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'Ready to rumble': President reports Florida State is on the move

By **Jeffery Seay**
EDITOR IN CHIEF

During his annual **State of the University Address** Nov. 7, President **Eric J. Barron** put into perspective the groundwork laid over the past three years as integral to Florida State University's next steps toward greater success.

"We've been laying track with big ideas," Barron said to faculty and administrators assembled in Ruby Diamond Concert Hall. "Now we're emerging from the recession leaner, hungrier and

ready to rumble — not in the sense of a street fight, but the deep, resonant sound of something powerful and on the move."

Florida State's focus on academic excellence is not only intended to move higher in national rankings, but more importantly to foster greater student career success.



Eric J. Barron

In the past two years, Florida State has added 100 new faculty members, with more to come as a result of increased "pre-eminence" funding from the state, according to Barron. In the next five years, Florida State is set to receive an additional \$15 million per year, which the university intends to use for targeted purposes geared to move the university into the nation's top 25 public universities. A major target is decreasing the student/faculty ratio.

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Human Sciences dean receives lifetime achievement award

By **Jeffery Seay**
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Billie J. Collier, who has served as dean of the College of Human Sciences since 2006 and has given a lifetime of service to the field of human sciences, received the **Lifetime Achievement Award** from the **Board on Human Sciences** at its annual awards breakfast Nov. 11.

Each year, the board — part of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities — honors a nationally recognized leader in the field who has a significant history of promoting and ad-



Billie Collier

vancing it in higher education. "I am humbled to receive this recognition from my Board on Human Sciences colleagues who are leading the human sciences nationally," Collier said. "It has been my honor to serve the profession over many years and to see its success in improving the quality of life for individuals, families and communities."

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Collier, who is retiring Jan. 16, graduated from Tulane University with a bachelor's degree in music in 1966. From there, she found her way to the human sciences, earning a master's degree in textiles and clothing in 1976 and a doctorate in interdisciplinary home economics in 1981, both from the University of Tennessee.

Throughout her career, Collier has written or contributed to numerous books, written nearly 50 journal articles, and participated in a multitude of conference proceedings. In addition, she has received five patents.

To read the entire story, visit news.fsu.edu.

Spread THE Word

For the second consecutive year, Florida State is one of the nation's top research institutions for producing student Fulbright scholars, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, which recently published a list of the top producers of U.S. Fulbright students by type of institution.

EDUCATING BETTER GRADUATES

Initiatives geared toward producing critical thinkers

I am excited to share with you a significant undertaking across the university that will ensure Florida State students develop the critical and creative thinking skills they need to thrive both intellectually and materially after they graduate.

This comprehensive effort has two parts — a campus initiative and a curriculum initiative. The first encompasses the university's **Quality Enhancement Plan** under the leadership of Professor **Helen Burke**. The second is being led by Professor **Matthew Shaftel**.



Garnett S. Stokes
Provost and
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Affairs

The overall goal is to produce not only graduates but lifelong learners. Employers have made clear that critical thinking skills and the ability to adapt and be flexible to rapidly changing demands in a fast-paced world are more important than a student's major. We want all our students to learn to consider all sides of an issue and present a credible argument in support of their reasoned solution.

After much investigation, a **QEP committee** of dedicated people determined that although Florida State does this already, we can improve. We can explicitly teach critical thinking. We can encourage and support faculty in developing and teaching critical thinking strategies within their disciplines.

Meanwhile, the **Liberal Studies for the 21st Century Task Force** has been in charge of a complete overhaul of liberal studies courses for freshmen and sophomores. A signature feature of the curriculum is our new **ECourses**, which focus on specific and timely topics of global interest. Students will be required to take at least two such courses, which will also build skills in critical and creative thinking and problem solving.

Both of these initiatives tie in very well with a strategic plan put forth by President **Eric Barron** to ensure our graduates are ready to pursue their careers. They place us in good company among other top-ranked research universities and are indicative of a "pre-eminent" university.

When our students earn a diploma from Florida State, we want it understood that they have the education necessary to live and work successfully in the 21st century.

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"Every year, globally, more people migrate to cities and live in increasingly close quarters, which creates a premium on finite land. This premium on real estate often makes the use of land for the interment of the dead inefficient, if not wasteful."

