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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Greetings,

As this semester comes to a close, we say goodbye to all those who are graduating. At this time, I would like to take a moment to welcome the students who are just beginning graduate school at Florida State University.

New Graduate Student Orientation was held on August 19th, 2008, ushering in a new class of graduate students to FSU. With the support and assistance of various departments and staff of FSU, these new graduate students were initiated into the FSU family with much deserved congratulations, welcomed assistance, and even ice-cream. As with all graduate students at FSU, the Office of Graduate Studies is here to assist graduate students from the moment they enter FSU, to the time they walk across the commencement stage at graduation, and beyond.

Just as we congratulate those who are graduating, as well as welcome those who are just beginning graduate school at FSU, I feel it is important to highlight alumni who are making strides in their respective disciplines. Dr. Scott MacLeod and Dr. Kimberlee Bethany Bonura are featured in this edition of the GradConnection. Both Dr. MacLeod and Dr. Bonura were recipients of University Fellowships while completing their studies at FSU. For more information on these two alumni, please see the Alumni in Action section of this newsletter, found on page seven. Likewise, I welcome you to visit the “Alumni” section of the Office of Graduate Studies website, where you will find additional information relevant to graduate student alumni of FSU: <http://gradstudies.fsu.edu/Information-For/Alumni>.

Additionally, I would like to highlight two new staff members to the Office of Graduate Studies team: Dr. Mary Ann Moore and Chris Simonavice. Dr. Mary Ann Moore, the Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies and Carol E. Avery Professor of Textiles at the College of Human Sciences, was appointed the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, replacing Dr. Bruce Stiftel. Dr. Moore’s responsibilities in the Office of Graduate Studies will include administering the Preparing Future Faculty Program (PFF), FSU Fellows Society and Mentornet ®. Chris Simonavice was hired as the Training and Web Support Specialist within the Office of Graduate Studies. In this position, he trains both faculty and administrative staff on how to use the Apply Yourself graduate application and recruitment system as well as the Graduate Student Tracking System. For additional information on their responsibilities and background, please visit the Staff Spotlight section of this newsletter, found on page eight.

In closing I would like to introduce you to my blog on the new Office of Graduate Studies website: <http://gradstudies.fsu.edu/Inside-Graduate-Education/Dean-Marcus-Blog>. Throughout the year, I will be adding my thoughts on issues of higher education that affect potential/new students, current students, and alumni, as well as those who educate and administer graduate education.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Marcus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Marcus

**THE OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE
WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME IN MAKING
THE FALL 2008 NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION
A SUCCESS!**



ELECTRONIC THESES, TREATISES & DISSERTATIONS (ETD)

DEADLINES

Deadline	Fall 2009	Spring 2009	Summer 2009
Deadline to Apply for Graduation for the Current Term; Thesis, Treatise, Dissertation Research Approval Form Due	September 8	January 23	May 25
Format Approval	November 2	April 6	July 6
Final Clearance Submission	November 9	April 13	July 13
Registration Exemption	August 24	Dec. 24	May 10

DEAN MARCUS' BLOG: A WORD FROM FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY'S DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES, DR. NANCY MARCUS, ON ISSUES OF HIGHER EDUCATION

<http://gradstudies.fsu.edu/Inside-Graduate-Education/Dean-Marcus-Blog>

The screenshot shows the Florida State University Graduate Studies website. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links. A featured article by Shirin Hooshmand is highlighted. Below that, a navigation bar lists categories like Prospective Students, New/Current Students, Postdoctoral, Faculty/Staff, and Alumni. The main content area displays a blog post titled "The importance of graduate education" by Nancy Marcus, dated 10/10/2008. The post text discusses the importance of graduate education in the face of global competition. A small photo of Dr. Nancy Marcus is included, along with a "Tag Cloud" section.

OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

SUMMARY OF AWARDS & DEADLINES FOR 2009-2010:

<http://gradstudies.fsu.edu/Funding-Awards>

Name of Award	Contact in OGS	Deadline to Submit to Dept.	Deadline to Submit to OGS	Award Notification
2009 McKnight Doctoral Fellowship	Donna Wieckowicz 644-3501	Submit to Florida Education Fund (FEF) by January 15	N/A	N/A
Graduate Dean's Fellowship	Donna Wieckowicz 644-3501	NA	Nominations will be considered throughout the year	N/A
Dissertation Research Grant (Spring 2009)	Brian Jones 644-3501	NA	January 16, 2009	Mid - Feb
International Dissertation Semester Research Fellowship	Donna Wieckowicz 644-3501	NA	January 18, 2009	Late - Feb
2009-2010 University & Presidential Fellowship	Brian Jones 644-3501	Submit to department by January 12, 2009	January 29, 2009	Late - Feb
2009-2010 Graduate Student Leadership Award	Monica Esquibel 644-3501	NA	February 2, 2009	Late - Mar
Responsible Conduct of Research & Creativity & Professional Standards CALL FOR PROPOSALS	Judy Devine 644-3501	NA	February 2, 2009	Late - Mar
2009-2010 Graduate Student Research & Creativity Awards Program	Judy Devine 644-3501	NA	February 2, 2009	Late - Mar
Wilson- Auzenne Graduate Assistantship	Donna Wieckowicz 644-3501	Submit to department by February 1, 2009	February 15, 2009	Late - Mar
Graduate Faculty Mentor Award	Donna Wieckowicz 644-3501	Submit to department by February 1, 2009	February 15, 2009	Mid - Mar
Gubernatorial Fellowship	Barbara Johnson 644-3501	N/A	February 12, 2009	N/A

****NOTE: For deadline dates that fall on a weekend or holiday, departments can submit applications on the first workday following the deadline.**

DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT AWARD WINNERS:

FALL SEMESTER, 2008

The winners of the Dissertation Research Grant for the fall 2008 semester have now been announced. The award is a maximum of \$750 and is intended to provide a benefit to students who are working on research for their dissertation project. Each year the Office of Graduate Studies conducts a competition for this award during both the fall and spring semesters. Below is a list of the students, including their department who were awarded the Dissertation Research Grant for the fall 2008 semester.

Student	Department
Sergio Acerb	Music
Medda Alessio	Electrical & Computer Engineering
Scott Braithwaite	Psychology
Catherine Bynum	Higher Education
Zubeyde Dogan	Early Childhood Education
Colette Drouillard	Information
Heather Gamper	Geography
Matthew Hagele	Religion
Shannon Hall-Mills	Communication Disorders
Roxanne Hughes	Edu. Leadership & Policy Studies
Nathaniel Jue	Biological Science
Tina Larkin	Visual Art
Stephanie Litka	Anthropology
Kimberly Luke	History
Matthew Markham	Music
Katherine McGhee	Biological Science
Darryl Myers	History
Mia Newlin	Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences
Elizabeth Nyman	Political Science
Ian Pawn	Anthropology
Courtenay Ryals	Political Science
Daniel Scheller	Political Science
Edward Selby	Psychology
Robert Schlauk	Psychology
Daniel Seinfeld	Anthropology
Xiaoxiang Su	School of Teacher Education
Sunhui Sim	Geography
Shun-Yung Wang	Criminology
Cheng Yi	Physics

ALUMNI IN ACTION:

