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Discovery in the fast lane: New federal grant to speed up Florida State research

By **Tom Butler**
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Florida State University researchers are going to be able to put the pedal to the metal on their research efforts thanks to a new **National Science Foundation** grant that will create a dedicated, high-speed pipeline for the transmission of large amounts of data.

Stemming from President Obama's **Big Data Research and Development Initiative**, the two-year, \$230,000 grant will significantly speed up data transmission rates among Florida State research-

ers and their collaborators through the creation of the exclusive research data pipeline called the **NoleNet Express-Lane**.

"As a leading research institution, we have a lot of work happening on our campuses that involves huge amounts of data that need to be shared both inside and outside the



Jim Wilgenbusch

university," said **Jim Wilgenbusch**, director of Florida State's **High Performance Computing Facility**. "Currently, the ability to share that data competes with other technology priorities, which can slow down the research process. NoleNet Express-Lane will help us bypass those types of issues and speed up many of our research efforts."

Although NoleNet Express-Lane is likely to have the biggest impact on the university's science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) pro-

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Businesswoman, chemist to speak at fall commencement

By **Jeffery Seay**
EDITOR IN CHIEF

World-renowned physical chemist **Naresh S. Dalal** and successful businesswoman and philanthropist **Judith A. Dunlap** will address the graduates during Florida State University's **2012 Fall Commencement ceremonies**.

In addition, Florida State will confer an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree upon Dunlap prior to her address.

About 1,700 of more than 2,600 graduating students will participate in two ceremonies, which will be held at



Judith A. Dunlap



Naresh S. Dalal

7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, and 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15.

Dalal, who specializes in materials science, researches the workings of mo-

lecular magnets. Earlier this year, he was named the 2012-2013 Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor.

Dunlap, a noted philanthropist who had a successful career in banking as the result of education and hard work, has worked to help many others, especially those who are disadvantaged, reach their full potential.

Dalal will speak at Friday's ceremony and Dunlap will speak at Saturday's ceremony.

In addition to the commencement ceremonies, other graduation activities

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Spread THE Word

The graduate program of the **Department of Interior Design** has been named the most admired program of its kind in the country in a national survey of 122 deans and department chairs by *DesignIntelligence* in its annual "America's Best Architectural and Design School 2013" rankings.

Speakers announced for Spring 2013 Faculty Luncheon Series

The **Spring 2013 Faculty Luncheon Series**, "Colleagues at the Cutting Edge," will feature two administrators discussing the challenges of their new roles and two professors discussing compelling recent events.

"Engaging fresh voices on continuing issues makes the academic world both challenging and exciting," said **Bob Spivey** of the Florida State University Foundation, one of the coordinators of this semester's series.

The scheduled presentations are:

•**Tuesday, Jan. 15: Michael Ruse**, the Lucyle T. Werkmeister Professor of Philosophy and the director of the Program in History and Philosophy of Science, will discuss "Penn State and Florida State."

•**Tuesday, Feb. 12: Sally McRorie**, who was named vice president for Faculty Development and Advancement in July 2012, will discuss "Faculty Development and Advancement at Florida State."



Michael Ruse



Sally McRorie



Gary K. Ostrander



Harrison Prosper

•**Tuesday, March 26: Gary K. Ostrander**, who started work as vice president for Research in October 2012, will discuss "Research and Florida State University."

•**Tuesday, April 9: Harrison Prosper**, a professor in the Department of Physics, will discuss "Michael Faraday, the Higgs Boson and Florida State."

The series, which is open to the public, will take place at the **Presbyterian University Center**, 548 W. Park Ave. Luncheons begin at 12:15 p.m.; the programs follow 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." In order to pay at the door, call the center for a reservation at (850) 222-6320 or send an email to floridastatepuc@gmail.com.

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Florida State University Foundation Year-end dates for gift processing announced

Employees who are normally responsible for processing or receiving gifts for their colleges or departments should note that the **Florida State University Foundation** will have abbreviated business hours during the winter break.

