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Weidner named ‘transformative’ dean

Florida State University College of Law Dean Donald J. Weidner is one of the last decade’s nine transformative law school deans, according to influential legal blogger and University of Chicago Law School Professor Brian Leiter. The criterion for inclusion on Leiter’s list is changing an institution, especially its intellectual identity and scholarly profile.

“Dean Weidner has been a successful fundraiser and skilled navigator of Florida’s choppy political waters, at the same time presiding over some of the best faculty hiring by any regional law school in the country, as reflected in periodic raids of FSU by Top 10 law schools,” Leiter said. “Yet even with occasional losses, Dean Weidner has sustained the scholarly momentum of the law school.”

“I am delighted that the intellectual strength and productivity of our faculty have again been recognized as both nationally significant and durable,” Weidner said.

Florida State’s law school was for the first time this year rated in the nation’s top 50 by U.S. News & World Report, which also rated the school’s environmental law program the nation’s sixth best. The school’s alumni giving rate is the nation’s 10th best.

The eight other deans deemed transformative by Leiter are Michael Fitts (University of Pennsylvania), Heidi Hurd (University of Illinois), U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Elena Kagan (Harvard University), Kenneth Randall (University of Alabama), Daniel Rodriguez (University of San Diego), Kent Syverud (Vanderbilt University), David Van Zandt (Northwestern University) and Patricia White (Arizona State University).

When most people think of the police, what usually comes to mind is law enforcement — flashing blue lights in the rearview mirror. At Florida State University, the officers of the Police Department strive to be thought of as more than heavy-handed enforcers. Instead, they work to be problem solvers and friends to the university’s 41,000 students.

Take the case of Brandi Thomas, a Florida State freshman who uses a wheelchair. During the first week of the fall semester, the parts that fasten one of the wheels to the chair broke, rendering Thomas immobile.

She called FSU Police officers Garrett Williams and Chris Fender, whom she met while moving into her residence hall. “They told me to call them if I ever needed anything, so I did,” Thomas said.

Williams and Fender arrived at Thomas’ residence hall and sized up the malfunctioning wheelchair.

“There was no way we were going to leave her stranded in that condition,” Williams said.

After making sure that Thomas was transported to class, Williams and Fender sprang into action by going to the university’s Grainger industrial supply store to look for parts that could repair the wheelchair. Finding no suitable replacements, the officers turned to Allen Howell, maintenance supervisor in the university sheet metal shop, to make new parts from scratch.

“I told Allen that we simply had to get the wheelchair fixed,” Fender said.

Maintenance mechanics Danial Hathcock and Marquez Buggs found a new bearing and fabricated a new spacer for the wheel, with some direction from Howell.

“I have always felt it is our job to help FSU’s students any way we can,” Howell said.

With the new parts in hand, Fender and Williams were able to put the wheelchair back together.

“Allen and his guys built new parts that were better than the originals,” Williams said. “The next day, we saw Brandi, who was back in business. She told us that she had been all over campus.”

Williams and Fender are part of the FSU Police Department’s Crime Prevention Unit, which does a considerable amount of community outreach. From changing a tire in the middle of the night to spraying WD-40 on a balky bike lock, FSU police officers want to demonstrate to students that when they show up, it does not have to be a bad thing.

“We like to show people the other side of law enforcement,” Fender said. “When parents come and drop their kids off, they trust that we’re going to take care of them.”
The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) unanimously reaccredited Florida State University’s Police Department Sept. 29. The accreditation, which requires the department to attain an “excellent” rating in more than 250 professional standards, is good for three years.

FSU Police Lt. Linda Riley was in charge of the reaccreditation effort. She was aided by Officer Tim Hartley, her “right hand” during the reaccreditation process.

“This isn’t about one person leading the process to become reaccredited,” said Riley, who also was in charge of the department’s 2005 and 2008 reaccreditation.

“It is about all of the department’s employees — sworn and non-sworn personnel — totally embracing the ideals set forth in accreditation, to show our colleagues in law enforcement that FSUPD continues to represent the best of the best. It is truly a team effort.”

FSU Chief of Police David L. Perry praised his staff for success in attaining reaccreditation.

