Professors elected fellows of Royal Society of Chemistry

By Kathleen Haughney
University Communications

Professors Thomas Albrecht-Schmitt and Hedi Mattoussi and Associate Research Professor Steve Acquah were selected this spring as fellows of the Royal Society of Chemistry, which recognizes unique and unparalleled contributions to the field of chemistry.

“To have three fellows elected at the same time is quite a feat and really illustrates the quality of our department here at Florida State,” said Department of Chemistry Chair Tim Logan.

Established in London in 1841, the Royal Society of Chemistry has more than 51,000 members around the world and works to train and educate future generations of scientists while also fostering the growth of the field of chemistry.

Its members work everywhere from academia to industry to government and are committed to the highest level of research activity.

Being elected a fellow denotes a higher level of accomplishment as a professional chemist. To be elected a fellow, chemists must have a minimum of five years of professional experience and have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of chemical sciences as a field of study or a profession.

Albrecht-Schmitt, who was nominated by now-retired FSU Professor and Nobel Fellow, will be joined by two others in the Royal Society of Chemistry family. Mattoussi was nominated by now-retired FSU Professor and Nobel Fellow, and Acquah was nominated by Florida State University President John Thrasher.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS

New director takes helm of lab school

By Jennie Harrison
College of Education

The board of directors of Florida State University Schools (FSUS) — FSU’s developmental research school — has named an administrator known for setting high academic standards through strong research-based school development as the school’s new director after conducting a national search.

Stacy Chambers, who most recently served as principal at Hartford Public Schools in Hartford, Conn., and assistant superintendent for Derby Public Schools in Derby, Conn., began at FSUS in June. She succeeds Lynn Wicker, the school’s director from 2008 to 2015.

“The honor of serving as director for Florida State University Schools is beyond measure for me,” Chambers said. “My dream of working in an organization that combines educational research, K-12 educational systems and amazing students is in place at FSUS. Together we will work to further our mission: sharing our teaching and educational research and being of service to our students.”

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— G. Kurt Piehler, FSU associate professor of history and director of the Institute on World War II and the Human Experience, as quoted Aug. 18 by the Daytona Beach News-Journal. Piehler was discussing "Operation Olympic," a planned World War II invasion of Japan that was unnecessary after the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, which triggered Japan's unconditional surrender.

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**NewsMakers**

**Hello!**
Currie Leggoe

**Job title:** Fine arts production specialist, School of Dance

**To-do list:** As the school’s costumer, she supervises the costume needs for each performance. Serves as a mentor to graduate students as they produce their thesis concerts. Consults with faculty and guest choreographers.

**Years at FSU:** 28

**The ‘tiny life’:** Is currently researching tiny houses. Plans to eventually build her own. "One of our present grad students has built tiny houses professionally and he has already kindly allowed me to pick his brain and given me feedback on my first rendering."

**A pedometer and lots of water:** Has walked across Spain following El Camino de Santiago, or The Way of St. James — a 1,200-year-old pilgrimage route to the shrine of the apostle St. James in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in northwestern Spain. "It was a magical and challenging journey that allowed me to meet people from many countries, develop a deep love for cafe con leche, discover I could walk even with blisters and see a country in slow motion. It was amazing. The best thing I’ve ever done next to raising my daughter."

**Problems get solved when people get involved:** Has volunteered — either individually or with fellow members of United Church in Tallahassee — with a number of local organizations. "I nearly gave birth to my daughter on a shift with 211 Big Bend!"

**Is currently reading:** "The Little Paris Bookshop" by Nina George. "The Rival Queens" by Nancy Goldstone is up next.

**Blood is meant to circulate, so donate:** Is a passionate blood and platelet donor. "Everyone who is able should be giving blood!"

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Journal honors researcher for paper
Zuilkowski chronicles malaria treatment’s long-run effects on education in the Gambia

The British Journal of Educational Psychology has awarded its Early Stage Career Research Prize to Stephanie Simmons Zuilkowski of the Learning Systems Institute at Florida State University for her paper on malaria prevention and school dropout in the Gambia.

