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Florida State University will celebrate **Homecoming 2012, "It's a Seminole Thing,"** with numerous events from Sunday, Oct. 21, to Saturday, Oct. 27. While some events are intended for students or alumni, the university's faculty and staff are encouraged to join the celebration:

MONDAY, OCT. 22

- A **Faculty and Staff Reception** will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the President's Box, Doak Campbell Stadium, seventh floor.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

- The **Homecoming Parade** begins at 2 p.m., proceeding along West College Avenue. The 2012 faculty-staff grand marshal is Florida State Police Sgt. **Mark Edenfield**, and the grand marshals are Seminole Tribe of Florida Chief **Jim Billie** and President **Tony Sanchez**.

- The **FSU Alumni Association Open House** will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. in the courtyard of the Alumni Center, 1030 W. Tennessee St.

- Pow Wow** will take place at 8 p.m. at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center, 505 W. Pensacola St. (doors open at 7 p.m.). Comedian **Kathy Griffin** will headline the show.

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Sumners named inaugural fellow of American Mathematical Society

By **Susan Hellstrom**
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Little did Professor Emeritus **De Witt Sumners** know that the merit badges he earned as a Boy Scout for tying all kinds of complicated knots would serve as a harbinger for his much later and greater success with knots. In September, Sumners was named to the first-ever class of fellows of the **American Mathematical Society (AMS)** for his lifetime of pioneering work on the mathematical principles behind knots

and for applying "knot theory" to DNA structure and function.

"This is a tremendous honor for De Witt and Florida State," said **Sam Huckaba**, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and himself a math professor. "The inaugural class of fellows of the AMS includes the most accomplished and distinguished mathematicians in the profession. On behalf of the college, I stand in applause."

"It is a great honor for me to be named an inaugural AMS fellow," Sum-

ners said. "Being elected a fellow by one's professional peers is as good as it gets."

As Huckaba indicated, being elected during the first year of the program is especially prestigious. Currently, the AMS has about 30,000 members, and was planning to offer fellowship status to about 800 members during the first year of the program, according to a fellowship proposal on the AMS website. After the first year, the AMS plans to

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Spread THE Word

Florida State University has been ranked No. 42 among public "national" universities in the 2013 edition of *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges. Florida State, which shares the No. 42 spot with three other institutions, moved up from No. 46 in last year's ranking.

University names new student information system

Florida State's new student information system, scheduled to come into service later this semester, has been named **myFSU Student Central**. Once this initial launch takes hold, additional components will gradually come online during the next 18 months. Training for affected personnel will be ongoing during that time.

Orientation sessions are being offered to all university staff who want a basic understanding of this new system. Subsequent sessions also have been planned for employees who will interact with the system's initial phases.

MyFSU Student Central will be a comprehensive suite of software for managing student information, from admissions, advising and registration to financial aid and student financials. In addition to integrating student systems that currently exist on differing platforms, the system will be Web-based, allowing for greater accessibility and information sharing.

Departments directly affected by myFSU Student Central include Academic Advising, Admissions, Financial Aid, the Office of the Registrar, Student Financial Services,

Undergraduate Studies and The Graduate School, as well as each academic unit.

Orientation sessions for myFSU Student Central have been scheduled. The sessions are open to all employees with no advance registration required. In order to attend, employees must obtain the approval of their supervisors. All sessions will take place in Room 2100 of the Health and Wellness Center: Thursday, Oct. 18, 9 to 11 a.m.; Thursday, Oct. 25, 9 to 11 a.m.; and Friday, Nov. 2, 2 to 4 p.m.

To learn more about myFSU Student Central, visit www.its.fsu.edu/CS.

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add about 75 new fellows each year until the fellowship ranks number about 1,500 people, or about 5 percent of the total membership of the society.

Although Sumners retired in 2007, he still maintains an active research agenda in an area of pure mathematics known as topology, including being invited to spend September and October at the Isaac Newton Institute in Cambridge, England, to participate in the program "Topological Dynamics in the Physical and Biological Sciences."

"Topology is the study of the shape of flexible objects," Sumners said. "When can one thing be deformed into another, and when is it impossible to deform one object into another?"