“The FSUPD now begins a three-year cycle that will culminate with the department’s fourth reaccreditation effort in 2014.

“I cannot say how proud I am of this department, and how much we all appreciate the support of everyone at FSU who makes it such a great place to serve.”

— DAVID L. PERRY
FSU CHIEF OF POLICE
FSU launches ‘green office’ certification

Florida State University’s Sustainable Campus Initiative is launching the Green Office Certification Program, which will provide faculty and staff members with a framework for implementing environmentally sustainable practices into their work environments.

The program features action items in three primary categories: energy conservation, waste reduction and recycling. To participate, academic and administrative offices are asked to implement at least half of the items in each category and are encouraged to adopt ongoing practices in the areas of transportation, purchasing, special events and technology. By participating, certified offices will contribute to the mission of the initiative by promoting resource conservation and cost savings.

To learn more or get started, email Jeff Gardner at jmg10m@fsu.edu.

WFSU-FM
Reporter selected for NPR project

WFSU-FM reporter/producer Lynn Hatter has been selected to be part of an initial group of nine national reporters to participate in National Public Radio’s new journalism project “Health Care in the States.”

Hatter will report on and produce coverage of health care developments in Florida for both National Public Radio and the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. These developments include Florida’s move to privatize Medicaid and the lack of health care services in the state’s rural areas. Ultimately, 21 correspondents will be engaged in the cooperative project.

“This is a fantastic opportunity,” said Trimmel Gomes, news director of WFSU-FM. “Lynn will be able to dive more deeply into health care issues affecting our community and help to strengthen our health care coverage, just like the great job she’s been able to do in tracking education issues.”

Hatter has been on the WFSU-FM news staff since 2007, when she graduated from Florida A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism.

The event will give employees a change to mingle with student leaders and each other while enjoying beverages and desserts.

• The Homecoming Parade on Friday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. The parade originates at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, then proceeds north along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, west along College Avenue toward the Westcott Building, then south along Copeland Street.

• The Alumni Association’s Homecoming Awards Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 19, in the Alumni Center’s Grand Ballroom. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9 a.m. To buy tickets for this event, visit the Alumni Association website at http://one.fsu.edu.

For a complete listing of events, visit http://homecoming.fsu.edu.

NewsMakers

In the Oct. 17, 2011, issue of Woman’s Day magazine, the research of two Florida State University professors was mentioned on page 76.

“An Apple A Day Really Does Keep the Doctor Away!”

• Bahram Arjmandi’s research about apple consumption lowering total cholesterol and LDL (“bad”) cholesterol and raising HDL (“good”) cholesterol was mentioned. “These results were shocking because the women (in the study) made no other changes to their health habits,” said Arjmandi, who is the chairman of the Department of Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences.

“I Will Not Eat that Cake”

• Roy Baumeister’s research about willpower was mentioned. “Research shows that willpower is like a muscle and can be strengthened,” said Baumeister, who is a Francis Eppes Professor of psychology.
Faculty can apply to teach abroad in 2013, 2014

In order to provide the opportunity for Florida State University students to study abroad and become part of a global society, International Programs is accepting faculty applications from Nov. 15, 2011, to Jan. 15, 2012, to teach abroad during the 12 months commencing with summer 2013.

Every year, International Programs sends faculty members to its study-abroad locations in London, England; Valencia, Spain; Florence, Italy; and Panama City, Panama. What’s more, accepted faculty members have taught and led programs in places such as China, Peru, Turkey, Israel, Russia and South Africa.

While studying abroad provides incalculable benefits for students, the instructors return to the United States having reaped personal and professional rewards from their work abroad as well. Professors enjoy one-on-one interaction with students in small classes while sharing in their study-abroad experiences. Instructors are encouraged to incorporate local culture and ideas into their course material and, as a result, often return to Tallahassee recharged with new ideas for approaching courses.

Teaching abroad also can be combined with the pursuit of instructors’ personal research interests by giving them the ability to spend time in a foreign country before and/or after their teaching duties.

In addition to professional enrichment, involvement in International Programs is an excellent way to support the university’s global initiatives, including the Global Pathways Certificate and the Garnet and Gold Scholar Society. As integral partners with International Programs, faculty members can promote the value of being global citizens to all of Florida State’s students.

