An Open Letter from the President

Dear Faculty and Staff:

I am so very excited to begin my third academic year as the president of Florida State University, an institution that is alive with activity and enthusiasm.

Each year, I am gratified in watching thousands of young minds begin a new year of academic discovery. Surely this is the best of humanity — seeking knowledge and striving to make the world better. I know all of you will join me in helping them to succeed.

The longer I work here, the more I marvel at the passion and devotion of the employees of this university. Your commitment to making Florida State excel is plainly evident and highly appreciated.

This year, I am excited about the opportunity to work with our newest faculty and staff members. Their talent and expertise will help to guide our efforts toward greater excellence. They include our new vice president for Research, Gary K. Ostrander, who will begin in October. I am also looking forward to working with longtime dean Sally McRorie in her new role as the vice president for Faculty Development and Advancement.

As we begin the 2012-2013 academic year, let's continue to do everything we can to move this university forward, advancing its reputation as one of the nation's top public graduate and research institutions.

I thank you for all you do to make Florida State a friendly place that helps students reach their goals and ambitions.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Barron

Spread THE Word

The National Science Foundation has awarded a five-year renewal grant to the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory — as much as $160 million. This will allow Florida State University to continue as a center for landmark research for leading scientists from around the world.

Nuclear chemist to fill Choppin chair

By Jeffery Seay
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Nuclear chemist Thomas E. Albrecht-Schmitt was named the first Gregory R. Choppin Chair in Chemistry and Biochemistry at Florida State University in August.

Albrecht-Schmitt comes to Florida State from the University of Notre Dame, where he was the Concurrent Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry in the Department of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences. At Florida State, Albrecht-Schmitt will focus his research on developing the materials chemistry of the heaviest elements in the periodic table, such as plutonium and americium, with the goal of developing specific structure-property relationships that include radiation-damage-resistant materials, novel separation processes, unusual magnetism and luminescence.

“I am both honored and humbled...
Foundation honors Maryanski for community service, leadership

By Jeffery Seay
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Bethel Empowerment Foundation of Tallahassee honored Vice President for University Relations Liz Maryanski on Aug. 17 for her community service and noteworthy leadership, especially during the university’s 50th Anniversary of Integration commemoration, which took place this spring.

“The Bethel Empowerment Foundation is pleased to honor Elizabeth ‘Liz’ Maryanski as a distinguished 2012 honoree,” said Dr. R.B. Holmes Jr., pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. “Ms. Maryanski’s sensitivity, sincerity and earnestness did not go unnoticed in the Tallahassee community as she provided leadership during Florida State’s celebration of 50 years of integration. Her compassion, warmth and understanding were evident through her meticulous planning and implementation of this historic event. Families around the country and in Florida have been enriched, enlightened and encouraged by her efforts.

“This year’s salute to Liz Maryanski is the Bethel Empowerment Foundation’s means of highlighting her accomplishment in planning and leadership, while sending a message of hope and optimism for future generations,” Holmes said.

In receiving the honor, Maryanski praised the entire Florida State University community for its enthusiasm in planning and implementing a celebration to reflect upon a half-century of integration.

“I enjoy taking on large challenges, and filling Greg’s shoes will require dedication, hard work and creativity.”
— Thomas E. Albrecht-Schmitt
GREGORY R. CHOPPIN CHAIR IN CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

“His high stature is appropriate for both the Choppin Chair, honoring the legacy of Greg Choppin’s career, and as an addition to Florida State’s already powerful Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. The recruitment succeeded because it was a team effort, from department chair Timothy M. Logan and his colleagues straight up through Vice President for Research Kirby Kemper and Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Garnett S. Stokes. I thank them all for making this happen.”

Logan praised Albrecht-Schmitt as a leader in the study of the structural and chemical properties of actinides, which include uranium, plutonium and the elements identified by Choppin.

“Tom will be a major addition to our very strong solid-state chemistry and materials chemistry groups,” Logan said. “In addition, he will train graduate students in an area of tremendous national importance and job growth.”

