Researchers named American Physical Society fellows

By Barry Ray
NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Three Florida State University physicists who conduct much of their research at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory and the university’s Institute of Molecular Biophysics have received one of the top honors in their field: They have been named fellows of the American Physical Society (APS).

With nearly 48,000 members, the APS is the nation’s largest and most prestigious professional society dedicated to the advancement of physics research and knowledge.

Evolutionary medicine experts will gather at FSU in February

Some of the biggest names in evolutionary medicine will be in Tallahassee next month for an international conference at Florida State University.

The keynote speakers for the Feb. 25-26 conference, “Evolutionary Medicine: Contributions to the Study of Disease and Immunity,” will be Dr. Randolph Nesse of the University of Michigan and Sir Peter Gluckman of the University of Auckland (New Zealand). The lineup of speakers also includes Paul Ewald, director of the Evolutionary Medicine Program at the University of Louisville; Kathleen Barnes, of the Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health; and Michael Ruse, Lucyle T. Werkmeister Professor of Philosophy at FSU.

Evolutionary medicine is the application of evolutionary theory to the understanding and treatment of disease.

Nesse, one of the founders of the field, described it this way: “We’re trying to understand why natural selection has not made the body better, why natural selection has left the body with vulnerabilities. For every single disease, there is an answer to that question. And for very few of them is the answer very clear yet.”

Nesse is Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology and director of the Evolution and Human Adaptation Program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is the author of numerous publications, including “Why We Get Sick” (1995).

Election to fellowship is limited to no more than one-half of 1 percent of the society’s membership and is a significant recognition by a scientist’s peers of his or her outstanding contributions to physics.

The Florida State researchers selected as APS fellows for 2010, and the language provided on their citations, are as follows:

• Vladimir Dobrosavljevic, professor of physics and director of the magnet lab’s Condensed Matter Science-Theory program, “for research on fundamental localization processes near the metal-insulator transition, particularly the interplay of strong electronic correlations, disorder, and quantum glassy dynamics.”

• Huan-Xiang Zhou, professor of physics and member of the Institute of Molecular Biophysics, “for his pioneering contributions to theoretical and computational biophysics, in particular by developing elegant theories and methods on protein-ligand binding and the effects of intracellular environment on biophysical properties of proteins.”

• Lloyd W. Engel, graduate research faculty member in physics and a scholar-

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Because of the significant leadership of President Eric J. Barron from February to December 2010, which was his first 10 months in office, The Florida State University raised more than $100 million in new pledges and gifts. The amount is a record for the length of time in which it was raised.

Evolutionary Medicine conference speakers are, clockwise, Sir Peter Gluckman, Dr. Randolph Nesse and Paul Ewald.
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Campus Recreation honored for employee program

By Jeffery Seay
EDITOR IN CHIEF

If the popularity of the Faculty and Staff Wellness Program wasn’t enough proof of its success, then winning a national award certainly should be.

NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education has given its bronze Excellence Award to Florida State University’s Campus Recreation department for the ways in which the program promotes the health and wellness of university employees by offering exercise programs that cater to them.

Classes such as the Faculty/Staff Sampler were developed after Campus Recreation conducted surveys to find out what Florida State employees would desire most from exercise programs.

“Some faculty and staff members told us that they didn’t feel comfortable in student exercise classes, or that they were just unfamiliar with what goes on in exercise classes, so they were hesitant about giving them a try,” said Alicia Crew, director of Campus Recreation.

As a result of the surveys, employee-only classes — such as the Faculty/Staff Sampler — were developed, as well as small, 4-person personal training classes, which allow employees to receive special attention.

“The classes meet before and after regular business hours, and during lunch, to make them more convenient for Florida State employees,” Crew said.

“Faculty and staff members really like the Sampler class,” she said. “They sign up for this 11-week class that meets twice a week, and every class is something different. They do body toning or a step class or yoga or water aerobics. You don’t have to be the most flexible, strong or in-shape person in the world to do these classes.”

