New director now leading
Student Disability Resource Center

By Jeffery Seay
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Martha Wisbey, who most recently worked as associate director of access, disability service and resources at Emory University, was named director of Florida State’s Student Disability Resource Center and assistant dean of students.

Wishbey succeeds Bea Awoniyi, who recently accepted a position as assistant vice president for student affairs at Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, Fla.

“We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Martha Wishbey,” said Mary Coburn, FSU’s vice president for Student Affairs. “She brings a wealth of experience and passion for serving students that will help the Student Paniana City names new associate dean of Undergraduate Studies

By Becky Kelly
FSU PANAMA CITY

Barbara Robinson was named associate dean of Undergraduate Studies at Florida State’s Panama City campus, effective Jan. 4. Robinson is the first to serve in the position, established to accommodate freshman admission beginning in fall 2013.

“Dr. Robinson comes with experience that will be invaluable as FSU Panama City moves ahead in admitting and enrolling freshman- and sophomore-level students,” said Ken Shaw, dean of FSU Panama City. “She brings a wealth of academic and administrative experience as well as a strong commitment and loyalty to Florida State University. We are so glad to have her.”

Graduate School names new assistant dean

Keisha John was named an assistant dean of The Graduate School. In that role, John will serve as director of the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards and co-ordinator of the newly established Office of Post-doctoral Affairs.

“I am very excited that Dr. John has joined The Graduate School,” said Nancy Marcus, dean of The Graduate School. “As a

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Spread THE Word

Florida State University is one of the nation’s top research institutions for producing student Fulbright scholars, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education, which published a list of the top producers of U.S. Fulbright students by type of institution.
American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Faculty and staff may honor loved ones at cancer memorial

Each year, the students of Florida State University join together to fight cancer by sponsoring an American Cancer Society Relay for Life. This year’s event, which will take place April 5, has grown into the nation’s ninth largest relay race and Florida’s sixth largest. Due to its success, the American Cancer Society has recognized Florida State as a “College Against Cancer.”

Leading up to this year’s Relay for Life, members of the university community will be able to honor their loved ones — caregivers, survivors and victims — at a special Relay for Life Cancer Memorial from Thursday, March 21, to Sunday, March 31, in the Oglesby Union Gallery.

“We are encouraging the faculty and staff of Florida State to join with students and alumni in this heartfelt act of honor and remembrance,” said Leanne Brunache, ceremonies co-chair for Florida State’s Relay for Life. “We want to cover the walls of the Oglesby Union Gallery with pictures, sentimental messages and decorated note cards to pay tribute to those affected by cancer.”

To participate in the memorial, faculty and staff members can decorate a 5 inch x 8 inch note card that says “I Relay for (and insert the name of the person to be honored)”; and/or write a loving message to someone who has been affected by cancer; and/or submit a photo of a loved one who has been affected by cancer.

Faculty and staff members can drop off their completed note cards, messages and photos into special packets available in the dean’s office of each college. Each packet will include sample note cards and messages. The packets will be collected March 8. Questions can be directed to Brunache or Amy Comstock at fsurelayforlife.ceremonies@gmail.com.

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Workshops will take place in the Scholars Commons Instruction Room (005A) on the lower level of Strozier Library between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Registration is not required.

The workshops are as follows.
• Monday, Feb. 11: RefWorks with Gloria Colvin (research librarian) and Blake Robinson (graduate assistant).
• Tuesday, Feb. 12: EndNote Web with Gloria Colvin (research librarian).
• Wednesday, Feb. 13: Zotero with Blake Robinson (graduate assistant).
• Thursday, Feb. 14: Mendeley with Nancy Kellett (science librarian).

For further information, email either Gloria Colvin, gcolvin@fsu.edu, or Blake Robinson, barobinson2@fsu.edu, or call the Scholars Commons Service Desk at (850) 644-6061.