There is some career symmetry to his being in Cambridge after retirement, as Sumners first went there in 1963 as a Marshall Scholar and then stayed on to earn his doctoral degree in 1967. Later that very same year, he joined the Department of Mathematics at Florida State University, where he earned tenure; was named a Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor, the university's highest award to one of its own; and eventually served as department chair for six years. In 2004, he was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Yet you might say that untangling



De Witt Sumners at Cambridge University, fall 2012.

the mathematical mysteries of knots has been the central theme of Sumners's professional life.

"My Ph.D. from Cambridge University was in knot theory, a branch of pure mathematics that studies spatial entanglement of strings," Sumners said. "It turns out that this branch of pure mathematics is applicable in molecular biology because DNA is a long, stringy molecule, and DNA entanglement is a problem that cells must solve in order to survive. Proteins are large, flexible molecules that interact with DNA, and topology can be used to compute spatial protein-DNA interaction that is vital to cellular metabolism."

While at Cambridge this fall, Sum-

ners holds a Microsoft Distinguished Visiting Fellowship and has served as a co-organizer of a Newton Institute Workshop on DNA topology. He also has been named a visiting scholar at Pembroke College, Cambridge, for his two-month stay.

In addition to his work on DNA, Sumners is the co-author of a theorem that says if you take a sufficiently long random string, there is a high probability that it is knotted.

"It is a phenomenon well known by those who use extension cords," he said. "The 25-foot cord is much easier to untangle than the 100-foot cord. It's a topological version of Murphy's Law."

A knotty problem indeed.

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Academic Center for Excellence Center awards first Robert D. Brooks scholarship

Longtime facilities employee **Robert D. Brooks** wore many hats during his tenure at Florida State. From 1990 to 1994, Brooks worked in the Physical Plant and, from 2003 until his death in December 2008, he worked in Facilities Operations and Maintenance as a maintenance mechanic, maintenance specialist and skilled trades worker.

To honor his memory, **John and Lisa Liseno** have established the **Robert D. Brooks Academic Achievement Award** through the Division of Undergraduate Studies/Academic Center for Excellence (ACE). Each year, the award will provide a one-time \$250 scholarship to a Florida State student who successfully completes the course "Strategies for Academic Success" (SLS 1122) and can demonstrate that it positively affected his

or her academic life. The course helps students develop and apply college-level study skills, personal success strategies and the use of campus resources that enhance individual student achievement.

Sean Santalla, currently a graduate student in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, was selected as the inaugural recipient of the Robert D. Brooks Academic Achievement Award for fall 2012.

For more information about the award, visit the ACE website at www.ace.fsu.edu/award.html. To contribute to the award, visit www.foundation.fsu.edu and click on the "Give Online" tab at the top right. To designate gifts toward this award, click on "Other" in the designation field and then type in "Robert D. Brooks Award."



FSU Photography Services/Bill Lax

Job title: Academic Support Specialist, College of Social Work

To-do list: Serves as the academic adviser to more than 500 Master of Social Work students.

Seems like yesterday: In 2002, began working with the online Master of Social Work program — the world's first online MSW program.

Quotable: "I am proud to say I have worked with the extremely successful MSW program since its inception."

Must-see TV: Loves "Parks and Recreation" and "Modern Family."

Civic-minded: Has been active in the current presidential campaign and encourages everyone to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Bookworm: Is reading a biography of Catherine the Great and is re-reading the Sue Grafton mystery series.

Cocoa Beach kid: "Growing up, my father worked as an aerospace engineer at Cape Kennedy, so I saw all the space launches beginning in 1961. I met several of the original astronauts, and I had a huge crush on Alan Shepard."

Administrator joins recruitment mission to Brazil

By Jeffery Seay
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Patrick Kennell is passionate about building Florida State into a more global university. Increasing the number of international students on the main campus is a crucial part of the plan.

"We need to give our domestic students greater opportunities to interact with people who aren't like they are," said Kennell, director of Florida State's **Center for Intensive English Studies**. "It is increasingly important that we prepare our students to be globally minded."