Time and again, according to Crew, employees discover that they love classes that they initially knew nothing about, such as Zumba — a kind of Brazilian dance that provides an aerobic workout.

Another benefit to employees is the price. Employees who buy memberships to the Leach Center can take exercise classes for free. However, those without memberships don’t pay as much for classes as the full semester Leach membership costs.

Passport Acceptance office now open on campus

Florida State University International Programs has opened a Passport Acceptance Facility in its offices in 5500A DeVoe L. Moore University Center. Its hours are 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

At the Passport Acceptance Facility, Florida State students, faculty and staff — and members of the community — now can apply for a U.S. passport or passport card, and have official passport pictures taken directly.

“This new campus resource is designed to save our clients valuable time by not having to go to the post office or the courthouse for these services,” said Jim Pitts, director of International Programs.

In order to apply for a passport, individuals should bring evidence of U.S. citizenship (such as an original U.S. birth certificate), identification (such as a U.S. driver’s license) and two passport photos (which can be taken in the Passport Acceptance Facility). Information for prices and methods of payments can be found by clicking on the appropriate passport information link on International Programs’ main website at www.international.fsu.edu.

For more information, call the Passport Acceptance Facility at (850) 645-9714.

NewsMakers

“It’s difficult to get hard evidence on it, but certainly if you put together all the anecdotes, one would have to believe it happens with a fair amount of frequency.”

— Marshall Kapp, a Florida State University professor of law and director of the FSU Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law, as quoted on Jan. 6 by ABC News. Kapp was discussing the likely frequency with which scam artists take advantage of people with Alzheimer’s Disease.
Physicist to lead scientists at national laboratory

By Barry Ray
NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

More than 3,000 scientists from around the world conduct research at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, better known as Fermilab, each year. Now those researchers have a new leader: Associate Professor Todd Adams of the Florida State University Department of Physics.

Adams, a member of the FSU faculty since 2001, has been elected chair of Fermilab’s Users Executive Committee (UEC) for a one-year term. Fermilab, located in Batavia, Ill., is the premier particle physics laboratory in the United States, and the UEC is the organizing body that represents its visiting and laboratory-based scientists, known collectively as “users.”

“Fermilab is the nation’s top particle physics laboratory, and it is a great honor to be elected chair of the Users Executive Committee,” Adams said. “It is an exciting time in particle physics, and I look forward to the challenges of the coming year.”

At Fermilab, the UEC is charged with representing the lab’s users to its Directorate, to various funding agencies, and to Congress.

“Being elected chair of this critically important committee by a user group consisting of some 3,000 members speaks volumes about the leadership skills of Dr. Adams and the esteem in which the community holds the High Energy Physics Group at The Florida State University,” said Mark Riley, chair of the Department of Physics.

President Barron grants promotions, tenure to 59

Florida State University President Eric J. Barron has announced that the following faculty members will receive promotions, promotions with tenure or tenure, effective for the fall semester.

TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Ming Ye (Scientific Computing).

TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND FOR TENURE
Enrique Alvarez (Modern Languages and Linguistics), Carlos A. Bolanos (Psychology), L. Elizabeth Chamblee Burch (Law), Gang Chen (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Irinel Chiorescu (Physics), Nicholas G. Cogan (Mathematics), Volker H. Crede (Physics), Gareth R. Dutton (Medical Humanities and Social Sciences), Sean D. Ehrlich (Political Science), Kristine C. Harper (History), David H. Ikard (English), Carla Wood Jackson (Communication Science and Disorders), E. Nicole Kelley (Religion), Stephanie A. Leitch (Art History), Mia Liza A. Lustria (Library and Information Studies), John E. Mann (Art), Amy R. McKenzie (Teacher Education), Brian G. Miller (Chemistry and Biochemistry), Michael R. Neal (English), Paul H. Outka (English), Svetlana A. Pevnitskaya (Economics), Jennifer M. Proffitt (Communication), Melissa Rady (Social Work), Alysia D. Roehrig (Educational Psychology and Learning Systems), Susan M. Smedema (Educational Psychology and Learning Systems), Wei Yang (Chemistry and Biochemistry), Irene Zanini-Cordi (Modern Languages and Linguistics), and Lei Zhu (Chemistry and Biochemistry).