“Each year we look forward with anticipation to receiving creative proposals from faculty,” said Jim Pitts, director of International Programs. “The faculty are encouraged to submit proposals for any area of the world that will enhance their academic content and curriculum. Certainly, in the 21st century an international experience is critical to one’s education.”

For more information and to complete the online application, visit www.international.fsu.edu.

Email upgrade under way for faculty, staff and retirees

Information Technology Services has announced an important change regarding email services to the university community. A campuswide migration to the unified Microsoft Exchange 2010 platform is under way and scheduled to be fully implemented by the end of December. Email services for all faculty, staff and retirees will be affected during the migration. Completion of this strategic initiative will result in the following benefits:

• Unified accessibility allowing users to centrally manage email, calendars and contacts on laptops/desktops, mobile devices, and via web browsers.
• Standardization of mailbox size/storage at 1GB.
• Shared calendaring features for all FSU employees.
• A unified address book for all email clients, including mobile devices.
• Improved webmail user interface, which provides a rich user experience on the major browser platforms (Firefox, Internet Explorer, Chrome and Safari).
• Enhanced support for Mac email clients.

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After account migration, mobile devices and personal bookmarks for webmail must be reconfigured to the new server address of exchange.fsu.edu.

Additional information, configuration support and FAQs are available at http://its.fsu.edu/Exchange. For further assistance, please generate a case by logging in to the FSU Center Service, emailing the IT Service Desk at it-help@fsu.edu, or by calling (850) 644-HELP (4357). Please include Exchange 2010 Migration in the subject line.

Student-veteran film fest to debut Nov. 11

As part of its effort to become the most student-veteran friendly campus in the nation, Florida State University will inaugurate its Student-Veteran Film Festival with a screening of director Danfung Dennis’ “Hell and Back Again” on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at 4 p.m. in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall.

Tickets for the event are $10 for FSU students and $30 for the general public. To purchase a ticket, visit fsuvetfilmfest.com.

To learn more about the film, visit http://hellandbackagain.com.
Joe Cresse Ethics in Government Distinguished Lecture Series: FSU President Emeritus Talbot “Sandy” D’Alemberte will discuss “Florida’s Administrative Procedures Act: The Necessity for Open Communication between Citizens and Their Government in the Sunshine State” on Friday, Nov. 4, at 3 p.m. in the rotunda of B.K. Roberts Hall (enter the east end of the College of Law complex). The lecture series is sponsored by the Reubin O’D. Askew School of Public Administration and Policy.

Art history symposium: The Department of Art History will host of its 29th Annual Art History Graduate Student Symposium on Friday, Nov. 4, and Saturday, Nov. 5. Paper sessions begin on Nov. 4 at 3 p.m.

Wesleyan University humanities and art history Professor Emeritus John T. Paoletti will discuss “Naked Men in Piazza” on Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. in 2004 William Johnston Building.

Paper sessions continue on Nov. 5 at 9 a.m. with each paper followed by critical discussion.

Information: Art history Assistant Professor Lynn Jones, lajones@fsu.edu.

New book celebration: The university community is invited to a reception to celebrate the newly published Atlas of Florida’s Natural Heritage on Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the FSU Alumni Center Ballroom. Presentations will be given by the book’s editor, Gary Knight, director of the Florida Natural Areas Inventory; Florida Wildlife Federation President Manley Fuller; and FSU biological science Professor Loran Anderson. The reception is co-sponsored by the Florida State University Institute of Science and Public Affairs and University Libraries.

Information: Jim Anderson, janderson@fsu.edu, (850) 644-2883; Sarah Buck Kachaluba, sbuckachaluba@fsu.edu, (850) 645-2600; or by visiting www.floridasnaturalheritage.org.
>>OPEN ENROLLMENT: Open Enrollment for the 2012 plan year will begin on Monday, Nov. 7, and end on Friday, Nov. 18. Any changes made during Open Enrollment will take effect on Jan. 1, 2012. Employees are encouraged to pay special attention to all mailings from the state of Florida and refer to the Human Resources website (www.hr.fsu.edu) for important updates and announcements. In preparation for Open Enrollment, all employees are urged to visit the People First website at peoplefirst.myflorida.com to make sure their user IDs and passwords are working. Employees who do not know their user IDs can call People First at (866) 663-4735 or email insben@admin.fsu.edu. It is critical to do this now, because the People First service center will be extremely busy during the shortened two-week Open Enrollment period. Detailed information about 2012 Open Enrollment plan offerings can be found in the “Health” section of the state of Florida’s MyBenefits website (www.myflorida.com/mybenefits).

