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By Elizabeth Bettendorf  
NEWS AND RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS

A new director will lead **Seven Days of Opening Nights** — the highly acclaimed performing arts festival that takes place each spring semester in Tallahassee.

**Christopher J. Heacox**, who served since 2009 as executive director of the 120-year-old Friday Musicales festival in Jacksonville, Fla., will start Aug. 1. Heacox succeeds **Steve MacQueen**, who is now the artistic director at the **Flynn Center for the Performing Arts** and **Burlington Discover**



**Jazz Festival** in Vermont.

Heacox, a Florida State alumnus who earned a bachelor's degree in

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## Brand Development Task Force making progress this summer

The universitywide **Brand Development Task Force** is hard at work this summer to complete the institution's comprehensive and integrated platform with phase one scheduled to "go live" in November.

More than 75 staff, faculty, students and alumni are involved in the process that will provide guidelines and tools to best represent the distinctiveness as well as training and resources to communicate effectively. Divided into six "pods," the task force has developed the university's "value proposition," which serves as the foundation for brand guidelines and resources across multiple platforms including social media.

The expertise of faculty and staff has enabled the task force to effectively move through the complexity of this process.

"We are very appreciative of the enthusiasm and participation of the members of task force as well as the support of their supervisors and deans and division leadership," said **Jeanette DeDie-mar**, assistant vice president for University Relations and director of integrated marketing and communications.

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## FSUPD, TPD, LCSO Officers raise money for Kidz1stFund

By Jill Elish  
INTERIM DIRECTOR, NEWS AND RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS

The executive board of the **Capital City Challenge**, which includes the **Florida State University Police Department**, presented a check for \$9,000 to Florida State Football Coach **Jimbo Fisher** and his wife, **Candi**, on July 17 on behalf of **Kidz1stFund**. The fund

raises awareness and funds in support of research to fight **Fanconi anemia**, a rare but serious blood disease that affects thousands of children each year.

The Capital City Challenge is an annual police motorcycle training seminar and skills competition held outside Doak Campbell Stadium. During the event,

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## Spread THE Word

Through **FSU Guardian**, a free service offered by the **Police Department**, faculty and staff members can turn their mobile phones into personal safety devices. To use the service, individuals must first register at [www.getrave.com/loginRedirect.do](http://www.getrave.com/loginRedirect.do).

# Are you making any one of these **7 mistakes?**

*A personal note from John Curry...*

Both my father and grandfather were members of the Florida Retirement System. When it came time for them to retire they were not well versed in the options available. Looking back they both could have made better choices.

When I look over at my grandson playing in the yard I realize that my advocacy role is important not just to those examining their retirement options but to future generations as well. Asset protection, long term care and income planning are important to our family and life.

I often ask people "Do you feel like you have the knowledge you need as you move toward retirement?". The intricacies of DROP, deferred compensation and FRS pension options can be mind numbing.

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## **It's been said that every 10 seconds, a Baby Boomer turns age 60.**

This started in January 2006. I don't know if it's every 10 seconds, 20 seconds, or 30 seconds. The point is that Baby Boomers are turning age 60 and will for the next 18 years. This will have tremendous consequences for all of us.

## **Most people will not be prepared for retirement. Why?**

I think it's because of the following **7 mistakes**:

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## Partnership Program completes 2011-2012 series

Florida State's **Partnership Program** has successfully completed its nine month staff development and networking program for 2011-2012. The goal of the program is to unite administrative professionals throughout campus and to provide them with an environment where they are encouraged to grow professionally and personally. The monthly meetings, sponsored by the **Division of Finance and Administration**, allow participants to develop new ideas and solutions on current topics, as well as share information from their prior work experience.

The 16 participants were assigned to teams that either prepared a presentation for the group or participated in a debate on a defined topic. Through these activities, they were provided opportunities to develop their speaking and critical-thinking skills.

In addition to the meetings, several lunch-and-learn events were hosted to allow participants an opportunity to meet senior administrators and gain valuable feedback on professional growth and career development.

"It was very fortunate that we were able to host Provost **Garnett Stokes**, Vice President for Research **Kirby Kemper**, College of Education Associate Professor **Bob Schwartz**,

Center for Academic and Professional Development Director **William "Bill" Lindner** and Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration **John Carnaghi** throughout the series to increase the participants' awareness of current topics and perspectives in higher education," said Assistant Vice President for Finance and Administration **Perry Crowell**.