— **Christopher Coutts**, an associate professor in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, as quoted Oct. 30 on *The New York Times* "Room for Debate" opinion page. Coutts was discussing the drawbacks of traditional cemetery burial as it relates to the coming "burial boom" of the baby boom generation, especially among members of that generation who live in metropolitan areas.

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hello!
Kathleen Helm

Job title: Office Manager, Alumni Association

To-do list: Oversees the day-to-day functions of the association.

Years at FSU: 25

Best part of the job: *"Working at Alumni Association events and meeting so many wonderful and talented students and alumni, many who have become great friends."*

Bon appétit: Loves her father's creamed corn, fresh sliced tomatoes and corn bread.

Is currently reading: *"The Longest Ride"* by Nicholas Sparks.

Musically speaking: Loves anything by "The Eagles"; most recently saw Kenny Chesney in concert.

Fitness enthusiast: Has been taking Zumba classes for two years. *"It's a great workout. I recommend it to everyone!"*

After 5: Feels at home outdoors; loves the country life. *"I love deer hunting with my dad and brother, and duck hunting with my husband, both here in Florida and Mississippi. Most of all, I enjoy spending time with the grandkids — Kaylee, 9, Waylon, 3, and Lily, 8 months."*

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Marshall inducted into American Academy of Arts and Sciences

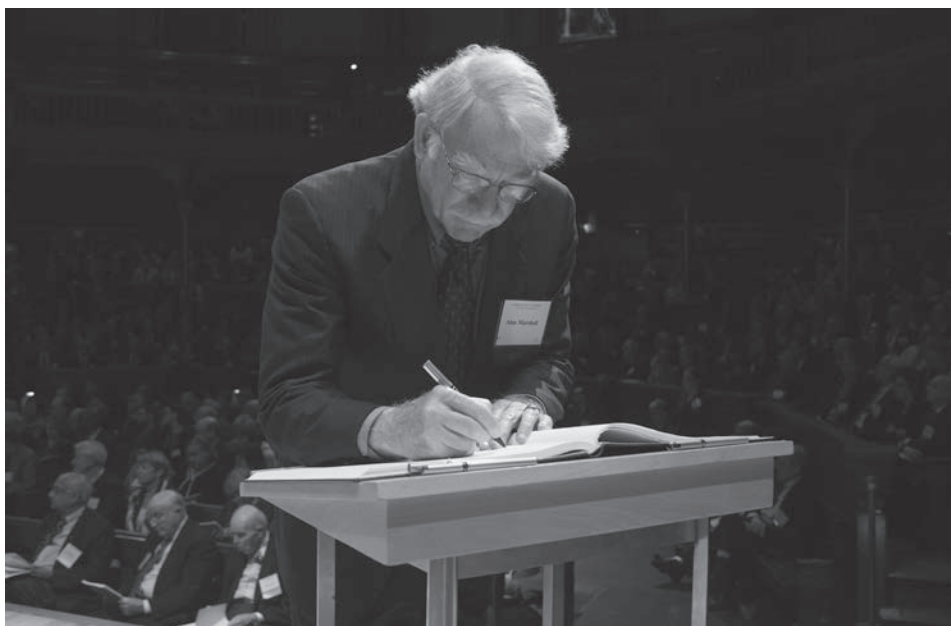
By Barry Ray
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

One of Florida State's most distinguished researchers has been inducted into the **American Academy of Arts and Sciences**, joining 163 other fellows and foreign honorary members in the **Class of 2013**.

Alan G. Marshall, who is world-renowned for his pioneering work in co-inventing and developing Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance (FT-ICR) mass spectrometry — a revolutionary chemical analysis technique — is director of the Ion Cyclotron Resonance Program at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory at Florida State.

Marshall and the rest of the Class of 2013 were formally welcomed to the Academy on Oct. 12 during an induction ceremony in Cambridge, Mass. The Academy, whose entire membership includes more than 250 Nobel Prize laureates and 60 Pulitzer Prize winners, is composed of accomplished leaders in education, business, public affairs, the humanities and the arts.

"Being inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences is a tremendous honor," said **Tim Logan**, chair of FSU's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. "Each of the inductees has demonstrated a broad and lasting impact in their respective fields, and the same is true for Alan. He is an outstanding researcher but also has written outstanding textbooks and is a generous mentor to younger scientists at all stages



Alan Marshall signs the American Academy of Arts and Sciences' Book of Members, a tradition that dates back to 1780.

of their careers. We are very pleased to have someone of Alan's talents on the faculty at Florida State."

