Criminology is No. 1
Professor, college both ranked nation’s best

By Libby Fairhurst
NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Criminologist Alex Piquero has won the 2011 Academy Fellow Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), and it’s no wonder. Piquero ranks No. 1 in the nation for scholarly contributions to his field, and so does The Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice, where he and other top-ranked faculty are bringing research to life.

“Because the Academy Fellow Award recognizes distinguished contributions to criminal justice education and scholarship, it is hard to imagine a recipient more deserving than Professor Alex Piquero,” said College of Criminology and Criminal Justice Dean Thomas G. Blomberg.

“He teaching, research and service to the criminological profession are truly exceptional, and his record of successful research and publication collaborations with students and colleagues alike make him an outstanding role model,” Blomberg said. “For these reasons and more Alex has earned this high honor from one of our discipline’s two leading professional societies.”

Piquero’s No. 1 rankings appear in a study published in a recent, special issue of the Journal of Criminal Justice Education that examines the performances of U.S. criminology programs and faculty.

Classification recognizes commitment to service, engagement

By Barry Ray
NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, an independent policy and research center that supports “needed transformations in American education,” has announced that it selected FSU for inclusion in its prestigious Community Engagement classification. The honor is bestowed upon academic institutions that demonstrate a mission, culture, leadership, resources and practices that support “dynamic and noteworthy community engagement” as well as exemplary programs to promote civic engagement.

“It felt fantastic” to have Florida State be recognized in this manner, said Laura Osteen, director of the university’s Center for Leadership and Civic Education. “It was a long journey and hard work to find all the wonderful ways that Florida State is engaging in ‘active learning.’ To me, this is not an award; it is a recognition of what we have done and what we need to continue to do.”

Florida State was one of 115 institutions of higher learning to receive the Carnegie Foundation’s engagement classification this year. Another 191 colleges and universities previously earned the classification in 2006 and 2008.

In a letter to FSU officials, Carnegie Foundation President Anthony S. Bryk said it is “heartening” to see such a high level of commitment and activity among all of the colleges and universities that were recognized.

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A comical look at LOVE, MONEY, & FAMILY
Professor to lead national association

By Jeffery Seay
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Dennis Moore, a University Distinguished Teaching Professor in Florida State University's Department of English, has been elected as the 2011-2013 president of the Southern American Studies Association. Moore was installed as president at SASA’s most recent biennial conference in February.

“Dennis Moore has become a figure to whom others in our profession consistently look for leadership,” said Ralph Berry, chairman of the Department of English. “He has become particularly well-known for his organizational role in the Society of Early Americanists, where he has repeatedly brought together influential scholars, and he has held offices in several national and regional associations. Along with others of his colleagues, Dennis has helped establish our English department as a national center for far-sighted guidance in the profession.”

At the national level, Moore leads the ASAs Early American Matters Caucus, which he created in 2004 and which currently has nearly 400 members. His scholarship focuses on the literature and culture of 18th- and 19th-century America, and African-American literature and culture.

“The American Studies Association is a dynamic and lively organization, both nationally and here in our regional chapter,” Moore said. “SASA brings together many bright and knowledgeable colleagues and graduate students, and I look forward to finding ways of getting more people actively involved.”

Employees can earn Global Partner Certificate

The Global Partner Certificate, a new initiative of the Center for Global Engagement, is designed for Florida State University staff members who work with international students and scholars. It recognizes staff members’ ability to assist international students and scholars, and their commitment to understanding and appreciating other cultures.

To earn the certificate, staff members must participate in at least three qualifying training workshops and three programs or activities of the Center for Global Engagement by the end of summer 2011.

The following list of training workshops, available for the spring 2011 semester, count toward the certificate or for general faculty/staff interest.

• Bridging Cultures for Service Excellence - Examining Cross-Cultural Interactions and Providing Effective Customer Service: Tuesday, March 22, 9 a.m. to noon, Center for Global and Multicultural Engagement. To register, visit www.hr.fsu.edu/train.