Logan called Choppin “an outstanding researcher and teacher,” Logan said. “We are pleased to recognize Greg Choppin’s contributions to our department and to the nuclear chemistry field with this named professorship, and to continue in this tradition with Tom’s work,” Logan said.

Professor Emeritus Gregory R. Choppin, a nuclear chemist, taught at Florida State from 1956 to 2001. He is a former chairman of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and in 1968 was named a Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor.
Egan named university’s general counsel

Florida State University President Eric J. Barron has named Carolyn Egan to the position of general counsel and special counsel to the president.

Egan, who began working at Florida State as associate general counsel in 2007, has served as interim general counsel since Jan. 1 upon the retirement of former General Counsel Betty Steffens.

As general counsel, Egan will be responsible for providing advice and counsel to Florida State’s Board of Trustees and to university administrators on a wide array of legal issues, while providing oversight to the university’s legal staff.

As associate general counsel, Egan served as the university’s lead attorney on a number of issues, particularly those pertaining to labor relations and employment law.

Prior to working at Florida State, Egan was a partner with Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper & McDuff, P.A., a Fort Lauderdale-based law firm focusing primarily on defending public employers in employment discrimination, wage and hour, and civil rights litigation, arbitration and appeals; and conducting U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission investigations and responding to charges of discrimination on behalf of local government entities in litigation matters.

Egan, a two-time Florida State alumna, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in communication in 1994 and a law degree in 1998.
Chemist’s research featured on cover of prestigious journal

Sourav Saha’s research on defining the boundaries of tunable supramolecular interactions between electron-rich entities, called anions, and electron-deficient receptors, known as naphthalene-dimides (NDIs), was featured on the cover of the Aug. 22 issue of the Journal of the American Chemical Society.

“Having this fundamental science featured on the cover of a very high-impact journal like the Journal of the American Chemical Society is a gratifying reward to our innovative thinking and determination to understand a very ‘tricky’ interaction, which up until now remained elusive and obscure,” said Saha, an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and Florida State’s Integrative NanoScience Institute. “The impact of this work is becoming evident from the fact that we and other researchers are already introducing these interactions to solve important problems in synthetic, supramolecular and materials chemistry.”

Saha and his students — Samit Guha, Flynt Goodson and Lucas Corson — initiated the work with the help of start-up funds from Florida State and a Doctoral New Investigator Award received by Saha from the American Chemical Society’s Petroleum Research Fund. These awards helped the researchers complete the innovative work, which culminated in the high-profile recognition.

Electron transfer from toxic anions, such as fluoride and cyanide to colorless NDIs and those that are orange and pink, allows calorimetric anion sensing. Saha filed a U.S. patent application on this novel anion-sensing technology. Using their knowledge, Saha and colleagues are trying to develop NDI-based materials that could have applications in the separation and sequestration of toxic and radioactive anions from the wastes generated by nuclear power plants.

Timothy Logan, chairman of the chemistry and biochemistry department, said Saha’s paper “presents some outstanding science on a new and tunable supramolecular interaction.”

Applications sought for Sheila B. Lutz Memorial Scholarship

The Department of Biological Science is encouraging 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. The funds are intended to offset expenses associated with study, such as books, computer hardware and/or software, child care and transportation.

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 model and mentor to numerous employees during her career and encouraged them to pursue their education as well. In order to honor her and the high value she placed on lifelong learning, the Sheila B. Lutz Memorial Scholarship was established by the Department of Biological Science and funded by the contributions of her family, coworkers and friends.

For more information and application materials, visit www.bio.fsu.edu/sheila/index.php. Application materials are due Monday, Oct. 15.

University community invited to make honorary degree nominations

Each year the university’s Honorary Degree Committee, an advisory committee appointed by the president to represent the university community, considers nominations for honorary degrees. Any active or retired faculty member, or any other member of the university community or friend of the university, may suggest potential honorary degree recipients to the committee. Nominations are considered at any time of the year.

