Gulf oil disaster
FSU playing major role in monitoring, assessment

By Barry Ray
NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As oil from a blown-out well continues to gush into the Gulf of Mexico, researchers from Florida’s public and private universities have joined together to offer their combined expertise on myriad issues related to the spill and its aftermath. These issues include measuring and modeling the magnitude and trajectory of the spill, providing information on its potential and actual ecological impacts, and evaluating the possible effects on regional tourism and the overall economy.

The Florida State University was recently asked by Frank Brogan, chancellor of the State University System, to coordinate the activities of the new Oil Spill Academic Task Force (http://oilspill.fsu.edu), a statewide effort to bring some of academia’s best minds together to provide assistance to local, state and federal agencies in dealing with the spill and its aftermath. The task force will be governed by a steering committee composed of key contacts from each of the participating institutions.

“We have talented researchers at universities throughout our state who can help the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and federal agencies as they wrestle with the complex issues of controlling an oil spill and managing a recovery,” said FSU President Eric J. Barron. “I am pleased that FSU is working with our university partners in bringing this talent to bear on this national environmental and economic problem.”

In several fields, Florida State researchers are making their knowledge available to help predict the movements of the oil spill and address the many issues surrounding it.

The Florida State University brings to bear a broad spectrum of expertise and capabilities of direct relevance to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Florida State has unique technical capabilities including high resolution petroleomics capabilities at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory and high performance computing. The following units at Florida State are key participants in research on the oil spill: Center for Insurance Research; Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies; Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science; Department of Risk Management/Insurance, Real Estate & Business Law; Florida Catastrophic Storm Risk Management Center; the Coastal and Marine Laboratory; Institute for Energy Systems, Economics and Sustainability; and the Office of Research.

Choreographer offers dance as international diplomacy

By Libby Fairhurst
NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Even before she and the Urban Bush Women served as diplomats of dance this spring on a U.S. State Department-sponsored cultural-exchange tour of South America, renowned choreographer Jawole Willa Jo Zollar wore many hats. Make that dancing shoes.

Zollar is the founder and artistic director of Urban Bush Women, a Brooklyn-based African-American performance ensemble with a contemporary focus on history, culture and community. She is a tenured professor at The Florida State University, where she’s the Nancy Smith Fichter Professor of Dance. She has created choreography for the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Philadanco and numerous other illustrious dance companies. She won a New York Dance and Performance Award — a “Bessie” — in 2006, a U.S. Artists Wynn Fellowship in 2008, and a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2009.

Then, in March, Zollar stepped into her new “arts ambassador” shoes. She

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One year ago, Florida State University’s Dean of Students Department showed compassion for students who are unable to afford groceries by opening a food pantry. To read the full story, turn to page 3.
and Urban Bush Women traveled and performed throughout Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela in March on a month-long dance odyssey — “DanceMotion USA” — sponsored by the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs to showcase contemporary American dance abroad.

“What a terrific privilege to represent the United States, especially in countries where the election of Obama has created such goodwill,” Zollar said.

The State Department appointed the celebrated Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) as its DanceMotion USA tour organizer and producer. BAM chose as performers its Brooklyn neighbor Urban Bush Women and two other distinguished dance troupes. Each company was sent to one of three continents — Africa, Asia or South America — where the dancers spent about a week in each of three countries performing for and interacting with audiences, which were varied in age and ranged from sophisticated theatergoers to villagers to schoolchildren.

“The Urban Bush Women and I were in Caracas, Venezuela, in Cali and Cartagena, Colombia, and in Sao Paolo and Brazilia, Brazil, in that order,” Zollar said. “We performed in every kind of setting imaginable — from public squares to beautiful theaters and auditoriums to spontaneous eruptions of dance in public places. We offered formal concerts, lecture demonstrations and workshops. We were received everywhere we went with incredible generosity and openness.

“Seeing global poverty is always disconcerting,” Zollar said. “All three countries described their culture and heritage as a mix of indigenous, European and African cultures. I realize although that is also true of the United States, we don’t own our history or think of ourselves in that way.

