural Affairs), co-wrote the article “Student Development in Tribal Colleges and Universities,” with Nancy J. Evans of Iowa State University, published in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Journal, Vol. 45, No. 2.

Charles Ehrhardt, J.D. (Emeritus Professor, Law), wrote a new annual update for “Florida Evidence” published by West 2008; and presented “Crawford, Confrontation and the Reform of Hearsay,” at the annual meeting of the Florida Academy of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Key West, Fla., June; and presented “Emerging Criminal Evidence Issues” at the summer training program, Florida Public Defenders Association, Orlando, Fla., June; and presented “Hearsay and Expert Testimony Via the Evidence Code” at the 2008 business meeting of the Florida Circuit Judges Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., August.


J.B. Ruhl, LL.M., J.D., Ph.D. (Matthews and Hawkins Professor of Property), wrote the article “Climate Change and the Endangered Species Act: Building Bridges to the No-Analog Future,” published in the Boston University Law Review, Vol. 88; and wrote the article Please see CIA, 11.


Mark Seidenfeld, J.D. (Patricia A. Dore Professor of Administrative Law), wrote the article “In Search of Robin Hood: Suggested Legislative Responses to Kelo,” published in the Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law, Vol. 23.


Svetla Slaveva-Griffin, Ph.D. (Classics), wrote the article “Unity of Thought and Writing: Enn. 6.6 and Porphyry’s Arrangement of the Enneads,” published in the journal Classical Quarterly, Vol. 58, No. 1; and presented “Shading off the Body: Contemplative Ascent in Plotinus and Ῥμῷῳ” at the Institute for the History of Philosophy, Emory University; and presented “Bridging the Cultural Gap in Lecture Classes,” at the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Tucson, Ariz.


**PRESENTATIONS**

Kelli A. Alces, J.D. (Law), presented “Strategic Governance” to a new scholars workshop at the annual conference of the South Eastern Association of Law Schools, Palm Beach, Fla., July.


Daniel J. Pullen, Ph.D. (Classics), presented “Variability in EH Settlement Patterns in the NE Peloponnisos: Survey vs. Excavation Data” at the Greek Ministry of Culture’s Aegean Early Bronze Age: New Evidence conference, Athens, April; presented “The Central Lydia (Turkey) Archaeological Survey — Prospects for Regional Integrated Landscape Study,” at the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver B.C., March; and received a $177,043, two-year grant from the National Science Foundation for SHARP: The Saronic Harbors Archaeological Research Project, investigating a 13th century BC urban harbor settlement in Greece; and received a $60,000 renewal grant from the Institute for Aegean Prehistory for SHARP: The Saronic Harbors Archaeological Research Project — Year Two for Summer 2008; and received a $30,000 renewal grant from the Loeb Classical Library Foundation for SHARP for Summer 2008.

Ching-Jen “Marty” Chen, a professor of mechanical engineering and dean of the Florida A&M University-Florida State University College of Engineering, has received a major award from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Chen recently received the society’s Fluids Engineering Award, which is presented annually to an individual for outstanding contributions over a period of years to the engineering profession, and in particular to the field of fluids engineering, through research, practice or teaching.

Chen was formally presented with the award during the Fluids Engineering Summer Conference, held Aug. 10-14 in Jacksonville, Fla. In addition to a $1,000 honorarium, he was presented with a bronze medal and a certificate, the latter of which stated that he was being honored “for contributions in computational fluid dynamics through the creation of the finite analytic method; and for promoting the engineering use of the turbulence model, exploring the effects of magnetic field on blood flows and pioneering the magnetic micro-pump design.”

“I feel very much honored by the recognition of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers,” Chen said of the award. “I should share the award with all graduate students who have collaborated with me in my research. Without them, I would not be able to achieve the contributions cited in the citation.”

Chen has served as the dean of the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering since 1992. He also holds a position on the college’s faculty as a professor of mechanical engineering and is an affiliated professor in biomedical engineering. Among his many accomplishments during 40 years of academic life is his creation of the finite analytic method, which improved the accuracy and the stability of numerical solutions for laminar, or “smooth,” flows and turbulent, or “rough,” flows.

In recent years, Chen has conducted extensive research in biomedical engineering and has studied the effects of magnetic fields on biological cells, as well as the functions of magnetic micro-devices and nanotechnology. His achievements include the development of a procedure that enables the separation of red blood cells from whole blood using magnetic fields, as well as conducting research into the development of tiny, magnetized mechanical pumps that can be implanted under the skin, allowing for a steady, controlled delivery of drugs into a patient’s bloodstream.

Florida State University’s research magazine, Research in Review, took a record 10 awards at the 2008 Charlie Awards honors program Aug. 24 in Orlando. The event is sponsored annually by the Florida Magazine Association.

The magazine won a total of four gold awards — called “Charlies” — three silvers and three bronze awards.

The four top awards, all in the association division of competition, were for Best Written Magazine (overall); Best In-Depth Reporting; Best Overall Use of Photography; and Best Illustration.

Additionally, the FMA board of directors inducted the magazine’s editor, Frank Stephenson, into its hall of fame, honoring his career contributions to the association.

Launched in 1969, Research in Review is published by the Office of Research, led by Vice President Kirby Kemper. Bob Celander serves as the magazine’s art director and Christine Suh is the magazine’s associate editor.