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Third annual 'Authors Day' fetes faculty books

By **Jeffery Seay**
EDITOR IN CHIEF

During the past year, Florida State University faculty members published 120 books in numerous categories, from scholarly or critical works and textbooks to novels and works of poetry.

They were either the sole authors or wrote the books with colleagues or students. In celebration of the exceptional accumulation of knowledge that this body of published work represents, the university's **Office of Faculty Recognition** is hosting the third annual **FSU Authors Day** Friday, March 23, at the Turnbull Conference Center, 555 W. Pensacola St.

The event, which is open to the public, will begin with a reception at 4:30 p.m. for many of the authors, followed by faculty members reading excerpts from books they have written at 5:30 p.m.

The faculty members scheduled to read are **Wayne Wiegand**, the F. William Summers Professor of Library and Information Studies Emeritus, reading from "Main Street Public Library"; **Ned Stuckey-French**, associate professor of English, reading from "The American Essay in the American Century"; **Beth Osborne**, assistant professor of theater studies, reading from "Staging the People: Community and Identity in the Federal Theatre Project"; and **Joseph Hellweg**,

assistant professor of religion, reading from "Hunting the Ethical State: The Benkadi Movement of Cote d'Ivoire."

FSU Authors Day is being held in conjunction with two other campus events to celebrate the written word, also on March 23.

The first is the FSU Libraries Symposium, "The Women's Building at the 1893 World's Fair: A Cameo in History," from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Scholars Commons Reading Room of Strozier Library. The daylong event, which coincides with Women's History Month, will celebrate women's history and women's literary production. It

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Florida State celebrates Women's History Month

By **Andrea Wolf**
NEWS AND RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS

Florida State University has planned a myriad of events to celebrate **Women's History Month** with this year's theme of "Women's Education, Women's Empowerment." A book club, film screening and legacy reception are among the events.

"Women's History Month at Florida State represents the accomplishments of women to the university, especially as we honor our founding history as



Mary Coburn

Florida State College for Women," said Vice President for Student Affairs **Mary Coburn**. "In our fifth year now, a university-wide committee has come together to schedule

many events to honor, promote, educate and empower women."

Women's History Month events at Florida State are as follows:

- A discussion of the book "Reading Lolita in Tehran," co-sponsored by **University Libraries** and the **Center for Global Engagement**, will take place at 6 p.m. Monday, March 26, in Strozier Library.

- The play "**The Vagina Monologues**," hosted by the Student Government Association's **Women's Center**, will be performed in Moore Auditorium at 7 p.m. Friday, March 16, and Saturday, March 17.

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Spread THE Word

U.S. News & World Report's 2012 edition of "Top Online Education Programs" ranks the College of Business at No. 20 for its Online Master of Business Administration program and the College of Education at No. 22 for its online graduate education degree programs. (For the full story, see page 10.)

Achieve Financial Balance, Prepare for Your Secure Retirement and Help the United Way at the same time.

2 things happened that compelled me to create a special workshop.

First, several friends and clients have asked if I would present an extended workshop on a Saturday, because they have too much going on during the week and are not able to attend my evening seminars.

Second, I had a meeting with Heather Mitchell the new president of United Way of the Big Bend (UWBB) and Ken Armstrong the outgoing president. During these two meetings I was reminded of how much the United Way does for our community and how they need our financial support to carry out their mission.

Therefore, I decided to have the workshop fee go to UWBB as a donation. I do not want your money however I do want you to have some "skin in the game" So I am asking you to make your check payable to the UWBB. It is \$27 for an individual and \$47 if you bring a spouse or a friend. You can donate more if you like. United Way will appreciate whatever you give.



Saturday, April 14, 2011

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FSU launches ethical violations hotline

Florida State University recently established an **ethical-violations and compliance hotline** to provide faculty, staff and students with a simple, anonymous way to confidentially report activities that involve certain suspected misconduct or violations of policies, procedures and regulations, as well as state and federal laws.