With that goal in mind, Kennell spent eight days in late August and early September on a **U.S. Department of Commerce**-led student-recruitment mission to Brazil with Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade **Francisco Sanchez**, who is a two-time Florida State alumnus, and representatives from more than 60 colleges and universities.

"This was a wonderful opportunity for Dr. Kennell," said **Nancy Marcus**, dean of The Graduate School, which oversees the center. "I fully support his efforts to recruit more international students and expand the diversity of our student community."

"Oddly enough — even though we're in the state of Florida — the Center for Intensive English Studies doesn't have very many South Americans or Brazilians in our population," Kennell said. "When I heard about this trip, I wanted to go to bring in more Brazilians to diversify our student body."

"This trip was a real eye-opener," he said. "I had no idea that colleges and universities — mainly the private ones — have recruiters who constantly go all over the world. These institutions understand the value of international education, from the interaction it provides among domestic and international students to the dollars it generates."

International students and their families added nearly \$21 billion to the U.S. economy during the 2010-2011 academic year, according to figures from the Department of Commerce.

As for the effect that international students have on their domestic counterparts, Kennell is enthusiastic.

"The presence of international students in Florida State's population, particularly at the graduate level, will help our American students become more globally conscious and connected," Ken-

nell said. "Employers are looking for people with these qualities."

During the trip, Kennell made stops in places such as Brazilia, Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, and he spoke to hundreds of students who were highly enthusiastic about attending American colleges and universities.

"It was nonstop for me," Kennell said. "The majority of the students I spoke to were graduate students because the center deals primarily with students at that level."

"Even if Florida State gets only four or five or six students as a result of this trip, that would be enough to justify it because these students are some of the best," Kennell said. "They are likely to be the future political and business leaders of their countries."

The Center for Intensive English Studies oversees three primary programs:

•INTERNATIONAL TEACHING ASSISTANTS PROGRAM

The Center for Intensive English Studies is an auxiliary program of The Graduate School because of its International Teaching Assistants Program. The program certifies the English language proficiency and cultural understanding of international students who want to be teaching assistants at Florida State.

•TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL)

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security classifies the Center for Intensive English Studies as a separate campus from Florida State because international graduate students must satisfy the requirements of the Test Of English as a Foreign Language prior to being "transferred" to their respective graduate programs.

•TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TEFL)

The Center for Intensive English Studies' seven-week Teaching English as a Foreign Language program helps American students master the art of teaching English as a foreign language for those who want to go abroad and do so.



U.S. Department of Commerce Under Secretary Francisco Sanchez, left, receives a Florida State College of Law shirt from Center for Intensive English Studies Director Patrick Kennell during their recent recruitment trip to Brazil. Sanchez is a two-time alumnus of Florida State, having earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1981 and a juris doctorate in 1986.

Week to promote inclusiveness of people with disabilities

A variety of events intended to promote education and inclusiveness will take place during **Disability Awareness Week: Celebrating Four Decades of Access**, Oct. 15 to 18.

"I believe Florida State has a deep-seated commitment to the inclusion of individuals with disabilities, and it starts with the 'can-do' attitude of the faculty, staff and students," said **Amber M. Wagner**, assistant director and Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator in the Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance.

MONDAY, OCT. 15

•**From Whence We've Come** (6 p.m., Askew Student Life Building): A presentation by alumni who were instrumental in establishing the inclusion concept and those who have helped to shape and benefit from it. The movie "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" will be screened at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 16

•**Self-Advocacy Skills and Resource Expo** (12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Room

208, Student Services Building): During a lunch and learn session, participants will be taught how to communicate and support the concept of inclusion and can obtain resources to support individuals and community efforts.

•**Acts of Inclusion** (7 to 9 p.m., Augusta Conradi Studio Theatre, Williams Building): Performances by Garrett Zuercher and Terry Galloway.

•**Step Into My Shoes** (9 a.m. to noon, Room 312, Oglesby Union): Simulation activities for various disabling conditions.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

•**Student Disability Resource Center Open House** (8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Student Disabilities Resource Center, Room 108, Student Services Building): Visitors can learn about the functions of the center and how they can get connected.