Information: Benefits Office, 644-4015, or insben@admin.fsu.edu.

>>NEW LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT: The Gabor Agency, in partnership with the Standard Life Insurance Company, is offering a special open enrollment for the group long-term disability insurance plans from until Friday, Nov. 4. All eligible employees are invited to enroll in the expanded benefits plans without evidence of insurability. Long-term disability insurance provides income replacement of 66 2/3 percent of salary for employees who experience a qualifying disability that prevents them from working. This insurance also provides an assisted living benefit, yearly cost-of-living adjustments, and increased income replacement for catastrophic disabilities. During the open enrollment, employees may enroll in plans with either a 30-day or 90-day waiting period. Employees who already have long-term disability coverage from the university will automatically be transferred to the new plan, which will provide greater benefits at a reduced premium cost. To enroll or for more information about long-term disability plans, visit www.gaboragency.com/ltd or call the Gabor Agency at (850) 894-9611, Option 5.

>>SEMINOLE SAVINGS: Florida State University now offers “Seminole Savings,” a new Employee Discount Program designed exclusively for FSU faculty and staff members. The program allows employees to take advantage of discounts on products and services at businesses serving FSU employees’ diverse needs and interests. Visit the Seminole Savings Web page on the Benefits for Faculty and Staff section of the Human Resources website (www.hr.fsu.edu).

Information: David Desue, Benefits Office, (850) 644-5726 or insben@admin.fsu.edu.

TRAINING AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Training opportunities are available at no charge to all Florida State employees through instructor-led and online formats. A current schedule of classes for fall 2011 and registration information are available at www.hr.fsu.edu/train.

Questions: (850) 644-8724.

>>NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: Each participant must certify their completion of this online program 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.
RECOGNITIONS

Demetra Andrews, Ph.D. (Business, Marketing), received the 2011 William R. Jones Outstanding Mentor Award given by the Florida Education Fund during the annual McKnight Doctoral Fellows Conference, Tampa, Fla., October.

Amber E. Hampton, M.A. (Center for Multicultural Affairs), received the NASPA-Florida New Professional of the Year Award during the annual conference of NASPA-Florida (NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education), October. The award recognizes the contributions of new professional members who work to transform higher education through outstanding programs, innovative services and effective administration.

Stephanie Leitch (Art History) has received the Roland H. Bainton Prize for Art History for her book “Mapping Ethnography in Early Modern Germany: New Worlds in Print Culture,” published by Palgrave, 2010. The Sixteenth Century Society awards the Bainton Prize in several categories to the authors of outstanding books published in the previous calendar year. The prize includes a $500 award. The award citation calls Leitch’s book a “well researched and clearly written study” that examines early visual ethnography of the peoples around the Indian Ocean in the era just after Vasco da Gama’s voyages.

The Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center has received the Thomas A. Waits Distinguished Leadership Award for its outstanding contribution as a resource that promotes lifelong learning to the Tallahassee community and beyond. The Thomas A. Waits Distinguished Leadership Award was established to recognize organizations that embody the ideals and visionary leadership of tourism excellence. The award pays tribute to Tommy Waits, who dedicated his career to economic development through tourism throughout Leon County and Florida.

BYLINES

Michael Blaber, Ph.D. (Medicine), and Sachiko Blaber (Medicine) co-wrote a paper, “Biological Evaluation and Docking Studies of Natural Isocoumarins as Inhibitors for Human Kallikrein 5 and 7,” published in the journal Bioorganic and Medicinal Chemistry Letters, No. 21. In addition, they co-wrote another paper, “Substrate Specificity of Kallikrein-Related Peptidase 13 Activated by Salts of Glycosaminoglycans and a Search for Natural Substrate Candidates,” that was published in the journal Biochimie.