Job title: Campus Service Assistant, Campus Postal Services
To-do list: Assists in sorting First-Class and intra-campus letters and flats. Assigns mailboxes to departments. Assigns mail codes to departments when they move from one route to another. Assists departments with their drop-off locations. Coordinates the FSU Panama City run Monday through Thursday, including answering faculty questions about departure and arrival times. Ensures mail from Panama City is delivered daily. Handles most complaints concerning campus mail.

Time worked at FSU: 33 years, four months

Notable: Earned a 20-hour Supervisory Training certificate and received a gold watch after working 30 consecutive years.

Favorite food to cook: Collard greens

Favorite food to eat: Chitterlings

Quotable: “The best part of working at Florida State is all the friends, both faculty and staff, I have made over the years, and being able to say I’ve been doing the same job for this long. I have a real sharp memory for remembering things such as mail codes and names. I love being able to help people.”

After 5: Enjoys cookouts, church, listening to gospel music and playing cards.
Florida State leading development of advanced prosthetics for veterans

Florida State’s High-Performance Materials Institute (HPMI) is leading a major partnership to develop the next generation of prosthetic limbs for military-veteran amputee patients, thanks to a new contract with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The two-year, $4.4 million VA Innovation Initiative (VAi2) project is aimed at addressing the shortcomings of current prosthetic socket systems — the part where a patient’s limb connects to a prosthetic device — through the development, testing and delivery of “Socket Optimized for Comfort with Advanced Technology” (SOCAT) prototypes.

“Despite the advances made in prosthetics over the years, the socket continues to be a major source of discomfort for our amputees due to issues arising from poor fit, elevated temperatures and moisture accumulation,” said Changchun “Chad” Zeng, an assistant professor at the Florida A&M University-Florida State University College of Engineering and principal investigator on the project. “These adverse conditions effectively limit the basic activities of amputees and can greatly diminish their quality of life. This award gives us the opportunity to tackle those problems so our veteran amputees can live better, more fulfilling lives.”

The SOCAT project will deliver prototypes that will feature a unique combination of advanced composite materials and technology, some of which are cornerstone research and development initiatives of HPMI. These components, such as auxetic materials, which have the unique property of getting fatter when stretched, and carbon nanotube buckypaper, will be used to enable an intelligent prosthetic socket system...
that monitors the socket environment and self-adjusts “on the fly” to provide new, unmatched levels of comfort. In addition, vital information on the socket environment, such as pressure, temperature and moisture, will be recorded by the system and wirelessly transmitted to orthotic and prosthetic practitioners to facilitate better patient care.

“Military personnel give so much to defend our country that it’s imperative we support them after their time of service,” said Billy Francis, director of FSU’s Student Veterans Center. “This VAi2 project will combine our materials and engineering expertise with Florida State’s drive to be the nation’s most veteran-friendly university to bring relief and comfort to veteran amputees.”

The first phase of the two-year contract will focus on developing and testing the specific technologies for individual socket components. The second phase will involve the refinement of each system/material and the complete production of the prototypes.

Changchun “Chad” Zeng with prosthetic devices in Florida State’s High-Performance Materials Institute.

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Florida State’s Council on Research and Creativity (CRC) has given Small Grant Proposal Awards to five faculty members for their proposals submitted for the fall round of 2012-2013. The CRC gives Small Grant Proposal awards of up to $3,000 each fall and spring. The fall awardees, totaling $14,520 in funding, are Tamara Bertrand Jones (Educational Leadership and Policy Studies), “Early Career Professional Development: Implications for Black Female Faculty Socialization”; Kay Pasley (Family and Child Sciences), “Identity Disruption and Well Being: A Pilot Study of Emerging Adult College Students”; James Sickinger (Classics), “Ostraka from the Athenian Agora”; Ben Sung (Music), “New American Works for Violin and Piano”; and George Williamson (History), “The ‘Christ Myth’ Debate in Germany.”