To ensure that donors' year-end gifts reach the Foundation in a timely manner and are processed according to their wishes, employees must adhere to the following schedule:

The Foundation office will close at **5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21**, and remain closed from **Monday, Dec. 24, to Tuesday, Jan. 1**. Regular office hours will resume **Wednesday, Jan. 2**.

Documents and donor instructions can either be mailed using Mail Code 2739 or hand-delivered to the Foundation office at 2010

Levy Ave., Building B, Suite 300.

Once employees return from the holidays, they are asked to sort through their mail, identify charitable items and deliver those items, **along with the respective postmarked envelopes**, to the Foundation office by Friday, Jan. 4. Please continue to send all postmarked envelopes for any gifts received in January.

Employees who are normally responsible for processing or receiving gifts should ensure that faculty or staff members who are not normally responsible are made aware of the urgency of transmitting year-end gifts and donor instructions to the Foundation.

For more information, contact **Alexia Chamberlynn**, director of Gift Processing, at achamberlynn@foundation.fsu.edu or (850) 644-9193.

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hello!

Ashley Blue

Job title: Technical/research designer, National High Magnetic Field Laboratory

To-do list: Maintains the nuclear magnetic resonance and magnetic resonance imaging magnet systems, which include one of the world's largest magnets.

Years of service: 19

Kudos: Twice named MagLab employee of the month.

Quotable: "Working and interacting with scientists, faculty and students from around the world is a great opportunity to learn

about other cultures. I've developed lasting friendships with people I otherwise would not have met."

Must-see TV: "Big Brother" and "The Voice."

DIY warrior: Completed most of the renovations to his 75-year-old home, including tiling, painting, refinishing hardwood floors, and installing new lighting and plumbing fixtures.

Favorite tune: "Just A Fool" by Christina Aguilera and Blake Shelton

After 5: Loves the outdoors. Spent Thanksgiving afternoon catching blue crabs in the Gulf with family and friends.

Transformation THROUGH TEACHING

Supportive faculty members saluted at annual dinner

By Jeffery Seay
EDITOR IN CHIEF

During the second annual “**Transformation Through Teaching**” dinner held at the President’s House on Nov. 5, the Office of the President and the Division of Student Affairs honored 17 faculty members who are skilled at connecting with individual students in the classroom to help them find meaning and purpose in their academic lives.

“At Florida State University, we are fortunate that the administration recognizes faculty members who are committed to engaging our students in meaningful and thought-provoking ways,” said **Cadence Kidwell**, convener of the university’s **Spiritual Life Project** (slp.fsu.edu) and program director of the **Global Pathways Certificate and Exchanges** program. “The Transformation Through Teaching dinner gives us the chance to celebrate these important faculty-student interactions.”

The faculty members were chosen from student testimonials describing the transformative power of their wisdom and encouragement. Student **Jacob Gibbons** gave one such testi-

monial about English Professor **David F. Johnson**.

“When we talk about finding our ‘purpose’ in life, most people instinctively fill in that blank with a career title, but Professor Johnson taught me that I can instead fill it in with a value,” Gibbons said. “He taught me that my purpose in life is to have integrity in what I do, and that this supersedes how I earn my paycheck.”

Student **April Blackwell** praised **Patricia Golay** of the Academic Center for Excellence for encouraging her to persevere when she felt overwhelmed by her studies.

“I wanted to give up the moment I got here,” Blackwell said. “Patricia wouldn’t let me give up, and I stayed with it. Now I am graduating this semester from FSU, and it’s all because she believed in me.”

Student **Michael Bellitti** complimented Associate **Doris Gray** of the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics on the way she transformed his perspective on the world.



David F. Johnson and Jacob Gibbons



Marlon McPhatter and Jason Pappas



Patricia Golay and April Blackwell



Doris Gray and Michael Bellitti

“Dr. Gray helped me to become interested in individuals from other cultures in a way that I never thought possible,” Bellitti said. “In this day and age of extreme globalization and fusion of all kinds of customs, it is very important to be able to understand what motivates different groups of people. I believe my life has been changed for the better from my interactions with Dr. Gray.”