In addition to Marshall, Academy Award-winning actors **Robert De Niro** and **Sally Field**, Emmy Award-winning filmmaker **Ken Burns**, novelist **Martin Amis** and jazz great **Herbie Hancock** were among the inductees at the Oct. 12 ceremony. Field and Burns read from the "Letters of John and Abigail Adams," and the ceremony concluded with a performance by Hancock.

"The induction ceremony recognizes the achievement and vitality of today's most accomplished individuals who together with the Academy will work to

advance the greater good," said Academy Secretary **Jerrold Meinwald**. "These distinguished men and women are making significant strides in their quest to find solutions to the most pressing scientific, humanistic, and policy challenges of the day."

Marshall is now one of two current FSU faculty members to have been elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The other is **Ellen Taaffe Zwilich**, the Francis Eppes Distinguished Professor of Composition, who received the honor in 2004. Five previous FSU faculty members also were named fellows of the Academy.

To read the entire story, visit news.fsu.edu.



Green Your Lunch

Wondering how to make sustainability more applicable to your daily life? Start by "greening" your lunch! Here are a few tips to make your work lunches more eco-friendly:

First, bring your lunch to work. This can help cut down on disposable packaging. Take an extra step and make your lunch from fresh, local ingredients. Homemade lunches are often healthier as well!

Second, make a "green kit" for your lunches. Keep utensils, a reusable cup/bottle, and a bowl or plate at your desk. This reduces waste from disposable cutlery and serving dishes.

Third, try to go meatless at least one day per week. Limiting your meat intake is good for your health and the environment.

Finally, consider the packaging and waste generated from catered lunches. Collect the boxes after a catered boxed lunch for recycling. Save any unused silverware, condiments or napkins and share them with your office.

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Awards recognize faculty support of distance learning

Eleven members of the Florida State community were recognized for their contributions to distance learning during the 2012-2013 **Distance Learning Awards Ceremony** Nov. 13.

The event was held in conjunction with National Distance Learning Week.

"At Florida State, we strive to create the same level of quality learning for our distance students that their on-campus counterparts enjoy," said **Susann Rudasill**, director of the **Office of Distance Learning**.

A special **Lifetime Achievement Award** was presented to Florida State President Emeritus **Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte** for his early and continuing support of distance learning.

"Without Sandy's pioneering efforts on behalf of distance learning at Florida State, our programs would not be as extensive and highly regarded as they are today," Rudasill said.

Excellence in Online Course Design awards were presented to **John Crow**, graduate teaching assistant, religion; **Vanessa Dennen**, associate professor, educational psychology and learning systems; **Jennifer Koslow**, associate professor, history; **Rosemary Prince**, associate in recreation, tourism and events, Panama City Cam-

pus; and **Lisa Spainhour**, professor, civil and environmental engineering.

An **Innovative and Effective Use of Technology** award was presented to **Gloria Lessan**, associate in sociology.

Excellence in Online Teaching awards were presented to **Kevin Beaver**, professor, College of Criminology and Criminal Justice; **Janet Berry**, retired faculty member, College of Social Work; and **April Powell**, instructor, communication disorders.

An **Excellence in Online Mentoring** award was presented to **Changhyun Nam**, graduate assistant, retail merchandising and product development.

All Florida State instructors of record and mentors were eligible to be nominated. Submissions were evaluated on quality of design, ability to engage students, and effectiveness of technology and online teaching strategies.

The nominations were reviewed by a committee of ODL instructional development faculty members and past University Teaching Award recipients including, **Tim Glenn**, College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance; **Susan Fiorito**, College of Business; **Phyllis Underwood**, College of Education; and **Lisa Waxman**, Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance.



Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte

NEW FIRST-YEAR FACULTY FACES

Nathan Line

Assistant Professor
Dedman School of
Hospitality

Degree Institution:

University of Tennessee, Ph.D.

Research Interest: Collaborative destination marketing



"Although we have only just moved here, my wife, Lori, and I already feel comfortable referring to Tallahassee and Florida State as our 'home.' Everyone we have met since we moved here — from our neighbors, to our colleagues, to my students — has made us feel welcome and appreciated. The Dedman School is a great place to work, and I am truly grateful to all of my colleagues and everyone in the Florida State community who have done so much to welcome Lori and me into the Seminole family. I look forward to contributing to the future of this great university."