**Courtney Barry**, chief of staff in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and one of this year's participants, praised the program.

"The Partnership Program allowed me to meet and interact with colleagues across various departments at the university," Barry said. "This unique professional development opportunity provided a monthly venue to discuss current topics and trends in higher education. I recommend any staff member who wants to invest more time into learning from other colleagues at the university to apply."

To learn more about the upcoming 2012-2013 Partnership Program or to obtain an application, visit [www.vpfa.fsu.edu/Partnership-Program](http://www.vpfa.fsu.edu/Partnership-Program) or contact **Paul Harlacher**, [pharlacher@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:pharlacher@admin.fsu.edu) or 644-7885, or **Angela Gaskins**, [ahgaskins@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:ahgaskins@admin.fsu.edu) or 644-8346. The application deadline is Aug. 10.



**Arts and athletics bolster local youth:** Twenty five local middle-school children were the first to participate in the College of Social Work's inaugural Arts and Athletics Camp, which focused on youth development through arts, athletics and college preparatory activities. The brainchild of Social Work Dean Nicholas Mazza, the camp was a success because of the financial support of Guy Spearman, a legislative lobbyist and 1975 graduate of the Master's in Social Work program, and his wife, Delores. The two-week camp ran June 18-29.



# Researcher receives award for work in science education

By Bill Edmonds  
LEARNING SYSTEMS INSTITUTE

**Victor Sampson**, a faculty associate with the Learning Systems Institute's Florida Center for Research in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, received the **Early Career Research Award** for 2012 from the **National Association for Research in Science Teaching** for his work on classroom education in the sciences.

The award goes to the researcher who, within five years of completing the doctorate degree, demonstrates the greatest potential for contributions to research in science education.

"I am humbled by this award and encouraged by the honor given to me by my research colleagues," said Sampson, an assistant professor in the School of Teacher Education and the FSU-Teach Program of Florida State University's College of Education. "My research centers on the broad question of how

argumentation can be integrated into the teaching and learning of science in order to help students become more proficient. This award indicates that this work is important and is having an impact on the field."

The association, a worldwide organization dedicated to the improvement of science teaching, honored Sampson for his research in science education.

Sampson currently is the principal investigator on a three-year research project supported by a \$1 million grant from the National Center for Education Research. Sampson and fellow FSU researchers **Sherry Southerland** and **Ellen Granger**, both also with LSI's FCR-STEM center, are developing, refining and testing

an "argument-driven inquiry" model in 13 science classes in middle and high schools in Florida.



**Victor Sampson**

"Argument-driven inquiry is a new way to teach," Sampson said. "It makes science laboratories more authentic for students by giving them opportunities to design and carry out their own investigations, construct explanation, engage in argument from evidence, and communicate information to others. It is also makes laboratory activities more educative for

students because they have opportunities to receive the feedback they need to improve. This new instructional approach might someday help transform the teaching and learning of science."



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# Camp Flastacowo reaccredited with perfect score

**Camp Flastacowo** — a day camp based at the Florida State University **Reservation** on Lake Bradford in southwest Tallahassee — earned a perfect score in its 2012 reaccreditation bid from the **American Camp Association**.

The eight-week summer program scored a satisfaction grade of 100 percent on each of 200 standards designed to ensure camp safety and quality, ranging from hiring to facilities to camp programming.

“A perfect score in anything is amazing and certainly a credit to the great work that staff does at the Rez,” said **Mary Co-**

**burn**, vice president for Student Affairs.

“We are so proud of our student and professional staff members for their continued commitment to providing program excellence for our community,” said **Pattie Malarney**, director of “the Rez” and associate director of Campus Recreation.

The camp was established in 1995 as the FSU Adventure Camp but was later renamed Camp Flastacowo to honor Florida State’s institutional predecessor, the Florida State College for Women.

From its inception, the camp offered

a number of outdoor adventure activities and educational opportunities to Tallahassee children ages 8 to 16, enhancing the university’s offerings toward lifelong learning. Each year, the camp offers arts and crafts, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, swimming and wall climbing, as well as experiential education through challenge program activities to approximately 600 local children.

Camp Flastacowo was first accredited by the American Camp Association in 2009 and is the only American Camp Association-accredited camp in Tallahassee.



**Yo-ho, yo-ho, a camper's life for me:** Counselors dressed as pirates in search of treasure at Camp Flastacowo, a day camp based at the Florida State University Reservation. The camp is a treasure in itself, having earned a perfect reaccreditation score this year from the American Camp Association.

