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Florida State advances in national rankings to 40th among public universities

By Jill Elish

NEWS AND RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS

Florida State University continues to move up in national rankings with *U.S. News & World Report* ranking FSU 40th among all public "national" universities in its 2014 edition of "America's Best Colleges." Florida State has moved from No. 46 to No. 40 – a six-point jump – in just the past two years. Florida State's ranking has increased every year since

2010. Last year, the university was ranked No. 42 nationally among public universities.

Among all national universities, including private universities, Florida State ranked 91st, which is up from 97th last year. The national universities category consists of 281 institutions (173 public, 101 private and seven for-profit) that offer a wide range of undergraduate majors as

well as master's and doctoral degrees.

"Florida State University strives for academic excellence in a student-centered environment, and that is reflected in the upward movement in the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings," said President **Eric J. Barron**. "Our goal is to invest in academic excellence and student

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Eric J. Barron

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

New vice president now at helm of major university division

Kyle Clark, who has been on the job since Sept. 3 as Florida State's new vice president for **Finance and Administration**, has spent his first two weeks acquainting himself with the university's financial and administrative infrastructure.

Clark most recently served as vice president for Administration and Finance and chief financial officer at Texas Tech University. Now at Florida State, Clark is leading the university's budget and finance



Kyle Clark

operations, business services, facilities, information technology, maintenance, human resources, police, and parking and transportation services, among other areas.

President **Eric J. Barron** lauded

Clark as a "knowledgeable, highly capable and enthusiastic leader."

"I am confident that his addition to our leadership team will greatly support our efforts to take the university to the next level of achievement," Barron said.

Clark holds Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Business Administration degrees from Texas Tech University. He also earned executive de-

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Spread THE Word

Florida State University's stellar 2013-2014 freshman class boasts an average high school grade point average of 4.0, an average total SAT score of 1851 and an average ACT composite score of 28.

With 'pre-eminence,' improved quality is the goal

Welcome to an exciting year of change and growth at Florida State University!

We have entered a new era with the achievement of "pre-eminent" status from the Florida Legislature and the Florida Board of Governors this spring, one of two universities in the state so designated. The accompanying funding — \$15 million a year for 5 years — will allow us to take a number of steps to better serve faculty, staff and students through specific, targeted investments.



Garnett S. Stokes
Provost and
Executive
Vice President
for Academic
Affairs

The goal is improved quality, but these actions also will serve to elevate Florida State's reputation and push it toward a Top 25 national ranking of public universities.

The plan involves recruiting more STEM-ready students, increasing the percentage of full-time faculty, raising retention and graduation rates, and hiring entrepreneurs-in-residence across campus to enhance the success of our graduating students.

This summer, I announced a new initiative, "**Rewarding Extraordinary Accomplishments**," that gives professors special raises linked directly to prestigious national awards they have earned. We want to retain our best faculty and encourage their pursuit of national and international visibility in their disciplines.

We've also hired more than 115 new faculty, with more on the way, and we plan to spend \$6 million in pre-eminence funding the first year to hire faculty — \$26 million over the next five years — and \$1 million to attract National Academy members — \$3 million over the next five years

Last year, I named **Dr. Sally McRorie** to be vice president for Faculty Development and Advancement, a new position designed to elevate our service to faculty to ensure you have the support you need to be successful.

This year, her office will work with University Communications to expand the flow of information to you about our efforts on your behalf, through this avenue and others. Please look for future columns on topics of high interest, and refer to this link to see the key messages of the Top 25 plan: www.preeminence.fsu.edu.

I hope you will agree it is a momentous time to be a member of the stellar faculty at Florida State University.

Have a great fall semester!

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NewsMakers

"The conditions have been favorable for storms. They just haven't generated. I don't think the research community has a good answer yet."

— Tim LaRow, an associate research scientist at Florida State University's Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies, as quoted discussing this year's relatively calm hurricane season. The story, "Fizzling Gabrielle continues a quiet hurricane season — at least so far," appeared Sept. 5 in the Miami Herald and Bradenton Herald.

Be sure to visit the **FSU Makes News** section of **Florida State 24/7**.
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Job title: Associate Director, Programs and Facilities, Campus Recreation

To-do list: Oversees the FSU Reservation's lakefront property and associated programs.

Years at FSU: 19 in Campus Recreation

A room with a view: Her office overlooks Lake Bradford.

Quotable: "I have been very fortunate to spend the majority of my Campus Recreation career in developing strategic planning and restoration of one the university's most treasured historical resources, the Reservation."