The award is given each year for the best paper published in the journal by an author no more than three years from receipt of the doctoral degree. The journal published Zuilkowski’s paper in its September 2014 issue.

“I am honored by this award and pleased that the journal found my study to be significant,” said Zuilkowski, who holds a doctorate from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. In addition to her work in the Learning Systems Institute, Zuilkowski teaches international and comparative education courses in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies in the university’s College of Education.

Zuilkowski’s research focuses on improving the quality of basic education in sub-Saharan Africa, as well as on the long-run relationships between health problems and educational outcomes. In her paper for the British Journal of Educational Psychology, she looked at early childhood malaria in the Gambia and sought to determine if efforts to prevent infection influenced whether children stayed in school or dropped out.

In her paper, Zuilkowski drew upon data from a 2001 follow-up of an earlier malaria-prevention randomized controlled trial in the Gambia, Africa’s smallest nation. Malaria is a constant concern among its 2 million population.

“In this study, we looked at the long-term educational effects of preventing childhood malaria,” said Zuilkowski, who co-authored the paper with Matthew C.H. Jukes of Harvard. “Does it reduce the risk of dropout? We found that it has a strong positive impact. In government schools, the odds of dropout in the treatment group were one third those in the control group, a striking difference.”

Malaria, which is caused by parasites transmitted by mosquitoes, can lead to cognitive impairment in young children before they even enter school.

“Children with poorer cognitive skills perform less well in class and become more likely to drop out,” Zuilkowski said.

Zuilkowski’s paper argues for effective use of malaria treatments as a means of improving the educational attainment of children in Gambia and other sub-Saharan nations.

“Our findings suggest that preventing early childhood malaria may reduce dropout at a relatively low cost,” she said. “These results support the conclusion that any type of effective malaria-control program protecting young children, such as consistent and correct use of bed nets, could improve educational attainment in areas where malaria is prevalent.”

Faculty Luncheon Series to focus on importance of writing

Florida State University will highlight the importance of writing as a significant component of scholarship with the fall 2015 Faculty Luncheon Series, “FSU Writes!”

During the series, four distinguished speakers will reflect on their recent publications.

Tuesday, Sept. 15
•Aimée Boutin, professor of French, will discuss “City of Noise: Sound and 19th Century Paris.”

Tuesday, Oct. 13
•Silvia Valisa, associate professor of Italian studies, will discuss “Gender and the Novel: Writing Italian Modernities.”

Tuesday, Nov. 17
•Deana Rohlinger, professor of sociology, will discuss “Abortion Politics and the Presidential Election.”

Tuesday, Dec. 8
•Fritz Davis, professor of history, will discuss writing about risk with the talk “Banned: A History of Pesticides and the Science of Toxicology.”

The series, which is open to the public, takes place at the Presbyterian University Center, 548 W. Park Ave. Parking is available in the lot on the north side of the Presbyterian University Center.

Luncheons begin at 12:15 p.m., and the programs follow at 12:45 p.m., concluding at 1:30 p.m. Lunches are $10 per session, and reservations are required.

All reservations must be made by noon of the Thursday before each luncheon. Mail reservation requests to the Presbyterian University Center, 548 W. Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301, with a check made payable to the Presbyterian University Center and clearly marked “Faculty Luncheon Series.” In order to pay at the door, call the center for a reservation at (850) 222-6320, or send an email to floridastatepuc@gmail.com.

The Faculty Luncheon Series is co-sponsored by the Presbyterian University Center, the FSU Faculty and Friends Club, and the Alpha of Florida Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

For more information, visit facultyluncheon.cci.fsu.edu.

>>WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT: Individuals or teams are encouraged to build and race a homemade vessel in the FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory’s 4th Annual Whatever Floats Your Boat Regatta from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at 3618 U.S. Hwy. 98 in St. Teresa, Fla.