The number of the 24/7 toll-free hotline, established through **EthicsPoint Inc.**, is (855) 231-7511. Members of the university community also can make reports by visiting **www.fsu.ethicspoint.com**. EthicsPoint specializes in helping organizations to foster a business culture of integrity and compliance.

"Florida State has an environment where open communication is encouraged, and has always provided numerous ways to assist with seeking assistance and with reporting suspected inappropriate behavior," said **Martha Little**, Florida State's chief audit officer. "The

new hotline provides an additional method of making reports, as well as an enhanced way for communication and documentation to flow both ways in the event that the complainant may wish to remain anonymous. It is an initiative proposed by management that is wholeheartedly supported by the Office of Inspector General Services."

The hotline allows for the anonymous reporting of fraud, theft or embezzlement; economic waste, or misuse of university resources; conflicts of interest; computer security and other privacy violations; public or environmental health and safety issues; discrimination or harassment, including sexual harassment; and compliance with university policies. The hotline should not be used to report routine human resources matters, nor as an emergency response service (911) or to report imminent environmental dangers.

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Job title: Executive Support Assistant (affectionately known as "The Gatekeeper")

To-do list: Assists University Housing Director Adrienne Frame with special projects and the annual Housing Awards Program. Deals with student and parent concerns.

Notable: Won the SEAHO Service Award from the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers. Won the USPA Star Award from Florida State's Division of Student Affairs.

Problem solver: "There are always going to be students who are not happy with their room assignments and roommates. By the time the calls reach me, the caller is usually

not a 'happy camper.' It gives me a great deal of satisfaction when I am able to assist with their issues. Almost every phone call ends with the caller telling me, 'It is so nice to just have someone to listen to me.'"

Yes, this is from my garden: Finds nothing more satisfying than planting seeds and tending to them with a little "TLC" — then putting the produce on the dinner table with a big smile.

A real page-turner: This past year, Santa brought Cater a Kindle Touch. She read seven books from Dec. 25 until returning to campus Jan. 6.

Council on Research and Creativity

CRC announces 2011-2012 'COFRS,' 'FYAP' recipients

The **Council on Research and Creativity** recently presented the following faculty members with **Committee on Faculty Research Support (COFRS) Awards** for 2011-2012. The COFRS awards provide \$14,000, usually toward summer salary support and/or other CRC-approved expenses. Of the 52 proposals received, 38 were funded for a total of \$532,000.

The recipients, in alphabetical order, are: **Ettore Aldrovandi** (Mathematics), "Categories and Abstract Structures in Algebra and Geometry"; **Bahram Arjmandi** (Nutrition, Food and Exercise Science), "The Relationship Between Sex Hormones and the Severity of Osteoarthritis"; **George Blakely** (Art), "Reinventing the Landscape as Image and Artifacts from a North Carolina Midden"; **Clifton Callender** (Music Theory and Composition), "Maximally Self-Similar Melodies and Canons with Infinite Solutions"; **Zhenhai Duan** (Computer Science), "Anonymity of Peer-to-Peer Anonymous Networks"; **Leigh Edwards** (English), "Dolly Parton and Gender Performance in Popular Music"; **Joyce Ehrlinger** (Psychology), "Naïve Realist Perceptions of Obviousness and Overconfidence in One's Persuasive Abilities"; **James Fadool** (Biological Science), "Chemical and Molecular Analyses of Photoreceptor Dystrophies"; **Sergio Fenley** (Mathematics), "Classification and Rigidity of Pseudo-Anosov Flows in Graph Manifolds"; **Kristie Fleckenstein** (English), "'A Mighty Power': Nineteenth-Century Photography and the Visual Rhetoric of Racial Identity"; **Andrew Frank** (History), "Those Who Camp at a Distance: The Seminoles and Indians of Florida"; **Adam Gaiser** (Religion), "Shurat Literature and Ibadi Identity"; **Juan Carlos Galeano** (Modern Languages and Linguistics), "Twelve English Speaking Poets and the Earth"; **Joseph Hellweg** (Religion), "Manding Verbal Production, From Political Songs to Medical Literacy: Dozo