BARRON'S ADDRESS

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"We are No. 70 among publics with a 26-to-1 student/faculty ratio," Barron said. "We would have to add 620 faculty members to reach the ratio of the No. 25 university."

Barron touched on the importance of engagement, giving high marks to the university's promotion of engagement in several areas, including opportunities for honors students and student-veterans.

In answer to the Florida Legislature's and governor's calls for a greater focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and to essentially produce recession-proof students, Florida State is focusing dollars on student scholarships

to attract the top 10 percent of high school students and more STEM-ready students.

"We will, however, continue asking 'Where is student demand' in order to promote excellence in every single area," he said.

Barron reported that Florida State is No. 17 in retention and No. 28 in graduation rates. What's more, the university has an 87.5 percent graduation rate among its student-veterans, as compared to 60 percent nationally.

The ranking, which demonstrates the university's commitment to student-veterans, is worthy of a "national standing ovation," according to Barron.

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Faculty are encouraged to apply for awards, memberships

Florida State faculty members are encouraged to take advantage of the practical assistance offered by the **Office of Faculty Recognition** in preparing and submitting nominations for many high-profile faculty awards and professional memberships.

"These nominations are important not only to faculty members but also to the university," said **Sally McRorie**, vice president of Faculty Development and Advancement. "Becoming fellows of academic organizations confirms the national standing of faculty members and puts them in line for other highly notable awards, particularly in the sciences."

In addition to the most prestigious scholar and fellow nominations to professional academies, institutes and societies, the Office of Faculty Recognition keeps track of more than 2,000 awards through its **Faculty Award Catalog**.

"Our office emails due-date reminders and works with faculty members to complete any award nomination," said

SPRING DUE DATES FOR SELECT FACULTY AWARDS

American Dietetic Association/Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: Multiple award nominations due Feb. 1, 2014

American Sociological Association: Multiple award nominations due Feb. 1, 2014

Geological Society of America: Multiple award nominations due Feb. 1, 2014

American Philosophical Association: Multiple award nominations due in March and June of 2014

Modern Language Association: Multiple award nominations due April 1, 2014

American Historical Association: Multiple award nominations due May 1, 2014

Peggy Wright-Cleveland, director of the Office of Faculty Recognition. "We solicit nominations for most of these 2,000 awards annually."

Many of the awards in the Office of Faculty Recognition's Faculty Award Catalog have been recognized by the National Research Council as "Highly Prestigious" or "Prestigious."

In July of 2013, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs **Garnett S. Stokes** initiated the **Extraordinary Accomplishments Program**, which recognizes Florida State faculty members who receive awards on the

NRC list with permanent salary increases. (To view the full list of NRC-recognized awards, visit <http://ofr.fsu.edu/Award-Application-Information/NRC-Awards>.)

"The Extraordinary Accomplishments Program both recognizes the accomplishments of our faculty and encourages faculty to pursue awards in field and to nominate colleagues," Wright-Cleveland said. "Awards build on awards and the Office of Faculty Recognition can help faculty members build a career plan that includes prestigious awards."



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BENEFITS

>>REVISED TIME ENTRY AND PAYROLL PROCESSING

DEADLINE: The Time and Labor Office reminds all employees and managers of revised time-entry deadlines due to upcoming holidays.

Time entry for pay period "K" (Nov. 8-21) is moved up two days

and is due Tuesday, Nov. 19. Manager time approvals will occur on Wednesday, Nov. 20, due to the Thanksgiving holidays observed on Nov. 28 and Nov. 29. Employees will need to estimate their time worked for Wednesday, Nov. 20, and Thursday, Nov. 21, in advance. Adjustments — if needed — can be made at a later time.

>>**OPEN ENROLLMENT CORRECTION PERIOD:** Employees who made changes during the regular Open Enrollment period that ended on Nov. 8 will receive a confirmation statement of their elections by email or postal mail. Employees who need to make corrections to changes that were made during Open Enrollment can do so through Friday, Nov. 22. If employees need to make corrections, they can call the People First service center at (866) 663-4735 by 6 p.m. Eastern Time on Nov. 22. Payroll deductions will begin on the Dec. 13 check for January 2014 coverage, so employees are asked to review their paychecks to be sure the deductions are correct.