In service to others: Is actively involved with Catholic Charities.

A heart for four-legged friends: Volunteers with Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare animal therapy. Rescued two beautiful dogs — golden retriever Toby in 2001 and lab/chow mix Tally in 2003. Both became therapy dogs and have provided many years of love and companionship.

After 5: Enjoys the beach, kayaking and boating. Belongs to Tallahassee's "Just Golf" women's league, and plays in at least six charity golf tournaments each year.

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Twister history

Researchers develop model to correct tornado records for better risk assessment

By Jill Elish

NEWS AND RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS

In the wake of deadly tornadoes in Oklahoma this past spring, Florida State researchers have developed a new statistical model that will help determine

whether the risk of tornadoes is increasing and whether they are getting stronger.

Climatologists have been hampered in determining actual risks by what they call a population bias: That is, the fact that tornadoes have traditionally been underreported in rural areas compared to cities.

Now, Florida State geography Professor **James B. Elsner** and graduate student **Laura E. Michaels** have outlined a method that takes the population bias into account, as well as what appears to be a recent surge in the number of reported tornadoes, thanks in part to an increasing number of storm chasers and recreational risk-takers roaming Tornado Alley.

Their model is outlined in the article "The Decreasing Population Bias in Tornado Reports across the Central Plains," published in the American Meteorological Society's journal *Weather, Climate, and Society*. The model offers a way to correct the historical data to account for the fact that there were fewer reports in previous

decades. In addition to Elsner and Michaels, **Kelsey N. Scheitlin**, an assistant professor at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and **Ian J. Elsner**, a graduate student at the University of Florida, co-authored the paper.

"Most estimates of tornado risk are probably too low because they are based on the reported number of tornadoes," Elsner said. "Our research can help better quantify the actual risk of a tornado. This will help with building codes and emergency awareness. With our research, the science of tornadoes can move forward to address questions related to whether cities enhance or inhibit tornadoes."

Although other researchers have proposed methods to address the population bias, all of them assume the bias is constant over time, Elsner said. This model is the first to take into consideration how the population bias has changed over time.

Historically, the number of reported tornadoes across the premiere storm chase region of the central Plains is low-

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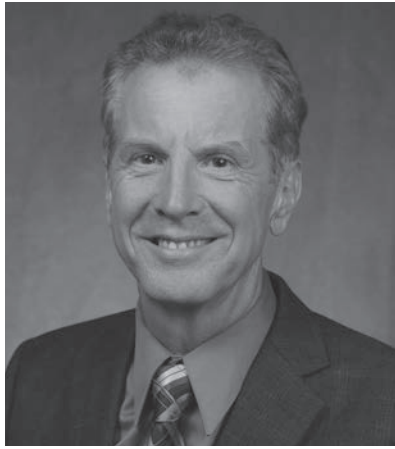


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James B. Elsner
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est in rural areas. However, the number of tornado reports in the countryside has increased dramatically since the 1970s and especially since the 1996 release of the disaster movie "Twister." The movie spawned a generation of storm chasers who are partially responsible for more tornado reports, Elsner said.

Interestingly, Elsner's model was developed after he led a team of undergraduate and graduate students on a storm-chasing mission of their own.

"While we were driving around the Great Plains looking for storms, I challenged my students to think about how the historical data could be used to better estimate the risk of getting hit by a tornado," he said. "The observations of other chasers and the geographic spacing of towns led us to our model for correcting the historical record."

In addition to more storm chasers logging tornado sightings, greater public awareness of tornadoes and advances in

reporting technology, including mobile Internet and GPS navigating systems, may also have contributed to the increase in reports over the past 15 to 20 years.

The increase in reports has diminished the population bias somewhat, but it introduced a second problem: There are more reports, but are there also, in fact, more tornadoes? In other words, is the risk actually increasing?

To address these issues, the FSU researchers first made the assumption that the frequency of tornadoes is the same in cities as in rural areas.

Their model calls for the reported number in rural areas to be adjusted upward by a factor that depends on the number of tornadoes in the nearest city and the distance from the nearest city. The model shows that it is likely that tornadoes are not occurring with greater frequency, but there is some evidence to suggest that tornadoes are, in fact, getting stronger.

"The risk of violent tornadoes appears to be increasing," Elsner said.

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Over 50? Take part in 'lifelong learning' opportunities

As thousands of traditional students start a new school year at Florida State University, hundreds of nontraditional students — representing the over-50 crowd — will soon be joining them on campus as a new semester of the **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at FSU** gets under way.