TO PROFESSOR
Laura M. Arpan (Communication), Patricia K. Born (Risk Management/Insurance, Real Estate and Legal Studies), Michael K. Brady (Marketing), Jianming Cao (Physics), David A. Cartes (Mechanical Engineering), Bryan J. Cuevas (Religion), Gregory M. Erickson (Biological Science), Paul M. Eugenio (Physics), Robin J. Goodman (English), Michael D. Hartline (Marketing), Eriko Hironaka (Mathematics), Kimberly A. Hughes (Biological Science), Gary A. Knight (Marketing), Cathy W. Levenson (Biomedical Sciences), Teng Ma (Chemical and Biomedical Engineering), Anke Meyer-Baese (Scientific Computing), Jeffrey A. Milligan (Educational Leadership and Policy Studies), Maxine L. Montgomery (English), Arthur A. Raney (Communication), Tim C. Salmon (Economics), Scott J. Steppan (Biological Science), Eric Stewart (Criminology and Criminal Justice), and Thomas M. Welsh (Dance).

TO PROFESSOR AND FOR TENURE
Valerie J. Shute (Educational Psychology and Learning Systems).

FOR TENURE ONLY
Tammy J. Atwood (Accounting), Kevin M. Beaver (Criminology and Criminal Justice), J. Read Gainsford (Music), Jamila I. Horabin (Biomedical Sciences), Robert D. Wagoner (Dance), and Yi Zhou (Biomedical Sciences).

D’Alemberte joins national Task Force on Detainee Treatment

Florida State University President Emeritus Talbot “Sandy” D’Alemberte has been named to the Task Force on Detainee Treatment, a newly formed bipartisan group that was created by The Constitution Project (www.constitutionproject.org). The task force will work to gain a comprehensive understanding of what is known and what may still be unknown about the past and current treatment of detainees by the U.S. government.

In addition, the task force will help policymakers and the public confront alleged past abuses — including torture and cruel treatment — by following the facts. As an ideologically diverse and objective third party, the task force intends to make sense of the vast quantity of information that exists in the public domain. It will review this information, determine where the holes are, and then pass the baton to the administration, Congress and ultimately to the American people, who will determine what steps should be taken next.

D’Alemberte currently serves as a professor of law at Florida State and is a past president of the American Bar Association.
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Police department wins fitness competition

They are, quite literally, a force to be reckoned with.

The members of the Florida State University Police Department who participated in the Law Enforcement Fitness Challenge on Dec. 17 finished the day by winning every event.

FSU Police Department members not only won both the tug-of-war and police dodge ball competitions, but they achieved the top finishing time in each of the challenge’s other events.

The members of the FSU Police Department who swept the Law Enforcement Fitness Challenge are, from left, Officer Chris Fender, Lt. Jason Trumbower, Officer Greg Washington, Officer Eddie Hunter, Police Communications Operator Felecia Purefoy (seated), Sgt. Tom Murphy, Chief David Perry and Officer Trey Cooper.

In the stair-climb competition, Lt. Jason Trumbower had the fastest time, climbing four sets of stairs in 1 minute, 19 seconds. In the 200 shuttle run, Officer Greg Washington had the fastest time with 22.9 seconds. In the 150-pound dummy drag, Officer Kier Edwards had the fastest time with 5.9 seconds.

The challenge, which brought together local law enforcement agencies, was sponsored by the Florida A&M University Police Department and held on the FAMU campus.

Gluckman is a University of Auckland Distinguished Professor and one of New Zealand’s most highly decorated medical scientists. In 2001 he was awarded New Zealand’s highest scientific award, the Rutherford Medal. He served as the first Chief Science Advisor to the Prime Minister of New Zealand and is the founding director of the Liggins Institute, home of the Centre for Human Evolution, Adaptation and Disease.