Student **Lindsay Dixon** lauded interior design Associate Professor **Jill Pable** for helping her to question her own assumptions to become a better designer.

“Professor Pable accepts our comments, even if they weren’t what she was looking for, and then gently guides us down the right path without blatantly telling us that we’re wrong,” Dixon said. “These ‘aha’ moments as she calls them are more meaningful than being told the right answer.”

The other 14 faculty members received similar accolades from their student nominators: **Jonathan Adams** (Communication) and **Benjamin Horbowy**; **Robert Atkinson** (Law) and

Brandon Smoot; **Bradley Cox** (Educational Leadership and Policy Studies) and **Rebecca Brower**; **Aubteen Darabi** (Educational Psychology and Learning Systems) and **Li Jin**; **Petra Doan** (Urban and Regional Planning) and **Danika Bellamy**; **Eric Garland** (Social Work) and **Hillary Gale**; **Anne Hodges** (Arts Administration) and **Robert Evans**; **Lora Holcombe** (Economics) and **Aurelia Howard**; **Mark Kearley** (Chemistry and Biochemistry) and **Rachel Irons**; **Dennis Moore** (English) and **Kahla Shoemaker**; **Jill Pable** (Interior Design) and **Lindsay Dixon**; **Jason Pappas** (Sport Management) and **Marlon McPhatter**; **Harrison Prosper** (Physics) and **Daniel Flynn**; and **Jose Rodriguez** (Family Medicine) and **Angela Guzman**.

The “Transformation Through Teaching” dinner is a program of the **Spiritual Life Project**, which fosters students’ search for meaning, purpose and authenticity in life, deepens their self-understanding, broadens their awareness of diverse perspectives and themselves as global citizens, and develops a sense of commitment to higher ideals.



Anne Hodges and Robert Evans



Aubteen Darabi and Li Jin

>> **Campus Parking Enforcement Clarification:**

Transportation Services offers the following clarification to the recent change in the university's parking enforcement hours:

*Posted permit requirements and enforcement times in all regular designated parking venues **have not changed** and the general public remains able to use all non-reserved employee and student parking spaces after 4:30 p.m. The extended enforcement patrol policy was implemented to decrease the abuse of fire lanes, yellow curbs, undesignated parking spaces and disabled parking on campus during evening hours.*

More information: <http://transportation.fsu.edu/Parking/Parking.html>.

>> **Concert:** The **School of Theatre** will present its **Sixth Annual Holiday Benefit Concert**, "An Evening with Rodgers and Hammerstein Classics," Saturday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m. in the Richard G. Fallon Theatre, Fine Arts Building. The concert will feature alumnus **Kevin Covert** (B.F.A. '92, Music Theatre) and **Michael Hayden**.

Tickets are \$45 for the show only and \$75 the show and a post-show reception with the cast. **Ticket information:** www.tickets.fsu.edu, or call (850) 644-6500. (See advertisement, page 7.)

>> **Teaching beyond Tallahassee: International Programs**

is accepting faculty applications to teach or lead programs abroad in 2014 and 2015. Courses of broad, general interest or that meet the liberal-studies credit requirement are of particular interest. Faculty members interested in participating in study-abroad programs are encouraged to submit their applications online at www.international.fsu.edu. Applications will be accepted until Jan. 15, 2013.

>> **Literary symposium:** Three internationally renowned writers — **David Bezmozgis**, **Yoko Tawada** and **Marvin Victor** — will read from their works and participate in a roundtable discussion during "**Cosmopolitan Contexts**," a literary symposium focused on writing in a globalized world. The free and public event will take place March 1 at the Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center, and is being sponsored by the university's Winthrop-King Institute for French and Francophone Studies and the Council on Research and Creativity.



David Bezmozgis



Yoko Tawada



Marvin Victor



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"In each lobe, there are regions that are exceptionally complicated in their convolutions."

— Dean Falk, a Florida State University anthropologist, as quoted by *The Washington Post* discussing her new study into the uncommon features of Albert Einstein's brain, which might explain his remarkable cognitive abilities. Dozens of news outlets have picked up the story, including the Huffington Post, PBS's Nova Online, Fox News, CNN, *USA Today* and *Science*.