•**SGA Accessible Ramp Dedication** (noon to 12:30 p.m., Oglesby Union bus stop, Academic Way).

•**We Are All Together: Market Wednesday** (noon to 2 p.m., Oglesby

Union): Organizations that support inclusion will offer information at display tables.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18

•**Awards Banquet** (6 to 8:30 p.m., Miller Hall, C3300 University Center): Ceremony will recognize people who have contributed to the university's efforts to be inclusive. RSVP by Oct. 15 to eoc@admin.fsu.edu.)

FRIDAY, OCT. 19

•**Comedian Diane Kawasaki** will perform (doors open at 8 p.m.; performance scheduled from 8:30 to 10 p.m., Oglesby Union Ballroom).

The week is co-sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs, the Dean of Students Department, the Student Government Association, the Disability Student Union, the Askew Student Life Center, the Student Life Cinema, Union Productions, Pi Gamma Mu, Holiday Inn-Capital Circle and the UPS Store.

To learn more, visit www.disability-center.fsu.edu.



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SATURDAY, OCT. 27

•**The FSU Alumni Association Homecoming Awards**

Breakfast will begin at 9 a.m. in the Alumni Center Grand Ballroom (doors open at 8:30 a.m.). Two alumni will be honored as Omicron Delta Kappa Grads Made Good; one alumnus will receive the Alumni Award for Distinguished Writing; and International Programs director **James E. "Jim" Pitts** will receive the Bernard F. Sliger Award.



Jim Pitts

Tickets for the breakfast are \$15 and can be purchased online at www.alumni.fsu.edu, or by contacting Whitney Powers at (850) 645-9530 or wpowers@fsu.edu. Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, Oct. 23.

To learn more about all Homecoming events, visit www.homecoming.fsu.edu or www.alumni.fsu.edu.

Leadership Tallahassee honors Wetherell with lifetime award

In recognition of decades of public service both in higher education and in the political arena, former President **T.K. Wetherell** received the Lifetime Leadership Award during Leadership Tallahassee's annual Distinguished Leadership Awards banquet Sept. 20.

The award recognizes an individual who has made significant, tangible leadership contributions to the Tallahassee community for more than 25 years. Emphasis is placed on individuals who have made substantive achievements in career and community arenas.

"It is always nice to be recognized by your community and state, but as with most cases, the true recognition should be directed at the hundreds of people I worked with over the years who haven't gotten credit," Wetherell said of the award. "Their efforts made me look much better than I deserved, both professionally and personally.

"It is nice to have friends that overlook your weaknesses and are always



T.K. Wetherell



Caryn Beck-Dudley



Sherrill Ragans

there for you, even when they do the heavy lifting," he added.

Three other members of the Florida State community were finalists for Leadership Tallahassee awards this year.

Caryn Beck-Dudley, dean of the College of Business, was a finalist for the Leader of the Year Award, given to an individual whose vision and hard work achieved significant, tangible benefits for the community within the past year. Tallahassee Community College

President **Jim Murdaugh** received the award.

Sherrill Ragans, retired associate vice president for Student Affairs, and **Gene Sherron**, retired professor of information studies, were finalists for the Servant Leadership Award. It is given to an individual with 10 to 25 years of community involvement who has demonstrated consistent leadership and begun to achieve results beyond a single field of endeavor.

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>>**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH:** To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, the staff of Stroz Library has picked out a variety of books that showcase Hispanic culture and put them on display near the circulation desk on the first floor. The display will continue through Monday, Oct. 15 — the end of the national observance.

>>**OPEN HOUSE:** Faculty and staff members are invited to an open house at the **Academic Center for Excellence** to learn about the academic support and tutorial services that it offers. The open house will take place Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Johnston Ground, Room G051 of the William Johnston Building. Light refreshments will be served and tours will be provided.

>>**HEALTH FAIR:** The new **Health and Wellness Center** will sponsor a Health Fair for faculty and staff members on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The event will feature a variety of interactive activities, such as free blood pressure screenings by staff from the College of Nursing; demonstrations by staff from the Fitness and Movement Clinic, which is operated by Campus Recreation; and a medical display and demonstrations of various services offered by University Health Services. Guided tours of the new facility also will be offered.