“In all of the countries we were purposefully put in contact with the African descendants,” she said. “Learning about Afro-Colombian and Afro-Venezuelan culture was fantastic. As with the United States, we share the history of chattel slavery. I loved seeing the adaptations of African culture in each country and city. I was surprised to learn in Cali that all schoolchildren learn salsa in the public schools.”

Most moving and inspirational, said Zollar, was watching Alvaro Restrepo at work. The Colombia-born dancer and choreographer was trained in New York City and acclaimed in Europe but, in 1993, chose to devote his career to the introduction of modern dance to poor children in his native country, where the discipline was virtually unknown.
Dean of Students food pantry assists students

This summer marks the one-year anniversary of the Dean of Students Department Food Pantry. Over the past year, more than 100 students have received food from the pantry.

The pantry’s beginning occurred in the spring semester of 2009 when a student reported to a Dean of Students Department staff member that she had no food. Around the same time, the Center for Leadership and Civic Education and Residence Life were conducting the “Chuck It for Charity” program, collecting items from students who were moving out of their residence halls for the summer. Dean of Students staff members contacted the center, and Residence Life and asked that they consider donating food for the use of Florida State students.

Since then, the pantry has received donations from many different sources. The more than 1,000 women who participated in Panhellenic Recruitment in fall 2009 contributed a canned good on the first day of registration. Athletics included the pantry in its “Can the Competition” program. Greek students contributed through their “construction” project as part of Greek Week. Individual Greek and service organizations also have conducted food drives for the pantry. In addition, offices around campus have placed donation boxes to collect food.

“We’ve also benefited from monetary donations, which have allowed us to purchase more food items,” said Robin Leach, associate dean of students. “Volunteers from student organizations as well as from the Tallahassee community have assisted the pantry by stocking shelves and removing out-of-date items.”

In order to receive food from the pantry, students must come to the Dean of Students Department, 4100A University Center, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays, and present their FSU ID cards. After signing a release form and receiving a referral to the department’s case manager, they can select the food items they want. Faculty and staff members are encouraged to refer students to the pantry.

To learn more, call Leach or Darren MacFarlane at 644-2428.

Fisher donates $120,000 to academic scholarships

First-year Florida State football head coach Jimbo Fisher is not only winning over fans on his current booster tour, he’s also giving back to the university in a big way.

Fisher presented a $120,000 check to Florida State University President Eric J. Barron for the university’s general scholarship fund on April 30 on the front steps of the Westcott Building. The check represents the earnings Fisher and former Seminole All-American defensive back Terrell Buckley banked by winning the Chick-fil-A Bowl Challenge golf tournament at the Reynolds Plantation on Lake Oconee, Ga.

“Florida State is such a great university, and we understand that there is a bigger part than just playing ball,” Fisher said. “Academically, for what Florida State does for us, we are happy to be able to contribute to the general scholarship fund so that more great people can experience what our student-athletes experience. I want to give this money back to the university so they can let other students share in the great educational experience at Florida State.”
Educator uses history to bring math to life for girls, women

By Kristen Coyne
LEARNING SYSTEMS INSTITUTE

When it comes to math, Kathy Clark can get pretty emotional.

An assistant professor of mathematics education at the Florida State University College of Education, Clark feels passionate about teaching the subject well. She tears up over a famous mathematician whose life ended wretchedly in a mental institution. Doing math and sharing its wonders elate her. And she gets annoyed with false stereotypes about the field. To wit: The great thing about math is its lack of ambiguity — a solution to a problem is either right or wrong.

“That is so not the attribute of a field that is the most thrilling part,” Clark huffed. “It’s not even right!”

That is one misconception Clark plans to tackle with a new grant from the Tensor Foundation, working with the Mathematical Association of America. The groups doled out about $72,000 to colleges and universities nationwide to encourage girls and women to study math. Clark plans to use her portion to give math a human face — specifically, a face without whiskers.


Although the amount of Clark’s grant is not big — $5,135 — its impact on the girls and women who will participate will be, she said.

A former high-school math teacher who chalked up 14 years in the classroom, Clark said the subject is too often taught as a set of skills to be mastered through repetition. That approach, she said, lacks coherence, context and a connection to real people or history.