## Police Department names new lieutenant for operations

Florida State University Police Chief **David L. Perry** has promoted **Thurmon “T.J.” Cutchins** to lieutenant for operations, a position that is part of the Police Department’s command staff.

Cutchins, a 19-year veteran of the department and two-time Officer of the Year, will assist Captain of Operations **Jason Trumbower** with overseeing the Uniform Police Operations Section and the Communication Section.

“I’m very honored and humbled to have been selected to serve the department as lieutenant for operations,” Cutchins said. “I look forward to the

challenges and responsibilities this position holds. I consider myself extremely lucky to have chosen a profession that



**Thurmon “T.J.” Cutchins**

I truly enjoy. I feel very fortunate that I look forward to coming to work every day. It’s very satisfying knowing that the Police Department contributes to the success of the university, making it safe for work, study and play.”

Cutchins also will assist Trumbower in analyzing and recommending departmental policies; manage and coordinate the shift supervisors, officers and communication operators as they carry out day-to-day law enforcement operations; and manage and coordinate overall comprehensive planning efforts, among other duties.



# ITS offers instructions for reducing spam email

**Information Technology Services** is offering instructions to help Florida State employees configure their email client programs to reject unwanted email but ensure that official university email is received.

ITS has refreshed its Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Web pages to include instructions on managing "Safe Senders" lists for popular email clients

such as Outlook, Thunderbird and Mac Mail. These can be found in the section titled "How to Filter FSU-Related Email" (visit <http://faq.its.fsu.edu/Email/Exchange-2010>, then click on "Managing Spam, Junk Mail and Safe-Senders," then click on "How to Filter FSU related email").

From the FAQ home page at <http://faq.its.fsu.edu>, employees can search all

categories or narrow their search using the categories on the left menu. For other information about spam, employees can review additional frequently asked questions at <http://faq.its.fsu.edu/Email/Email-Spam-and-Viruses>.

For assistance, submit a case at <http://servicecenter.fsu.edu> or call the ITS Service Desk at (850) 644-HELP (4357).

## Applications sought for annual Lutz scholarship

The **Department of Biological Science** encourages USPS and A&P employees who are enrolled as students to apply for the **Sheila B. Lutz Memorial Scholarship**, which provides \$1,000 to an eligible employee who is pursuing a degree from Florida State.

To be eligible, applicants must be Florida State students with two years of continuous, full-time employment at Florida State in a USPS or A&P line; at

least 30 semester hours of college/university credit with an overall GPA of 2.5 or better; and acceptance into, or eligibility for acceptance into, a specific degree program at Florida State.

Lutz earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues by completing her undergraduate degree while working full-time in a series of demanding positions on campus and maintaining an active family life. She served as a role mod-

el and mentor to numerous employees during her career and encouraged them to pursue their education as well. To honor her and the high value she placed on life-long learning, the Department of Biological Science established the scholarship.

For more information or to obtain the application materials, visit [www.bio.fsu.edu/sheila/index.pho](http://www.bio.fsu.edu/sheila/index.pho). Applications are due Oct. 15.

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Feedback is critical to this process, DeDiemar said.

"Feedback from internal and external audiences for early concepts is being used to 'test' concepts and brand tools and to further develop the concepts for use later this fall," said **Tony Archer**, director of Creative Services and pod leader for the brand guidelines pod.

"The collaboration and creativity of the university community throughout this process has been impressive," DeDiemar said.

A key partner in the process is the Office of Human Resources, which will serve as a partner in offering brand-related training and education. The education and training pod, led by **Rebekah Dorn**, functional analyst for Information Technology Services, is developing a series of training resources that will assist with the adoption of the new resources.

"We believe that all members of the Florida State community play an inte-

gral role in implementing the university's brand," Dorn said. "In that, we have designed the trainings to be tailored to fit the needs of the participants, whether those needs are to be better informed about what the FSU brand is or how individual employees can best implement the brand as they perform their responsibilities."

Over the past year, University Communications staff also have developed several new initiatives in preparation for the brand development strategy. The university has already seen several of these tools launched as part of the integrated marketing and communications model, including the "Florida State 24/7" news site ([www.news.fsu.edu](http://www.news.fsu.edu)), a revamped media relations program, and Phase One of a social media strategy. These tools have significantly increased national and regional media exposure as well as social media engagement.