Hunters and Post-Election Violence in Côte d'Ivoire and the N'ko Alphabet in Mali"; **Brian Inouye** (Biological Science), "Competition via Shifts in Resource Structure: Development of a New Model System for Tests of Theory"; **Michelle Kazmer** (School of Library and Information Studies), "Information Behavior Among Rural Dementia Caregivers Over the Course of Counseling Interventions"; **Daekwan Kim** (Marketing), "The Global Impacts of World Event Sponsorships on Firm Market Global Performance: A Hierarchical Linear Modeling Approach"; **David Kirby** (English), "Crossroad: Poems"; **Ladislav Kubik** (Music), "Two Portraits of a Woman"; **Terri Lindbloom** (Art), "Intelligent Interfaces: Exploring New Technologies within Multi-Media Installations"; **Toby Macrae** (School of Communication Science and Disorders), "Predicting Speech, Language and Phonological Awareness Outcomes Using Early Measurements of Speech Variability"; **John Mann** (Art), "The Levitating Stage"; **Kathleen McCullough** (Risk Management/Insurance, Real Estate and Legal Studies), "Case Versus Bulk Reserves: An Issue of Manipulation"; **L.M. McWey** (Family and Child Sciences), "An Evaluation of an Empirically Supported Parent Education Program for Families Involved with the Child Welfare System"; **Mark Messersmith** (Art), "Halcyon Summer"; **Thomas Miller** (Biological Science), "Phylogeography of the Purple Pitcher Plant, *Sarracenia purpurea*"; **Richard Mizelle** (History), "Sugar Diabetes: Medical Entitlement, High Technology and the Cultural Landscape of Diabetes in America"; **Sharon Nicholson** (Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science), "Examination of Select Factors Influencing the Interannual Variability of Rainfall in the African Sahel"; **Sanghee Oh** (School of Library and Information Studies), "An Investigation of Information Needs Related to Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)"; **Guenter**

Kurt Piehler (History/Institute on World War II and the Human Experience), "A Religious History of the American GI in World War II"; **Sourav Saha** (Chemistry and Biochemistry), "Allosteric Regulations of Anion- π Interactions"; **Sonja Siennick** (Criminology and Criminal Justice), "Crime and Substance Use in Romantic Partnerships"; **Svetla Slaveva-Griffin** (Classics), "The Pseudo-Galenic On the Seed: Philosophy and Medicine in Late Antiquity"; **Julie Stierwalt** (School of Communication Science and Disorders), "Objective Supplements to the Clinical Swallowing Evaluation (CSE)"; **Koji Ueno** (Sociology), "Sexual Orientation and Career Development"; **Michael Uzendoski** (Modern Languages and Linguistics), "Indigenous Amazonian Literature: Translating and Theorizing of the Work of Carlos Alvarado Narvaez"; **Alina Dana Weber** (Modern Languages and Linguistics), "Researching and Teaching Multiculturalism in German Popular Festivals"; and **Hong-Guo Yu** (Biological Science), "Mechanism of Cohesion-Mediated Gene Regulation in Budding Yeast."

The Council on Research and Creativity recently presented the following faculty members with **First Year Assistant Professor (FYAP) Awards** for 2011-2012. The FYAP awards provide \$17,000 toward summer salary support. Of the 34 proposals received, all were funded for a total of \$578,000.

The recipients, in alphabetical order, are: **Jennifer Atkins** (Dance), "Dance and Gender in New Orleans Mardi Gras, 1870-1920"; **William Bolander** (Marketing), "Managing the Effects of Performance Failure on Salespeople's Customer-Directed Influence Behavior Over Time"; **Jeffrey Broome** (Art Education), "Preparing Professional Development in Multi-Age Education: Assessing the Needs of Special Area Teachers"; **Tzu-Ying Chen** (Economics), "The Impact of Personal Bankruptcy

College of Social Work launches new magazine, *Communitas*

The Florida State University College of Social Work recently launched its new magazine, *Communitas*.