DR. SCOTT MACLEOD



Dr. Scott MacLeod

Scott MacLeod (MM Opera Production 2004) was the recipient of a University Fellowship for the 2003-2004 academic year. During his time at FSU he was a familiar face on the opera stage, singing leading roles in several productions and mounting an independent production of the one-man opera *A Water Bird Talk*. He has since found success in both performance and academia, equally dividing his time between the theater and the classroom. He serves on the faculty of Catawba College in Salisbury, NC, and has sung over forty roles with some of the nation's leading regional houses and abroad, including: Opera Omaha, Central City Opera, Opera North, Utah Festival Opera, Long Leaf Opera, the Tucson Symphony, the North Carolina Symphony, and the National Symphony of Costa Rica. Media reviews have called him "splendid," "emotional... equal parts sweetness and swagger," and "a voice to enjoy with every note." Classical Voice of North Carolina said of a recent production "[his] voice is strong and clear, his diction, perfect, and his acting, marvelous... he won this listener's affection from the moment he arrived onstage." Upcoming performances include *Don Giovanni* and *La Traviata* with Opera on the James, *Dreams of Berlin* (an operetta cabaret) with Duluth Festival Opera, and his Carnegie Hall debut as the baritone soloist in Mendelssohn's *Elijah* with the combined Catawba College choirs. Scott is married to Rebecca MacLeod (formerly Bowman), who received her MME and PhD at FSU and is now a professor at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

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DR. KIMBERLEE BETHANY BONURA



Dr. Kimberlee Bethany Bonura

Kimberlee Bethany Bonura came to Florida State University's College of Education as a University Fellow in the fall of 2003. She completed her Master's of Science in Educational Psychology, with a major in Sport and Exercise Psychology, from the Department of Educational Psychology and Learning Systems in the College of Education in 2005, and earned her PhD from the same program in 2007. While at FSU, Kimberlee worked as a research assistant and a teaching assistant, taught yoga to FSU employees through the Employee Training Program, and volunteered at the Tallahassee Senior Center teaching free yoga sessions.

In August, at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association in Boston, Kimberlee received the 2008 American Psychological Association Division 47 Dissertation Award for her dissertation, "The Impact of Yoga on Psychological Health in Older Adults." As well, in September at the annual conference of the Association for Applied Sport Psychology in St Louis, she received the AASP 2008 Dissertation Award.

Since leaving FSU, Kimberlee was an Instructor in the Department of Physical Education at the US Military Academy, West Point, NY for Academic Year 2006 - 2007, then an Assistant Professor at the US Military Academy for 2007 - 2008, where she served as the Assistant Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence and an Instructor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership. She is currently the Associate Director of University Policies and Procedures, in the Office of Faculty Development, at Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT ON:

MARY ANN MOORE



Dr. Mary Ann
Moore

Dr. Mary Ann Moore, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies and Carol E. Avery Professor of Textiles at the College of Human Sciences, has been appointed Associate Dean of Graduate Studies at Florida State University. Moore's responsibilities include the Preparing Future Faculty Program (PFF), FSU Fellows Society and [MentorNet®](#). The PFF program assists doctoral students as they prepare for future faculty work. Through participation in coursework, workshops and mentoring, PFF Fellows increase their awareness of expectations for faculty performance and resources available to aid in scholarly careers, and improve their readiness to address research, teaching and related demands of faculty life.

Dr. Moore coordinates the FSU Office of Graduate Studies membership in the nationally acclaimed electronic mentoring program [MentorNet®](#). MentorNet is the *E-Mentoring Network for Diversity in Engineering and Science*. In addition, she works with FSU's Fellows Society to promote communication and professional/scholarly development among graduate students who hold campus-wide fellowships.

Within the College of Human Sciences, Moore's research areas are textile product performance and textile industry issues. Dr. Moore also serves on the editorial board of the *AATCC Review* and has published in numerous journals. Dr. Moore is a past recipient of a University Teaching Award, University Teaching Incentive Program recipient, and is a past Outstanding Teacher recipient in the College of Human Sciences. For a full listing of Dr. Moore's course listings and research interests, please visit: <http://www.chs.fsu.edu/college/bios.php?id=56>

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CHRIS SIMONAVICE



Chris Simonavice

Chris Simonavice is no new face to Florida. Having vacationed here every year since he was five years old, he is finally able to call this wonderful state his home. Chris was hired on in June of 2008 to take on the position of Training and Web Support Specialist within the Office of Graduate Studies. In this position, he trains both faculty and administrative staff on how to use the ApplyYourself graduate application and recruitment system as well as the Graduate Student Tracking System. Other duties include creating, maintaining, and updating advanced Excel spreadsheets and Access databases for Graduate Studies.

Chris received all three of his degrees from Murray State University. He finished his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 2004, his MBA in 2006, and went on to finish his Master's degree in Telecommunications Systems Management in December of 2007. During his final semester at Murray State University, Chris was part of a team that competed in the 2008 International Telecommunications Education & Research Association (ITERA) Student Case Study Competition. The "Cool U" case study gave his team the opportunity to create a 'state-of-the-art' university based on cutting edge communications technology. Western Michigan University and Ball State University also reached the final round of the competition; however, Chris and his Murray State University team took first place.

Chris has always been interested in researching current and emerging technologies. In the future, Chris sees himself pursuing his dream of becoming a full-time online faculty member. He lives by the famous quote from Peter Drucker, "The best way to predict the future is to create it." Chris can be reached by phone at 850.645.8688 or by email at csimonavice@fsu.edu.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH DOCTORAL CANDIDATE, DUSTIN ANDERSON,

PUBLISHES TWO BOOKS IN 2008



Dustin Anderson

Their Synaptic Selves, published by Verlag (January 2008), examines the cognitive shifts that memory events force in our everyday language. It explores how authors like Samuel Beckett and James Joyce interpret these types of events, specifically discussing how spatialization and mapping affect memory. For these authors, it is the failure of memory (and its linguistic manifestation) that teaches us how we think. By looking at these moments of failure or slippage in light of philosophers like Henri Bergson and Gilles Deleuze we can come to understand more fully the complex and elusive approaches through which these authors deal with memory and its role in language. Only then can we begin to examine the way we actually use language and read texts today.

Dustin's second book, *Transnational Beckett*, is a collaborative effort and is edited with S.E. Gontarski, William J. Cloonan, and Alec Hargreaves. The book collects more than 30 essays from the "Beckett at 100: New Perspectives" conference held at FSU in February of 2006. The *Journal of Beckett Studies* publishes this compilation. Dustin's essay "Delete, Invert, Repeat: Beckett's Watt A Response to Stein" (290 – 303) also appears in this volume.

Dustin has been awarded for his teaching on two separate occasions. His first award is by the university (the Program for Instructional Excellence Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award in 2004) and the second recognition given by the English department (the Robert O. Lawton Excellence in First Year Writing Instruction Award 2005). He has also been recognized by the LEAD Center as a Student Star (2004).

Dustin Anderson worked both in healthcare technology and emergency medicine before he began his graduate career at Florida State in 2002. He has worked as the First Year Composition program assistant since 2004, and worked from an Editorial Assistant up to the Associate Editor for the *Journal of Beckett Studies*. He has served as a graduate representative for a number of committees including Quality Enhancement Reviews (QER) and Graduate Policy Committee (GPC) in 2005, the One Book/One Campus First Year Reading Book Selection Committee (2006-2007), and as a judge for FSU's Vires, Artes, Mores Scholarship Competition (2006-2007 & 2007-2008).