Later in 2012, a Creative Services unit will launch to provide multimedia design, marketing and web expertise. An online, searchable photography catalog

of images will also be launched in the coming weeks.

To watch the development of the brand including videos and timeline, visit [www.communicatorsnetwork.fsu.edu](http://www.communicatorsnetwork.fsu.edu). The site also offers videos of past **Communicators\* Network** events and other marketing and communications resources.

Faculty or staff members interested in being part of the brand process can contact DeDiemar at [jdediemar@fsu.edu](mailto:jdediemar@fsu.edu), or the following pod leaders:

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music, holds a master's degree in jazz and contemporary media from the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester in New York. He was selected after a national search for the position. Leo Welch, associate dean for community engagement and professor in the College of Music, chaired the seven-member search committee.

"Christopher is a dynamic leader with a real passion for the arts, education and Florida State University," said Vice President for University Relations **Liz Maryanski**. "He has an exciting vision for enhancing what is already one of the premier arts festivals in the Southeast."

Heacox's plans for Seven Days include expanding its scholastic — and instructional — outreach to Florida State students as well as schoolchildren.

To read the full article, visit [www.news.fsu.edu](http://www.news.fsu.edu).

### Become a 'Seven Days' member!

For as little as \$5 per pay period, Florida State employees can become members of Seven Days of Opening Nights.

Contact **Liz Maryanski** at 644-1000 or send an email to [lizm@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:lizm@admin.fsu.edu).

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law enforcement officers from around the Southeast compete for top honors in several categories by riding their law enforcement motorcycles through challenging obstacle courses. The

event is run and hosted by the three local police motorcycle units: the FSU Police Department, the **Tallahassee Police Department** and the **Leon County Sheriff's Office**.

The Fishers began Kidz1stFund in 2011 to raise awareness and funds for Fanconi anemia research in the hope of finding a cure for their son, **Ethan**, and the thousands of other FA patients. The fund provides support to families affected by Fanconi anemia, provides

education to raise awareness about the disease and raises money for Fanconi anemia research at the Fanconi Anemia Comprehensive Care Program at the University of Minnesota, the single largest treatment center for patients with Fanconi anemia in the country.



**Local law enforcement officers put 'Kidz 1st':** Pictured are, from left, Scott Barrett (FSU Police Department), Sgt. Greg Armstrong (Tallahassee Police Department), Officer Justin Maloy (FSUPD), Deputy John Kellerman (Leon County Sheriff's Office), Jimbo and Candi Fisher, Chief David Perry (FSUPD), Lt. Charlie Strickland (LCSO, behind Chief Perry), Officer Mike Rodes (FSUPD) and Officer Zach Lyne (TPD).



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**>>NEW-EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION WEB PAGE REDESIGN:** The staff of the Office of Training and Organizational Development is redesigning the New Employee Orientation Web page to showcase current employees and display all levels of employees and departments. Employees interested in being featured on the Web page can submit a recent photograph (head shot), a one- or two-sentence statement of why Florida State is a great place to work, their department names and their numbers of years at the university to Megan Darris at [mld08j@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:mld08j@admin.fsu.edu). There is no deadline because the information will be solicited throughout the year.

**>>ADULT BASIC EDUCATION:** Classes will resume in the fall. The objective of the program is to improve fundamentals skills in reading, writing and/or math. The program also is a preparation for the General Educational Development (GED) test. Classes are taught by Florida-certified teachers. Participants choose and attend one regularly scheduled, three-hour class session Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon at the Training Center, 493 Stadium Drive.

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**>>ADVANCED MICROSOFT EXCEL TRAINING:** The Office of Training and Organizational Development is seeking instructors for an advanced Microsoft Excel training course. Due to the high demand for computer skills in today's competitive work force, proficiency in Microsoft Excel is a must-have skill set. Anyone interested in developing and facilitating the course can call (850) 644-8724 or send an email to [training@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:training@admin.fsu.edu).

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**>>GABOR AGENCY DEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIP – NEW:** The Gabor Agency is offering two \$2,500 scholarships for the fall 2012 academic term, to be given to Florida State students who are children of current full-time, salaried (USPS, A&P or faculty) Florida State employees. To qualify, students must be in full-time academic status for the fall term. In awarding these scholarships, potential recipients will be evaluated based on academic performance with financial need as a secondary consideration. Applicants will need to attach a short paragraph to the application, explaining why they feel they deserve the scholarship. Applications will be due by Friday, Aug. 24, and the award will be given in September. The application and more information can be found on the Human Resources Web page at [www.hr.fsu.edu](http://www.hr.fsu.edu) under "News and Events."