In general, it is the intent of the committee to honor people of outstanding achievement who have gained national or international recognition or made a significant scholarly, creative, public, business or humane contribution to the United States or to Florida State University.

To make a nomination, contact Graduate School Dean Nancy Marcus, chair of the Honorary Degree Committee, at nmarcus@fsu.edu.
Social-work institute receives grant from Verizon Foundation

The Verizon Foundation — which has long supported projects that address vital community issues, including domestic violence — has awarded $140,000 to the College of Social Work’s Institute for Family Violence Studies to create the first stage of a national Prevention Toolkit on Officer-Involved Domestic Violence.

Recognizing that domestic violence can occur in all occupations and is present in all socio-economic groups, the Prevention Toolkit will be designed to help criminal justice officers keep their own families healthy. The Institute for Family Violence Studies and Verizon have selected this project as a way to give back to officers and agencies that do so much to protect communities.

“We are grateful for Verizon’s partnership on this crucial project,” said Distinguished University Scholar Karen Oehme, director of the Institute for Family Violence Studies. “We want to contribute to the knowledge base about domestic violence and be sure that officers across the country have the tools they need to stay healthy and keep their families safe. The Verizon grant will make that possible.”

Since 2010, Verizon has funded the Institute for Family Violence Studies in its efforts to educate Florida’s officers about domestic violence. Because of the criminal justice community’s support of an initial Florida project, Verizon decided to fund a national project, which also will be Web-based. The first segment of the national Prevention Toolkit will be released in mid-2013 to states in the southeastern United States. It will include free materials on the dynamics of officer-involved domestic violence, user-friendly supervisory and administrative tools for prevention, downloadable multimedia materials and a resource site for agencies and officers.

To learn more about the Prevention Toolkit or the Institute for Family Violence Studies, visit www.familyvio.csw.fsu.edu.

A boost from Verizon: The Verizon Foundation presented a $140,000 donation to Florida State’s Institute of Family Violence Studies to develop a national version of its violence prevention toolkit. Pictured above, from left, is Verizon Associate Director of Government Sales Colin Denny, College of Social Work Dean Nicholas Mazza, Institute of Family Violence Studies Director Karen Oehme and Verizon Federal Major Accounts Manager John Ivey.

Applications sought for professional development leave, sabbaticals

Professional Development Leave

The University Committee on the Professional Development Program invites applications for professional development leave for one semester (or equivalent) at full pay and two semesters at one-half pay to be awarded during the 2012-2013 process and effective during the 2013-2014 academic year. Professional development leave is available to eligible non-tenured and non-tenure-earning faculty members and A&P employees who are covered by the FSU/UFF Collective Bargaining Agreement and have three or more years of service. Detailed information is available on the Office of Faculty Development and Advancement’s Web page at http://fd.fsu.edu under “Faculty Development.” Applications are to be submitted by the applicant through the department chair, program leader or project director, and the academic dean of the college in which the applicant holds an appointment, or through the director of an equivalent unit (e.g., the director of Libraries) to the Office of the Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement, Westcott Building, Room 115, by Monday, Oct. 8.

Sabbaticals

The University Committee on Faculty Sabbaticals invites applications for one-semester sabbaticals at full pay and two-semester sabbaticals at one-half pay from eligible tenured faculty members covered by the FSU/UFF Collective Bargaining Agreement. A limited number of one-semester sabbaticals at full pay and an unlimited number of two-semester sabbaticals at one-half pay are available to be awarded during the 2012-2013 process and effective during the 2013-2014 academic year. Two-semester sabbatical proposals, which are reviewed by the same standards as one-semester proposals, are not guaranteed to be granted. Detailed information is on the Office for Faculty Development and Advancement’s Web page at http://fda.fsu.edu under “Faculty Development.” Applications are to be submitted by the applicant through the department chair and academic dean to the Office of the Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement by Monday, Oct. 8.
Famed fire ant researcher named entomological fellow

Walter R. Tschinkel, known for his plaster and metal casts of underground ant nests and his Pulitzer Prize-nominated book “The Fire Ants,” has been elected as a fellow of the Entomological Society of America by its governing board.