OLLI is a Florida State program that offers a wealth of classes and activities designed to enhance the lives of Tallahassee residents with a passion for learning.

Just a sampling of this semester's classes includes "The Music of Your Youth: U.S. Popular Music Through 1970," "America and Vietnam," "The 50-Year Legacy of Civil Rights in the U.S.A. — 1963-2013," "Bollywood Cinema" and "Cosmic

Turning Points."

Other classes focus on photography, home winemaking, science, current affairs, iPad proficiency, travel, literature, art, health and much more.

OLLI faculty members come from FSU, **Florida A&M University** and **Tallahassee Community College**, and also include gifted graduate students and local experts. Representing FSU, renowned biology professor **Walter Tschinkel** will teach "The Parallel Universe of Ants." "Opera Appreciation" will be taught by Ph.D. candidate and adjunct professor **Tobias Motel**, son of famed actor **Zero Mostel**. Other current and emeritus FSU professors from humanities, history, English, business communications, biology, international affairs and the College

This fall is a very special time to be a member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at FSU. If OLLI membership can grow to 1,000 members from its current 700, the organization can qualify for a million-dollar endowment from the Osher Foundation.

of Medicine fill OLLI's faculty roll during the fall semester.

Classes are held on the FSU campus, at Westminster Oaks and other locations.

Membership sign-up and registration for classes is scheduled from Sept. 11 through Sept. 30 at olli.fsu.edu.

All area residents over 50 are welcome to join OLLI. There are no educational prerequisites

and no prior affiliation with FSU is required. Director **Debra Herman** says, "OLLI members don't have tests or homework. This is learning for the sheer love of it."

OLLI also offers a lecture series, Book Club, Writers' Group, Spanish Club, Travel Club, Walking Club, Music Group and Eco Club. The organization also offers social and travel opportunities, including study visits to FSU's campuses abroad.

Each year OLLI provides scholarships to two FSU students in academic specialties related to lifelong learning.

Annual membership in OLLI is \$110. Classes range from \$35 to \$55.

Classes begin Sept. 30 and continue through Nov. 7.

For more information, visit olli.fsu.edu or call 644-7947.

btw *by the way*

>>**CIES Southeast Regional Conference:** The **Center for International Studies in Educational Research and Development** and the **College of Education** invite faculty and students to the **2013 Southeast Regional Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society**. The conference will take place Oct. 11-13 at the Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center. Other sponsors are the William A. Kerr Intercultural Education and Dialogue Initiative, the Center for Global Engagement, the Florida Network for Global Studies and the Comparative and International Education Society.

More information: Visit tinyurl.com/FSU-CIES.

>>**Gameday reminder:** Fans should only bring **approved items** with them to Doak Campbell Stadium on game days: medically necessary items; empty water bottles to fill at water stations inside the stadium; small amounts of food for infants and toddlers; purchases from the Seminole Sports Shop; keys, wallets and cell phones; stadium seats without arms; and bags that do not exceed the new size limit of 12" x 6" x 12. The following **items are prohibited:** Outside beverages or food; coolers; umbrellas; strollers and diaper bags; stadium seats with arms; and bags larger than 12-by-6-by-12 inches, including backpacks and camera bags.

>>**Smoking cessation help:** Now that Florida State is going tobacco-free — effective Jan. 1 — a great opportunity exists for those who have been trying to quit. **University Health Services** and the **College of Medicine's Area Health Education Center (AHEC)** are providing **Quit and Be Free (QBF)** and **Quit Smoking NOW (QSN)**. QBF is a one-time group intervention to assist smokers/tobacco users in exploring quitting. QSN is a six-session smoking cessation program developed by ex-smokers for those who want to become ex-smokers. Now through Dec. 31, employees who participate in QBF are allowed to do so as part of their work time, with supervisor approval.

More information: (850) 644-8871, (850) 645-9710, or www.tobaccofree.fsu.edu.

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•**Professional development leave** — The University Committee on the Professional Development Program is accepting applications for professional development leave for one-semester (or the equivalent) at full pay and two-semester at one-half pay to be awarded during the 2013-2014 process to be effective during the 2014-2015 academic year. To learn more, visit www.fda.fsu.edu and click "Faculty Development." Applications are to be submitted by the applicant through their department chair, program leader or project director, and the academic dean of the college in which the applicant holds an appointment, or through the director of an equivalent unit (such as the director of University Libraries) to the vice president for Faculty Development and Advancement, 115 Westcott Building, by Monday, Oct. 7, 2013.