In other words, it can make math dull, dry and cold.

“And we wonder why kids can’t solve for x when they’ve seen you do it 30 times in a row,” Clark said.

For Clark, mathematics is less about numbers than about stories. Bringing theorems and equations back into a human context, she says, restores to them their full meaning, with the potential to help students learn and understand better.

About 25 girls and women from middle school through college will participate in the project, which will take place in the spring of 2011. (Clark is already identifying funding sources to extend the project).

During eight sessions, the students will learn about four women’s contributions to mathematics: Mary Everest Boole, Sophie Germain, Grace Chisholm Young and a certain Florence Nightingale.

Well known for her work as a nurse, Nightingale is less recognized for her contributions to math. Yet they had a profound impact: Her statistical studies of Crimean War casualties showed that soldiers were dying more frequently from preventable complications caused by unsanitary hospital conditions than from the actual wounds themselves. Her mathematical analysis led to advances that saved hundreds of thousands of lives.

The participants in Clark’s project will read and discuss original works by these mathematicians.

“Making mathematics more understandable: Mathematics education Assistant Professor Kathy Clark, seated second from right and gesturing, discusses a lesson with students.

Center highlighted as journal cover story

A center at The Florida State University that studies the leadership role of school librarians and their effect on school technology is the focus of a cover story in the May 1 issue of School Library Journal.

The story, “Up, Up and Away: How a Group of Researchers is Reinventing School Libraries,” highlights the research of three centers that are poised to make the biggest difference in school libraries: the Partnerships Advancing Library Media (PALM) Center at Florida State, the Center for International Scholarship in School Libraries at Rutgers University, and the Center for Digital Media at Syracuse University.

In the article, Florida State information Assistant Professor Marcia Mardis, PALM’s associate director, is quoted saying that the three centers are the “golden triangle of school library research.”

PALM is directed by Florida State information Associate Professor Nancy Everhart. To read the article, visit www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6727287.html.

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“The point is to look at math as this living, breathing, evolving entity, rather than a set of problems to do,” she said.
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Non-tenure-track faculty promotions granted to 44

Dean of the Faculties Anne Rowe recently announced that President Eric J. Barron has approved the following non-tenure-track faculty promotions, which go into effect for the fall semester.

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• To Research Associate: Scott W. Tamm.

Department of Biological Science

• To Research Associate: Steven H. Miller, Robert V. Lutz and Barbara M. Shoplock.

Department of Mathematics

• To Associate in Mathematics: Kristina K. Bowers.

Department of Statistics

• To Research Associate: Steven W. Ramsier.

Institute of Molecular Biophysics

• To Associate in Research: Claudius Mundoma.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Department of Accounting

• To Associate in Accounting: Christopher W. Falk.

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

School of Communication

• To Research Associate: Barry J. Solomon and Mark T. Zeigler.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dean’s Office

• To Associate in Education: Steven W. Conner.

School of Teacher Education

• To Associate in Childhood Education: James M. Fetterly.

• To Associate in English Education: Kathy S. Froelich.

• To Associate in Multilingual/Multicultural Education: Rebecca A. Galeano.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Department of Mechanical Engineering

• To Associate in Engineering: Keith E. Larson.

COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

Department of Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences

• To Research Associate: Angela K. Sehgal.

COLLEGE OF LAW

• To Research Associate: Sally C. Gertz.

• To Associate University Librarian: Elizabeth A. Farrell.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Center for Autism and Related Disorders

• To Associate in Medicine: Lindee J. Morgan.

Department of Biomedical Sciences

• To Associate in Medicine: Ruth A. Didier.

Maguire Medical Library

• To University Librarian: Suzanne P. Nagy.

COLLEGE OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS

• To Associate in Film: Edwin L. “Chip” Chalmers and Victor Nunez.

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

• To Associate in Social Work: M. Kim Maddox.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM SERVICES

• To Associate in Distance Learning: Michael R. Mitchell, Gerardo E. Garcia and Alvaro A. Sanchez.