**More information:** Linda Lieblong, [llieblong@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:llieblong@admin.fsu.edu).

**>>NEW-HIRE BENEFITS HELP SESSIONS:** The Benefits Office will conduct biweekly help sessions for new employees. Sessions will be held Tuesdays on July 31, Aug. 14 and Aug. 28 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.

**More information:** (850) 644-4015 or [insben@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:insben@admin.fsu.edu).

**>>VALIC RETIREMENT/FINANCIAL ADVISING:** Representatives from VALIC will be available to provide counseling on the first Tuesday of every month, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Room A7018 University Center (seventh floor skybox). To schedule an appointment, call VALIC at (850) 273-7103 or send an email to [danielle.cohen@valic.com](mailto:danielle.cohen@valic.com).

**>>APRIL/MAY 2012 RETIREES:** Sherry Beasley, grants compliance analyst, Medicine Instructional Research; James Cobbe, professor, Economics; William Derrenberger, maintenance supervisor, Residence Halls; Beth Gregory, executive support assistant, School of Visual Arts and Dance - Dean; Alec Hargreaves, Eminent Scholar, Modern Languages and Linguistics; Cynthia Holland, programmer, Information Technology Services; Silas Jefferson, campus service assistant, Postal Services; Jackie Kilpatrick, facilities supervisor, Building Services; Christopher Koenig, research associate, Coastal and Marine Laboratory; Thomas McCaleb, associate professor, Economics; Joyce Peavey-Machtel, program associate, Ringing Center for the Arts; Angela Screen, departmental accounting associate, Facilities Financial Services; David Thistle, professor, Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science; and Odis White, inventory/receiving associate, Controller's Office.

## RECOGNITIONS

**Margaret Armstrong**, Ph.D., and **Loren Rice**, B.A. (Center for Information Management and Educational Services), received APEX Awards for Publication Excellence in the category of Marketing and Public Relations Campaigns, Programs and Plans for a marketing campaign they created and designed for CIMES' instructional design and training services.

**Mark Bonn**, Ph.D. (Dedman School of Hospitality), received the Excellent Paper Award for his research paper, "The Impact of Gasoline Prices upon U.S. Pleasure Visitors Traveling by Auto and Their Spending Behavior During Periods of Economics Growth, Recession and Recovery," at the 2012 TOSOK International Tourism Conference, Ulsan, South Korea, July. The award, given in recognition of high scholarly quality under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Korea, came with a \$2,000 prize. The paper was co-written by **Meehee Cho**, Ph.D., a visiting scholar with the Dedman School of Hospitality.

**Michael Ormsbee**, Ph.D. (Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences) has received the National Strength and Conditioning Association's Young Investigator Award for 2012. The award supports Ormsbee's study, "Evening Protein Consumption and Exercise: Health and Performance Outcomes," the purpose of which is to identify whether specific nutrients consumed in the late evening before sleep combined with exercise training will optimize body composition, metabolism and hormone adaptations to exercise in sedentary, overweight and obese men and women.

**Nicholas Pappas** (Athletics) was inducted into the National Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame during the association's 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium, St. Louis, June. Pappas was recognized for a lifetime of influential work in the field

of athletic training. Election to the NATA Hall of Fame is the highest award an athletic trainer can receive.

**Oliver Steinbock**, Ph.D. (Chemistry and Biochemistry), has been named a recipient of a Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award in recognition of lifetime achievements in research. Steinbock will be invited to spend six to 12 months on an academic collaboration with specialist colleagues in Germany. The award is given by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