In addition, the Council on Research and Creativity has given a 2012-2013 Multidisciplinary Support Award in the amount of $25,000 to Cathy Levenson (Biomedical Sciences) with Thomas J. Morgan (Biomedical Sciences), Diego Zorio (Chemistry and Biochemistry), Pamela Twigg (Chemistry and Biochemistry) and Victor Schepkin (National High Magnetic Field Laboratory) to conduct the project “Drug Resistant Cancers: Identification of Biomarkers to Enhance Diagnosis and Treatment.”

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Disability Resource Center continue to meet and exceed the needs of our students.”

Dean of Students Jeanine Ward-Roof echoed Coburn’s sentiments.

“We are excited to have Martha join the Division of Student Affairs and the Dean of Students Office, and know she will lead the Student Disability Resource Center with the utmost levels of professionalism and expertise,” Ward-Roof said. “She comes to us with strong qualifications and a myriad of experiences at other institutions, which will serve our students and community well.”

As director of the Student Disability Resource Center, Wisbey will be responsible for its operational management, leadership and policy direction. She will oversee advocacy initiatives and programs for students with disabilities, and will recruit, hire and supervise its professional and support staff. In addition, she will serve as a liaison between students and faculty related to student disability issues.

“It is an honor to have been selected as the director of the Student Disability Resource Center and to join the Dean of Students office as a colleague, educator and leader for students,” Wisbey said. “I am thrilled with the level of commitment that has been demonstrated throughout the Florida State community for working with individuals, especially students, with disabilities.

“I believe I have been charged with identifying, creating and advancing efforts that lead to the development of ‘community and success for students with disabilities,’ both in and out of the classroom,” Wisbey said.

Wisbey’s immediate goals include building community through existing programs and policies on campus, and working with academic units and campus partners to create access and meaningful opportunities for interaction on campus for students.

Wisbey holds a doctorate in counseling and human development services from the University of Georgia.

Ford Fellowship recipient during her graduate student years and postdoc at the Rockefeller University, she brings valuable personal experience to the role of director of the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards and coordinator of the new Office of Postdoctoral Affairs.”

In her new role, John, who was hired in December, will work in conjunction with Marcus to administer services to help students meet the financial challenges they might face while pursuing a graduate degree.

The Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards hosts presentations and workshops to highlight fellowships; provides individual fellowship and award recommendations to students based on their field of study and stage of graduate work; and assists and mentors students through the application process. To learn more, visit www.ogfa.fsu.edu.

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs will be the main point of contact for information for postdocs at Florida State. It will complement and work in conjunction with the postdoctoral activities already under way in other academic units.

The provost has appointed faculty members and postdocs to a Postdoctoral Advisory Board, which will advise John on issues, programs and activities related to holding postdoctoral positions at the university.

To learn more about the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, visit www.opda.fsu.edu.

Prior to starting work at Florida State, John served as associate director of recruitment and undergraduate research at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory.

“I am thrilled to join The Graduate School at Florida State and look forward to working with FSU’s community of outstanding graduate and professional students, postdoctoral community, faculty and staff,” John said.

John earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, where she was a Meyerhoff Scholar. She earned a doctorate from the Watson School of Biological Sciences at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, where she was a Ford Foundation Fellow. Afterward, she became a postdoctoral fellow at Rockefeller University.

Robinson will oversee undergraduate studies, working closely with campus admissions and advising to implement the new four-year undergraduate program, and will support freshman and sophomore students and student initiatives. She will work directly on all aspects of undergraduate academic affairs, academic support services and student life.

“I am excited to be part of the team that welcomes freshman and sophomore students,” Robinson said. “It is an exciting time at FSU Panama City. The campus can now serve a greater number of students by offering lower division courses. My role will be to work with these students, their parents and FSU Panama City faculty and staff to ensure that their initial college experience is successful.”