• 2011 Staff Workshop - Working with International Students and Scholars at FSU: Features multiple sessions on working with international students and scholars. Choose sessions during three break-out periods and learn about the Global Partner Certificate. Tuesday, April 5, 8 a.m. to noon, Center for Global and Multicultural Engagement. To register, visit http://cge.fsu.edu/eventworkshops.cfm.

• ACIREMA - An Interactive Simulation Game: Experience the challenges international students encounter as they seek to study in the U.S. Join your colleagues for a fun, interactive learning experience. Tuesday, March 29, 1 to 3 p.m., Center for Global and Multicultural Engagement. To register, visit http://cge.fsu.edu/eventworkshops.cfm.

The deadline for the March 28 - April 17, 2011, issue is 4:30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16.

NewsMakers

“Maybe we can design a drug that would specifically target this (novel) chemistry.” — Timothy A. Cross, the Earl Freiden Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at The Florida State University, as quoted in the February 2011 issue of Scientific American magazine.

The article, “Charging Against the Flu: A Giant Magnet is Illuminating How the Influenza A Virus Mutates to Resist Drugs,” describes how Cross and his research colleagues used the 900-megahertz magnet at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory to take pictures of a surface protein of the flu virus to better understand how it reproduces.
Fulbright Scholars share, gain knowledge worldwide

By Libby Fairhurst
NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Throughout 2010, Florida State University faculty in biology, public policy, human sciences and education received Fulbright scholarships to teach and conduct research at universities overseas to promote leadership, learning and understanding between cultures.

As Florida State’s newest Fulbright Scholar, biologist Brian D. Inouye will use his 2010-2011 award for research in Sweden with European scientists at the University of Stockholm.

“I’ll be working on how to predict changes in the abundance of species at large geographic scales, based on experiments done at small spatial scales,” said Inouye, an associate professor in the Department of Biological Science. His research will focus on native insect species associated with the plant Purple Loosestrife.

“We will seek to understand why the abundances of these insects change so much from north to south in Sweden, using field experiments that we can manage in fairly small plots,” Inouye said. “Purple Loosestrife is a wetlands plant that is native to Europe, but it has spread invasively in the United States, where it can squeeze out other wetlands species. Beetles that feed on Purple Loosestrife in Sweden have been introduced to our country in an effort to control its populations here, so understanding populations of these insects in their native European habitats may also help to guide control efforts here at home.”

2009-2010 Fulbright Scholar and public policy guru Frances Berry is back on campus armed with new knowledge and perspective after teaching and conducting research for three months at the University of Taipei, in the Republic of China (Taiwan).

A professor in Florida State’s Reubin O'D Askew School of Public Administration and Policy in the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, Berry spent much of her time in Taiwan studying the ways in which the national and local governments handled climate change issues.

“We surveyed local governments to assess what policies and initiatives they were using related to green jobs, energy conservation and other sustainable development issues,” said Berry, a recognized expert on state and intergovernmental administration. “We also studied how these policies have been integrated into the normal strategic planning and budgeting processes of local governments.”

Meanwhile, College of Human Sciences Professor Elizabeth Goldsmith — an expert in personal and family finance, consumer behavior and domestic life in the White House — has been named a 2010-2015 Fulbright Specialist. It’s a distinctive honor typically reserved for those who have previously won Fulbright Scholar awards, as Goldsmith did in 2005.

As a Fulbright Specialist, she will spend up to six weeks at each of two overseas universities, where she’ll serve as an expert consultant on curriculum and faculty development. While “specialist” status permits recipients to schedule their work overseas at any time within five years of their award date, Goldsmith hopes to visit Malta in 2011. There, she plans to work with university faculty and administrators focused on personal finance and consumer economics.

“Becoming a ‘Fulbrighter’ represents a lifelong commitment,” Goldsmith said.

She should know. Now both a Fulbright Scholar and a Fulbright Specialist, Goldsmith has served three times on the Fulbright National Screening Committee and, since 2006, has been an appointed member of the Florida State University Student Fulbright Committee.