Dustin has presented papers and talks, both locally and internationally, on a wide range of topics from colonialism in British horror films in Atlanta to nostalgia and legitimization in the Challenger Shuttle crash in Toronto to memory studies in Finnegans Wake in Prague.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH DOCTORAL GRADUATE, FLORE CHEVAILLIER, WINS GRADUATE

ESSAY PRIZE



Dr. Flore Chevallier

English Department doctoral student, Flore Chevallier, won the 2007 Graduate Essay Prize for her essay, "Grammar. In a Breath": Breathing in Gertrude Stein's *Tender Buttons*." The award was announced in April 2008. In the winning essay for the American Literature category, Flore uses diagramming as an interpretive tool to explore the trope of breath. "Such embodiment of language requires that we think of Stein's poetry as a body breathing in and out to the reader, and forces us to reconsider reading as a sensual activity." This essay was included in *Literature Compass* (April 2008, p 448-460), which is published by Blackwell and

can be found online at: <http://www.blackwell-compass.com/subject/literature/>

Flore Chevallier was born in 1979 in Blois (France). She obtained her Maitrise (B.A.) in English in 2001 at the Université d'Orléans and her Master's of English at Lehigh University in 2003. She currently teaches composition and literature classes at Florida State University. Flore says about winning the Graduate Essay Prize, "I have always been passionate about Gertrude Stein's work, so it was an honor to share my essay with the Literature Compass committee and win the award in the American Literature section."

Her research projects have focused on contemporary American fiction and French Theory. Her essays have appeared in *Journal of Modern Literature*, *European Journal of American Studies*, *The Electronic Book Review* and *Sources*. Flore's latest accomplishments are getting "Something Wrong There": Punning in *Comment C'est*" published in the *Journal of Modern Literature* and "Semiotics and Erotics in Joseph Mc Elroy's *Plus*" published in *Critique: Studies in Contemporary Fiction* in 2008. Flore successfully defended her dissertation in the spring of 2008.

DR. MICHAEL HARTLINE (MAR) OFFERED A UNIQUE MBA COURSE, SPRING SEMESTER 2008



Dr. Michael Hartline

The course, *Managing the Business Environment*, features a number of prominent executives (including many COB alumni) discussing their approach to managing certain sectors of the business environment (media, government, shareholders, society, etc.). The course deals with the under-appreciated side of marketing that does not deal directly with end users or buyers. Executives participating include Chuck Hardwick (retired senior vice president of Worldwide Corporate Affairs, Pfizer, Inc.), Doug Dunlap (president, Syn-Tech/FuelMaster, Inc.), Bill Smith (president, Capital City Bank Group), Bruce Redditt, (executive vice president, Omnicom Group), Bob Sasser (president and chief financial officer, Dollar Tree, Inc.), and Rich Bagger (senior vice president, Worldwide Public Affairs and Policy, Pfizer, Inc.). For more information, contact Dr. Hartline at mhartline@cob.fsu.edu.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENTS

MEET BUSINESS ICON WARREN BUFFETT



(From The Left) Charlette Livingstone, Lauren Turner, Warren Buffett, & Chris Grunewald

By Melanie Yeager - Twenty-seven College of Business students spent a recent Friday with billionaire investor Warren Buffett.

Florida State students were among an exclusive group of students from six schools invited to meet Buffett in Omaha, Nebraska, and spend time in a question-and-answer session with the famous chief executive officer of Berkshire Hathaway, a diversified holding company. Forbes magazine named Buffett the nation's wealthiest person earlier this year.

"He's unusually humble and down-to-earth for a man of his caliber," said Charlette Livingstone, an MBA student. Students

were selected to participate on the basis of a merit application process. Students also were treated to lunch by Buffett at a local steakhouse and toured two Berkshire Hathaway subsidiaries, Nebraska Furniture Mart and Borsheims.

MBA students from left, Charlette Livingstone, Lauren Turner and Chris Grunewald met billionaire investor Warren Buffett on Friday in Omaha, Nebraska.

"I was most impressed by the candor of Warren Buffett's responses during the question and answer session," said Paul "Chris" Grunewald, an MBA student. "Mr. Buffett has the uncanny ability to opine on a wide range of topics concerning finance and business evaluation."

Students applied for the trip opportunity. The college required student participants to have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.8, and the application submitted included a resume and a statement describing professional goals and extracurricular activities. A faculty committee made the selections.

"We had a great trip," said Glenn Boggs, a business law professor who led the group of undergraduate and graduate students. "You can string some superlatives together — fantastic, informational, informative ... more than that, it was really, really interesting." He was impressed by Buffett's obvious intellect and humor and emphasis on the importance of ethics in business decisions.

Lauren Turner, another MBA student participant, said it was interesting to learn how little material possessions mean to Buffett.

"He really believes in using his money for good and feels the best way to do that is by finding valid and trustworthy foundations to donate toward," Turner said. "That was refreshing to hear from a man who could be frivolously spending money on pretty much anything he wants."

Other schools participating included Saint Louis University, Tulane University, the University of Iowa, the University of Missouri and the University of New Orleans. Boggs said the college is grateful to Bill Smith, CEO of Capital City Bank, who spent time helping coach students before their trip.

THE NORTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY NEUROSCIENCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS

BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK



It is estimated that 26.2% of Americans – 1 in 4 adults – suffer from some sort of mental illness (Kessler et al. 2005), yet 33% of Americans mistakenly believe that mental illness is due to personal weakness. Moreover, 40% of Americans report knowing “almost nothing at all” about mental illnesses (American Psychiatric Association, 2006). These frightening statistics suggest that communities are not being made aware of the facts of mental illness, and this trend allows stigmas and stereotypes to manifest in the community.

To educate the local community on mental health issues, as well as other neurological diseases and the normal functioning of the central nervous system, the North Florida Community Neuroscience Education Committee (CNEC) was formed in 2005. The CNEC is a graduate student initiated and run organization that is comprised of Neuroscience Graduate Students in the Psychology, Biology, and Nutrition departments at FSU. Every year, the CNEC celebrates Brain Awareness Week, a campaign launched by the Society for Neuroscience to promote science outreach and educate people about the brain. To celebrate Brain Awareness Week, the CNEC sponsors several activities throughout Leon County, including classroom visits and the Annual North Florida Brain Bee. During classroom visits, volunteers lead discussions about the central nervous system, outlining evolution of brain structure and function across species using various brain specimens, including plastinated human brains. The CNEC also sponsors the Annual North Florida Brain Bee, a live question and answer event where high school students compete to see who has the most neuroscience knowledge. Both events are geared toward helping students gain a better understanding of neural mechanisms underlying perceptions of the outside world and increasing science awareness in the community.



‘WOMEN IN SCIENCE’ FELLOWSHIP TO FUND POSTDOC’S STUDY OF DEEP-SEA METHANE

By: Libby Fairhurst
FSU News & Public Affairs
June 2008

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- A L’Oreal USA Fellowship for Women in Science has been awarded to Florida State University alumna Laura Lapham, a postdoctoral research assistant and courtesy faculty member in FSU’s Department of Oceanography, and this year, one of just five young women scientists in the nation selected for the prestigious \$40,000 prize.