>>**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SEMINAR:** Faculty and staff members are encouraged to attend "Billion-Dollar Design," the fall 2012 seminar of Florida State's **Office of Intellectual Property Development and Commercialization** on Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in Room 114 of the Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center. The seminar will feature visiting patent attorney Anton Hopen from the Smith Hopen law firm. Participants will be taught how design patents protect the appearance of consumer products and what opportunities exist at Florida State for commercializing creative designs. Also, a discussion of recent patent litigation between Apple and Samsung will emphasize the importance and value of aesthetic product design. Participants are asked to RSVP by Nov. 9 to Jessica Kwiatkowski by jkwiatkowski@fsu.edu.

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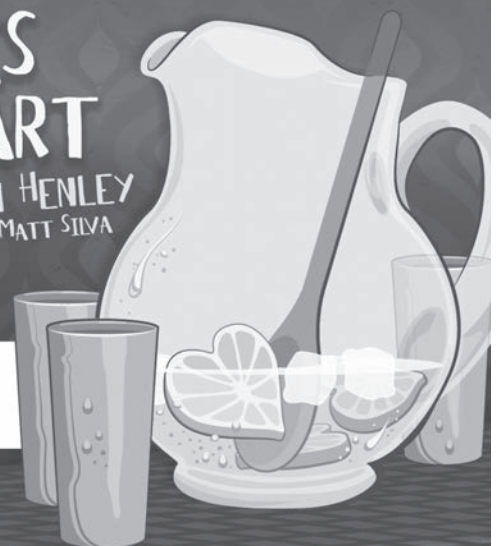
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By BETH HENLEY
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Geriatrics expert to help shape health policy as fellow

Dr. **Ken Brummel-Smith**, chair of the College of Medicine's **Department of Geriatrics**, has long had an interest in health policy. He's been a vocal advocate on behalf of Physicians for a National Health Program and, as past president of the American Geriatrics Society, has a keen understanding of how health policy affects health care, especially as it relates to older patients.

Despite the scope of the honor, it shouldn't come as a surprise that Brummel-Smith has been selected as a 2012-2013 Health and Aging Policy Fellow. The program, funded by the Atlantic Philanthropies, partners with the Healthy Aging Program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The fellowship is designed to foster in health professionals the skills needed to influence development and implementation of health policies affecting older Americans.

Brummel-Smith will focus on getting the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) accepted in Florida. He also will be exploring the possibility of a national model for POLST, which is intended to help individuals receive the end-of-life care they prefer, rather than care dictated by the nuances of the American health care system.

Research has demonstrated that a POLST is more effective than living wills and advance directives alone for ensuring patients get the care they want.


"In most encounters, policies play some role in medical decision-making," Brummel-Smith said, citing diverse examples: "A patient I see in the Neighborhood Health Services free clinic being required to pay a fee, or a patient I see at an upscale continuing-care retirement center going into the 'doughnut hole' if I prescribe a needed medication."

"The ideal is to create policies that foster the best care while containing costs, but such policies are rare."

Fellows are selected for the program

based on their commitment and contributions to health and aging issues, leadership potential and interest in impacting policy. The program was designed to develop a network of geriatric and gerontology professionals able to contribute scientific and clinical knowledge to the arena of health care policy.

"As a leader in geriatric health care and education for 30 years, I have seen the important role that health policy plays in achieving my career-long goal of improving care to older persons," Brummel-Smith said. "However, in spite of this long record of service, I believe that I now require formal guidance and assistance in policy development that only the fellowship can offer."



"The ideal is to create policies that foster the best care while containing costs, but such policies are rare."

—Ken Brummel-Smith
CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF GERIATRICS,
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

The Source News from Human Resources

TRAINING AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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"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.

>>NEW-EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION AVAILABLE ONLINE: Each participant must verify his or her completion of online NEO by submitting the electronic "Certification of Completion and Evaluation of Orientation" form located on the NEO 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.