>>**ELECTIVE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR 2014:** 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 2014 calendar year, the annual contribution limit for 403(b) plans will remain at \$17,500. The contribution limit for the 457 Deferred Compensation plan also will be \$17,500. At any time in the 2014 calendar year, employees who are 50 and above are still eligible to contribute an additional \$5,500 to a 403(b) and/or a 457 retirement plan.

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Online training resources available for Student Central

By Megan Del Debbio
UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Student Central is no longer just a buzzword on campus.

Now that the implementation of Florida State's new student information system, **myFSU Student Central**, is nearing completion, working within the system is critical to the roles of many faculty and staff members on campus.

A special online resource (<http://sc.my.fsu.edu>) provides individuals with a wealth of information, making online training available with the click of a button.

"The training website is the best resource for people to access when it comes to finding support materials or learning how to perform a specific task in Student Central," said University Registrar **Kim Barber**.

"When we started the project, we knew it was important to provide resources that



would support individuals 24/7 through the transition. The training website does just that, regardless of where and when someone is working."



Kim Barber

The myFSU Student Central (SC) training website is divided into sections for faculty, staff, students, deans and chairs. Each category contains role-specific, how-to content and training materials to increase understanding in the new system. Online resources cover topics ranging from essential faculty functions, such as printing class rosters and managing textbooks,

to key administrative staff roles, including curriculum management, enrollment and program/plan tasks.

"The website presents tasks in a step-by-step format, which makes the instructions very user-friendly and easy to follow," Barber said.

To further assist individuals with the transition, the SC project team hosts training courses and open labs. A calendar of upcoming training sessions can be found by clicking the "Student Central Events" link on the training website.

Looking ahead, grade rosters are the next item slated to transfer to SC. These will be available to faculty and staff in early December. Transcripts, academic standing, honors and awards will follow before the end of the semester. In January, admissions for Spring 2015 and beyond will be the last component to transfer to the SC system.

For more information and training resources, visit <http://sc.my.fsu.edu>.

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RECOGNITIONS

Suzanne Bennett Johnson, Ph.D. (Medicine), received a 2013 Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award, which includes \$25,000, from the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award Trust, during a ceremony at The Carter Center, Atlanta, Nov. 9. Johnson was one of 10 U.S. educators to be so honored.

Eundeok Kim, Ph.D. (Retail Merchandising and Product Development), received the Lectra Innovation Award for Teaching for her paper "Community Service Projects Integrated into Product Innovation and Management Class" at the 2013 annual conference of the International Textile and Apparel Association, New Orleans, October.

Maxine Montgomery, Ph.D. (English), has been appointed as the Frances Cushing Ervin Professor of English for 2014-2016. Montgomery, who specializes in African-American, American multiethnic and women's literature, has an edited collection of new critical essays on the fiction of Toni Morrison forthcoming from Cambridge Scholars Press.

Michael J. Ormsbee, Ph.D. (Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences), was selected as the Dymatize Nutrition Sports Performance Institute's recipient of the 2013 Young Investigator Award. The award supports Ormsbee's research project, "The Influence of Casein on Overnight Lipolysis and Resting Metabolic Rate."

Frank Gunderson, Ph.D. (Music), and **Michael Uzendoski**, Ph.D. (Modern

Languages and Linguistics), received 2013 William R. Jones Outstanding Mentor Awards from the Florida Education Fund during the annual McKnight Doctoral Fellows Conference, Tampa, Fla., October. Gunderson and Uzendoski served on the doctoral committee of Florida State student **Emmanuel Pereira**, who graduated this summer. Pereira nominated them for the award.

BYLINES

Kathy L. Guthrie, Ph.D. (Higher Education program), **Tamara Bertrand Jones**, Ph.D. (Higher Education program), **Laura K. Osteen**, Ph.D. (Center for Leadership and Social Change; Higher Education program), and **Shouping Hu**, Ph.D. (Higher Education program), co-edited a book, "Cultivating Leader Identity and Capacity in Students from Diverse Backgrounds," published by Wiley, November.

Leonard LaPointe, Ph.D. (Communication Science



Suzanne Bennett Johnson



Maxine Montgomery

and Disorders), wrote a book, "Paul Broca and the Origins of Language in the Brain," published by Plural Publishing, 2013.