LEARNING SYSTEMS INSTITUTE

• To Associate in Research: Sallie L. Payne and Phyllis S. Underwood.

INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

• To Associate in Research: Sean G. Coleman.

NATIONAL HIGH MAGNETIC FIELD LABORATORY

• To Scholar/Scientist: Patricia J. Dixon, Andrey V. Gavrilin, Jack Toth and Ryan P. Rodgers.

• To Research Associate: Timothy P. Murphy.

• To Associate in Research: Patrick D. Noyes and Kiran K. Shetty.

PANAMA CITY CAMPUS

• To Research Associate: Katharine A. Davis, Cristina Rios and Arleen B. Shaheen.

• To Associate in Civil Engineering: Ahmet Pamuk.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

• To University Librarian: William M. Modrow.

• To Associate University Librarian: G. Suzanne Byke and Richard T. “Ted” Chaffin.

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>>Grant-writing workshop: Florida State University employees are invited to enroll in a two-day grant-writing workshop, July 8-9, cosponsored by the Tallahassee Fire Department and Grant Writing USA. The workshop will cover the grant-writing process from start to finish. Tuition payment, which is $425, is not required at the time of enrollment. Seating is limited. Participants must register online at http://grantwritingusa.com/grants-training/grant-writing-workshops/tallahassee-florida-july-2010. html?utm_source=julie&utm_medium=email&utm_content=fsu&utm_campaign=tallahassee-florida-july2010. Information: Cathy Rittenhouse, cathy@grantwritingusa.com, or Randee Eastman, randee.eastman@talgov.com.
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>>LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: The Florida Legislature completed its 2010 session and passed several bills affecting both the Florida Retirement System and the State Group Insurance Program. As of mid-May, these bills had not yet been signed into law. Employees can follow the status of the Florida Retirement System bills on the MyFRS home page (http://myfrs.com) by selecting the “2010 Legislation” link in the “Alerts and Hot Topics” box. Proposed legislation includes a change to the interest rate earned on DROP accounts, from the current rate of 6.5 percent to 3 percent, for all participants beginning DROP on or after July 1, 2010. Employees who are currently eligible to join DROP and may be directly affected by this legislation, are strongly advised to contact the Human Resources Benefits Office by June 25 to discuss their options. Information: 644-4015 or insben@admin.fsu.edu. If changes to the State Group Insurance Program are approved, the Human Resources Benefits office will immediately notify all affected employees by way of university-wide listserv e-mail announcements and postings on the Human Resources website: http://hr.fsu.edu. Information: insben@admin.fsu.edu.

>>OPEN ENROLLMENT: The state of Florida Benefits Open Enrollment Period for the 2011 Plan Year will be held from Sept. 27 to Oct. 22, 2010. Detailed information about the group insurance and supplemental plan offerings will be sent to all eligible employees at a later date. Refer to the Human Resources website for updates: http://hr.fsu.edu.

>>BENEFITS AND WELLNESS FAIR: Save the date! The 10th Annual Benefits and Wellness Fair will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 28, in the Oglesby Union State Ballroom. Insurance, retirement, community and campus organizations will participate and offer information. Representatives from the state group insurance plans and the Human Resources Benefits Office will be in attendance to answer questions about the 2011 Open Enrollment.

>>ADDRESSES IN OMNI EMPLOYEE SELF-SERVICE: Employees should verify their current home mailing addresses in the OMNI system. Incorrect addresses will result in delays of any information sent out by vendors concerning health, life, supplemental and retirement programs.

>>TAKING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE? If employees take a leave of absence for any reason, their benefits might be affected. Faculty and staff members only have 31 days from going on leave to make necessary adjustments to their benefits. If employees know they are going on leave, they can contact the Benefits Office for assistance to ensure there is no lapse in coverage. Information: 644-4015 or insben@admin.fsu.edu.

>>TIAA-CREF ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING: A representative from TIAA-CREF will be on campus conducting one-on-one financial advising sessions on June 7, 8 and 9 in the seventh-floor skyboxes of University Center Building A. To schedule an appointment, call TIAA-CREF at (800) 732-8353.