Robinson has more than 28 years of experience in student affairs and academic advising at Florida State. Most recently, she served as the associate dean for student affairs for the College of Communication and Information. She collaborated with the college’s directors, faculty members and academic advisers to resolve student issues related to admissions, academic integrity and administrative policies and procedures.

Robinson earned a doctorate in humanities in 2009 and a master’s degree in communication in 1995, both from Florida State.
SICK LEAVE POOL 2013 OPEN ENROLLMENT:
The open enrollment period for University Sick Leave Pool membership is Feb. 1-21. Open enrollment applications must be received in Human Resources no later than Thursday, Feb. 21. Open enrollment applications received in Human Resources prior to Feb. 1 or after Feb. 21 will not be accepted.

Eligibility requirements include, but are not limited to, full- or part-time employment as a faculty, Executive Service, A&P or USPS employee who has been employed continuously with the university for one year or more, has a sick leave balance of at least 72 hours after leave accruals process for the pay period ending Feb. 28, and has an average sick leave use of fewer than nine days for each year of university employment.

Upon acceptance, employees donate eight hours of sick leave to the pool and remain members until they leave the university or request in writing to be removed from the pool. The eight hours donated to the pool are non-refundable. Members who terminate their employment may also donate up to 40 hours of their sick leave to the pool upon their separation from the university.

Complete Sick Leave Pool information, including the application and other related forms, are available on the HR Web page at www.hr.fsu.edu. (Click in sequence “Benefits for Faculty and Staff,” “Benefits and Perks,” then, under “Leave category,” click “Sick Leave Pool.”)

More information: Lisa Rosenthal, Sick Leave Pool administrator, lrosenthal@admin.fsu.edu or (850) 644-7936.

TRAINING AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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 omni.fsu.edu and click in sequence: “Human Resources 9.1,” “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.

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TOASTMASTERS: This program provides a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every individual member has the opportunity to develop oral communication and leadership skills. Garnet & Gold Toastmasters is open to faculty, staff and students. Guests are always welcome at the meetings, which take place almost every Tuesday (we do not meet on Tuesdays that follow a university Monday holiday) from 11 a.m. to noon at the FSU Human Resources Training Center, 493 Stadium Place.

DOUBLE DEDUCTIONS FOR BENEFITS: All nine- and 10-month faculty members and seasonal employees enrolled in state health, life and supplemental benefits will have double deductions taken from their paychecks beginning with the Feb. 2 paycheck. The deductions will end on the May 3 check. These additional deductions are taken out to prepay premiums for the months of June, July, August and September. Regular deductions for these employees will resume on the first paycheck in September. Employees should review their paychecks during the double deduction period to ensure that the deductions are correct.

More information: (850) 644-4015 or insben@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 also will be set at $17,500. At any point in the 2013 calendar year, employees who are age 50 and above are eligible to contribute an additional $5,500 to a 403(b) and/or a 457 retirement plan.

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

RETIREMENT PLANNING SEMINAR: The Benefits Office will present a retirement planning seminar on Wednesday, March 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the College of Medicine Auditorium. Because the seminar is a university-sponsored training program, attendance may be considered time worked with supervisory approval.

More information: Leasa Howard, (850) 644-4016 or retirement@fsu.edu.

NEW-HIRE BENEFITS HELP SESSIONS: The Benefits Office will conduct biweekly help sessions for new employees on Tuesday, Jan. 29, and Tuesday, Feb. 12, 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@fsu.edu.
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RECOGNITIONS

Roald Nasgaard, an emeritus professor of art history and former chair of the Department of Art, has been appointed Officer of the Order of Canada by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, governor general of Canada.

Nasgaard received the distinction, which ranks among the country’s highest civilian honors, for “promoting contemporary Canadian art to Canadian and international audiences, notably as chief curator of the Art Gallery of Ontario and as the author of ‘Abstract Painting in Canada.’”