The L’Oreal USA Fellowships for Women in Science program -- administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) -- was launched in 2003 to help women in science achieve their goals by providing them with funding to help support 12 months of postdoctoral research. Highly competitive, the fellowships are bestowed each year on a small, elite group of researchers from the fields of mathematics, engineering, technology (including computer science), and the life and physical/material sciences.

For 2008, Lapham, 33, a native of Sarasota, Fla., was one of 196 applicants.

Those fellowships represent a much-needed investment. In the United States, women earn half of all science degrees and comprise half of the total workforce yet hold just 20 percent of the science jobs.

Lapham’s \$40,000 award will underwrite new instrumentation essential to her geochemical research in the Gulf of Mexico on the formation and decomposition of deep-sea gas hydrates -- ice-like crystalline formations containing methane gas within the ice lattice.

“There is a lot of interest in gas hydrate deposits as a potential energy source,” said Lapham, who collects samples of the hydrates, found in oceanic sediments on the sea floor, via a manned submersible vehicle. “Deposits of hydrates are thought to be the world’s largest reservoir of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas and fossil fuel.”

She noted that while hydrates are generally stable under high pressure, low temperature and saturated methane conditions such as those found in oceanic sediments and arctic permafrost, if they are destabilized, large amounts of methane could be lost from ocean sediments and reach the atmosphere.

“That’s a concern,” Lapham said, “because studies have suggested that methane-filled hydrates have been agents of climate change in the geologic past.”

After graduating from FSU in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry, Lapham earned her Ph.D. in Marine Sciences from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 2007 -- where as it happens, her advisor was both an undergraduate and graduate alumnus of FSU. In April 2007 she returned to FSU as a “post-doc” in the oceanography department. There, she assists Professor Jeff Chanton, with his research while also pursuing her own, and helps train graduate students in the department’s laboratory.

It's been a banner year for Lapham.

In addition to the \$40,000 Women in Science fellowship she recently received, earlier this year the National Research Council (NRC) awarded her \$50,000 in support of her research and also is providing the funding for her two-year courtesy faculty position at FSU.

What brought Lapham back to her undergraduate alma mater?

"I first worked for Jeff Chanton as an undergraduate here in the '90s, and then, like now, I was always impressed not only with his contagious excitement about his research but also with the type of research being conducted in the FSU oceanography department," Lapham said. "So often it has some noteworthy impact on the state of Florida, and that's what appeals most to me -- conducting research for a purpose, and finding answers to questions that the average person really cares about."

The 2008 L'Oreal USA Women in Science Fellowship competition culminated in late May with three days of events in New York City that included an awards ceremony, media training, networking opportunities and professional development workshops for the winners. Sponsored by the AAAS, the workshops comprised topics such as job search techniques, budget development for grant requests and strategies for peer-reviewed publication.

Two days later Lapham was at sea, pursuing her research in the Gulf of Mexico.



2008 STUDENT ACADEMY AWARD GOES TO FSU FILM SCHOOL GRADUATE

By: Libby Fairhurst
FSU News & Public Affairs
June 2008

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- For the fifth time in four years, a Student Academy Award has gone to a film written and directed by a student from Florida State University's renowned College of Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts -- best known as The Film School.

On June 7 at the 35th Annual Student Academy Awards ceremony, hosted by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences at the Samuel Goldwyn Theater in Beverly Hills, Calif., the silver medal in the Narrative category went to "The State of Sunshine," a short film written and directed by FSU alumnus Z. Eric Yang.

Created as Yang's student thesis film -- he graduated from The Film School last August with a Master of Fine Arts degree -- "The State of Sunshine" tells the fictional but all-too-familiar tale of two siblings who illegally enter Florida from China, and who cling to hope even though they must engage in prostitution to pay off their smugglers.

"The support I received from The Film School during the entire process was just tremendous," said Yang, 32, a native of Shanghai, China, who came to the United States in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in material sciences from Shanghai Jiao Tong University. After focusing on video production and earning a master's degree in Communications at the University of Memphis -- where he currently teaches an introductory film course -- Yang began his film studies in earnest at FSU.

"I wouldn't trade my filmmaking experiences and growth at FSU for anything else in the world," he said.

This isn't Yang's first honor for "The State of Sunshine." In what's shaping up as a banner year for the emerging writer-director, the film earned him the East Coast's "Best Asian American Student Filmmaker" award last December from the Director's Guild of America.

"Even here at FSU, where we've always drawn the lion's share of talented, award-winning students and alumni, Eric Yang is a remarkable filmmaker who stands out as someone to watch," said Film School Dean Frank Patterson.

Yang encountered a few challenges during the making of his film. "We had around 10 locations during our nine-day shoot and close to 70 extras," he said. That's a lot for a student film, though fortunately all the locations were free and the extras were volunteers. In addition, because of the nature of the scenes, we had to start the production with all-night shoots, switch to day shoots, and then revert to night shoots again. It was tough and exhausting, but amazingly, everyone pulled it off well enough to create a film that now has received both a Student Academy Award and recognition from the Director's Guild of America."

For thesis film productions, the Film School sends out casting teams (typically first-year MFA students) to Los Angeles, New York City, and other major filmmaking centers to find the best possible actors. “For me this was a very helpful strategy, because it was virtually impossible to find the right Asian actors in Tallahassee for the leading roles,” Yang said.

And the best part of his role as director? “I think my biggest joy was the same as it probably is for any filmmaker,” Yang said. “It was during the final stage of post-production when everything finally came together -- the shots, the sound effects and the music. Nothing could be better than seeing a moment I’d imagined so many times actually come to life on the screen thanks to the great work by our cast and crew.”

While FSU’s longstanding Student Academy Award-winning tradition makes earning them look easy, it’s anything but, said Patterson. “We compete for those gold, silver and bronze medals against hundreds of other entries from dozens of other top film programs at private and public colleges and universities across North America, and the vast majority of those programs choose to enroll far more students than we do,” he said.

Nevertheless, over the past decade work written, directed and produced by FSU Film School students has won a huge share of the film industry’s top honors, including a host of College Television Awards and other national nods.

“The film business is full of uncertainties, but despite some obstacles and the detours I’ve taken in my life, filmmaking is still my most important goal,” Yang said. “I hope the Student Academy Award helps me to move to L.A. and open doors so I can more actively pursue my career, which thanks to FSU is off to a better start than I could ever have imagined.”

Recognized by the Directors Guild of America for its distinguished contributions to American culture, FSU’s Film School encompasses one of the largest and best-equipped facilities devoted wholly to film education, and includes undergraduate and graduate programs that rank among the most highly regarded in the world. Learn more at www.film.fsu.edu.

NOTEWORTHY: PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, CONFERENCES, GRANTS, AND OTHER NOTABLE RECONGITIONS

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Department of Biological Science – Biju, K.C., Marks, D.R., T.G. Mast, and D.A. Fadool. 2008. Deletion of voltage-gated channel affects glomerular refinement and odor receptor expression in the olfactory system. *J. Comp. Neurol.* 506: 161-179.

Department of Biological Science – Lu J and Gilbert DM. Proliferation-dependent and cell cycle-regulated transcription of mouse pericentric heterochromatin. *J. Cell Biol.* 2007 Nov 179: 411-421

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College of Criminology and Criminal Justice – Barnes, J.C., Tony Dukes, Richard Tewksbury, and Timothy M. DeTroye. 2008. Analyzing the impact of a statewide residence restriction law on South Carolina sex offenders. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, forthcoming.