"Social work is a shared story, and *Communitas* is the shared vision of our faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends to strengthen our college's community," said **Nicholas Mazza**, dean of the College of Social Work.

Communitas profiles many of the exciting things going on currently in the college. In the inaugural issue, people can read about how the magazine got its name, how the College of Social Work is combating domestic violence, and about the college's latest fundraising news. The current issue also highlights some of the college's best and brightest faculty, students, alumni and friends. *Communitas* will be an annual publication available digitally and on a limited basis in print.

The magazine's launch coincides with



the college's celebration of National Social Work Month. The month's events are a combination of awareness, service and student appreciation.

To learn more, contact **Lauren Antista** at 645-0017 or lantista@fsu.edu.

Social Work Month Schedule

- **Bachelor of Social Work Day:** March 13 (lobby of University Center, Building C);
- **Social Work Day:** March 14 (lobby of University Center, Building C);
- **Associated Students of Social Work "SOCIAL" Work Week:** March 19-23;
- **Diversity Forum:** March 28 (Miller Hall, 3300C University Center);
- **Master of Social Work Day:** March 29 (lobby of University Center, Building C);
- **College of Social Work Lecture Series:** Mark Courtney, child welfare expert, March 30 (5301C University Center); and
- **Block Party and Cookout:** March 31 (lawn of University Center, Building C).

on Labor Supply Decisions"; **Kristine Ciesinski** (Music), "Scenic Flights of Song"; **Jennine Crucet** (English), "Send a Dozen to Get One Through: A Novel"; **Alisha Gaines** (English), "Black Like We Imagine Ourselves: Spectacular Fantasies of Race and Nation"; **Rebecca Galeano** (School of Teacher Education), "Pedagogy of 'Alternancia' in Rural Schools in the Peruvian Amazon"; **Marytza Gawlik** (Education Leadership/Policy Studies), "Are You Leaving?: Leadership Turnover and Sustainability in Charter Schools"; **Joel Hastings** (Music), "12 Piano Sides: New Music by American Composer Carter Pann"; **Kendal Holtrop** (Family and Child Sciences), "Exploring the Life Experiences and Parenting Needs of Homeless Families: A Collaborative Needs Assessment to Improve Parenting Intervention Efforts"; **David Kalhous** (Music), "Convergences and Disjunctions: New Piano Music from Prague"; **Stephen Kearns** (Philosophy), "Control"; **Jay Kesten** (Law), "Corporate Governance and Corporate Volatility"; **Tetsuo Kobayashi** (Geography), "Characterization and Quantification of Face-to-Face and Virtual Communications"; **Rebecca**

Lewis (Urban and Regional Planning), "Plan Quality and Development Outcomes in Florida"; **Yan Li** (Chemical and Biochemical Engineering), "Scalable Cryopreservation and Thaw Bioprocess for Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Derived Cell Therapy"; **Chad Marzen** (Risk Management/Insurance, Real Estate and Legal Studies), "Public Policy Considerations Concerning Insurance Bad Faith and Residual Market Mechanisms"; **Michael Nair-Collins** (Medical Humanities), "Consciousness and the Vegetative State: Evidence and Ethics"; **Debra Osborn** (EPLS), "The Impact of an Online Career Course on Career Development Factors of Middle School Students"; **Chiwoo Park** (Industrial Engineering), "Real-Time Characterization of Shape Evolution of Nanoparticles"; **John Pelozo** (Marketing), "Is Corporate Social Responsibility Good For You?"; **Joseph Pierce** (Geography), "The Public Politics of Green Urban Redevelopment in Braddock, Pennsylvania"; **Carla Prado** (Nutrition, Food, Exercise Science), "Prevalence and Metabolic Phenotype of Sarcopenic Obesity in White and African American Adults"; **Darren Prum** (Risk

