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## Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance Weishar begins role as dean

By Keith Bromery

DIRECTOR, NEWS AND RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS

**Peter Weishar**, who most recently served as dean of the Savannah College of Art and Design's School of Entertainment Arts, begins his tenure as dean of the **College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance** July 1.

Prior to his post at Savannah College of Art and Design, Weishar served as a professor of computer animation and new media, as well as acting director of the animation program at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.

"Peter Weishar has that unique combination of practical real world experience in the fast evolving visual arts field, along with the solid academic credentials and experience at the dean level that we need to head our College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance," said Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs **Garnett S. Stokes**. "We are

very excited about Peter joining us at Florida State."

Weishar earned his bachelor's degree at Union College in 1983. He also studied at the Rhode Island School of Design and Tel Aviv University.



**Peter Weishar**

"I am honored to be offered this opportunity at Florida State University," said Weishar. "I am looking forward to working with my new colleagues and continuing

the tradition of innovation and excellence when I assume my new leadership role at Florida State."

Weishar succeeds **Sally McRorie**, who was appointed Florida State's vice president for Faculty Development and Advancement last July. **T. Lynn Hogan**, an associate dean in the College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance and a faculty member in the School of Theatre, served as interim dean.

## Renowned education professor, statistician elected fellow

By Emily Hudson

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

**Betsy Becker**, the Mode L. Stone Distinguished Professor of Educational Statistics and chair of the Department of Educational Psychology and Learning Systems, was selected as one of 23 scholars to become a fellow of the **American Educational Research Association**.



**Betsy Becker**

The AERA Fellows Program recognizes individuals for their significant scientific or scholarly contributions to educational research or the educational field through the development of research prospects. Fellows are nominated by peers and selected by the AERA Fellows Program Committee. The AERA Council approves the selection. Becker joined the 534 existing fellows at the induction ceremony held during the association's annual meeting

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**Job title:** Senior Executive Assistant

**To-do list:** Manages the day-to-day administrative operations of the Office of Research, including scheduling appointments, answering phone inquiries, processing correspondence, travel, and purchases, as well as assisting with research workshops and supervising student workers.

**Years at FSU:** 18, and has worked 27 years with the state of Florida.

**All in the family:** Is related to former Florida State wide receiver Kez McCorvey.

**Live united:** Has served as the Office of Research's United Way Employees Campaign for the past 10 years. "Our generous staff has met our office's United Way Employees campaign goal in each of those years."

**Speaking from experience:** Teaches classes for children and women at the Meridian Woods Church of Christ and has been a guest speaker at its annual Ladies Retreat in Panama City Beach.

**On the road again:** Whether New York City, Washington, D.C., Chicago or the Bahamas, loves to take trips with "her favorite guys" — husband, Mac, and son, Lloyd — or with her long-time girlfriends.

**Loves happy endings:** Her favorite shows are any on the Hallmark Channel.

**Quotable:** "The best part of working at FSU is being a part of the Office of Research, which affords me the opportunity to help the office achieve its goals as we develop camaraderie with administrators, faculty and staff while functioning in a great work environment."

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# One step closer to 'market'

Inventions associated with biosensors, gene mapping, drug testing and autism detection receive 2013 GAP Awards

By Tom Butler  
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Four innovative research projects were awarded a total of \$158,000 by the **Florida State University Research Foundation** to help move them from the laboratory to the market-place.

The projects range in scope from a web-based autism detection and treatment system to new biosensors designed to



Jhunu Chatterjee



Alan Lemmon

quickly and accurately detect diseases such as cancer. Selected in the latest round of awards from Florida State's biannual \$250,000 **Grant Assistance Program (GAP)**, the awards are intended to help each project reach new milestones on the road to real-world implementation. The winners of the GAP awards are researchers or teams of researchers who can most clearly identify the commercial viability of a product, process or license that will come from their efforts.

"Our latest GAP winners present some truly unique and tremendously beneficial technologies that could have a significant impact on society," said Vice President for Research **Gary K. Ostrander**. "Although they are still in the proof-of-concept phase, they help prove that the GAP competition is an excellent opportunity for our researchers to pitch their product

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ideas and seek out funding that is not often available at this stage of development.”