A 2010 Fulbright Specialist award also went to College of Education Professor Emeritus Frederick L. Jenks, who is now deceased.

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Faculty receive Council on Research and Creativity awards, grants

First Year Assistant Professor Awards
The following Florida State University faculty members have received Council on Research and Creativity First Year Assistant Professor awards for the 2010-2011 round. The award provides $17,000 in summer salary support. Of the 27 proposals received, all were funded for a total of $459,000 in support toward summer 2011 salaries. Alphabetically, they are: Maryann Abendroth (Nursing); Andrew Aurand (Urban and Regional Planning); Tamara Bertrand-Jones (Educational Leadership and Policy Studies); Amy Burdette (Demography and Population Health/Sociology); William Butler (Urban and Regional Planning); Bradley Cox (Educational Leadership and Policy Studies); Kimberly Ann Driscoll (Medical Humanities and Social Sciences); Reid Fontaine (Law); Eric Garland (Social Work); Michael Giardina (Sport Management); Terrence Hill (Sociology); Michael Holmes (Management); Fengfeng Ke (Educational Psychology and Learning Systems); David Landau (Law); Jake Linford (Law); Toby MacRae (Communication Science and Disorders, School of); Sanghee Oh (Library and Information Studies, School of); Eiyitayo Onifade (Social Work); Michael Ormsbee (Nutrition, Food and Exercise Science); David Orozco (Risk Management, Real Estate and Legal Studies); Insu Paek (Educational Psychology and Learning Systems); Hyeryun Johanna Paik (Biomedical Science); Hye Jin Park (Nursing); Brian Parker (Communication, School of); Ryan Rodenberg (Sport Management); David Tandberg (Educational Leadership and Policy Studies); and Tianming Zhang (Accounting).

COFRS Awards
The following Florida State faculty members have received Council on Research and Creativity COFRS Awards for the 2010-2011 round. The award provides $14,000, usually toward summer salary support and/or other CRC-approved expenses. Of the 47 proposals received, 35 were funded for a total of $490,000 in support. Alphabetically, they are: Amod Agashe (Mathematics); Tom Anderson (Art Education); William Berry (Democratic Performance, Center for the Study of); Denise Bookwalter (Art); Robert Coleman (Theatre); Bryan Cuevas (Religion); Fritz Davis (History); Matthew Day (Religion); Gregory Dudley (Chemistry/Biochemistry); David Eccles (Learning Systems Institute); Ongi Englander (Mechanical Engineering); Douglass Fisher (Music); Stan Gontarski (English); Shouping Hu (Educational Leadership and Policy Studies); Young-Suk Kim (Learning Systems Institute and Teacher Education, School of); Amy Koehlinger (Religion); Feifei Li (Computer Science); Mia Lustria (Library and Information Studies, School of); Maxine Montgomery (English); Richard Morris (Communication Science and Disorders); Jean Munn (Social Work); Ashby Plant (Psychology); Melissa Radey (Social Work); Christopher Reenock (Political Science); Deana Rohlinger (Sociology); Yiyuan She (Statistics); Elizabeth Spiller (English); Elaine Treharne (English); Nora Underwood (Biological Science); Chad Van Iddekinge (Management); Lisa Wakamiya (Modern Languages and Linguistics); Patricia Warren (Criminology and Criminal Justice); Kathleen Yancey (English); Ming Ye (Scientific Computing); and Fanxiu Zhu (Biological Science).

Planning Grants
The following FSU faculty members have received Council on Research and Creativity Planning Grants. Twice a year, the CRC awards $12,000 for each funded fall and spring Planning Grant. The spring 2010-2011 recipients, receiving a total of $164,700 toward research planning are, alphabetically: Wanda Brister Rachwal (Music); Eileen Cormier with James Whyte IV (Nursing); Christopher Couuts (Demography and Population Health/Urban and Regional Planning); Lisa Eckel (Psychology); Eric Garland with Eron Manusov, Edward Bernt, Jose Rodriguez (Social Work/Psychology/Family Med and Rural Health); Meredith Goodwin (Family Medicine and Rural Health); Will Hanley (History); Thomas Houp (Biological Science); Carrie Ann Jones-Baade (Art); Bill Landing (Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science); Timothy Logan (IMB/Chemistry/BioChemistry); Anke Meyer-Baese (Scientific Computing); Owen Mundy (Art); Roald Nassgaard (Art History); and Subramanian Ramakrishnan with Samuel Grant and Anant Paravastu (Chemical/BioMedical Engineering).