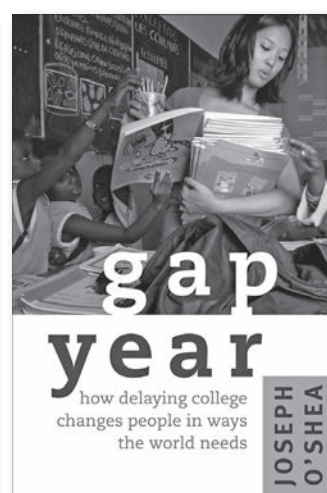
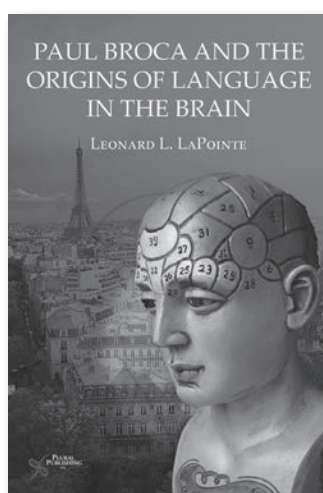
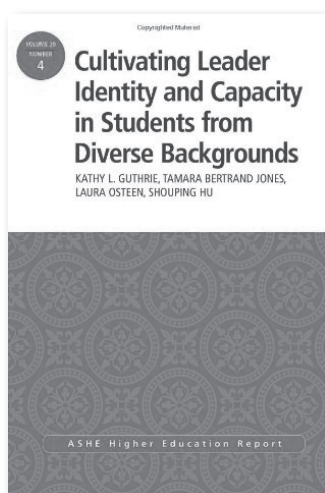
Choogon Lee, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences) co-wrote an article, "'MiRNAs are Required for Generating a Time delay Critical for the Circadian Oscillator,'" with graduate student **Matthew Dalessandro** and former postdoctoral researcher **Rongmin Chen**, published in the journal *Current Biology*. The article also was recommended by Faculty of 1000.

Joseph O'Shea, Ph.D. (Office of Undergraduate Research), wrote a book, "Gap Year: How Delaying College Changes People in Ways the World Needs," published by Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013. The book is the first empirically based analysis of a gap year's influence on student

development.

Dave Sagaser (University Housing) wrote a chapter, "Managing Capital Projects," in Volume 3 (Facilities Construction & Management) of the Campus Housing Management book series published by the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I), October.

Lisa Waxman, Ph.D. (Interior Design), co-wrote an article, "Designing for Virtual Learning Spaces: A Second Life Example," published in the *International Journal of Designs for Learning*. She presented a paper, "Designing for Alzheimer's: A Case Study of a Memory Care Facility," at the South Regional IDEC Conference, Atlanta, October. She co-presented with **Liz Tarver** (Facilities Design and Construction) a paper, "Early Professional Practice



Experiences and Perceived Levels of Readiness of Entry-level Design Professionals," at the South Regional IDEC Conference, Atlanta, October.

PRESENTATIONS

Bill Cooper, Ph.D. (Chemistry and Biochemistry), made a presentation, "Analytical Chemistry, Natural Organic Matter and Climate Change: Linking Chemical

Signatures and Microbial Communities that Affect Carbon Cycling in Northern Peatlands," and chaired a special session, "Advanced Characterization of Natural Organic Matter," at the 2013 Goldschmidt Conference on Geochemistry, Florence, Italy, August. He presented a paper, "Linking Phosphorus Sequestration to Carbon Humification in Wetland Soils," at the Organic Phosphorus

2013 Workshop hosted by the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama City, Panama, February. He presented a series of lectures at Tongji University, Shanghai, and The Second Oceanographic Institute, Hangzhou, China, July.

Kenan Fishburne, M.S., M.A. (Interior Design), presented and moderated a panel, "Internships: What Changes Should We Be Making in the New Economy," based

on a national research survey on internships, at the Interior Design Educators Council, South Regional Conference, Atlanta.