The research projects that received funding for the spring 2013 GAP competition are:

•**Amy Wetherby** — Early detection and treatment of autism — \$50,000: Wetherby, a distinguished research professor of clinical sciences in the College of Medicine, has built a proven, web-based system that helps parents and medical practitioners identify autism warning signs in children at very young ages, allowing treatment to begin much sooner. Wetherby will use the GAP award to plan deployment of her system out to autism professionals throughout the country.

•**Jhunu Chatterjee** — Quicker detection of disease using new biosensors — \$50,000: Chatterjee, an assistant scholar/

scientist in the FAMU–FSU College of Engineering, is working to create new, more cost-efficient biosensors that doctors can use to detect very small, normally unnoticeable changes in the human body, leading to early detection and diagnosis of disease and illness such as diabetes and certain cancers. Chatterjee will use the GAP award to start building the first prototypes of the new biosensor device.

•**Yan Li** — Faster drug discovery using living tissue test environments — \$43,000: Li, an assistant professor in the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering, is developing a new tissue-based testing method that would enhance the ability of researchers to test the effects of pharmaceutical drugs and their ability to help treat and cure diseases. Using the GAP award, Li will be able to hire the necessary staff and purchase the equipment needed to move the project to its next stage of development.

•**Alan Lemmon** — Better control of agricultural pests through gene mapping — \$15,000: Lemmon, an assistant professor in the Department of Scientific Computing, has developed faster, more affordable ways to map non-human genes such as insects and plants that can be used to control agricultural pests. Lemmon plans to use the GAP award to map specific genomes that would provide benefits to potential partners in the agriculture industry.

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myFSU Student Central update

## New system for student financial operations debuts

By **Megan Del Debbio**  
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

On July 1, Florida State University launched the latest phase of the campuswide migration to the university's new student information system, **myFSU Student Central**. This round, it was **Student Financial Services'** time to shine. And the transition paid off. Moving all student financial operations for Summer 2013 and beyond to the myFSU Student Central system means quick and easy access to real-time data. The new system will enable departments to receive funds faster — deposits are made daily rather than at the end of each month — and access to



real-time financial reports is now available.

This change will have the biggest impact on staff and faculty who view charges and deposits for department or student accounts and maintain department accounts receivables. Job aids on the Student Financial Services website will help first-time users navigate the new system.

For more information, contact Student Financial Services at [sfs@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:sfs@admin.fsu.edu) or (850) 644-9452.



# Top graduate students honored at annual celebration

Florida State honored the achievements of its graduate students in teaching, research, creativity and leadership at the university's annual **Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence** in April. **The Graduate School**, the **Office of Research** and the **Congress of Graduate Students** co-sponsored the event.

Florida State psychology Professor **Richard Hyson**, director of the university's Program in Neuroscience, addressed the graduate students. Reflecting on why he loves what he does, Hyson encouraged students to continue their intellectual curiosity and praised them for their dedication and contributions to the university community.

Joining Hyson during the ceremony was **Nancy Marcus**, dean of The Graduate School, **Jennifer Feltman**, coordinator of the Fellows Society, and **Judy Hefren**, a graduate student in the College of Social Work.

"It was an honor to meet these exceptional graduate students," Marcus said. "On behalf of The Graduate School, we offer congratulations to all of them for their outstanding achievements."

During the event, several awards were presented.

The recipients of the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, were nominated by faculty, staff and students and recognized for excellence in teaching and for their substantial contribution to student learning at Florida State. The recipients were: **Brittany Kraft** (Biological Science); **Carly Ryan** (Biological Science); **Debra Trusty** (Classics); **Travis Smith** (Modern Languages and Linguistics); **Robyn Braun** (Educational Psychology and Learning Systems); and **Melissa Bamford** (Sociology).

**Abraham Peña-Talamantes** (Sociology) and **Jane McPherson** (Social Work) received the distinguished **Graduate Student Leadership Award**.