btw by the way

• 2011-2012 Student Government officers: The FSU student body has elected new officers. As of the swearing-in ceremony on Wednesday, March 23, Avi Assidon will be student body president; Dayne Hutchison will be vice president; and Dayron Silverio will be treasurer.

• St. Patrick’s Day golf tournament: FSU Campus Recreation’s 2011 Spring Scramble Golf Tournament will be Thursday, March 17 at the Seminole Golf Course. Registration is from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; the shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m.; awards will be presented at 5 p.m. The cost for a single player is $80; the cost for a team of 4 players is $320. The tournament will benefit FSU Campus Recreation student development and scholarships. Registration forms, available at www.fsu.campusesrec.com, must be submitted by Friday, March 11. Information: Kellie Gerbers, 645-2750 or kgerbers@admin.fsu.edu.

• TEDx event to focus on ‘ideas worth spreading’: Members of the FSU and Tallahassee communities who are dedicated to inspiring change throughout the community can share diverse perspectives and engage in meaningful dialogue during “TEDxFSU: The Ripple Effect” on Friday, March 25, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Turnbull Center, 555 W. Pensacola St. TED is an international nonprofit devoted to ideas worth spreading. It was established in 1984 as a conference that brought together people from the worlds of technology, entertainment and design. TEDx was created to give communities, organizations and individuals the opportunity to stimulate dialogue through TED-like experiences at the local level. Information: Amy Derringer, 644-3342 or aderringer@admin.fsu.edu.

• Grads Made Good — The ‘other’ April 15 deadline: The Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa invites faculty and staff members to nominate outstanding FSU alumni to be honored as Grads Made Good during Homecoming 2011. The nomination deadline is April 15. To access the online nominee information form, visit www.alumni.fsu.edu/community/Page.aspx?pid=2297.

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• WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH: March has been Women’s History Month since 1987. Women have consistently played a major role throughout The Florida State University’s long history of national recognition and academic excellence. Florida State was founded in 1851 as the Seminary West of the Suwannee and, in 1909, was renamed Florida State College for Women (FSCW). By 1924, FSCW was recognized by the Association of American Universities. During the 1930’s, FSCW was the nation’s third-largest women’s college. The female faculty and students of FSCW — such as Ruby Diamond, Ella Scoble Opperman and Rowena Longmire — shaped Florida State’s future immensely by demanding scholarly excellence and setting research standards that still define it.

Florida State continues to have many notable female alumni whose academic successes and life goals have shaped the university and the nation. Some of these are Caroline Alexander, author and Rhodes Scholar, 1976; Rita Coolidge, Grammy Award-winning vocalist; Sylvia Earle, the world’s leading oceanographer and an explorer-in-residence for National Geographic; Kim Batten, Olympic silver medalist, 1996; and Eleanor J. Hill, Inspector General to the U.S. Department of Defense, 1995-1999.

Florida State is proud to support and encourage female students, faculty and staff members in all of their endeavors as they continue to make history.

• RETIREMENT PLANNING SEMINAR: The Benefits Office will host its annual 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. Discussions will include information about retirement (Pension Plan and DROP), income tax planning, estate planning, retiree insurance, and retirement benefits. Optional Retirement Program and tax-sheltered annuity company representatives will attend and door prizes will be given away. The seminar is a university-sponsored training program and attendance can be considered as time worked with supervisory approval. Information/Registration: David DeSue, (850) 644-5726, or ddesue@admin.fsu.edu.