Jason S. Ordaz

Dean Falk

NOLENET EXPRESS-LANE

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grams due to the large volumes of data involved in those areas of research, the overall improvements it will create will be realized at both the local and national levels.

"Think of the existing network infrastructures of most universities as traditional two-lane country roads, where traffic flows smoothly but can slow down a little if a large semi-truck is out in front," said **Michael Barrett**, Florida State's chief information officer and principal investigator on the

grant. "NoleNet Express-Lane will effectively transform our country road into a superhighway of activity, with a dedicated express lane for those large semi-trucks full of data."

The NoleNet Express-lane will also serve as a means of connecting the university's research partners to Florida's high-speed network — the **Florida LambdaRail** — and ultimately to national high-speed networks such as **Internet2**, which will decrease the time it takes for many ongoing and future research projects to reach their discovery phases.

"This express-lane will open the

door for a whole host of new research opportunities at the university, such as the work being done on our advanced FEI Titan Krios cryo-electron microscope," Wilgenbusch said. "This unique piece of equipment produces terabytes of information on the activity happening inside of living cells, and NoleNet Express-Lane will let us share that data with researchers all over the world to further our understanding of biological pathways in diseases such as cancer."

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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 <http://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, one- or two-sentence statement of why Florida State is a great place to work, their department name and their number of years at the university to Megan Darris at mld08j@admin.fsu.edu. There is no deadline because the information will be solicited throughout the year.

BENEFITS

>>OPEN ENROLLMENT: Deductions will begin with the Dec. 14, 2012, paycheck for any changes made during Open Enrollment. Employees should monitor their paycheck information online (in OMNI

Employee Self-Service) and notify the HR Benefits Office of any discrepancies.

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

>>ELECTIVE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR 2013: The Internal Revenue Service has announced cost-of-living adjustments for elective contributions to retirement accounts, including FSU-sponsored, tax-sheltered annuity plans [403(b)], post-tax Roth 403(b) and state of Florida-sponsored deferred compensation (457) plans. For the 2013 calendar year, the annual contribution limit for 403(b) plans will be set at \$17,500. The contribution limit for the 457 Deferred Compensation plan will also be set at \$17,500. Employees who are age 50 and above, at any point in the 2013 calendar year, are eligible to contribute an additional \$5,500 to a 403(b) and/or a 457 retirement plan.

More information: Michael Horgan, (850) 644-4017 or retirement@admin.fsu.edu.

>>FLORIDA PREPAID COLLEGE PROGRAM OPEN ENROLLMENT: Florida Prepaid College Plans offer easy and affordable ways to plan and save for the future educational needs of children. Open enrollment for these plans is currently under way and ends on Jan. 31, 2013.

More information: www.myfloridaprepaid.com.

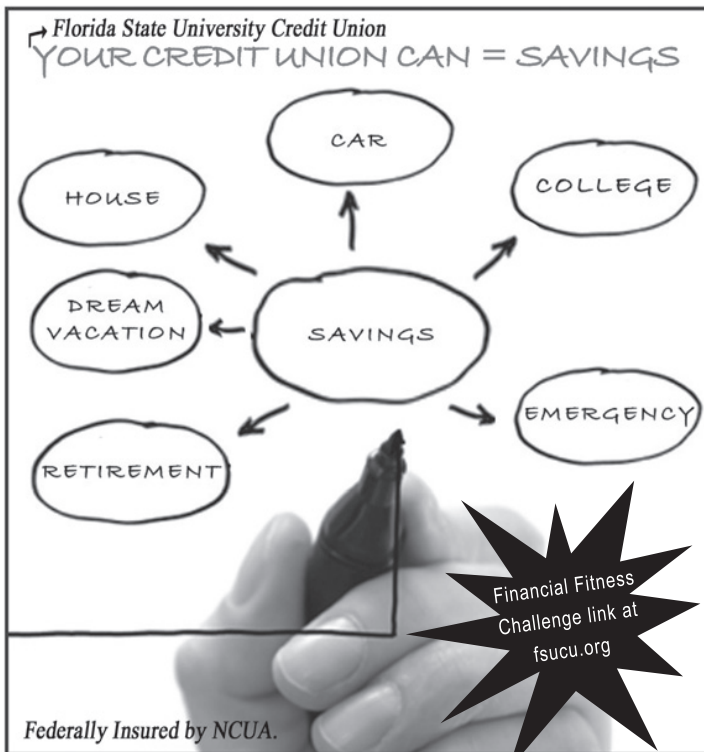
>>NEW-HIRE BENEFITS HELP SESSIONS: The Benefits Office will conduct help sessions for new employees on Tuesday, Dec. 18, and Tuesday, Jan. 15, from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Human Resources Training Room, A6244 University Center. All new employees are urged to view the online New Employee Orientation before attending the help sessions.