>>BE FEATURED ON 'NEO' WEB PAGE: Employees interested in being featured on the redesigned New Employee Orientation Web page should email a recent headshot, a one- or two-sentence statement of why Florida State is a great place to work, their department name and their number of years employed at the university to Megan Daris at mld08j@admin.fsu.edu.

>>**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.

BENEFITS

>>**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. 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 they 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. Detailed information about Open Enrollment is available at www.myflorida.com/mybenefits/Health/Medical_Plans/Annual_Enrollment2013.htm.

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

>>**GROUP-INSURANCE QUALIFYING STATUS CHANGES:** The Division of State Group Insurance has increased the window to make a Qualifying Status Change (QSC) event from 31 days to 60 days. This change, which went into effect on Sept. 25, gives employees more time to report any significant life events (such as a marriage; an adoption or birth; a divorce; or the loss of eligibility for coverage) that may affect their group insurance benefits. For more information about QSCs, including a complete list of events and documentation requirements, visit www.myflorida.com/mybenefits/Health/Making_Changes.htm. Employees who need to submit a QSC must do so within the new 60-day window. All changes should be made online at the People First website (<http://peoplefirst.myflorida.com>).

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

>>**PANAMA CITY CAMPUS BENEFITS AND WELLNESS FAIR:** The 9th Annual Panama City Campus Benefits and Wellness Fair will be held Wednesday, Oct. 17, in the St. Joe Lecture Hall, Holley Building, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Supplemental-insurance, retirement, community and campus organizations will participate and have information available. In addition, representatives from FSU's Human Resources Benefits Office will be in attendance to answer questions about open enrollment.

>>**NEW-HIRE BENEFITS HELP SESSIONS:** The Benefits Office will conduct biweekly help sessions for new employees on Tuesday, Oct. 23, and Tuesday, Nov. 6, 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.

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>>**GROUP TERM LIFE/AD&D INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT:** During a special open-enrollment period for group term life and accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance offered through The Gabor Agency Inc., all full-time employees are eligible to purchase group term life and AD&D insurance on a guaranteed issue basis (no medical exam required). The open enrollment period continues through Nov. 20, 2012. Employees may apply for Group Term Life coverage up to four times their salary, with a maximum limit of \$200,000. Employee spouses are eligible for up to \$50,000 in coverage. As an additional benefit, employees may insure all of their eligible children for one monthly cost. AD&D insurance may be added to supplement group term life Insurance, with available coverage increments of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$350,000. Employees also may add family coverage for one group rate. Coverage details are available at www.gaboragency.com/fsugtl.

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>>**JUNE/JULY 2012 RETIREES:** **Eric Baxley**, Facilities Maintenance; **Cynthia Brown**, Urban and Regional Planning; **Sherry Burkes**, Financial Aid; **William Burnett**, Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences; **Linda Callen**, Northwest Regional Data Center; **Theodora Carey**, General Counsel's office; **Victoria Cofie**, Thagard Student Health Center; **Joseph Creecy**, Information Technology Services; **Patricia Dixon**, National High Magnetic Field Laboratory; **Lawrence Downing**, Information Technology Services; **Kathryn Duval**, University Business Administrators; **Kathy Froelich**, School of Teacher Education; **Larry Gamble**, Campus Recreation; **Gilford Guillory**, Facilities; **Sheila Humphreys**, Dance; **Joe Icerman**, College of Business, Department of Accounting; **Thomas Kitterman**, Information Technology Services; **Debra Miller**, Learning Systems Institute; **Sande Milton**, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies; **Emanuel Moore**, Facilities; **Sarah Moore**, Controller's office; **Barbara Mylers**, Education Student Teaching; **Charles Pride**, WFSU-TV; **Betty Reclusado**, DRS Administration; **Nancy Selken**, University Housing; **Patricia Simonds**, Law Library; **Robert Smith Jr.**, Distance Learning; **Barbara Whitaker**, Panama City Campus Finance and Administration; and **Bob Wickham**, Enterprise Resource Planning.

BYLINES

Steven Lenhart, Ph.D. (Biological Science; Integrative Nanoscience Institute), wrote a chapter about nanobiology in the textbook "Introduction to Nanoscale Science and Technology," published by NanoProfessor, 2012. The textbook was written specifically for the undergraduate student as a resource for those seeking a greater understanding of nanotechnology. Lenhart and four other nationally recognized experts in nanotechnology subject matter co-wrote the book.