College of Criminology and Criminal Justice – Barnes, J.C., J. Mitchell Miller, Holly V. Miller, and Chris Gibson. 2008. Juvenile drug court program admission, demeanor and cherry-picking: A research note. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 33(2): 166-76.

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College of Criminology and Criminal Justice – Beaver, Kevin M., Brian B. Boutwell, J.C. Barnes, and Jonathan A. Cooper. 2008. The biosocial underpinnings to adolescent victimization: Results from a longitudinal sample of twins. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, forthcoming.

College of Criminology and Criminal Justice – Kleck, Gary, and J.C. Barnes. 2008. Deterrence and macro-level perceptions of punishment risks: Is there a "collective wisdom?" *Crime & Delinquency*, forthcoming.

College of Criminology and Criminal Justice – Miller, J. Mitchell, Holly V. Miller, and J.C. Barnes. 2007. The effect of demeanor on drug court admission. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 18(3):246-59.

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Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies – Pamphlet published on-line by the Christian Educators Association International on possible approaches public school superintendents can take to handle local issues regarding the controversy over teaching Creationism vs. Evolution in response to recent changes in Florida Sunshine State Standards in Science: Norman, S. W. (2008, June). "Meeting the educational needs of the creationist/ID community in your school district: A policy memo for public school superintendents." Resources: *Alternatives to Creationism in the Public School Classroom*. Available on-line at <http://www.ceai.org/fresources/index.html>.

Department of Mathematics – Juan B. Gutierrez – Literatronics: Adaptive Digital Narrative. JB Gutierrez. In HYPERTEXT'08: Proceedings of the nineteenth ACM conference on Hypertext and hypermedia, pages 5-8, New York, NY, USA, 2008. ACM.

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Department of Psychology – Van Orden, K.A., Witte, T.K., Gordon, K.H., Bender, T.W., & Joiner, T.E. (2008). Suicidal desire and the capability for suicide: Tests of the interpersonal-psychological theory of suicidal behavior among adults. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 76, 72-83.

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Department of Psychology – Anestis, M., Holm-Denoma, J., Gordon, K., Schmidt, N.B., & Joiner, T. (2008). The role of anxiety sensitivity in eating pathology. *Cognitive Therapy & Research*, 32, 370-385.

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Department of Risk Management/Insurance – Stephen Fier, Ph.D., co-wrote the article, "A Survey of Stock-Drop Litigation, the Pension Protection Act of 2006, and Fiduciary Liability Insurance: Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?" with Dr. Cassandra Cole which was published in 2008 in the Professional Liability Underwriting Society Journal.

College of Social Work – Leo, J., & Lacasse, J. R. (Forthcoming December 2008). Consumer advertisements of medications for ADHD. In S. Tamimi & J. Leo (Eds.), *Rethinking ADD*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

College of Social Work – Miller, C.R. & Nelson, N. (2007). *Social work: Issues and opportunities in a challenging profession* (3rd ed) [Instructors' Manual]. Chicago: Lyceum Books..

Department of Sociology – Melissa Barnett wrote a chapter “9/11 and Immigration Policy.” Edited volume by Judith A. Warner entitled *Battleground: Immigration*.

Department of Sociology – Jordan Brown co-authored “Race, Politics and Sociology of Social Policy” and “Democracy, Action and the Internet after 9/11.” *Handbook of Social Policy*.

Department of Sociology – Stephanie Burge co-authored “The Salience of Social Relationships for Resident Well-Being in Assisted Living.” *Journal of Gerontology*, 62B:S129-S1 34, and “Educational Expectations and the Rise in Women’s Post-Secondary Attainments.” *Social Science Research*.

Department of Sociology – Mathew Gayman co-wrote “Physical Limitations and Depressive Symptoms: Exploring the Nature of the Association.” *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*.

Department of Sociology – Brandy Harris co-wrote “Aging and Health Policy.” *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*.

Department of Sociology – Kathy Heyman co-authored “Jewish Identity and Self Reported Health.” Chapter to appear in Christopher G. Ellison & Robert A. Hummer (eds.), *Religion, Families and Health: New Directions in Population Based Research*.

Department of Sociology – Ben Kail along with Jennifer Reid Keene co-wrote the “The Political Economy Perspective of Aging” in the Handbook of Theories of Aging.

Department of Sociology – Brandon McKelvey authored “Globalization and Aging Workers: Constructing a Global Life Course.” *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, and “The Transformation of American Health Insurance.” *Health Care at Risk: Expert perspectives on America’s Ailing Health System - - and How to Heal it*.

College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance – Jay King, Doctoral Candidate in theatre, had his first publication appear in Translation & Transformations in the Theatre of Timberlake Wertenbaker edited by Maya E. Roth and Sara Freeman. His article is entitled “Wertenbaker and the Metahistorical: Fracturing History in The Grace of Mary Traverse, Love of the Nightingale & After Darwin.” The collection of critical essays was published by Peter Lang in 2008.

Books & Book Chapters

Department of Educational Psychology and Learning Systems – Ashley K. Chason, along with Dr. James Sampson, recently co-authored a book chapter in Dr. Steven Pfeiffer’s book, the *Handbook of Giftedness in Children*. The chapter is called "Helping Gifted and Talented Adolescents and Young Adults Make Informed and Careful Career Choices."

Department of Mathematics – JL Teem, JB Gutierrez. A Theoretical Strategy for Eradication of Asian Carps Using a Trojan Y Chromosome to Shift the Sex Ratio of the Population. Accepted for publication. To be published by the America Fisheries Society. USA.

Department of Mathematics – JB Gutierrez. The Limits of Digital Narrative: A Functional Analysis. Chapter 5, pp. 85-103. Literatures in the Digital Era: Theory and Praxis. Amelia Sanz, Dolores Romero, Eds. Cambridge Scholars Press, 2007. UK/Spain.

Presentations – National

Department of Communication Disorders – Shannon Hall Mills will present "Role of Discourse Genre in Writing Assessment: Comparing Microstructure and Macrostructure", and "Literacy: Writing in Middle and Upper Grades" at the ASHA Schools Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Department of Communication Disorders – Ashley K. Chason will be co-presenting at the National Career Development Association's Global Conference in Washington, D.C. The presentation is titled "Transitions in a Nontraditional World: Second Career, Military to Civilian, Ex-offenders, and Returning Mothers."

Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies – PowerPoint presentation at Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference in Cedarville, Ohio on June 7, 2008: Norman, S.W. (2008). “God and the principal: A pilot study on faith and leadership in public schools.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference (EQRC), Cedarville, OH.

Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies – Poster presentation at Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference in Cedarville, Ohio on June 7, 2008: Norman, S.W. (2008). “A discourse analysis on culture, religion and education in America: Policy and practice from 1607 – 2007.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference (EQRC), Cedarville, OH.

Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies – PowerPoint presentation at Democracy and Extremism: An International Conference, Atlanta, GA on June 13, 2008: Norman, S.W. (2008) “One nation, two Americas: A discourse analysis of Engle and Abington.” Paper presented at the Democracy and Extremism International Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Department of Oceanography – Poster Presentation at National Conference: Akob, D. M., L. Kerkhof, K-J. Chin, K. Küsel, D. B. Watson, A. V. Palumbo, and J. E. Kostka. 2008. Characterization of the Metabolically Active Iron(III)- and Sulfate-Reducing Bacteria in Uranium(VI) Contaminated Subsurface Sediments Using DNA-SIP Analysis. 108th General Meeting Abstracts American Society for Microbiology, Boston, MA.