The conference is jointly sponsored by the FSU College of Medicine, the Department of Biology, and the History and Philosophy of Science Program. Conference events will take place at the medical school’s Thrasher Building and the King Life Sciences Building.

“Evolutionary medicine is on the cutting edge of how we think about health and disease,” said Joseph Gabriel, assistant professor in the College of Medicine and member of the conference’s organizing committee. “It’s tremendously exciting to have some of the leading experts in the world come to FSU to discuss the topic with us.”

Registration is free and open to the public. To learn more about it and to register, visit www.bio.fsu.edu/FowlerII.

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scientist at the magnet lab, “for contributions to the study of the quantum Hall effects and associated electron solid phases using microwaves in very high magnetic fields.”

“The significant contributions of these three individuals to physics have been recognized by colleagues in their discipline by achieving the rank of fellow,” said Vice President for Research Kirby W. Kemper, the university’s Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Physics. “This selective designation honors their significant contributions to furthering science and also brings recognition to Florida State.”

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RETIREMENT PLANNING SEMINAR: The Benefits Office will present a retirement planning seminar on Wednesday, March 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the State Ballroom of the Oglesby Union. Because the seminar is a university-sponsored training program, attendance may be considered time worked with supervisory approval. Information: Leasa Howard, (850) 644-4016, or retirement@admin.fsu.edu.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS PROGRAM: A grace period has been added to the plan year for medical reimbursement and dependent-care reimbursement accounts. Employees now have more time to use the services, which can be reimbursed if they have used these tax-saving accounts. The grace period gives employees until March 15, 2011, to use the amounts in their Flexible Spending Accounts and to use eligible services for their 2010 contributions. Employees still must file all claims by April 15, 2011, so they will not lose all the money in their accounts. The grace period ends on March 15. If an employee does not submit claims for the plan year by the April 15, 2011, filing deadline for the entire amount they had withheld, they will lose the unused money. Information: Benefits Office, (850) 644-4015, or insben@admin.fsu.edu.

FRS FINANCIAL-PLANNING WEBCASTS: The Florida Retirement System is offering free financial-planning workshops via webcast.

- Tuesday, Feb. 1, 10 a.m. to noon, EST: “Using the FRS to Plan for Retirement”;
- Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1 to 3 p.m., EST: “Investment Planning for Everyone: The Basics”;
- Wednesday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m. to noon, EST: “Nearing Retirement in the FRS”; and
- Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1 to 3 p.m., EST: “Income Tax Planning: Smart Planning for Your Taxes.”

To register, call 1-866-446-9377. Option 1. Information: http://hr.fsu.edu, “News and Events” section.

CHANGES TO VALIC OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM: The state of Florida Optional Retirement Program (ORP) has approved the VALIC plan to offer a mutual fund-based program to ORP participants. These mutual funds may reduce administrative fees for the investor and provide a wide array of mutual funds from well-known investment providers, depending on the option selected. Effective Feb. 1, 2011, all VALIC ORP contributions will be invested in the new mutual fund platform. Financial advisers will be onsite at the following locations to answer employees’ questions about the new options. To register, visit the VALIC website at www.valic.com/floridaorp and click on “Seminar Registration” (the seminar access code is SOFTAL11AB), or call (850) 297-0780.

- Jan. 24, College of Medicine Auditorium, 11 a.m.;
- Jan. 25, HR Training Room, UCA 6244, 2 p.m.;
- Jan. 26, Training Center, Stadium Place, Room A.10 a.m.;
- Feb. 8, College of Medicine, Room 1302, 10 a.m.; and
- Feb. 23, College of Medicine, Room 1302, 10 a.m.

2011 SICK LEAVE POOL OPEN ENROLLMENT: The open enrollment period for membership is Feb. 4 - 24, 2011. Open Enrollment applications, available Feb. 4 on the HR website below, must be received in Human Resources during the open enrollment period no later than Thursday, Feb. 24. Open Enrollment applications received in Human Resources prior to Feb. 4 or after Feb. 24 will not be accepted.