Marcia A. Mardis, Ph.D. (School of Library and Information Studies), co-wrote an article, "Toward Broader Impacts: Making Sense of NSF's Merit Review Criteria in the Context of the National Science Digital Library," published in the *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, Vol. 63, No. 9, September 2012.

Dennis Moore, Ph.D. (English), wrote "Introducing the Conversation," the

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lead piece in "Hidden in Plain Sight: A Colloquy with Annette Gordon-Reed on The Heminges of Monticello: An American Family," which appeared in "Between Literature and History," a special issue of the journal *Early American Literature*. This collaborative piece is a follow-up to the interdisciplinary session that Moore conceived, organized and moderated at the Society of Early Americanists' most recent biennial conference. Moore's fellow panelists included Gordon-Reed, a MacArthur "Genius Grant" fellowship recipient, Harvard historian and law professor; historian Ronald Hoffman, director of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture; and four of Moore's fellow scholars

of early American literature. In addition, Moore is serving as co-chair of the interdisciplinary committee that is organizing "We All Declare for Liberty," the next biennial conference of SASA, the southern-regional affiliate of the American Studies Association. Coinciding with the sesquicentennial of the Emancipation Proclamation, that meeting will be in Charleston, S.C., next Jan. 31-Feb. 2, and will include plenary talks by historians Eric Foner of Columbia University and MacArthur fellowship recipient Tiya Miles of the University of Michigan.

Mounir G. Ragheb, Ph.D. (Recreation and Leisure Management; Education; emeritus), wrote a book, "Measurement for Leisure Services and Leisure Stud-

ies," published by Idyll Arbor, 2012. It describes how to gather the necessary information to run successful programs in leisure, recreation and parks, corporate recreation, hospitality and health care.

PRESENTATIONS

Mark Bertolami, R.A. (Facilities Planning) made a presentation, "Setting the Stage: Planning on the FSU Campus and How it Shapes Great Buildings," at the LeMoyné Center for the Visual Arts as part of the American Institute of Architects' Tallahassee Summer Series on "The Art of Architecture."

Zachary Summerlin, M.S.W. (Institute for Family Violence Studies; College of Social Work), made a presentation, "Religious Leaders Ending Domestic Violence," at the 17th Annual Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT) in San Diego, September. IVAT is an international conference on the myriad issues concerning community and family violence.

Postdoctoral fellow receives National Institutes of Health award

Andrew Miklos, a postdoctoral fellow working in the Institute of Molecular Biophysics laboratory of physics Professor **Huan-Xiang Zhou**, has won the prestigious Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award from the National Institutes of Health. The award will give Miklos the training needed for a future in research, teaching or other contributions to health-related science.

"We are extremely proud of Andrew," Zhou said. "This award is extremely competitive and reflects well the strong academic environment here at Florida State."

Miklos will study how proteins interact with small molecules in environments that simulate the inside of cells. More specifically, he will probe how crowding agents, which are added to mimic cell-like conditions, would affect the shapes of the proteins and their binding affinities for the small molecules. Bacteria such as E.

coli use these interactions to detect the presence of nutrients.

"The idea is that we can gain a fuller understanding of biological processes by investigating the differences between classic biochemistry studies, which are conducted in solutions with low concentrations of proteins and other molecules, and experiments performed in cell-like conditions," Miklos said.

Zhou's lab has developed methods to model how crowded cellular environments affect the physical properties of proteins and their interactions with other biomolecules. Their calculations predicted that the cellular environments could have effects unsuspected in classical biochemistry studies. Miklos came to

Florida State to use experiments to test these predictions.

Miklos completed his doctorate in chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2011.



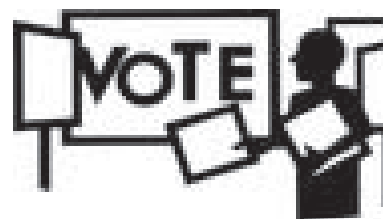
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