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Research facility directors aim to streamline equipment use

The entire inventory of Florida State's scientific research equipment is available for use by any researcher on campus but is housed in several core research facilities located in various departments across campus. Oftentimes, equipment is known only to those who work in a specific department. Researchers from outside that department who might benefit from using specific pieces of equipment have to search departmental websites or go knocking on doors to locate them.

To change this cumbersome process, the directors of the university's core research facilities have come together to form the **Research Facility Directors Network**.

The Research Facility Directors Network has two primary goals. The first is to create a unified portal through which all of the university's scientific instruments and tools can be searched, located and used. The second is to integrate the research tools and protocols so that users can share best practices and facilities can negotiate better service contracts.

"As FSU grows in size, labs are moving to different locations on campus and so they may not be able to keep up with advances in research facilities and that should be reversed," said **Thayumanasamy Somasundaram**, director of Florida State's **X-ray Facility** in the **Institute of Molecular Biophysics** and a member of the network.



Members of the Research Facility Directors Network, from left: Brian Fairhurst, Joan Hare, Margaret Seavy, Claudius Mundoma, Bert van de Burgt, Eric Lochner, Roger Mercer and Duncan Sousa. Thayumanasamy Somasundaram is not pictured.

Claudius Mundoma, another member of the network who is the director of the **Physical Biochemistry Facility** in the **Institute of Molecular Biophysics**, points out that many universities have moved significantly ahead in integrating their research assets and that FSU should also do the same to be more efficient. IMB's **Peter Fajer** also has been an early advocate of the network.

Brian Fairhurst, special adviser to the vice president for Research, has been working with the group to facilitate universitywide participation to integrate the disparate research facilities.

"As a facilitator with both the Research Facility Directors Network and the FSU Efficiency and Effectiveness Committee, I am delighted to support creative and innovative initiatives that

better communicate, organize and integrate the needs of faculty and staff with available resources," Fairhurst said.

The Research Facility Directors Network now has representatives from several science departments and has created a list-serv (research-facilities@lists.fsu.edu) for ease of communication and exchange.

Soon, the group will work with all facility personnel and the University Property Records office to create a searchable portal for all the research equipment on campus and provide relevant information about the techniques and protocols. The group also is working with the FSU property department to update the research equipment records database by adding pictures and better descriptions of the research assets.

CLARK

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velopment and business management certificates, respectively, from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin and the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers.

Clark succeeds the late Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration **John R. Carnaghi**, who passed away earlier this year after 22 years at Florida State. The search, managed by **Witt/Kieffer**, attracted applicants from across the country.

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success. We expect this investment will be reflected in national rankings, where our goal is to be among the Top 25 public universities."

U.S. News & World Report also lauded Florida State in a category called "A+ Schools for B Students." Although the average freshman enrolled in FSU last fall had a high school grade point average of 4.0 — well above a "B" average — FSU Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs **Garnett S. Stokes** said FSU's listing in this cate-

gory is reflective of the university's commitment to the academic success of its students.

Florida State's graduation rate performance improved this year. With a 75 percent graduation rate, Florida State far exceeded a prediction by *U.S. News* that FSU's graduation rate for its 2006 cohort would be 64 percent. *U.S. News* based its prediction on a formula that incorporated various factors that may affect graduation, including high school class standing, standardized test scores, financial expenditures, percentage of students receiving Pell Grants and whether the institution is public or private.

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News from Human Resources

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first.myflorida.com) to update their mailing addresses and other contact information. This will ensure that employees can receive important benefits-related notifications from People First. Employees who do not know their People First IDs can send an email to the Benefits Office at insben@fsu.edu to have it sent to them.

More information: www.hr.fsu.edu

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>>**BENEFITS AND WELLNESS FAIR:** The 13th annual event will be held Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Oglesby Union State Ballroom. Insurance, retirement, community and campus organizations will participate and have information available. In addition, representatives from the state group insurance plans and Florida State's Human Resources Benefits Office will be in attendance to answer questions about Open Enrollment.

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RECOGNITIONS

Ray Burggraf (Department of Art, emeritus) is featured in the New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture, Vol. 21.

Tom Flanigan (WFSU) received the Communicator of the Year Award from the Capital Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association, August.

BYLINES

Mark Isaac, Ph.D. (Economics), co-wrote a book, "Just the Facts, Ma'am: A Case Study of the Reversal of Corruption in the LAPD," with Florida State doctoral student **Douglas A. Norton**, published by Palgrave Pivot, 2013. The book is an analytical narrative that examines the anti-corruption policies instituted by legendary Los Angeles police chief William Parker.