Tschinkel, who is a Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Biological Science at Florida State, is internationally recognized for his research on the social biology and ecology of ants. Tschinkel, along with nine other Entomological Society of America fellows for 2012, will be recognized during the organization’s 60th annual meeting in November.

“This recognition of Walter’s research accomplishments is well deserved,” said Kirby W. Kemper, Florida State’s vice president for Research and Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Physics. “Over the years, Walter has made major contributions to the understanding of ants, their life histories and the ecological contexts in which they live. His book on fire ants is both scientifically impressive and artistically elegant.”

After earning a doctorate in comparative biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1968, Tschinkel completed postdoctoral work at Cornell and Rhodes University in South Africa. He came to Florida State in 1970 and attained the rank of full professor in 1980. His research began with chemical communication in beetles and ants, and gradually broadened to the general theme of how ant colonies are organized to function as superorganisms, how these superorganisms develop, and how they interact with each other on an ecological scale.

Much of Tschinkel’s research has focused on the fire ant, *Solenopsis invicta*, delving into the founding, development and function of colonies, as well as fire ants’ territoriality, ecology and population biology. Harvard University Press published Tschinkel’s book “The Fire Ants” in 2006.

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>> **UPS NAMED EXCLUSIVE COURIER SERVICE:**
The Office of Business Services entered into an exclusive campuswide contract with UPS in July. As such, all of the university’s FedEx accounts are now inactive. The UPS contract will result in significant cost savings to departments and the university as a whole. To set up an account or learn more, visit [www.postal.fsu.edu/ups.html](http://www.postal.fsu.edu/ups.html).

  *More information:* Email [postal@fsu.edu](mailto:postal@fsu.edu), call (850) 644-2794, or visit [www.postal.fsu.edu](http://www.postal.fsu.edu).

>> **HOME FOOTBALL GAME OPEN HOUSES:**
The Florida State University Alumni Association will host a series of open houses on the Fridays before home football games, featuring food, fun and plenty of “Seminole 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.)

  *More information:* [www.alumni.fsu.edu](http://www.alumni.fsu.edu)
New student information system to debut soon
First phase set to roll out in December

The initial phase of the new student information system, which will gradually replace the existing patchwork of campus databases, will be released within the next few weeks. During this first phase, a new catalog file will replace the existing Master Curriculum File (MCF), and a new Schedule of Classes will replace the existing Course Schedule Master (CSM).

Leading up to the release, representative departmental users have been consulted and have provided useful feedback on the design of the course-scheduling tool. After the release, training classes for the new tool will be available to all departmental representatives who wish to attend. Employees with course-scheduling responsibilities who have not already been contacted about training opportunities can send an email to Megan Benson at megan.benson@admin.fsu.edu to be added to the training list.

More information on this comprehensive student information system, which will be given an FSU-specific name in the near future, is online at http://its.fsu.edu/cs.

Over the next year and a half, there will be several major releases of the new student information system. The following is the anticipated timeline of some of the bigger features that will be rolling out:

- **December 2012**: Student Biographical Information
- **January 2013**: Student Academic Information; Financial Aid
- **March 2013**: Registration; Academic Advising
- **July 2013**: Student Financial Services
- **December 2013**: Grades
- **January 2014**: Admissions

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Instructor-led and online training opportunities are available to Florida State faculty and staff members. To view a schedule of classes and registration information, visit www.hr.fsu.edu/train. To register for classes, log in to www.omni.fsu.edu and click in sequence: “Human Resources 9.0,” “Self Service,” “Learning and Development,” “Request Training Enrollment” and “Search by Date, Course Code or Course Name.” From there, click on “View Available Sessions” and choose a session number. Follow the prompts to submit a request. To view a course description, click on the icon.

More information: (850) 644-8724.

>>ONLINE NEW-EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION: Each participant must verify his or her completion of online New Employee Orientation by submitting the electronic “Certification of Completion and Evaluation of Orientation” form located on the New Employee Orientation page. The link to online new-employee presentations, materials and the certification form can be found at www.hr.fsu.edu/Content/NEOnline/index.html.