Amy Huber, M.S. (Interior Design), made a presentation, "Placemats? A Case Study of Self-Determination Theory in a History Course," at the South Regional Conference of the Interior Design Educators Council, October. In addition,

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RECOGNITIONS: GABOR SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARDS

Geoffrey Brown (Academic Program Specialist/Lab Coordinator, Biological Science), **Kathleen Daly** (Chief Lobbyist/Director, Governmental Relations), **Kim Grant** (ERP Analyst III, Human Resources Team, Enterprise Resource Planning), **John Kynoch** (Assistant Director, Facilities, National High Magnetic Field Laboratory) and **Robin Leach** (Associate Dean, Dean of Students Department), received 2013 Jeffrey A. Gabor Superior Accomplishment Awards from the Gabor Agency of Florida. Each year, the agency recognizes an employee from each of the university's five divisions with the award. This is what their nominators had to say about their performance:



Geoffrey Brown

"Geoff spends considerable time observing each teaching assistant and providing them with detailed, constructive feedback. He feels a strong sense of personal responsibility to the educational experience of the students in the courses and the professional development of the TAs. This is an enormous amount of work as we have about 25 TAs each semester."

Kevin Dixon,
Assistant in Biological
Science



Kathleen Daly

"Under Kathleen's leadership, the Office of Governmental Relations worked diligently to secure passage of House Bill 7129, the 'pre-eminence bill' and secure \$3.3 million in recurring funds for the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory. These were significant victories for the university. In all of her endeavors, Kathleen represents Florida State in the best possible light."

Liz Maryanski,
Vice President for
University Relations



Kim Grant

"Kim went above and beyond to ensure the OMNI HR upgrade was successful and well received universitywide. Kim was lead for the two modules most highly impacted by the upgrade; she was either the lead or co-lead on 45 percent of the tickets handled by the six person functional upgrade team. During 2012, Kimberly Grant represented FSU's Finance and Administration Division with the very highest quality of support services."

Lorrie Harvey,
Associate Director,
Enterprise Resource
Planning



John Kynoch

"As the head of the MagLab's Facilities Department, John routinely demonstrates his project leadership skills and impressive juggling talent. In recent years, he and his teams have successfully upgraded the water pumps that keep our water-cooled magnets from melting and updated the liquid helium system that keeps our experiments and superconducting magnets frozen. When he's working on multiple projects simultaneously, John's juggling talents really have an opportunity to shine."

Gregory Boebinger,
Director, MagLab



Robin Leach

"Robin had the brainchild to create the Dean of Students Department Food Pantry many years ago when she was trying to assist a student in need. Since that time, it has expanded and is now able to serve many more students thanks to Robin's efforts and the support of the entire Florida State community."

Jeanine Ward-Roof,
Dean, Dean of Students
Department

Huber, with **Katharine Leigh**, Ph.D., **Ken Tremblay**, Ph.D., and **Laura Malinin**, Ph.D. (Colorado State University), virtually presented, "Design Thinking and Millennial Learning: Creativity and Collaboration," at the International Conference on the Constructed Environment, Lisbon, Portugal, October.

Jill Pable, Ph.D. (Interior Design), and **Kenan Fishburne**, M.S., M.A. (Interior Design), co-presented "The Meaning of Possessions in Homeless Shelter Context and Their Implications for Environmental Design" at the Interior Design Educators Council, South Regional Conference, Atlanta. In addition, they co-presented "The Virtues of Multiple Post Occupancy Evaluations: A Case Study," at the 8th International Conference on Design Principles and Practices,

Vancouver, Canada.

Mark Zeigler, M.S.

(Communication), led a faculty development session for the College of Medicine, August. He also delivered the opening keynote address for Florida State's Program in Instructional Excellence conference for all new graduate students. He served as keynote speaker for the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner, October. He also served as luncheon speaker for a meeting of the Florida Public Relations Association, October.

SERVICE

Michael Buchler, Ph.D.

(Music), has been elected to serve as vice president of the Society for Music Theory (SMT). He also has completed a term as chair of the Society for Music Theory's Program Committee.

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>>GRADUATE FACULTY MENTOR AWARD

NOMINATIONS: All Florida State graduate students, graduate student organizations, graduate alumni and faculty and staff members may nominate a graduate faculty mentor for this award, which is sponsored by The Graduate School.

The award, which includes a \$3,000 stipend for each recipient, honors graduate faculty mentors whose dedication to graduate students and commitment to excellence in graduate education and mentoring have made a significant contribution to the quality of life and professional development of graduate students at Florida State.

For award criteria, the nomination form and related material, visit gradschool.fsu.edu/funding-awards/graduate-school-awards/faculty-awards. Nominations should be submitted to academic deans' offices by Jan. 31. The awards will be presented at the Faculty Awards Ceremony in spring 2014.

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