Management/Insurance, Real Estate and Legal Studies), "Creating a Research Article Examining Risk Management Issues for Green Buildings in Property Insurance Policies"; **Hernan Ramirez** (Sociology), "Itinerant Small Businesses and Immigrant Economic Integration"; **Howard Rodriguez-Mori** (Library and Information Studies), "Assessing Public Library Services to Hispanic/Latino Populations"; **Megan Shannon** (Political Science), "The Influence of International Organizations on Coups"; **Mark Spottswood** (Law), "Models of Fact-Finding Inference: Probabilistic Approaches, Explanatory Accounts and Possible New Directions"; **Nathanael Stein** (Philosophy), "Explanation, Causation and Change"; **Benjamin Sung** (Music), "The Sei Capricci of Salvatore Sciarrino: Technique and Style"; **Kunihiko Taira** (Mechanical Engineering), "Development of Bio-Inspired Flow Control Actuator"; **Hannah Wiseman** (Law), "Regulatory Fracture"; and **Samuel Wiseman** (Law), "The Myth of State Habeas."

For information about the Council on Research and Creativity, visit www.research.fsu.edu/crc/crc.html.

Research librarian receives inaugural Fred L. Standley Award

By Jeffery Seay
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Gloria Colvin, a research librarian with Florida State University Libraries who has served as the academic librarian for the Florida State University College of Education since 2003, was selected as the recipient of the inaugural **Fred L. Standley Award for Florida State University Academic Librarian of the Year**.

"It's such an honor to have been nominated and selected for this award, especially since it is named for Dr. Standley, who has been such a strong supporter of the FSU Libraries as well as a highly esteemed professor," Colvin said. "Because the nomination came from so many faculty and students with whom I work, it was especially meaningful. The award itself is a recognition of the influential and significant role that librarians can play as partners with faculty and students in teaching and research."

Colvin will be recognized and receive a framed certificate during the **Friends of the Florida State University Libraries Annual Dinner** Friday, March 23, at 7 p.m. at the Turnbull Conference Center, 555 W. Pensacola St. What's more, she will have her name inscribed on a plaque in the main lobby of Stroz Library on the Florida State campus.

Colvin was chosen to receive the Fred L. Standley Award because of her service to the profession, to University Libraries and to the university's students,

faculty and staff. She is the 2011-2012 president of the Florida Library Association and has served as chair of the Florida Book Awards Executive Committee since 2009.

"I can confidently say that Gloria is a very talented librarian with all the essential and critical skills that are required in a modern university library environment — communication, advocacy, negotiation and deep understanding of the role libraries play in delivering research and teaching excellence and high-quality student experiences," said **Dina Vyortkina** of the **College of Education**.

Vyortkina also praised Colvin as instrumental in starting the on-campus Faculty Delivery Service and supervising its operation for three years, as well as for her involvement in the conceptualization of Stroz Library's Scholars Commons.

Robert A. Reiser, the College of Education's associate dean for research and the Robert M. Morgan Professor of Instructional Systems, complimented Colvin as an important resource to faculty members and students alike.

"Ms. Colvin has provided outstanding support to College of Education faculty, providing them with crucial help in locating reference resources for their research," Reiser said. "She often serves as a guest lecturer in graduate and undergraduate classes in the college, providing students with invaluable suggestions on a variety of research-related topics, such as how to use online reference tools to

find pertinent resources."

Colvin joined the faculty as an associate university librarian in 2001. She earned a Master of Science in Library Science degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1980. She earned a Master of Arts in Teaching in 1975 and a Bachelor of Arts in 1974, both from Duke University.

The award, which was established by the Friends of the Florida State University Libraries, is named for Fred L. Standley, the Daisy Parker Flory Professor of English at Florida State. Standley twice served as president of the Friends of the University Libraries.

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will feature scholars from Florida State, the National Women's History Museum and Rutgers University. For more information about this event, call Sarah Buck Kachaluba at (850) 645-2600, or send an email to sbuckkachaluba@fsu.edu.