More information: (850) 644-8724.

>>NEW-EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION WEB PAGE REDESIGN: The Office of Training and Organizational Development has redesigned the New Employee Orientation Web page to showcase current employees. Employees interested in being featured can submit a recent head shot; a one- or two-sentence statement expressing why Florida State is a great place to work; and their department name and number of years employed at the university to Megan Darris at mld08j@admin.fsu.edu. This information will continue to be solicited throughout the year, so there is no deadline.

>>ADULT BASIC EDUCATION: Classes will begin Tuesday, Sept. 11, and Thursday, Sept. 13. The objective of the program is to improve fundamental skills in reading, writing and/or math. The program also is a preparation for the General Educational Development (GED) test. Participants choose and attend one regularly scheduled, three-hour class every Tuesday or Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Training Center, 493 Stadium Drive. New and returning participants must register by attending the first class on either Sept. 11 or Sept. 13.

More information: (850) 644-8724.

Please note Policy OP-C-7-F1: If an employee attends a training program (to include programs provided by Human Resources) during work hours and wishes to have the training considered as time worked, the employee must secure the permission of his or her immediate supervisor before attending. Otherwise, employees may attend training during their off hours, or they may use leave time if so desired.

>>ADVANCED MICROSOFT EXCEL TRAINING: Due to the high demand for computer skills in today’s competitive work force, proficiency in Microsoft Excel is a must-have skill set. Training and Organizational Development is seeking a volunteer to develop and facilitate an advanced Microsoft Excel training course for Florida State employees. Anyone interested in developing and facilitating the course can call (850) 644-8724 or send an email to training@admin.fsu.edu.

>>VERIFY ADDRESSES IN OMNI: All employees should verify their current home mailing addresses in the OMNI employee self-service system. Incorrect home addresses in OMNI will result in delays of any critical information mailed by vendors concerning health, life, supplemental and retirement programs.

>>OPEN ENROLLMENT: The State of Florida Benefits Open Enrollment period for the 2013 Plan Year will be Oct. 8 to Nov. 2, 2012. Detailed information about the group insurance and supplemental plan offerings will be sent to all eligible employees at a later date. Prior to Sept. 14, all employees should log in to the People First website (http://peoplefirst.myflorida.com) to update their mailing addresses and other contact information. This will ensure that employees can receive important benefits-related notifications from People First. Employees who do not know their People First IDs can send an email to the Benefits Office at insben@admin.fsu.edu to have it sent to them.

More information: www.hr.fsu.edu.

>>BENEFITS AND WELLNESS FAIR: The 12th Annual Benefits and Wellness Fair will be held Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the Osagey Union State Ballroom. Insurance, retirement, community and campus organizations will participate and have information available. In addition, representatives from the state group insurance plans and FSU’s Human Resources Benefits Office will be in attendance to answer questions about open enrollment.

>>NEW-HIRE HELP SESSIONS: The Benefits Office will conduct biweekly help sessions for new employees. Sessions will be held Tuesday, Aug. 28, Tuesday, Sept. 11, and Tuesday, Sept. 25, 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.

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

>>VALIC RETIREMENT/FINANCIAL ADVISING: Financial advisers from VALIC will be available for counseling on the first Tuesday of every month, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in A7018 University Center (the seventh-floor skybox). To schedule an appointment, call VALIC at (850) 273-7103 or send an email to danielle.cohen@valic.com.
This fall's Faculty Luncheon Series will examine the state of scholarly publishing, define key players and points in the evolution of the system, and present the challenges that Florida State University will face in working to stay at the forefront of academic productivity.

The series, which is open to the public, will take place at the Presbyterian University Center. Luncheons begin at 12:15 p.m., followed by the program at 12:40 p.m. Reservations are required. A catered hot lunch will be provided for $10 per session, or $40 for the series. Mail reservation requests to the Presbyterian University Center, 548 W. Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301, with a check made payable to the Presbyterian University Center and clearly marked “Faculty Luncheon Series.” Alternatively, reservations may be made by calling the center at (850) 222-6320 or sending an email to floridastatepuc@gmail.com. Payment may then be made at the door.