>>MARCH/APRIL 2010 RETIREES: Rafael Alvarez, associate vice president, Vice President for Finance and Administration; Brenda Baggett, grants compliance associate, Meteorology; Joan Cassels, assistant in international programs, International Programs; Robert Celander, media specialist, Vice President for Research; Armand Dupont, departmental accounting associate, Athletics Administration; Suzanne Johnson, professor, Medical Humanities; Johnnie Levinson-Lee, program assistant, International Center; Ransom McClung, audit administrator, Office of Audit Services; James Meade, cultural arts specialist, College of Music – Dean; William Moeller, director, Center for Leadership and Civic Education; Annie Norton, custodial worker, Building Services; Joseph Peresich, technology specialist, Northwest Regional Data Center; Jesse Phillips, skilled trades worker, Residence Halls; Robert Reiser, professor, Educational Psychology and Learning Systems; Barbara Richter, office administrator, College of Communication – Dean; Sharon Riffle, accounting associate, Controller; Lynn Romrell, professor, Medicine Curriculum Development and Evaluation; Penny Scruggs, special assistant, Vice President for Finance and Administration; Linda Sturgeon, administrative support assistant, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Tom Taylor, associate in research, Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium; Sherry Tointigh, academic support assistant, Physics; Terry Valente, office administrator, Challenger Learning Center.

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Seminole Productions wins five awards

Florida State University’s Seminole Productions has won five Aurora Awards — one platinum and four gold — for its work producing TV programs and stadium video-screen content on behalf of the university’s Department of Athletics.

The Platinum Best of Show Award went to Jim Garbarino for his creation of graphics and visual effects for the 2009 “Bobby Bowden Show” opening. This is the second consecutive year that the visual effects and graphics of “The Bobby Bowden Show” opening were recognized with a Platinum Best of Show Award.

Jerry Tootle won a Gold Award for a “Seminole Gametime” program that highlighted Florida State’s soccer team. Zachary Judkins won a Gold Award for a “Seminole Gametime” program that highlighted the university’s volleyball team. Both programs were created for Fox Sports to give viewers unparalleled behind-the-scenes access from the perspective of coaches and players.

Brant Wells won a Gold Award for his 2009 FSU football opening, which was shown on Doak Campbell Stadium’s big video screens as the Seminole football team ran onto the field prior to kick off. Phil Jackson and Wells won a Gold Award for the “In The Doak” music video.

For more information, e-mail Tim Fordyce at tfordyce@fsu.edu.
RECOGNITIONS

Kathy Froelich, Ph.D. (Middle and Secondary Education), and Shelbie Witte, Ph.D. (English Education), were named as reading panelists for the Content Alignment Studies of the 2010 National Assessment of Educational Progress for reading and mathematics. This national review board, led by the National Assessment Governing Board and West Ed, makes recommendations to the U.S. Department of Education regarding reading and mathematics college readiness assessment standards. The board’s discussions are disseminated to the SAT, ACT, state departments of education and other college placement organizations.

Paul Gaeta, M.D. (Medicine), received the Primary Care Physician of the Year Award for the St. Art. Fla., region. Gaeta was chosen for his commitment to his patients and his work with victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The award was established by the Stuart law firm of Crary Buchanan to honor family practice and internal-medicine physicians in the community.

Shouping Hu, Ph.D. (Educational Leadership and Policy Studies), received a 2009 Outstanding Reviewer Award from the journal Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, April.


Daniel Van Durme, M.D. (Family Medicine and Rural Health), was chosen as the Florida State College of Medicine Class of 2010 American Association of Medical Colleges Humanism in Medicine Award.

Jacob VanLandingham, Ph.D. (Medicine), received the 2010 Promising Medical Education Scholarship Award from the Southern Group on Educational Affairs at its annual meeting in New Orleans, April.

BYLINES

John Agens, M.D. (Medicine), wrote the article “Chemical and Physical Restraint Use in the Older Person,” published in the British Journal of Medical Practitioners.

Ewa A. Bienkiewicz, Ph.D. (Medicine), co-wrote “Structure of the Flexible Amino-Terminal Domain of Prion Protein Bound to a Sulfated Glycan,” published in the Journal of Molecular Biology, January.