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

>>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.

>>OCTOBER 2012 RETIREES: Shelton Baker, College of Medicine, Faculty Development; Martha Beech, Learning Systems Institute; Sue Dixon, Learning Systems Institute; Eugene Haley, Strozier Library; and Sophie Laing, College of Arts and Sciences, Dean's Office.



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include the following:

•The **College of Nursing** will hold its Fall 2012 Convocation Ceremony at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, in the Askew Student Life Center theater, 942 Learning Way. Interim Dean **Dianne Speake** will preside over the ceremony for graduating nursing students — 30 undergraduates and one graduate student. The undergraduates will receive an “FSU Nursing” pin.

•Florida State’s **Air Force ROTC** will commission one cadet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, in the President’s Box, University Center, Building C, 7th floor. **Col. Terrance McCaffrey** will preside.

Each year the FSU Honorary Degree Committee, an

advisory committee appointed by the president to represent the university community, considers nominations for an honorary degree. 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, the committee intends 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.

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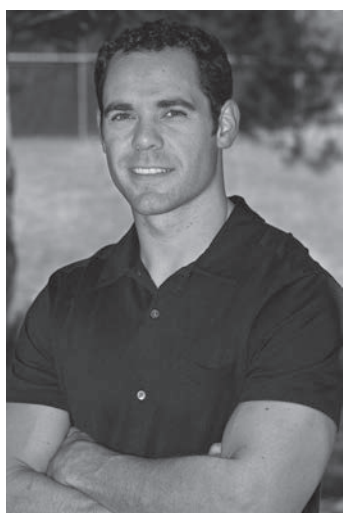
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RECOGNITIONS

Michael Ormsbee, Ph.D. (Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences), was conferred the distinguished status of fellow of the International Society of Sports Nutrition in recognition of his outstanding leadership, participation and service to the society.



Michael Ormsbee

BYLINES

Sarah Buck Kachaluba (University Libraries) and **Jessica Evans Brady** (University Libraries) co-wrote an article, "Developing Humanities Collections in the Digital Age: Exploring Humanities Faculty Engagement with Electronic and Print Resources," with **Jessica Critten** of the University of West Georgia, published in the Association of College and Research Libraries' journal *College & Research Libraries*, November. The article is based on an IRB-approved study in which the authors surveyed and interviewed humanities faculty members at FSU about their perceptions of and experiences with electronic and print resources.

Choogon Lee, Ph.D.

(Biomedical Sciences), co-wrote two papers with colleagues from his laboratory: "Transcriptional Architecture and Chromatin Landscape of the Core Circadian Clock in Mammals," in collaboration with the Takahashi laboratory at UT Southwestern University, published in the journal *Science*; and "Per2 Mutation Recapitulates the Vascular Phenotype of Diabetes in the Retina and Bone," in collaboration with the Grant laboratory at the University of Florida, published in the journal *Diabetes*.

Nicholas F. Mazza, Ph.D. (Social Work), wrote an entry, "Poetry and Trauma," in the Encyclopedia of Trauma: An Interdisciplinary Guide, edited by Charles Figley and published by Sage, November 2012. In addition, Mazza wrote an article, "Poetry/Creative Writing for an Arts and Athletics Community Outreach Program for At-Risk Youth," published in the *Journal of Poetry Therapy: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Practice, Theory, Research and Education*, Vol. 25, No. 4, 2012.