College of Social Work – Adorno, G., & Munn, J. (2008, October). “By Invitation Only.” Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

College of Social Work – Anson, J., & Abell, N. (2009, January) "Measuring Likeability and Impressions of Depressive Affect: a Psychometric Instrumentation Study" Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans.

College of Social Work – Cesnales, N., & Thyer, B. (2009, January) “Does Ryan White Funded Case Management Improve Retention in Care for HIV Positive Adults? A Review of Outcome Studies” Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans.

- College of Social Work** – Chonody, J.M., & Sanders Baffour, T.D. (2008, October). “Community conceptualizations of health disparities: A community based-participatory research approach.” Paper presentation at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- College of Social Work** – Donnelly, E. A. (2009). “The Emergency Medical Services Role Identity Scale (EMS-RIS): A validation study.” Poster accepted by the National Association of Emergency Medical Physicians 2009 Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL.
- College of Social Work** – Hinterlong, J., & Donnelly, E. A. (2009, January). “The impact of widowhood on older adults' social participation and volunteerism” Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans.
- College of Social Work** – Killian, M. (2009, January). Psychosocial Challenges of Pediatric Heart and Lung Transplantation: A Systematic Review. Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans.
- College of Social Work** – Killian, M., Patel, D., & Paris, W. (2008, October). “Conducting practice-based research.” Society for Transplant Social Workers, New Orleans.
- College of Social Work** – Killian, M., & Siebert, C. F. (2008, January). Experiencing Trauma and the Coping Strategies: Validation of the Avoidance Coping Scale. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research conference, Washington DC.
- College of Social Work** – Killian, M., & Siebert, C. F. (2008, January). Trauma, Posttraumatic Symptomatology, and Delinquency: A Mediation Model with the National Study of Child and Adolescent Well-Being Data. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research conference, Washington DC.
- College of Social Work** – Siebert, D. C., Siebert, C. F., & Killian, M. (2008, January). The Influence of Response Rates: A Comparison of Findings in the Analysis of Depressive Symptoms. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research conference, Washington DC
- College of Social Work** – Lacasse, J. R. (2007, October). “Partner, persuader, or problem? Corporate psychiatry and social work.” Paper presented at the 53rd Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, San Francisco, CA
- College of Social Work** – Miller, C., & Abell, N. (2009, January). “Validation of the Civic Efficacy Scale.” Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans.
- College of Social Work** – Miller, C., & Hinterlong, J. (2008, November). “Social Work Education and People with Disabilities: Reclaiming the Strengths Perspective” Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Philadelphia.
- College of Social Work** – Miller, C., & Hinterlong, J. (2009, January). “Civic-Efficacy and Post-High School Plans of Young People with Disabilities” Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans.
- College of Social Work** – Miller, C. (2007). *Inclusive service-learning: Engaging students with disabilities in service-learning*. International Association of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement Annual Meeting, Tampa Bay.
- College of Social Work** – Miller, C. (2007). “*Validation of the Civic Efficacy Scale*.” International Association of Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement Annual Meeting, Tampa Bay.
- College of Social Work** – Moore, J., & Teasley, M. (2009, January). “A Mixed Methods Survey of Disaster Relief Case Managers in Mississippi” Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans.
- College of Social Work** – Pignotti, M. (2008, November). “The use of novel unsupported and empirically supported therapies by licensed clinical social workers.” Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. (paper presentation)
- College of Social Work** – Pignotti, M. & Thyer, B. (2008, May). “The use of Novel Unsupported Psychological Therapies by Licensed Clinical Social Workers.” Conference Poster Presentation: Association for Psychological Science (APS, formerly known as American Psychological Society) 20th Annual Convention, Chicago, Illinois.
- College of Social Work** – Radey, M., & Wilkins, B. (2008). “Meeting Employment Needs of Homeless Individuals: An Evaluation of a Local Partnership.”
- College of Social Work** – Rutledge, S.E., Siebert, D.C., Chonody, J.M., & Killian, M. (2008, October). Information about human sexuality: Sources, satisfaction, and perceived knowledge among college students. Paper presentation at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- College of Social Work** – Siebert, D.C., Chonody, J.M., & Rutledge, S.E. (2008, October). Exploring anti-gay biases in college students: A bivariate study of correlates. Paper presentation at the Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- College of Social Work** – Whitaker, M. P. (2009, January). Measuring controllability in intimate partner violence. Poster session to be presented at the 2009 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Department of Sociology** – Joel Andress presented his paper “Disability and Depression: The Role of Positive and Negative Aspects of Social Relations” at the annual meetings of the Southern Sociological Society in Richmond, Virginia.

Department of Sociology – Natalie Armstrong presented her paper “Mental Health & Discrimination: The Coping Resources of African American Young Adults” at the Southern Sociological Society annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

Department of Sociology – Melissa Barnett presented her dissertation research to Dr. Huong Nguyen’s graduation immigration course at the Heller School of Social Policy and Management, at Brandeis University.

Department of Sociology – Jessica Bishop presented her paper entitled “Birth Outcomes and Neural Tube Defects in the United States Before and After Folic Acid Fortification” at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Department of Sociology – Jonathan Fish presented two papers: “Down Low’ Discourses: Identity Negotiation and Stigma Management in African Men who have Sex with Men” at the annual American Sociological Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts; and “Them” and ‘Us’: How African Men who have Sex with Men Define the ‘Down Low” at the Southern Sociological Society’s annual meeting in Richmond, Virginia.

Department of Sociology – Mathew Gaymen presented three papers this year: “Consequences of the Timing Onset of Psychiatric Disorders on Psychosocial Resources” at the American Sociological Association in Boston, Massachusetts; “Physical Limitations and Depressive Symptoms: Exploring the Nature and Meaning of the Association” at the American Sociological Association in Boston, Massachusetts; and “Heavy Alcohol Use Among Young Adult Hispanics: Exploring Risk and Protective Factors” at the National Hispanic Science Network’s annual conference.

Department of Sociology – Ursula Keller presented two papers this year: “The Effects of Folic Acid Fortification on Birth Outcomes: Nativity Differences in Neural Tube Defects in the United States” at the Florida State University Dialogues Conference, in Tallahassee, Florida; and “Nativity Status and Risky Sexual Behaviors among Hispanic Young Adults” at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Department of Sociology – Amanda Koontz presented her paper “Determinants of Participation in Community Arts” at the North Carolina Sociological Association.

Department of Sociology – Robyn Lewis presented three papers this year: “Activity Limitations and the Experimental of Anger: Racial/Ethnic Contrasts” With Natalie O. Armstrong and R. Jay Turner at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society; “Physical Disability and Substance Use among Hispanics: The Role of Stress, Coping and Shame” at the annual meeting of the Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse in Miami, Florida; “Race-Ethnic Differences in the Linkage between Physical Disability and Depression: Understanding the Role of Shame and Other Personal Factors” with R. Jay Turner at the annual meeting of the Society for Study of Social Problems in New York City, New York.

Department of Sociology – Brandon McKelvy presented two papers “Sexual Orientation Workplace Discrimination” at the annual Southern Sociological Society meeting in Virginia, and along with Jill Quadagno, “Policy by Stealth: the Consumer –Directed Health Care Revolution: at the Future of the Welfare State Conference in Austin, Texas.