## BYLINES

**Michael Blaber**, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences), wrote an article, "Structure and Function of Delta1-Tetrahydrocannabinolic Acid (THCA) Synthase, the Enzyme Controlling to Psychoactivity of Cannabis Sativa," published in the *Journal of Molecular Biology*. Blaber, with **Jihun Lee** and graduate student **Liam Longo**, also co-wrote an article, "Emergence of Symmetric Protein Architecture from a Simple Peptide Motif: Evolutionary Models," published in the journal *Cellular and Molecular Life Sciences*. In addition, Blaber and Longo co-wrote an article, "Protein Design at the Interface of the Pre-biotic and Biotic Worlds," published in the journal *Archives of Biochemistry and Biophysics*. Blaber also was awarded three patents, co-credited to **Vikash Kumar Dubey**, based upon a research project, "Mutants of Human Fibroblast Growth Factor Having Increased Stability and/or Mitogenic Potency." The patent numbers are 8,119,766 (Feb. 21, 2012), 8,153,770 (April 10, 2012) and 8,153,771 (April 10, 2012). What's more, Blaber and **Sachiko Blaber** (Biomedical Sciences) have been

awarded a patent, co-credited to **Isobel Scarisbrick** and **Moses Rodriguez**, based upon a research project, "Method of Treating Multiple Sclerosis with Anti-K6 Antibody." The patent number is 7,754,216.

**Mohamed Kabbaj**, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences), co-wrote an article, "Sex Differences in Social Interaction Behaviors in Rats are Mediated by Extracellular Signal-Regulated Kinase 2 Expression in the Medial Prefrontal Cortex," with graduate student **Nicole Carrier**, published in the journal *Neuroscience*.

**Roger Kaufman**, Ph.D. (Educational Research; retired), wrote an article, "Defining and Applying Organizational Vital Signs for Creating a Better Tomorrow," published in the journal *Leader to Leader*, No. 65, summer 2012.

**Brittany Melvin** (Counseling Psychology), **Jake Galles** (Counseling Psychology) and **Janet Lenz**, Ph.D. (Career Center), co-wrote an article, "Assessing Career Readiness in Culturally and Ethnically Diverse Populations," published in the *Career Planning and Adult Development Journal*, spring 2012.

**Jyotsna Pilli**, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences), co-wrote an article, "Diversity and Excitability of Deep Layer Entorhinal Cortical Neurons in a Model of Temporal Lobe Epilepsy," with graduate student **Saad Abbasi** and honors undergraduate student **Max Richardson**, published in the *Journal of Neurophysiology*. In addition, Pilli and **Sanjay Kumar**, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences), co-wrote an article, "Triheteromeric NMDARS Differentiate Synaptic Inputs into Pyramidal Neurons in Somatosensory Cortex: Involvement of the GluN3A Subunit," published in the journal *Neuroscience*.

**Micah Vandegrift** and **Gloria Colvin** (University Libraries) co-wrote an article about open access on campus, "Relational Communications: Developing Key Connections," published in the journal *College and Research Libraries News*, July/August 2012.

**Jinmin Zhu** (Biomedical Sciences) and **Pradeep Bhide**, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences), co-wrote an article, "Prenatal Nicotine Exposure Mouse Model Showing Hyperactivity, Reduced Cingulate Cortex Volume, Reduced Dopamine Turnover and Responsiveness to Oral Methylphenidate Treatment," published in the *Journal of Neuroscience*.

## PRESENTATIONS

**Douglas Meuser**, M.D. (Medicine, Regional Medical Campus, Orlando), discussed his role both in the clinic and as a medical-informatics faculty member during this time of rapid change in the delivery of medical information during the 2012 annual conference of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association, June.

## SERVICE

**Jennifer Proffitt**, Ph.D. (Communication), led a local organizing team in hosting a conference of the Union for Democratic Communications, held May 10-12. More than 100 participants attended and presented papers. Key-note addresses were delivered by **Joel Bakan**, professor of law at the University of British Columbia, and **John Downing**, professor emeritus at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

**Roxann Williams**, M.S.L.I.S. (Medicine), is serving as the newsletter editor of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association.

**Martin Wood**, M.S.L.I.S. (Medicine), who is serving as the 2012-2013 president of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association, hosted "Emerging Technologies in Medical Libraries," the association's 2012 annual conference, June.

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>> **KICKOFF LUNCHEON:** The Florida State University Alumni Association will host the **61<sup>st</sup> Annual Kickoff Luncheon** to celebrate the 2012 Seminoles football season. The event will take place Friday, Aug. 24, noon, at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center, 505 W. Pensacola St.

**More information:** [www.alumni.fsu.edu](http://www.alumni.fsu.edu).

>> **HOME FOOTBALL GAME OPEN HOUSES:**

The Alumni Association will host a **series of open houses** on the Fridays before home football games, featuring food, fun and plenty of "Seminoles spirit." The events will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Alumni Center, 1030 W. Tennessee St. (There will not be an open house on Friday, Nov. 23, before the Florida State vs. Florida game.)

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