Felicia Coleman, Ph.D. (Coastal and Marine Laboratory), co-wrote a report, “A Once and Future Gulf of Mexico Ecosystem: Restoration Recommendations of an Expert Working Group,” with Charles H. Peterson et al., for the Pew Environment Group, which works globally to establish pragmatic, science-based policies that protect the oceans, preserve wild lands and promote the clean energy economy.

David Gants, Ph.D. (English), has been commissioned as associate editor of a four-volume, 1-million-word Encyclopaedia of Book History for Wiley-Blackwell Publishers, scheduled for release in 2014. Gants also led a symposium, “The Future of the Book,” and presented two lectures, “Medieval Books: Materialist Aesthetics” and “Seeing Sense: The Virtual World of the Flatpack Manuscript,” as the Ida Beam Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Iowa, Oct. 18-20.

PRESENTATIONS

Renisha Gibbs, M.S. (Human Resources), David Perry, M.S. (University Police), and Mary Wilkes, L.C.S.W., C.E.A.P. (Employee Assistance Program), gave a presentation, “Developing a Collaborative Approach to Campus Threat Assessment,” at the national conference of the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources, Orlando, Fla., September.

Nicholas Mazza, Ph.D. (Social Work), gave a presentation, “Poetry Therapy: Enhancing the Quality of Human Experience and Expanding Consciousness through Language, Symbol and Story,” at the 119th annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C., August.

Lilian Garcia-Roig (Art) is currently participating in two group shows, “Revelations: Women’s Art from the Permanent Collection” at the Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, students Dillon Fritz and Le Cai, published in the journal Current Medicinal Chemistry, Vol. 18, No. 22.
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Texas, and “Experiencing Perspectives 2011-2012” at the Mercedes Benz Corporate Headquarters Gallery, Fort Worth, Texas. In addition, Garcia-Roig recently presented a solo exhibition, “En Plein Sight,” at the Polk Museum, Lakeland, Fla., which was accompanied by a catalog and an essay by Richard Shiff, “Catching Up with the Instant.” An article about Garcia-Roig and the show was featured in the “Profile” section of On View Magazine’s September issue. During the openings, she gave two lectures about her work. Finally, Garcia-Roig and Mark Messersmith (Art) were featured artists for Valley House Gallery at the first annual Houston Fine Arts Fair.

Mark Messersmith (Art) is presenting a solo show, “Blighted Eden,” at Stetson University, DeLand, Fla. During the show’s opening, he gave a lecture about his work.

SERVICE

Pam Graham, M.S.W. (Social Work), has been elected to serve as a member of the Florida Child Abuse Death Review Committee and has been elected to serve as a board member of the Oasis Center for Women and Girls. Also, Graham has received three grants: an $80,816 grant from the Florida Department of Children and Families and Big Bend Community-Based Care to study “Child Welfare Re-Professionalization Project Circuit 2 and 14,” July 2011-June 2012; an $84,576 grant from the Florida Department of Children and Families to study “Child Welfare Re-Professionalization Project Circuit 3 and 8,” July 2011-June 2012; and a $79,060 grant from the Florida Department of Children and Families to study “Child Welfare Re-Professionalization Project Circuit 4,” July 2011-June 2012.

ENRICHMENT

Michael Cramer (Office of the General Counsel) became a board-certified specialist in education law in July 2011. He is one of four attorneys in higher education in Florida to receive this distinction. Certification is the highest level of evaluation by The Florida Bar of the competency and experience of attorneys in the 24 areas of law approved for certification by the Supreme Court of Florida. Also, Cramer made a continuing legal education presentation, “Faculty, Staff, and Student Free Speech Issues Arising from Use of Social Media,” to the Florida Bar Education Law Committee at a meeting of The Florida Bar in Orlando, Fla., September.

Dean Falk, Ph.D. (Anthropology), conducted research with a small group of paleoanthropologists on the skeleton of a 3.3-million-year-old infant (Australopithecus afarensis) recovered from modern-day Ethiopia during a workshop sponsored by the Leakey Foundation in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, October. In addition, Falk’s new book, “The Fossil Chronicles: How Two Controversial Discoveries Changed Our View of Human Evolution” (University of California Press), was published in October.