Trip Wyckoff (University Libraries), co-wrote an article, "EBV Librarianship: Helping Disabled Veterans with Business Research," which is available as a pre-print in DigiNole Commons. The article will be published in the *Journal of Business and Finance Librarianship* this fall. Read the article at http://diginole.lib.fsu.edu/library_faculty_publications/6/.

PRESENTATIONS

Antonio C. Cuyler, Ph.D. (Art Education), made a presentation, "Critical Issues for Research in Arts Management," at the 11th conference of the European Sociological Association, Turin, Italy, August. Cuyler was the only the faculty member from the U.S. at the conference and shared the panel with colleagues from France, Iceland and Spain.



Stan Jastrzebski



Matthew Shaftel

Kathy Dorsett, M.S., Ed.S. (Career Center), **Seth Hayden**, Ph.D. (Career Center), and **Janet Lenz**, Ph.D. (Career Center), co-presented a session, "From Then to Now: Career Counseling Training and Supervision for the Next Generation of Counselors," at the National Career Development Association Global Conference, Boston, June.

Lilian Garcia-Roig (Department of Art) has a solo show, "Saturation Points," which opened Aug. 24 at Valley House Gallery, Dallas. She presented a talk related to the show Sept. 14, also in Dallas. The show will run through Sept. 21. In addition, Garcia-Roig is featured in the New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture, Vol. 21. Garcia-Roig co-presented a paper, "Art on Campus: Reaching Unconventional Communities at Alternative Exhibition Spaces," with Florida State art administration doctoral student **Alicia Viera**, at the annual conference and exhibition of the Florida Association of Museums, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Sept. 8-11.

Mark Messersmith (Department of Art) opened a solo show, "Southern Obsessions," and gave a talk related to the show at Valley House Gallery, Dallas, Aug. 24. The show will run through Sept. 21. In addition, Messersmith is featured in the New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture, Vol. 21.

GRANTS AND PATENTS

Michael J. Ormsbee, Ph.D. (Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences), was awarded a grant from Onnit Labs to research the effects of a new sport supplement on human performance, safety and anabolic hormone profiles in highly trained men.

KEY PROMOTIONS AND HIRES

Stan Jastrzebski (WFSU) has been hired as news director of WFSU-FM. Before coming to WFSU, Jastrzebski worked as the news director of NPR member station WFIU in Bloomington, Ind.

Matthew Shaftel, Ph.D. (Undergraduate Studies), has been appointed associate dean of Undergraduate Studies and director of Liberal Studies. Shaftel, who has been instrumental in planning for changes to the liberal studies curriculum, will retain a partial appointment in the College of Music.



Antonio C. Cuyler



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Collection of Rembrandt works slated for two-week exhibit

By Nicole Brooks

NEWS AND RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS

Original etchings by the 17th century Dutch artist **Rembrandt van Rijn** will grace the walls of the Florida State's **Museum of Fine Arts** during a special two-week exhibition that is free and open to the public.

More than 60 etchings are on loan from philanthropists Drs. **Tobia and Morton Mower** of Baltimore who will visit campus, along with their curator, Aaron Young, for related events at the museum.

"A Fortnight of Rembrandt: Selected Etchings from the Mower Collection" opens to the public Friday, Sept. 20, and will be on display through Sunday, Oct. 6.

"Tobia and I are delighted to share our collection with Florida State so that others can appreciate Rembrandt's unparalleled artistic talent and unique ability to capture the lives and times of his era," said Morton Mower. "With FSU's



Rembrandt van Rijn, Self Portrait Wearing a Soft Cap, B.2, etching, about 1634.

longstanding commitment and deep connection to the arts, I have no doubt that these etchings will be in good company as they tell the tales of the subjects he etched so long ago."

"Rembrandt is a thrilling prospect. Works by this 17th century artist have be-

come part of our visual lexicon in high art as well as popular culture," said **Allys Palladino-Craig**, director of the Museum of Fine Arts.

"His prints of the mighty and the humble, of landscapes and mythological scenes, of Bible stories and character studies are all represented in the remarkable Mower Collection," she said.

Born in 1606 in Leiden in the Netherlands to a family of modest means, Rembrandt would become one of the most important Dutch artists in history. He created his etchings between 1626 and 1660. He died in Amsterdam in 1669.

During the special exhibition, the museum will be open to the public 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended hours until 7 p.m. on Thursdays; 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. The museum is the east wing of the Fine Arts Building at 530 W. Call St. For more information, call (850) 644-6836.

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