• DOUBLE DEDUCTIONS FOR BENEFITS: All nine- and 10-month faculty members and seasonal employees enrolled in state health, life and supplemental benefits will have double deductions taken from their paychecks beginning with the Feb. 11 paycheck. The deductions will end with the May 6 paycheck. These additional deductions are taken out to prepay premiums for June, July, August and September. Regular deductions will resume with the first paycheck in September. Employees should review their paychecks during the double-deduction period to ensure that the deductions are correct. Information: Benefits Office, (850) 644-4015, or insben@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 that can be reimburrsed if they have 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 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.

• EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ORIENTATION: The Benefits Office is pleased to offer an Employee Benefits Orientation program. This orientation is intended as a supplement to the standard, online New Employee Orientation that all employees complete when first hired into a salaried position at FSU. The Human Resources Benefits staff will provide valuable information and answer questions about the various insurance and retirement plans offered by the university. Monthly classes begin March 8 at the Training Center at Stadium Place. Registration: www.hr.fsu.edu/train, or (850) 644-8724.

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• NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: Available online. Each participant must certify their completion of online NEO by faxing a completed copy of the “Certification of Completion and Evaluation of Orientation” form to the Office of Training and Organizational Development as indicated on the form. The link to online new employee presentations, materials and the certification form can be found at www.hr.fsu.edu/Content/NEOnline/index.html. Assistance: (850) 644-8724.
were published between 2000 and 2009 in the eight leading criminology and criminal justice journals. His impact rating is derived from the number of times — more than 5,000 so far — that other scholars have cited his research in their own published work. And they’ve had plenty of material to cite. In the 15 years since he earned his Ph.D. in 1996, more than 200 articles authored or coauthored by Piquero have landed in his discipline’s major journals.

His achievements reflect the caliber of criminology’s intellectual community at Florida State, Blomberg said.

A cadre of nationally prominent faculty — many of them still relatively young — now has propelled the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice to its own set of No. 1 rankings. Other recent studies also appearing in the Journal of Criminal Justice Education show that the Florida State program leads its national counterparts in no less than three key measures:

- Overall faculty productivity
- The acquisition of external funding
- The number of published journal articles by recent doctoral graduates

“Clearly we have recruited a stellar faculty,” said Blomberg, “which accounts for the recent confirmation of our college as the finest criminology program in the country.”


PRESENTATIONS

Jennifer Buchanan, Ph.D. (Dean of the Faculties), was invited to present “Academic Integrity Policy Formation and Revision: Encouraging Faculty Engagement Before, During and After the Process,” and to serve on a panel, “Establishing and Maintaining Partnerships Between Academic Affairs and Student Conduct,” at a meeting of the Association for Student Conduct Administration, February.

Steven I. Pfeiffer, Ph.D. (Educational Psychology and Learning Systems), has been invited to be a guest speaker and workshop leader at the International Congress on Creativity and Innovation, Manaus-Amazonas, Brazil, June 26-July 2, 2011. Pfeiffer will discuss the early identification of high-ability children and how to develop leadership in children and youth.

BYLINES

Michael W. Davidson (National High Magnetic Field Laboratory; Biological Science) is part of a five-person research team whose work, “Confined Activation and Subdiffractive Localization Enables Whole-Cell PALMMLM with Genetically Expressed Probes,” has been published on the website of the journal Nature Method, February.


Marcia Mardis, Ph.D. (Library and Information Studies), is serving as guest editor for the winter 2011 issue of the Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults, the official research journal of the Young Adult Library Services Association. It is the only research journal devoted to youth librarianship.


SERVICE

Paul Cottle, Ph.D. (Physics), has been elected to the “chairman line” of the American Physical Society’s Forum on Education, which exists to involve its members in activities related to physics education at all educational stages, from elementary to graduate school and life-long learning. As such, Cottle will serve as vice chairman, 2011-2012; chairman-elect, 2012-2013; chairman, 2013-2014; and past-chairman, 2014-2015.

Jay Rayburn, Ph.D. (Communication and Information), has been appointed 2011 co-chairman of the Universal Accreditation Board, the leading certification body for the public relations profession.
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