Recipients of the **Research and Creativity Award** were recognized for outstanding research and creativity in the academic community at Florida



Graduate School Dean Nancy Marcus, far left, and Associate Dean Judith Devine, far right, are pictured with this year's Research and Creativity Award recipients, from left: Debra Trusty (Classics), Jane McPherson (Social Work), Timothy Kellison (Sport Management), Jingyong Su (Statistics) and Jeremy Weiss (Materials Science and Engineering). Paul Ardoin of the Department of English is not pictured.

State. They were: **Debra Trusty** (Classics); **Paul Ardoin** (English); **Timothy Kellison** (Sport Management); **Jane McPherson** (Social Work); **Jingyong Su** (Statistics); and **Jeremy Weiss** (Materials Science & Engineering).

Two nationally recognized programs are housed in The Graduate School — the Preparing Future Faculty Program and the Preparing Future Professionals Program. Both programs offer academic graduate certificates. In 2012-2013, 12 graduate students completed either the Preparing Future Faculty Certificate or the Preparing Future Professionals Certificate. These students were: **Aisha Azhar** (Public Administration); **Austin Boyle** (Economics); **Lindsay Dixon** (Interior Design); **Jinxuan Ma** (Information Studies); **Azhar Manzoor** (Public Administration); **Summer McWilliams** (Sociology); **Lisa Nixon** (Applied American Politics); **Abraham Peña-Talamantes** (Sociology); **Plato Smith** (Information Studies); **Jennifer Toole** (Communication); **Gregory Toole** (Mathematics); and **Joseph Vonasek** (Public Administration).

The PIE Teaching Associates also were recognized for serving the teaching and learning community of the university this past year. These graduate

students are: **Karen Bareford** (Urban and Regional Planning); **Austin Boyle** (Economics); **Amy Bustin** (Modern Languages and Linguistics); **Elizabeth DiDonna** (Art); **Urska Dobersek** (Educational Psychology and Learning Systems); **Judith Hefren** (Social Work); **Timothy Kelleher** (Geography); **Takudzwa Madzima** (Food, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences); **David Moody** (English); **Samantha Pazos** (Dance); **Katherine Pierson** (Theatre); **Christopher Rosbough** (Criminology); and **Giuseppina Valle** (Sociology).

**Steve Zimmer** of Sony Direct also attended the ceremony because of the Sony Corporation's partnership with the FSU Computer Store and The Graduate School. Through the partnership, randomly selected graduate students and junior faculty members received technology packages.

During the reception, The Graduate School hosted a poster session, showcasing research from various disciplines: **Jhoana Antiquino** (Interior Design); **Nikki M. Caruso** (Dance); **Sarah Leonard** (Chemical Engineering); **Zarko Manojlovic** (Biomedical Sciences); and **Jane McPherson** (Social Work).

To read the entire article, visit **news.fsu.edu**.

# WFSU will sponsor 'Downton Abbey'-themed tour of England

By Jeffery Seay  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

WFSU will bring a smash television hit to life as it sponsors "The World of Downton Abbey: A Tour of England," Sept. 12-21. Anglophiles take note: The registration deadline is Aug. 2.

The tour, limited to 25 participants at \$4,985 per person, is being organized through the Grand Tour Travel Company of Peterborough, N.H.

The tour includes a special event at Highclere Castle, where tour participants will get to meet its real-life owners, Lord and Lady Carnarvon. They also will have a dinner in Byfleet Manor, the location used as the home of the dowager countess of Grantham in "Downton Ab-

*Highclere Castle of 'Downton Abbey' fame*



bey." In addition, participants will tour major historical sites in London, Oxford and Bath.

"WFSU is more than an average TV station," said Patrick Keating, general manager of WFSU. "We pride ourselves on community in-

volvement. We offer local youth outreach activities such as The American Graduate project and the SciGirls summer camp. We broadcast, in their entirety, the announcements and news conferences of state officials during emer-

gencies and natural disasters through our partnership with the Florida Division of Emergency Management. In addition, we give people a front-row seat to the proceedings of the three branches of Florida's government on The Florida Channel.