The second event, the Friends of the FSU Libraries Annual Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Turnbull Conference Center Auditorium, will feature a talk by Tallahassee writer Jan Godown Annino, and the presentation of the inaugural **Fred L. Standley Award**. For more information about this event, call Wiegand at (850) 644-5775, or send an email to wwiegand@fsu.edu.



Librarian Gloria Colvin, holding a vase of flowers, is congratulated as the first recipient of the Fred L. Standley Award by College of Education Dean Marcy Driscoll (standing to the right of Colvin) as well as faculty and staff members of the College of Education.

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>>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, which began with the Feb. 10 paycheck. The deductions are taken out to prepay premiums for the months of June, July, August and September. Regular deductions will resume on the first paycheck in September. Employees should review their paychecks during the double-deduction period to ensure that the deductions are correct. **Information:** (850) 644-4015 or insben@admin.fsu.edu.

>>RETIREMENT PLANNING SEMINAR: The Benefits Office will present this seminar on Wednesday, March 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the College of Medicine Auditorium. Because the seminar is a university-sponsored training program, attendance may be considered time worked with supervisory approval. **Information:** Benefits Office, retirement@admin.fsu.edu.

>>NEW HIRE BENEFITS HELP SESSIONS: The Benefits Office will conduct bi-weekly help sessions for new employees. Sessions will be held March 13, March 27 and April 10 from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Human Resources Training Room, A6244 University Center. All new employees are urged to view the online New Employee Orientation before attending the help sessions. **Information:** (850) 644-4015 or insben@admin.fsu.edu.

>>OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR GABOR LIFE INSURANCE: The Gabor Agency is offering a special open enrollment through March 30, 2012, for permanent life insurance on a guaranteed basis. Full-time employees can apply for coverage up to four times their salary, with a maximum of \$250,000. Policies may be continued after retirement or termination of employment, with no increase in premiums or reduction in coverage. **Information:** The Gabor Agency, (850) 894-9611, Ext. 6.

>>TIAA-CREF ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING: A representative from TIAA-CREF will be on campus conducting one-on-one financial advising sessions on March 29 and 30 in A7018 University Center (the seventh-floor skybox). To schedule an appointment, call TIAA-CREF at (800) 732-8353.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND COMPLIANCE

This March, in honor of Women's History Month, the Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance takes a moment to reflect on and acknowledge the

history of women at Florida State University. The theme of this year's celebration is especially relevant to our institution: "Women's Education — Women's Empowerment."

According to the National Women's History Project, the theme was selected to highlight the historical struggle of women to gain greater access to education at all levels. Historically, women were excluded from access to the full range of educational opportunities available to men. Today, women have closed the gender gap and outnumber men in higher education. Florida State's commitment of inclusion to women in higher education started more than a century ago.

Women's education at Florida State has been of significance since 1858, when the school absorbed the Tallahassee Female Academy. By the 1930s, the Florida State College for Women was recognized as the third-largest women's college in the nation. During the next 50 years, female enrollment continued to rise due to Florida State's commitment to the education of women. By 1961, 46 percent of student enrollment was represented by women. In 1986, women accounted for 56 percent of the student population. Today, women represent 55 percent of student enrollment at Florida State.

In a further demonstration of Florida State's inclusive environment, women are represented in 93 per-

cent of the university's 373 majors and in 100 percent of all majors that contain more than 10 students. The importance of women at Florida State, however, goes far beyond mere numerical presence. Women also occupy positions of power throughout the school from student government, to the faculty and administration.

Florida State's continued dedication to empowering and educating women is alive and well today. Please join the Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance in celebrating all those women — past, present and future — who embody this month's theme: "Women's Education — Women's Empowerment."

To learn more about Women's History Month at Florida State, see the story on page 1.