Tim Megraw, Ph.D. (Medicine), and **Ling-Rong Kao**, Ph.D. (Medicine), co-wrote a commentary, "Cytokinesis: RhoGEFs Control a Developmental Cleavage Switch," published in the journal *Current Biology*, November.

CAMPUS IN ACTION

PRESENTATIONS

George Blakely, MFA (Art), made a presentation, "Shooting for the Stars: Starting on the Path to Success in Academia," which was part of a panel discussion at the Southeast Regional Conference for the Society for Photographic Education, hosted by Daytona State College, Daytona Beach, Fla., November.

Jack Fiorito, Ph.D. (Management), and **Irene Padavic**, Ph.D. (Sociology), co-presented a paper, "Reconsidering Activism: And Just What Do You Mean by That?" with organizational-behavior doctoral student **Phil DeOrtentiis**, at the Le Centre de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur la Mondialisation et le Travail (CRIMT) 2012 International Conference on Union Futures: Innovations, Transformations, Strategies, Montreal, October. Fiorito also co-presented a paper, "Union Effectiveness: In Search of the Holy Grail," with **Gregor Gall** of the University of Hertfordshire, at the same conference. In addition, Fiorito served as a panelist for a workshop session, "What Kind of Unionism for Professional Workers?" at the conference.

Seth Hayden, Ph.D. (Career Center), presented a webinar, "Hope for the Future: Career Counseling for Military Personnel and Veter-

ans with Disabilities," for the American Counseling Association, November.

Sara Hamon, Ph.D. (Undergraduate Studies), made a presentation, "Lessons Learned in the Design and Construction of a New Learning Studio," at the annual conference of the National College Learning Center Association, Reno, Nev., October.

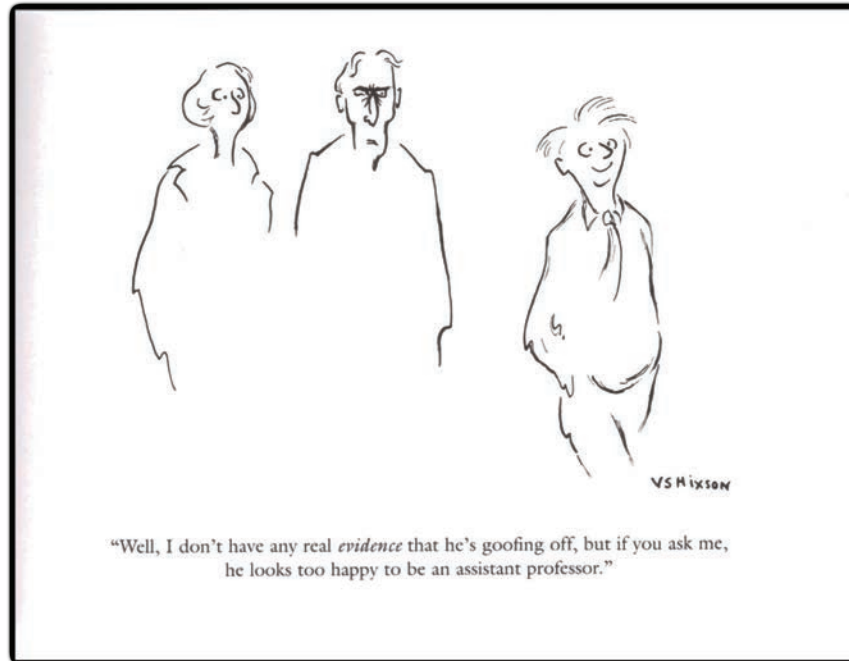
Janet Lenz, Ph.D. (Career Center), **Debra Osborn**, Ph.D. (Educational Psychology and Learning Systems), and **Robert Reardon**, Ph.D. (Career Center), co-wrote a paper, "Providing Career and Mental Health Assistance to a Diverse Population: Using Theory to Inform Practice," which was presented at a conference of the International Association of Educational and Vocational Guidance, Mannheim, Germany, October.

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