"We know that 'Downton Abbey' is a wildly popular program in this community, so we are thrilled to be able to offer this extraordinary opportunity for Tallahasseeans to visit Highclere Castle and other historical sites associated with the show," Keating said.

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## News from Human Resources

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### BENEFITS

**>>NEW FACULTY BENEFITS ORIENTATION:** The Benefits Office will host two benefits orientation sessions for incoming faculty employees. The sessions will be held Thursday, Aug. 8, 1 to 3 p.m., and Wednesday, Aug. 14, 9 to 11 a.m. in the Human Resources Training Room, A6244 University Center. Topics will include health, life and supplemental insurance programs, retirement benefits and other benefits offered through the university.

**Registration:** [insben@fsu.edu](mailto:insben@fsu.edu).

**More information:** (850) 644-4015.

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**More information:** **David DeSue**, (850) 644-5726 or [insben@fsu.edu](mailto:insben@fsu.edu).

**>>NEW-HIRE BENEFITS HELP SESSIONS:** The Benefits Office will conduct bi-weekly help sessions for new employees on Tuesdays — July 2, July 16 and July 30 — 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](mailto:insben@fsu.edu).

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earlier this year in San Francisco.

A faculty member in the FSU College of Education for almost 10 years, Becker coordinates the college's Measurement and Statistics program. Her statistical research involves methods for synthesizing correlation matrices and regression slopes. She also is involved with projects regarding teacher knowledge and teacher qualifications.

"Dr. Becker is fervently working to enhance the knowledge of her students

and peers, and her work has an impact far beyond FSU," said **Marcy Driscoll**, dean of the College of Education. "We could not be more proud of this AERA recognition for her."

Becker is a member of the state of Florida's K-12 Assessment Technical Advisory Committee, its Steering Committee for the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations and the National Assessment of Educational



**Marcy Driscoll**

Progress (NAEP) Design and Analysis Committee. She was the recipient of the Frederick Mosteller Award given by the Campbell Collaboration and is a fellow of the American Statistical Association. She has served as an associate editor for the journal *Psychological Methods* and is on editorial boards of several other journals.

Becker earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology from Johns Hopkins University, and her doctorate in education from the University of Chicago. AERA selected her dissertation for the Outstanding Dissertation Award in 1985.



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## Trustees approve tobacco-free campus policy

**By Kristian Blessington**  
UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES

The **Florida State University Board of Trustees** voted March 8 to adopt an **updated campus tobacco policy** that calls for the main campus and the Panama City campus to be tobacco-free effective Jan. 1, 2014.

Currently, more than 783 academic institutions across the country have adopted 100 percent tobacco-free policies, with 15 in Florida. Florida State is the fourth major public university in Florida to adopt smoke-free or tobacco-free policies. The **University of Florida** and **Florida International University** went tobacco-free in 2010 and the **University of Central Florida** adopted a smoke-free policy in 2012.

The first step toward the new policy began in 2006 with the implementation of **Breathe Easy Zones**. Additional evidence-based research later emerged that indicated comprehensive smoke

or tobacco bans are more effective at preventing exposure and mitigating the health threats posed by secondhand smoke. A recent survey conducted on the Florida State campus by **University Health Services** indicated 88 percent of students had reported being exposed to secondhand smoke, with 41 percent being exposed weekly despite the existence of the Breathe Easy Zones.

By the fall of 2012, approximately two-thirds of Florida State buildings were participating in the Breathe Easy program, and the **Faculty Senate** and the **Leadership Advisory Council** both offered almost unanimous support toward a policy change. The **Student Government Association** also sponsored a referendum to gauge student body support for a campuswide change. The referendum found 76.5 percent of students supported the move to a comprehensive tobacco-free campus policy.