The Order of Canada was established in 1967, during Canada’s centennial year, to recognize a lifetime of outstanding achievement, dedication to community and service to the nation. Over the past 45 years, more than 5,000 distinguished individuals from all sectors of society have been invested into the order. Nasgaard and the other 2012 recipients will be honored during a ceremony, which has yet to be scheduled.


Nasgaard also is a member of the curatorial team for the exhibition, “The Mystical Landscape: From Monet to Kandinsky,” scheduled for the Art Gallery of Ontario for 1916.

Kai Feng Yang, Ph.D. (Askew School of Public Administration and Policy), was inducted as a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration in November 2012. Chartered by Congress to provide nonpartisan expert advice, the National Academy of Public Administration is an independent, nonprofit and nonpartisan organization that assists government leaders in building more effective, efficient, accountable and transparent organizations.

BYLINES

Michael Blaber, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences), co-wrote a paper, “Simplified Protein Design Biased for Prebiotic Amino Acids Yields a Foldable, Halophilic Protein,” with Liam Longo and Jihun Lee, that has been accepted for publication by the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, January 2013.


Robert Reardon, Ph.D. (Career Center), and Janet Lenz, Ph.D. (Career Center), co-wrote an article with Jeff Garis, Ph.D., Penn State University, “Current Status and Future Development of Career Centers in the United States,” published in the *Asian Journal of Counseling*, Vol. 19, No. 1-2, December 2012.

James P. Sampson, Ph.D. (Psychological and Counseling Services), Janet Lenz, Ph.D. (Career Center), and Robert Reardon, Ph.D. (Career Center), co-wrote an article with Ashley Chason, Ph.D., of West Central Georgia Regional Hospital, and Emily Bullock-Yowell, Ph.D., of the University of Southern Mississippi, “Relationships Among Career Thoughts, Career Interests, and Career Decision State.” The article was published in *The Canadian Journal of Career Development*, Vol. 12, No. 1, January 2013.

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Lela Stefanovic (Biomedical Sciences) and Branko Stefanovic, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences), co-wrote a manuscript, "Role of Cytokine Receptor-like Factor 1 in Hepatic Stellate Cells and Fibrosis," which was published in the World Journal of Hepatology.

PRESENTATIONS

Lilian Garcia-Roig (Art) is being represented by Cernuda Arte in Miami. The organization featured several of Garcia-Roig’s works at the L.A. Art Show, Jan. 23-27. Garcia-Roig also recently closed a solo show at Blue Spiral 1 Gallery, Asheville, N.C.

Owen Mundy (Art) and Joelle Dietrick have an exhibition, "Grid, Sequence Me," on display at Flashpoint Gallery, Washington, D.C., through Feb. 2

SERVICE

Nancy Marcus, Ph.D. (The Graduate School), has been elected to serve a three-year term as a member of the Council of Graduate School’s board of directors. The Council of Graduate Schools is governed by a 12-member board drawn from its more than 500 member institutions of higher education in the United States and Canada.

GRANTS

A group project of the Department of Biomedical Sciences has received a $40,000 Florida State University Equipment and Infrastructure Enhancement Grant to research “Improving Time and Resource Efficiency With Capillary Nanofluidic Protein Detection.” The project was submitted by James Olcese, Ph.D., Jamila Horabin, Ph.D., Michelle Arbeitman, Ph.D., Akash Gunjan, Ph.D., Mohamed Kabbaj, Ph.D., Daniel Kaplan, Ph.D., Choogon Lee, Ph.D., Timothy Megraw, Ph.D., Branko Stefanovic, Ph.D., Cathy Levenson, Ph.D., Ewa Bienkiewicz, Ph.D., Pradeep Bhide, Ph.D., Hengli Tang, Ph.D. (Biological Science), Fanxiu Zhu, Ph.D. (Biological Science), Jonathan Dennis, Ph.D. (Biological Science), Yan Li, Ph.D. (Chemical and Biomedical Engineering), and Richard Hyson, Ph.D. (Psychology).