FALL 2012 FACULTY LUNCHEON SERIES SCHEDULE:

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 11**
“The University Library and its Role in Digital Scholarship”
•Presented by Emily Gore, associate dean of digital scholarship and technology, and Katie McCormick, associate dean of Special Collections and Archives.
•Introduced by Julia Zimmerman, dean of University Libraries.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 9**
“The Scholarly Monograph Unbound”
•Presented by Paul Fyfe, assistant professor of English.
•Introduced by Eric Walker, professor and chair of English.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 6**
“The Broadening Definition of ‘Scholarship’”
•Presented by Owen Mundy, assistant professor of art.
•Introduced by Sally McRorie, vice president for Faculty Development and Advancement.

**TUESDAY, DEC. 11**
“The Evolving World of Academic Publishing, the Need for Change and Its Future Impact”
•Presented by Mark Riley, professor and chair of physics.
•Introducer TBA.

To learn more, visit [www.lib.fsu.edu/scholarly_communications](http://www.lib.fsu.edu/scholarly_communications).

Akash Gunjan, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences), co-wrote a paper, “Histone Dosage Regulates DNA Damage Sensitivity in a Checkpoint-Independent Manner by the Homologous Recombination Pathway,” with former graduate student Dun Liang, graduate student Sarah Burkhart, postdoc Rakesh Kumar Singh and lab technician Marie-Helene Kabbaj, published in the journal Nucleic Acids Research.


Barbara Shearer, M.S.L.S. (Medicine), co-hosted the first Symposium on Creating New Academic Health Sciences Libraries in Orlando, June. Sponsored by the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries, the symposium brought together directors from new medical school libraries to discuss the accreditation process for medical library services and resources, to discuss experiences and challenges, and to share visions for “born digital” libraries.

Routledge, August. The book, written for practitioners, is intended to serve as a practical and easy-to-use resource for working with gifted students, their teachers and their parents and families.


Branko Stefanovic, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences), and John Blackmon, M.D. (Biomedical Sciences), co-wrote a paper, “Withaferin-A Reduces Type I Collagen Expression In Vitro and Inhibits Development of Myocardial Fibrosis In Vivo,” with former graduate student Azariyas Challa and current postdoc Milica Vukmirovic, published in the journal PLoS ONE, Vol. 7, No. 8, 2012.

PRESENTATIONS


Jon Lutz (Law) presented a poster session, “Evenote for Law Librarians and Lawyers,” at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Librarians. Evenote is a cloud-based application that allows for the easy capture and sharing of online material.

Faye Jones (Law) made a presentation, “The Challenges and Rewards of a Fully Online, Asynchronous Law Course,” at the Southeastern Law Schools Conference.

Shannon Hall-Mills, Ph.D. (Communication Science and Disorders), has been elected to serve a two-year term as the vice president of communications for the Florida Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (FLASHA). Hall-Mills will manage publications, public relations and electronic resources for the association. She also will work to enhance consumer awareness of communication disorders and the services provided by association members for individuals with communication disorders across the lifespan.

In addition, Hall-Mills has been appointed to a three-year term as a member of the Schools Finance Committee for the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association, which strives to help its members better identify and understand the complex and multiple funding processes involved in school-based services from federal, state and local perspectives.

Leonard L. LaPointe, Ph.D. (School of Communication Science and Disorders), recently taught an invited six-week course on the neuroscience of human communication at the Mahidol University Faculty of Medicine, Bangkok. In addition, LaPointe wrote a book, “Paul Broca and the Origins of Language in the Brain,” published by Plural Publishing. Based on two months of research in the collections of the Musée Dupuytren and the Musée de l’Homme in Paris during the summer of 2011, the book is a biography of the life and work of Broca, a neuroscientist who researched the portions of the brain associated with human speech and language capabilities.
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