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## RECOGNITIONS

**Dennis E. Slice**, Ph.D. (Scientific Computing), has been named an honorary professor in the University of Vienna's Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Life Sciences. The five-year appointment was conferred by that university's Office of the President after approval of its faculty. Slice was appointed in recognition of his 15-year association with that university, as well as his excellent scientific qualifications and didactic abilities. During summer sessions, Slice lectures on biological shape analysis and collaborates with faculty and students on morphometric projects in Austria and neighboring countries. In addition, Slice co-wrote a paper, "A New Method for the Analysis of Soft Tissues with Data Acquired Under Field Conditions," with **Olmo Zavala Romero** of Florida State and **R.S. Sonnweber, N. Stobbe, M. Fieder** and **B. Wallner**, which has been accepted for publication by the journal *PLOS ONE*. The paper is a product of the collaboration between professors and students at the University of Vienna and Florida State.

**Dennis E. Slice**, left, and **Katrin Schaefer**, deputy head of the University of Vienna's Department of Anthropology, at a ceremony in Vienna recognizing his appointment as honorary professor.



**Sebastian J. Goerg**



**Mohamed Kabbaj**

and Disorders), co-wrote an article, "Narrative and Expository Writing Skills of Adolescents with Language-Learning Disabilities," with former FSU-SCSD Director **Kenn Apel**, now of the University of South Carolina, published in *Communication Disorders Quarterly*, Vol. 34, No. 3, 2013. In addition, Hall-Mills served as an invited faculty panelist for an interdisciplinary discussion, "Promoting Undergraduate Research," during the 2013 ACC Meeting of the Minds Conference at Wake Forest University, April.

**Mohamed Kabbaj**, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences), co-wrote a paper, "Histone Deacetylase Inhibitors Facilitate Partner Preference Formation in Female Prairie Voles," with **Hui Wang, Florian Duclot, Yan Liu** and **Zuxoin Wang**, published in the journal *Nature Neuroscience*, June 2, 2013.

**Roger Kaufman**, Ph.D. (Educational Research, emeritus), co-wrote a chapter, "Developing Social Capital: Methodology, Results and Lessons Learned from Practical Applications," with **Mariano Bernardez**, in the book "Social Capital: Theory, Measurement and Outcomes," edited by **C.D. Johnson** and published by Nova Science Publishers, 2011. Kaufman co-wrote an article, "Turning Social Capital into Societal Performance: Three Case Studies and a New Framework for Value Creation," with **Mariano Bernardez**, published in the journal *Performance Improvement*, Vol. 52, No. 5.

**Theo Siegrist**, Ph.D. (Engineering; National High Magnetic Field Laboratory), and **Tiglet Besara**, Ph.D. (National High Magnetic Field Laboratory), co-wrote a paper, "Nanoscale Atoms in Solid-State Chemistry," with colleagues from Columbia University, Barnard College, Rutgers State University and SUNY Stony Brook, published in the journal *Science Express*, June 6.

## PRESENTATIONS

During the Florida State University Pedestrian and Bicycling Symposium held on campus May 30, **Harvey "Buck" Buchanan** (Business Services) made a presentation, "FSU Transportation Services Overview," and **Jeff Horton** (College of Business, Marketing Institute) made a presentation, "Transportation Demand Management: A Marketing Approach to Trip Mitigation." The symposium, which was co-sponsored by the university's Facilities De-

## BYLINES

**Sebastian J. Goerg** (Economics) co-wrote a paper, "Fusing Enacted and Expected Mimicry Generates a Winning Strategy that Promotes the Evolution of Cooperation," with colleagues from the University of Haifa, Princeton University and the University of Bonn, published in the journal *PNAS Online Early Edition* the week of June 3.

**Shannon Hall-Mills**, Ph.D. (Communication Science



# With Humboldt Fellowship, professor goes in search of ancient giants

By Barry Ray  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

With the support of one of Germany's most prestigious academic foundations, religion Professor **Matthew Goff** is preparing to spend a year conducting research and writing in that country. His mission: to complete a book analyzing 2,000-year-old passages contained in the Dead Sea Scrolls that differ significantly from the biblical book of Genesis and its account of the cataclysmic Flood.

Goff is the recipient of a **Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers**. The \$65,000 fellowship, provided by the **Alexander von Humboldt Foundation**, will enable him to live in Munich for a year and serve as a visiting scholar at Ludwig-Maximilians



University. He will leave for Germany in August.