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•The film "**Miss Representation**" will be screened at the Askew Student Life Center's (SLC) main theater at 8 p.m. Monday, March 19. A panel discussion featuring **Department of Women's Studies Professor Rachel Pienta**; School of Communication Associate Professor **Jennifer Proffitt**; College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance Adjunct Instructor **Sara Howard**; Department of English graduate teaching assistant **Elizabeth Polcha**; and WCTV reporter **Lanetra Bennett** will immediately follow. Additional showings of the film, which explores the underrepresentation of women in positions of power and influence in America, will take place at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 22, and Friday, March 23, in the SLC Phantom Theater.

•A "**Love Your Body**" event will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, on Landis Green. The event, hosted by **Campus Recreation**, the **University Counseling Center** and **Thagard Student Health Center**, will encourage women to come together to celebrate self-acceptance and promote positive body image.

•A **ladies' legacy reception**, hosted by the Student Government Association's **Women's Center** and the **Florida State Alumni Association**, will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, in the Alumni Center Ballroom. Former Associate Vice President for Student Affairs **Sherrill Ragans** will be the speaker. Reservations are required and can be made at women.fsu.edu.

•A **PeaceJam** public talk will take place at the Turnbull Conference Center at 6 p.m. Friday, March 30. The talk, featuring Nobel Laureate **Jody Williams**, is hosted by **PeaceJam Southeast** and the **Center for Leadership and Civic Education**.

For a complete schedule of events, visit www.women.fsu.edu/events.html. For more information, contact **Ladanya Ramirez Surmeier** of the Oglesby Union at (850) 645-7165 or lr Ramirez2@admin.fsu.edu.



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March 1st – April 5th
6:00 – 7:00 pm
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Monday

March 12th – April 16th
5:30 – 6:30 pm
FSU College of Medicine
1115 West Call Street
Clinical Learning Center (CLC)
Tallahassee, FL 32306

Online MBA, graduate education degree programs highly ranked

U.S. News & World Report's 2012 edition of "Top Online Education Programs" rankings places the Florida State University **College of Business'** Online Master of Business Administration program at No. 20 nationally in terms of faculty credentials, training and online teaching experience. Florida State is the only university in Florida ranked in the top 20.

The university's **College of Education**, meanwhile, is ranked 22nd nationally among online graduate education degree programs for student services and technology.

"This ranking reflects our college's mission to create the best possible learning and teaching environment through the use of advanced technology, including enhanced facilities, information resources, and instructional technologies," said College of Education Dean **Marcy Driscoll**.

In the College of Business, the online MBA program's high ranking was attributed in large part to the quality of the program's faculty members.

"We understand that the quality of the instructor is critical to the success of our students and our online program,"

said **Douglas Stevens**, faculty MBA director and an associate professor of accounting. "What really sets us apart from most online programs is that the same high-caliber faculty who teach on campus also teach our online courses. Online or on campus, you're getting the same rigorous MBA degree."

Among other achievements, Florida State's online business faculty members have received the university's Distinguished Teaching Award and published research in the top academic journals in their field. In addition, they are consistently lauded by students for taking the time to provide individual attention to student email and online discussions.

This is *U.S. News'* first annual ranking of the Top Online Education Programs for higher education. The rankings are designed to measure the scope and quality of this growing education sector. To determine rankings, *U.S. News* considers the percentage of online teaching faculty with doctorate or terminal degrees, percentage of faculty with at least two years of online teaching experience, school financing of online instructor training, and whether online instruction training is required to teach.

RECOGNITIONS

Charles McClure, Ph.D. (Library and Information Studies; Information Use Management and Policy Institute), co-wrote a paper, "Rural Anchor Institution Broadband Connectivity: Enablers and Barriers to Adoption," which won one of five best paper awards that were given during the iSchools "iConference" for 2012, Toronto, February. The paper was co-written by institute research coordinator **Lauren H. Mandel** and research associate **Nicole D. Alemanne**.

Victor Sampson, Ph.D. (Education), has been awarded the 2012 Early Career Research Award by the National Association for Research in Teaching (NARST). He will accept the honor at the 2012 annual international conference of NARST, Indianapolis, March.