Department of Sociology – Rusty Shekha presented two papers “Latin American Transnational Social Movement Organization, 2000” at the Society for the Study of Social Problems in Boston, Massachusetts and “Pathways to Activism – The Student Farmworker Alliance” with Daphne Holden, Doug Schrock, and Marc Dixon at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, in New York City, New York.

Department of Sociology – Lisa Weinberg presented her paper with Dr. Deana Rohlinger and Jordan Brown, “Specifying the Role of the Internet Social Movement Mobilization” at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, in New York City, NY.

Department of Urban and Regional Planning – Seven doctoral students from the FSU Department of Urban & Regional Planning presented papers at the joint Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning/Association of European Schools of Planning meeting in Chicago, July 6-11, 2008. These students are:

- Terence Milstead - “DIY Activity In A Post-Soviet Housing Market: A Socio-Spatial Analysis Of Vilnius, Lithuania” (with Rebecca Miles, Associate Professor)
- Dristi Neog - “Impact Of Workplace Built Environment On Travel Behavior Of Employees”
- Chandrima Mukhopadhyay - “Regional Distribution Pattern Of Privatized And Foreign Investment Infrastructure Projects In India”
- Charles Oduro - “Population Growth, Housing And Infrastructure Provision In Peri-Urban Accra, Ghana” (with Petra Doan, Associate Professor)

- [Mellini Sloan](#) - "The Politics Of Technology Adoption: Water Metering In Progressive Era Chicago"
- [Huston Gibson](#) - "Perceived School Quality And Its Influence On Monetary Housing Value: Urban Inequalities And The Health Of Communities"
- [Lisa Vera](#) - "Peri-Urban Dispossession In The United States: Trends In Black Family Land Loss"

College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance - Jessica Ray Herzogenrath will be presenting her paper "Dancing Americanness: Jane Addams' Hull House as a Site for Dance Education" at the annual Congress on Research in Dance (CORD) conference which will be held at Hollins University (VA) in November 2008. Her paper explores the trajectory of American dance education into the late nineteenth century, the historical situation that provided a platform for Addams as a reformer, and how her personal preferences regarding art and dance helped shape those of the immigrant populations she served. Mrs. Herzogenrath is an MA candidate in American Dance Studies.

Presentations – International

Department of Educational Psychology and Learning Systems - Andrew Park presented his masters thesis at the 2008 North American Society for Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity (NASPSPA) conference in Niagara Falls, Canada entitled "Workload Stress and Stimulus-Response Compatibility: Effects on Response Latencies in a Choice Reaction Time Task." David Chen from Cal State University, Fullerton was his co-presenter.

Department of Sport and Recreation Management - Masayuki Yoshioda, Ph.D. student, won the student research competition sponsored by the North American Society for Sport Management. The winner of the student competition will have an opportunity to present this paper at the President's Luncheon during the NASSM Annual Conference from May 28 - June 1, 2008 in Toronto, Ontario. NASSM paid for Masa's travel expenses to Toronto to receive the award. Masayuki's research paper was titled, "Value creation: Assessing the relationships between service quality, consumption value, and behavioral intentions at sporting events."

Awards

Department of Biological Science – David R. Marks received the *Margaret Menzel Award* from the Department of Biological Science, given to the top graduate student in the department. David has been awarded a *T32 NIH training grant mechanism at Penn* where he will commence his postdoctoral fellowship in the Fall 2008.

Department of Biological Science – Ben Nomann, Ph.D. student, was awarded a Lead Fellowship, allowing him to complete research on tropical forest ecology. He is currently in Manaus, Brazil, conducting his Ph.D. project. Ben is a third-year student interested in tropical ecology. He is studying herbs that grow under the canopy of tropical forests and how they are affected by clear-cutting and later secondary growth. Ben was awarded a Lead Fellowship, allowing him to complete his research in Manaus, Brazil.

Department of Biological Science – Casey Horst is a fourth-year Ph.D. student who was recently awarded the Edward and Marie Kingsbury Award for the Academic Year 2008-2009 for "excellence of thought and expression." He was also awarded a Dissertation Research Grant from the Office of Graduate Studies. Casey won an award for the best student presentation in microbiology at the Ecological Society of America meetings and gave four other presentations at national or regional meetings in the past year. Additionally, he had four papers published in 2007-2008 in journals ranging from Evolution to Community Ecology.

Department of Biological Science – Elise Gornish, Ph.D. student, was awarded a NOAA National Estuarine Reserve Graduate Fellowship for two years. She also was awarded a travel award by the Florida Native Plant Society where she presented a talk at the annual meeting. Elise presented posters at the Wapusk National Park Conference in Canada and at the Southeastern Ecology and Evolution Conference at Florida State University. This summer, she will be presenting a poster at the Ecological Society Association annual meeting. Elise is a first-year student from New York City. She was recently awarded a NOAA National Estuarine Reserve Graduate Fellowship for two years. She also was awarded a travel award by the Florida Native Plant Society where she presented a talk at the annual meeting. In the past six months, Elise presented posters at the Wapusk National Park Conference in Canada and at the Southeastern Ecology and Evolution Conference at Florida State University. This summer, she will be presenting a poster at the Ecological Society Association annual meeting.

Communication Disorders – Naomi Bell Schneider was awarded the 2008 "Outstanding Doctoral Student Award," for the Department of Communication Disorders.

Department of Educational Psychology and Learning Systems – Andrew Park is a recipient of the 2008-2009 Leslie N. Wilson-Delores Auzenne Assistantship for Minorities.

Department of Marketing – Kelly Cowart, doctoral student in Marketing, received this year's Russell Ewald Award for academic excellence and human service. This award is funded by the Florida Education Fund and comes with a cash prize.

Department of Organizational Behavior – Laci Rogers, Ph.D. student in Organizational Behavior, received the 2008 Best Doctoral Paper in the OB/OT/OD track at the Southern Management Association conference. Her first-author work is titled, “Interaction of Job-Limiting Pain and Political Skill on Job Satisfaction and Organizational Citizen Behavior.”

Department of Psychology –

Student: Eddie Selby

It was a National Research Service Award /predoctoral training grant from National Institute of Mental Health.

Title: Emotional and Behavioral Dysregulation in Borderline Personality Disorder

Role: Principle Investigator [Sponsor: Thomas E. Joiner, Jr.]

Period: September 2008 – August 2010

Total Costs: \$72,391.80

Department of Risk Management and Insurance – Kevin Gatzlaff, Ph.D. student in Risk Management and Insurance, received a State Farm Doctoral Dissertation in Insurance Award for his dissertation, "Determinants of Property-Casualty Insurance Company Performance."

College of Social Work – Adorno, G. Joanna F. Gorman Scholarship, 2007, 2008.

College of Social Work – Adorno, G. John A. Hartford Foundation Pre-dissertation Fellow, 2007-2008.

College of Social Work – Donnelly, E. A. Joanna F. Gorman Scholarship, 2008.

College of Social Work – Donnelly, E. A. Coyle & Mabel Moore Scholarship, 2007.

College of Social Work – Hayton, C. University Fellow, Florida State University, 2007-2009.

College of Social Work – Killian, M. Joyce Harper Laidlaw Scholarship in Child Welfare, 2007.