Boats can be artistic or whacky. The goal of the competition is to simply stay afloat. Prizes include First to Cross the Finish Line, Most Creative Use of Materials, People’s Choice and the Titanic Award for the Most Spectacular Failure.

Families and friends can cheer on the entrants from the shore, and the event will offer plenty of activities for landlubbers as well, including lessons about how to protect the world’s oceans through recycling.

To learn more and register, visit marinelab.fsu.edu/outreach/regatta.
Florida State will present world-class performers and introduce fantastic new artists to the community during the 2015-2016 Opening Nights Performing Arts season with more than 40 events in the areas of music, dance, theater, creative writing, film and visual arts.

Series highlights include performances by Tony Bennett, Patti LaBelle and "Eat, Pray, Love" author Elizabeth Gilbert. The series also features Director’s Choice events — highly recommended by Opening Nights Director Christopher Heacox — including Grammy-winning violinist Gil Shaham, celebrated dance company Shen Wei Dance Arts and stage siren Storm Large.

“We’re thrilled to offer such a robust and diverse season this year — filled with both entertainment and educational opportunities for all audiences,” Heacox said. “Experience something new and engage your mind. There truly is something for everyone.”

In addition, Opening Nights and the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center are partnering to co-present the Tallahassee Broadway Series. These community-first Broadway musicals and spectacle performances will be annual, not-to-be-missed events. This year will feature four lauded and loved Broadway hits: “Flashdance,” “Saturday Night Fever,” “The Illusionists” and “Once.”

Another new partnership is the addition of the Southern Circuit Film Tour with South Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Southern Circuit Film Festival brings six independent films and their filmmakers to Tallahassee for screenings and discussions. This series will take place at the Challenger Learning Center’s IMAX Theatre in collaboration with the Challenger Learning Center and the College of Motion Picture Arts and its Torchlight Program.

This fall also will feature the world premiere of a work co-commissioned by Opening Nights and choreographed by Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor Jawole Willa Jo Zollar. Urban Bush Women will perform a full program, “Walking With ‘Trane,” a follow-up to their performance during the 2013-2014 season of “Walking with ‘Trane, Chapter 1.”

Partners in Education, a collaboration with Leon County Schools, is a national program through the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., that will provide arts integration workshops to area teachers. Creative Conversations, back for its second season, will bring community members, educators and artists together for stirring discussions surrounding this season’s artists and the realm of the performing arts.

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• More than $112 million was raised in fiscal year 2015.
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Faculty members can apply for sabbaticals, leave

SABBATICALS
The University Committee on Faculty Sabbaticals invites applications for one-semester sabbaticals at full pay and two-semester sabbaticals at one-half pay from eligible tenured faculty members covered by the FSU/UFF Collective Bargaining Agreement. A limited number of one-semester sabbaticals at full pay and an unlimited number of two-semester sabbaticals at one-half pay are available to be awarded during the 2015-2016 process to be effective during the 2016-2017 academic year. Two-semester sabbatical proposals are reviewed by the same standards as one-semester proposals and are not guaranteed to be granted. Detailed information is available on the Office for Faculty Development and Advancement website at http://fda.fsu.edu/ under “Faculty Development.” Applications should be submitted by the applicant through the department chair and academic dean to the Office of the Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement, Westcott 115, by Monday, Oct. 5, 2015.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAVE
The University Committee on Professional Development Programs invites applications for professional development leave for one semester (or equivalent) at full pay and two semesters at one-half pay to be awarded during the 2015-2016 process to be effective during the 2016-2017 academic year. Professional Development Leave is available to non-tenured and non-tenure-earning faculty members and A&P employees who have three or more years of service as covered by the FSU/UFF Collective Bargaining Agreement. Detailed information is available on the Office of Faculty Development and Advancement website at http://fda.fsu.edu/ under “Faculty Development.” Applications should be submitted by the applicant through the 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 dean of Libraries, to the Office of the Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement, Westcott 115, by Monday, Oct. 5, 2015.