Gareth Dutton, Ph.D. (Medicine), co-wrote the article “Comparison of Physician Weight Loss Goals for Obese Male and Female Patients,” with Curtis Stine, M.D., and Nancy Van Vessem, M.D. (Medicine), published in the journal Preventive Medicine, Vol. 50; and Dutton and Van Vessem co-wrote the article “Weight Loss Goals of Patients in a Health Maintenance Organization,” published in the journal Eating Behaviors, Vol. 11.


Qingxiang Amy Sang, Ph.D. (Chemistry and Biochemistry), is conducting research on the “Interactive Role of Stroma in the Development of Human Breast Carcinoma.” The project is funded by the Florida Breast Cancer Foundation and was featured in the Florida Breast Cancer Foundation e-newsletter, May 2010.


Wayne A. Wiegand, Ph.D. (F. William Summers Professor of Library and Information Studies, American Studies), co-wrote the article “By Invitation Only: The American Library Association and the Woman’s Library of the World’s Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893,” with Sarah Wadsworth, published in Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society, Vol. 35, Spring, 2010; and Wiegand received an American Antiquarian Society “Grant-in-Aid” to do research in American Antiquarian Society collections as part of his current study, “This Hallowed Place: A People’s History of the American Public Library.”

PRESENTATIONS


James Olcese, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences, Neuroscience and Molecular Biophysics) presented “Melatonin Supplementation as a Neuroprotective Strategy in a Transgenic Model of Alzheimer Dementia” at the Gordon Research Conference on Pineal Cell Biology, Galveston, Texas, February; and Olcese presented “Chronobiology: Entrainment and Circadian Clock Outputs in the Mammalian Brain” at the first German-Chilean Summer School on Brain Clocks and Rhythms, Santiago, Chile, January.

Greg Turner, M.P.H., Ed.D. (Medicine), co-presented the poster “Taking FOSCE on the Road: Application of Mobile Technology and Personnel for Assessing Medical Students at Geographically Distributed Clerkships,” with Debra Danforth, Dianne Walker, Luckey Dunn, Dennis Baker and Bob Watson, at a meeting of the Southern Group on Educational Affairs, April; Turner is scheduled to present the project at a workshop at a meeting of the American Society of Patient Educators, June; and Turner co-wrote “Fidelity of Implementation: Does It Make a Difference?” which was presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Association, May.

SERVICE

Richard Brunner, M.D. (Medicine), has been named chief surgeon at the new Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, Port St. Joe, Fla.

Gloria Colvin, M.S.L.S. (University Libraries), was named vice president/president-elect of the Florida Library Association at its annual conference, Orlando, Fla., April.

Marshall Kapp, J.D., M.P.H. (Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law), has been named a member of the American Medical Directors Association Foundation Scientific Council.

Cathy W. Levenson, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences and Neuroscience), was appointed to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies Committee on Nutrition, Trauma and the Brain. The committee will write the recommendations for nutritional approaches to the treatment of traumatic brain injury; and Levenson was invited to join the editorial board of the journal Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience.

GRANTS

Gareth Dutton, Ph.D. (Medicine), received a five-year career development award from the National Institutes of Health that focuses on methods for improving weight-loss maintenance following treatment in applied clinical settings.

Amy Wetherby, Ph.D. (L.L. Schender Professor, Medicine), was awarded a four-year, $3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The project is a 40-school study that will measure the effectiveness of the SCERTS curriculum, designed specifically for students with autism. Lindee Morgan, Ph.D. (Center for Autism and Related Disabilities), is leading the project with Wetherby; and Wetherby was named a Florida State Distinguished Research Professor for 2010.

ENRICHMENT

Alma Littles, M.D. (Medical Education and Academic Affairs), graduated from the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine Program (ELAM) for Women for 2009-10, April. ELAM offers an intensive one-year program of leadership training, with extensive coaching, networking and mentoring opportunities, aimed at expanding the national pool of qualified women candidates for leadership in academic medicine, dentistry and public health.
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