"My field is the Hebrew Bible and ancient Judaism, and I work a great deal

on the Dead Sea Scrolls," Goff said. "In a nutshell, this project is on a couple of Dead Sea Scrolls texts that reinterpret the biblical account of the Flood in Genesis. Basically, what they do is retell the story in such a way that the Flood did not happen because of the rise of wickedness of people but rather because there were monstrous, deformed, cannibalistic giants who roamed the earth and terrorized people. And that is the reason for the Flood — to destroy these wicked giants."

So far, Goff has completed about 200 pages of a book to be titled "When Giants Walked the Earth: Warriors, Cannibals and Other Primordial Creatures in Ancient Jewish Literature," which he plans to complete by late 2014.

partment and the College of Business's Marketing Institute, was the first in a series of workshops that will investigate ways to make the Florida State campus even more bicycle and pedestrian friendly.

**Carla Prado**, Ph.D. (Human Sciences; Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences), made a presentation, "Critical Criteria for Evaluating Nutritional Status: Defining Emerging Nutrition Imbalances," as a co-chair and speaker during the annual meeting of the Canadian Nutrition Society, Quebec City, Canada, May 30-June 2. In addition, Prado made a presentation, "Nutrition in Oncology Patients," as the guest speaker at the First Caribbean Abbott Symposium, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, May.

**Karla Schmitt**, Ph.D. (Nursing), is scheduled to make an oral/poster presentation, "Sexually Transmitted Infections and Pregnancy Outcomes, Florida 2008-2010," with **Dan Thompson**, at the STI & AIDS World Congress 2013, Vienna, Austria, July 2013. This was the joint meeting of the 20th annual meeting of the International Society for Sexually Transmitted Diseases Research and 14th annual meeting of the International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections.

**Branko Stefanovic**, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences), delivered an address, "Liver Fibrosis: Understanding the Molecular Mechanism and Finding a Cure," as the invited speaker during the 18th Annual Kasha Award and Seminar Ceremony, Florida State campus, April.

## GRANTS

**Wu-Min Deng**, Ph.D. (Biological Science), has received a four-year, \$1,118,004 renewal grant from the National Institutes of Health to continue his study "Intercellular Communication and Oocyte Polarity." In addition, a paper that Deng and postdoctoral fellow **Yoichiro Tamori** recently co-wrote, "Tissue Repair Through Cell Competition and



Carla Prado



Wu-Min Deng

Compensatory Cellular Hypertrophy in Postmitotic Epithelia," was recommended to become a Faculty of 1000 "F 1000 Prime" paper and, as a result, is a recommended article at <http://f1000.com/prime>. The paper was originally published in the journal *Development Cell*, May.

**Michael J. Ormsbee**, Ph.D. (Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences), has been awarded grants from both the Marie A. LeDoux Foundation and Natural Alternatives International Inc. to work on an interdisciplinary research study with **Gerry Maitland**, M.D., and **John Giannini**, M.D. (College of Medicine), to study the impact of beta-alanine (a nutritional supplement) on human performance in patients with Parkinson's disease and multiple sclerosis.

## PATENTS

**James Olcese**, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences), has been awarded U.S. Patent No. 8,445,436 for "Oxytocin and Melatonin Compositions and Associated Methods for Inducing Labor," issued May 21.

# Raimondi promoted to assistant dean

By Andrew Myers III  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Nicole Raimondi, former director of Advising First, has been appointed assistant dean of Undergraduate Studies. She succeeds Greg Beaumont, who was promoted to senior associate athletics director for the university's Student-Athlete Academic Services and associate dean of Undergraduate Studies.



Nicole Raimondi

functions of the dean's office and manage the staff and responsibilities of the Office of Undergraduate Studies.

"I am delighted that Dr. Nikki Raimondi agreed to step into the role of assistant dean of Undergraduate Studies," said Karen Laughlin, dean of Undergraduate Studies. "She has proven herself to be a great leader and innovator who brings excellent people skills and a wealth of academic advising experience to the table."



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