Association of Retired Faculty selects new officers
Florida State University’s Association of Retired Faculty has selected Carol Darling, a former professor of Family and Child Sciences to be president for 2015-2016 along with Betty Lou Joanos, the former associate director of the Alumni Association, as vice president.

The Association of Retired Faculty provides opportunities to continue valued relationships with the university; serves as a conduit for the current events of campus, community and colleagues; and deepens connections with former and current faculty and their disciplines. It is an extended family that strengthens the fabric of collegiality.

A few of the upcoming events for this year include a fall luncheon at the FSU Alumni Conference Center on Tuesday, Oct. 13; a barbecue at the FSU Reservation in March; and a spring luncheon at the FSU Alumni Conference Center on Tuesday, May 10.

Membership in the organization is open to all retired faculty, staff and administrators. Spouses of such members and of deceased members also are eligible. Faculty members retired from other institutions of higher learning who now live in Tallahassee also are eligible for membership along with their spouses.

For further information, visit retiredfaculty.fsu.edu.
Professors join ranks of American Geophysical Union fellows

By Kathleen Haughney
University Communications

Two Florida State University oceanography professors have been named fellows of the American Geophysical Union (AGU), a professional scientific organization representing nearly 60,000 scientists in 139 countries.

Allan Clarke, the Adrian E. Gill Professor of Oceanography, and Jeffrey Chanton, the John Widmer Winchester Professor of Oceanography, were selected for the fellow designation by their peers in the organization for outstanding contributions to earth and space sciences.

“It is always great to see colleagues receive national and international recognition for their outstanding contributions to scientific research, and for doing the kind of work that they love and have been dedicated to for many years,” said Professor James Tull, chair of the Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science.

“The prestigious fellowship designation recently bestowed on professors Chanton and Clarke by the American Geophysical Union is an excellent example of the fruition borne by the hard work, dedication, scientific curiosity and high intellect exhibited by the faculty of EOAS.”

Scientists who are elected fellows must be vetted by their peers from subsets within the organization. They also must have attained an acknowledged level of excellence in the field by making a breakthrough or discovery, innovating in instrument or methods development or creating sustained scientific impact.

The organization’s most recent crop of fellows hail from some of the top institutions across the country including Princeton, University of California–Berkeley, University of Colorado at Boulder and University of North Carolina. Chanton and Clarke are the only two scientists selected from Florida.

“It’s a huge thrill,” Clarke said. “I’m very grateful to all who helped in my nomination and to FSU for providing me such an ideal place to work.”

Clarke focuses on understanding and predicting the El Niño/Southern Oscillation (ENSO). Generated by air/sea interaction in the central equatorial Pacific, ENSO is the major factor causing short-term climate variability on earth. He has written more than 70 journal articles and authored the 2008 textbook “An Introduction to the Dynamics of El Niño & the Southern Oscillation.” He also has a model that predicts El Niño.

“I love trying to understand the ocean and atmosphere using mathematics and physics, computers and whatever other tool will help me understand observations,” Clarke said. “A lot of my work has involved understanding and predicting El Niño as well as the dynamics of the coastal ocean. There’s so much we are still learning.”

Chanton focuses on the gas methane, which is an important trace gas produced by microbes involved in earth’s carbon cycle. It has led him to do work on climate change and more recently, the BP oil spill.

“Methane is everywhere, from the deep sea, to wetlands, peatlands, permafrost, landfills,” he said. “It even serves as a possible marker of life on the planet Mars.”

Like Clarke, Chanton credited FSU and said he was “very pleased” to learn of the award.

“I’ve been lucky to have great colleagues to work with over the years, and a great place to work,” he said.

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laureate Sir Harold Kroto, has done pioneering work on the little known element called Californium – Cf on the periodic table. Over the past few years, Albrecht-Schmitt has made several major discoveries about the element, including its ability to bond with borate into a compound that is resistant to radiation damage.

He also published a paper this past winter that revealed the element had properties included in the three elements before it on the table.

“It’s a very humbling thing to be able to add your name to this list of scientists,” Albrecht-Schmitt said.