Complete Sick Leave Pool information, including the application and other related forms are available on the HR website at www.hr.fsu.edu/index.cfm?page=FacultyStaff_BenAndPerks_SickLeavePool. Questions? Contact Lisa Rosenthal, Sick Leave Pool administrator, at lrosenthal@admin.fsu.edu or 644-7936.

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Training opportunities are available at no charge to all Florida State University employees through instructor-led and online formats. A current schedule of classes and registration information is available at www.hr.fsu.edu/train. Questions? Contact the Office of Training and Organizational Development at (850) 644-8724.

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Joseph McElrath, Ph.D. (English; Academic Affairs), has received the Modern Languages Association’s Committee on Scholarly Editions seal for a book that he edited, “Life and Times of Frederick Douglass,” which will be published by Yale University Press this year. The Committee on Scholarly Editions seal indicates that the highest standards for research and the application of appropriate editorial practice have been met.

**BYLINES**


Theo M. Siegrist, Ph.D. (Chemical and Biomedical Engineering), co-wrote a paper, “Disorder-Induced Localization in Crystalline Phase-Change Materials,” published Jan. 9, 2011, on the Nature Materials website (view the paper at http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/NMAT2934). At press time, this paper had yet to be assigned to an issue/volume/page number in the monthly print version of Nature Materials.


Wei Wu, Ph.D. (Program in Neuroscience; Statistics), Richard Bertram, Ph.D. (Program in Neuroscience; Mathematics) and Frank Johnson, Ph.D. (Program in Neuroscience; Psychology) co-wrote a paper, “Dual Pre-Motor Contribution to Songbird Syllable Variation,” with Program in Neuroscience graduate students John A. Thompson and Mark J. Basista, published in the Journal of Neuroscience, Jan. 1, 2011.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Gary Burnett, Ph.D. (School of Library and Information Studies), co-presented “Three Perspectives on Publishing in LIS” at the 2011 annual conference of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), San Diego, Calif., January 4-7, 2011.

Kathleen Burnett, Ph.D. (School of Library and Information Studies), co-presented “An Activity Theory Approach to the Study of Online Collaborative Learning in LIS” and “The Impact of Competitiveness and Innovation in the Development of Disciplinary Identity, 2004-2009,” and served as a panelist for “Publish or Perish: The Doctoral Student’s Guide to Creating Publishable Articles and Winning Posters” at the 2011 annual conference of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), San Diego, Calif., January 4-7, 2011.

Nancy Everhart, Ph.D. (School of Library and Information Studies), presented “Competing Standards in the Education of School Librarians” and co-presented “Cooperative Inquiry as a Methodology and Means of Consensus-Building for School-Based Technology Integration and School Librarian Leadership,” with Marcia Mardis, at the 2011 annual conference of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), San Diego, Calif., January 4-7, 2011.

Michelle Kazmer, Ph.D. (School of Library and Information Studies), presented “Long-Term Development of a Learner-Led Infrastructure for an Information Organization Course” and organized the panel presentation “Advising for LIS Master’s Students Online,” on which she also served as a panelist, at the 2011 annual conference of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), San Diego, Calif., January 4-7, 2011.


**GRANTS**

Philip N. Froelich, Ph.D. (Francis Eppes Professor of Oceanography), has received a three-year, $727,000 grant from the Paleoclimatic Program of the National Science Foundation’s Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences Division to conduct research on “Cave Ventilation and Dripwater Geochemistry: Modern Time Series Speleothem Paleoproduction Calibration”; Froelich, with graduate students Sambuddha Misra and Darrel Tremaine, presented abstracts and oral papers at the American Geophysical Union’s Meeting of the Americas, Iguazu Falls, Brazil, August 2010; Froelich has been elected as the 2010 Aiki Okubo Distinguished Visiting Scholar at Stony Brook (SUNY) by graduate students in its School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (SoMAS).
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