Jawole Willa Jo Zollar (Dance) will receive the Otto René Castillo Award



for Political Theatre, New York City, May. The award recognizes and supports theater companies and artists who are engaged in creating political theater.

BYLINES

Michael Blaber, Ph.D. (Medicine), co-wrote a paper, "Kallikrein 6 Regulates Early CNS Demyelination in a Viral Model of Multiple Sclerosis," with postdoctoral fellow **Hyesook Yoon** and lab manager **Sachiko Blaber**, has been published by the journal *Brain Pathology* as an e-publication prior to its appearance in the print version. Blaber wrote a paper, "Substrate Recognition Mechanism of a Glycosyltrehalose

Trehalohydrolase (GTHase) from *Sulfolobus Solfataricus* KM1," which has been released as an epublication ahead of the print version by the journal *Protein Science*. Blaber also co-wrote a paper, "A Structural Mechanism for Dimeric to Tetrameric Oligomer Conversion in *Halomonas* sp. Nucleoside Diphosphate Kinase," which has been released by the journal *Protein Science* as an e-publication ahead of the print version. In addition, Blaber co-wrote a paper, "Kallikrein 6 is a Novel Molecular Trigger of Reactive Astroglia," which is scheduled to be published by the journal *Biological Chemistry*. Blaber co-wrote a paper, "An Empirical Phase Diagram

Approach to Investigate Conformational Stability of 'Second-Generation' Functional Mutants of Acidic Fibroblast Growth Factor (FGF-1)," which has been published by the journal *Protein Science*. Blaber also has been issued U.S. Patent 8,119,766 for "Mutants of Human Fibroblast Growth Factor Having Increased Stability and/or Mitogenic Potency (divisional)" as of February 2012. The patent application was filed by Blaber and **Vikash Dubey**.

PRESENTATIONS

Melissa Gross, Ph.D., and **Don Latham**, Ph.D. (Library and Information Studies), and **Shelbie Witte**, Ph.D. (Education), made a presentation, "Extending Our Reach: Librarian/Teacher Partnerships To Ensure Student Attainment of 21st Century Skills," during the annual conference of the Association for Library and Information Science Education, Dallas, January.

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- Dr. Michael Ruse, Lucyle T. Werkmeister Professor, Department of Philosophy



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- Dr. Diane Roberts, Professor, Department of English



After many years in the non-union Texas university system, I was pleased to join the UFF chapter when I arrived at FSU. It soon showed me its value by forcing the university to rescind the layoff decision that had badly damaged my department and others. I also appreciate the opportunities it affords for meeting concerned faculty from a wide variety of disciplines. Belonging to UFF-FSU is one of the good things about being on the faculty of FSU.

- Dr. Ian MacDonald, Professor of Oceanography, Department of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Science



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- Nancy Kellett, Science Librarian, Dirac Science Library

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>>**Graduate School office has moved:** The main office of **The Graduate School** has moved to Suite 314 of the Westcott Building, one floor down from its previous location. The phone numbers and email addresses of its personnel have not changed. The Graduate School will continue to use its conference room on the fourth floor, and the **Program for Instructional Excellence** office will also remain on the fourth floor. The **Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards**, under the direction of Anne Marie West, will remain in Strozier Library.

>>**Center for Leadership and Civic Education spring dialogues:** Wendi Adelson, a local author and College of Law assistant, will discuss her new novel, "This is Our Story," March 23 and April 6, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., in 2201 and 2202 Dunlap Student Success Center. The novel is based on her experiences advocating for victims of human trafficking. **Registration:** www.thecenter.fsu.edu.

>>**Retirement reception:** The FSU Research Foundation will host a reception for grant compliance analyst **Charlotte Maxey** to honor her 31 years of dedicated service to the university. It will take place on Thursday, April 5, in the boardroom (Room 269) of Building B, 2000 Levy Ave., from 2 to 4pm. **Information:** **Gena Goodwin**, (850) 644-3093.

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