Mattoussi, who came to FSU in 2009, has contributed decades of work to the physics of nanomaterials such as semiconductor quantum dots. His contributions could help in the earlier detection of diseases such as cancer or genetic disorders. His work focuses on the design of inorganic nanocrystals and on developing chemical means to integrate them with biotechnology.

Mattoussi is also a fellow of the American Chemical Society and the American Physical Society.

“It is a very nice thing to have,” Mattoussi said. “It makes me feel that all the hard work over the years pays off. It is also nice to be valued by fellow scientists, as this reflects on the quality and relevance of my work in general. These nominations and elections may not be of great financial values. They do, however, make you feel that your hard work, your ideas and your contributions are appreciated and valued.”

Acquah agreed with Albrecht-Schmitt’s assessment that the nomination was “humbling.”

“To me it shows continued international support for science research and educational outreach,” he said. “I hope to inspire others to follow a similar path.”

Acquah, who is also a fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society, has a dual role at FSU that puts him not only in the chemistry lab, but also in a video lab.

His research focuses on carbon nanotube-based sensors and devices, but he also directs a program called GEOSET, or Global Educational Outreach for Science Engineering and Technology, a program established by Kroto.

The idea behind GEOSET was the desire to bring together educational institutions around the world in a collaborative effort to produce free educational materials so they can be easily accessed around the world. Students, faculty and staff can use a video lab directed by Acquah and several students to produce research videos.
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BYLINES


Michelle A. Baird (National High Magnetic Field Laboratory) and Michael W. Davidson (National High Magnetic Field Laboratory; Biological Science) co-wrote a paper, “Talin Determines the Nanoscale Architecture of Focal Adhesions,” with colleagues from other institutions, published in the online early edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Aug. 17, 2015.


Irina Bruck and Daniel Kaplan, Ph.D. (Biomedical Sciences), wrote a paper, “A Conserved Mechanism for Coordinating Replication Fork Helicase Assembly with Phosphorylation of the Helicase,” which has been accepted for publication by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Based on the results of this paper, a provisional patent application has been filed covering an assay to screen inhibitors of Treslin-stimulated DDK Phosphorylation of Mcm2, which might be useful for the treatment of cancer.


Kathryn M. Jones, Ph.D. (Biological Science), wrote a paper, “Sinorhizobium Meliloti Phage ΦM9 Defines a New Group of T4-Superfamily Phages with Unusual Genomic Features, but a Common T=16 Capsid,” which has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Virology.

Brian Miller, Ph.D. (Chemistry and Biochemistry), co-wrote a paper, “Dual Allosteric Activation Mechanisms...

M. Elizabeth Stoupe, Ph.D. (Biological Science), and Alan G. Marshall, Ph.D. (Chemistry and Biochemistry), co-wrote a paper, “The N-Terminal Domain of Escherichia coli Assimilatory NADPH-Sulfite Reductase Hemoprotein Is an Oligomerization Domain that Mediates Holoenzyme Assembly,” with FSU graduate research assistants Isabel Askenasy, Joseph M. Pennington and Ye Qing Tao and colleagues from another institution, published in the Journal of Biological Chemistry, Vol. 290, No. 31, July 31, 2015.

**KEY PROMOTIONS AND HIRES**

Rose-May Frazier has been named director of Advising First in the Division of Undergraduate Studies. Frazier previously served as associate director of the Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE). She holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Florida State and is working on a doctorate at Florida A&M University. As a former Advising First adviser and coach, she is a strong advocate for undergraduate students.

Editor’s Note: Faculty and staff members are encouraged to submit professional activities and achievements for Campus In Action to jseay@fsu.edu. The categories are: Honors; Bylines; Presentations; Enrichment; Grants and Patents; Service; Key Promotions and Hires; and Milestones.

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Florida’s education community.”

Chambers started her career in 1989 as an elementary school teacher at Centre School in Hampton, N.H.

Since she began climbing the administrative ladder, Chambers has developed a solid record of fiscal responsibility, making visionary academic and financial decisions for students, staff and parents. Chambers is also recognized for her collaboration, accessibility and visibility with community members, the local chamber, city administrators and other key stakeholders.

“The FSU College of Education and FSUS have a longstanding research partnership,” said College of Education Dean Marcy Driscoll. “Dr. Chambers brings particular expertise to strengthen this collaboration and to further propel FSUS as a lab school with a research mission.”

Alan Hanstein, immediate past president of the FSUS board of directors, headed the search committee, which included representatives from Florida State, FSUS and the school community.

In 1986, Chambers received her bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, and went on to earn a Master of Education from Lesley College/University of Cambridge (Mass.). She received a doctorate in education and superintendent certification from the University of Hartford in 2011.

**FSUWIN Wi-Fi network changes to FSUGuest**

The FSUWIN Wi-Fi network has been retired, and a new network, FSUGuest, has taken its place. The renaming creates a clear distinction between FSUSecure, the university’s protected Wi-Fi network for students, faculty and staff, and FSUGuest, the university’s public network for campus visitors.

FSUSecure is the recommended Wi-Fi network for students, faculty and staff. Access to the network requires an FSUID, making it the university’s safest, most secure connection. FSUSecure also has automatic login, which means people only have to log in once and can stay connected as they roam around campus. Recent enhancements to the FSUSecure network have expanded and strengthened its coverage around campus and in key gathering areas such as Landis Green.

Visitors to Florida State University’s main campus can access free, public Wi-Fi using the FSUGuest network. Guest Wi-Fi makes it easy for visiting researchers, media, family and other guests to quickly start browsing the Web. To connect, visitors simply choose FSUGuest from the list of available networks, open a Web browser, click the Guest Registration button, and they are directed to a guest registration page. Upon registration, guest Wi-Fi is available immediately, and access is valid for one day — a minimum of 24 hours. The service works for anyone with a United States cell phone number on a supported carrier and is available on FSU’s main campus.

One other Wi-Fi network also is available for use on the main campus. Eduroam is a free, secure network available to campus visitors from participating Eduroam institutions, including researchers and international students.

More information is available at its.fsu.edu/FSUGuest.
Florida State University employees are encouraged to enter the annual Prudential Productivity Awards, which recognize and honor state employees and work units for innovation, creativity and work products that significantly increase productivity in the delivery of state services and products.

This year’s nomination period concludes at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Prospective nominees are those individuals and teams (eight-member limit on team nominations) whose efforts, performance, creativity and ideas have resulted in measurable productivity gains and/or cost savings to an FSU service or product.

This year, Florida TaxWatch has streamlined the nomination process and new criteria have been implemented to intensify its review of the nominees. To access the 2016 online nomination system, please visit the Prudential Productivity Awards Program website at ppa.floridataxwatch.org/Home.aspx.

A staging nomination form also is available for download on the website for those who wish to draft their nomination prior to completing the official online nomination process. Once the nomination is submitted, the FSU agency coordinator will contact the applicable division head for approval to submit the nomination to Florida TaxWatch.

Award recipients will be presented with a cash prize or a commemorative plaque. The 2016 winners will be announced in Tallahassee in April or May 2016, followed by local and regional award ceremonies during June.

For questions or assistance, contact Sarah Hubbard, FSU agency coordinator, at sehubbard@fsu.edu or (850) 644-4579.

Florida State University has initiated a pilot project to make waste on campus more sustainable — through composting!

A composting system, located at the university’s nursery, converts food waste from the Suwannee Dining Hall into fertile soil supplements. The Grounds Department will be able to add these valuable soil supplements to the existing soil to maintain the healthy and beautiful campus landscapes for which Florida State is known.

The project is a collaboration of the Grounds Department, the Solid Waste and Recycling Department, the Suwannee Dining Hall/Aramark, biological science Associate Professor Laura Keller and the students from the Honors Biology Seminar, and Sustainable Campus.

To learn more, visit sustainablecampus.fsu.edu.