College of Social Work – Lacasse, J. R. 2008 Instructor of the Year, College of Social Work, Florida State University

College of Social Work – Killian, M. Mark DeGraff & Lula Hamilton DeGraff Scholarship, 2008.

College of Social Work – Miller, C. Emerging Scholar in Service-learning and Community Engagement (2008)

College of Social Work – Miller, C. Outstanding Poster: *Inclusive service-learning: Engaging students with disabilities in service-learning*. International Association on Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement. (2007)

College of Social Work – Miller, C. Dissertation Grant, College of Graduate Studies, Florida State University. (2008)

Department of Sociology – Natalie Armstrong was invited to attend a workshop on African Americans and Aging at the University of Michigan.

Department of Sociology – Jessica Bishop received an Outstanding Teaching Assistantship Award from FSU, Office of Graduate Studies and APPS.

Department of Sociology – Jessica Bishop won the Graduate Student Best Teacher Award at the 2008 Honors/Awards luncheon on April 14, 2008.

Department of Sociology – Orit Fisher received the FL- Israel Linage Scholarship for 2008-2009.

Department of Sociology – Brandon Jackson received the McKnight Fellowship.

Department of Sociology – Ben Kail received the Allen-Klar Graduate Student Research Paper Award for “Institutions, Politics, and Legacies: State Generosity in the Twilight Years of AFDC.”

Department of Sociology – Ursula Keller has been awarded a fellowship at the Behavioral and Social Research Branch of the National Inst. On Aging.

Department of Sociology – Carolyn Sawtell is the recipient of the 2007-2008 Graduate Student Leadership Award.

Department of Sport and Recreation Management – Masayuki Yoshioda, a Ph.D. student in Sport Management won the student research competition sponsored by the North American Society for Sport Management for his research on “Value creation: Assessing the relationships between service quality, consumption value, and behavioral intentions at sporting events.” Masayuki Yoshioda’s major professor is Dr. Jeffrey James. NASSM paid for Masa’s travel expenses to Toronto, Canada to receive the award.

Conferences

Department of Mathematics – Juan B. Gutierrez – Workshop Presentation: Creating out of the Machine: Hypertext, Hypermedia, and Web Artists Explore the Craft. Hypertext 2008. ACM Conference on Hypertext and Hypermedia. June 19-21, 2008 - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Department of Mathematics – Juan B. Gutierrez – Demo: HASTAC II Conference. University of California, Irvine and University of California, Los Angeles. May 22-24, 2008.

Department of Mathematics – Juan B. Gutierrez – Talk: Visionary Landscapes: Electronic Literature Organization 2008 Conference. Sponsored by Washington State University Vancouver and the Electronic Literature Organization. Vancouver, WA, May 29-Sunday, June 1, 2008.

Department of Oceanography – James Nelson was awarded the “Best Student Poster” at the 2008 Northern Gulf Institute Conference. The title was FLUX by FIN: Fish mediated carbon and nutrient flux between northeastern Gulf of Mexico seagrass beds and offshore reef fish communities. \$300 award.

Grants

Department of Communication Disorders - Naomi Bell Schneider - FSU Dissertation Research Grant, 2007

Department of Finance – R. Jared DeLisle, a doctoral student in finance at FSU's College of Business, was awarded a student travel grant from the American Finance Association (AFA) in order to attend the AFA's 2009 annual conference in San Francisco, California in January, 2009. The annual conference hosted by the AFA (the publisher of The Journal of Finance, one of the leading journals in the field of finance and financial economics) is widely considered the premier academic conference in the discipline of finance. The travel grant is highly competitive, as many hundreds of students pursuing a doctorate in finance are nominated by faculty at universities worldwide each year, but only a few dozen are selected as recipients for each annual conference. The AFA travel grant selection committee base their award decisions each year on faculty recommendations as well as the students' vitae.

Department of Mathematics – Juan B. Gutierrez – \$90,000 from the Ministry of Industry of Spain, to develop a pilot cultural project for the city of Barcelona called the GPS, Global Poetic System. I funneled this grant through a non-profit scientific corporation I created last November.

Department of Mathematics – Juan B. Gutierrez – \$3,000 from the Florida Department of Agriculture to conduct research on invasive species through mathematical modeling. I funneled this grant through a non-profit scientific corporation I created last November.

College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance – Jay King, Doctoral Candidate in theatre, received Marshall Travel Grant from the American Society for Theatre Research. The award of \$800 supports travel to the conference which will be held in Boston this year. This is a competitive process in which only 3 grants are awarded annually.

Jobs

Department of Sociology – Andy Cislo accepted a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Duke University in the Department of Sociology and Center for Population Health and Aging.

Department of Sociology – Brandy Harris-Wallace has a new position with the Center for Aging Studies, Erickson School, University of Maryland.

Department of Sociology – Kathy Heyman received a position as a Public Health Analyst with the Center of Disease Control in Maryland.

Department of Sociology – Mathew Gayman was awarded a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research –University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Department of Sociology – Beverly Gallagher received a position with FSU Florida Center for Reading Research as an interventionist.

Department of Sociology – Manacy Pai accepted a tenure-track position as an assistant professor in the Sociology Department at Kent State University.

Department of Sociology – Jen Pemberton accepted a tenure track position as an assistant professor of Sociology at Young Harris College.

Department of Sociology – Carrie Sawtell accepted a tenure-track position as an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at the University of West Georgia.

Department of Sociology – Jessica Trice accepted a position with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as a grant writer and projects manager.

Other

American Dance Studies – Latika Young (MA American Dance Studies 2007) has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2008-2009 where she will investigate the role of the arts in promoting cross-cultural understanding, specifically among Croats, Serbs and Muslim Bosnians. Ms. Young also published her article, “Dorky Dance, YouTube, and the New Vaudeville” in *Dance on Camera Journal 2008 Annual Review*, 18-30.

College of Business – Brian Dzingai, MBA 2007, made the 200 meters finals in the Olympic Games in Beijing. Dzingai, who had the fastest times in the first and second rounds, officially finished fourth behind bronze-medalist Walter Dix, another former FSU sprinter. Dzingai ran for his native country of Zimbabwe.

College of Criminology and Criminal Justice – Ph.D. student, J.C. Barnes, has been named the 2008 Outstanding Graduate Student by the Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA). SCJA sponsors a regional competition each year to recognize a graduate student for his or her accomplishments and potential. Barnes is the first FSU criminology students to receive this honor. Officially established in 1972, SCJA is a professional association serving criminal justice educators, researchers, practitioners, and students committed to the ongoing development of criminal justice science and practice. Barnes joined the FSU graduate program in Fall 2006 after receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of South Carolina. He is an active scholar and already has seven publications, published or forthcoming, in refereed journals. For more information, please visit: <<http://www.criminology.fsu.edu/p/about-phd-james-barnes.php>>.

Department of Mathematics – Juan B. Gutierrez has been doing research in "Trojan chromosomes hypothesis." "Trojan chromosomes hypothesis" is a strategy for eradication of certain aquatic invasive species that result in a fascinating mathematical model providing insight into eradication strategies. Juan published a paper in 2006 with the details of this hypothesis: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jtbi.2005.11.032>. This paper was reviewed positively in several places around the world:

- By a team of researchers at the University of Lausanne, in Switzerland: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.tree.2007.06.010>
- By Nature, London, UK: <http://www.nature.com/news/2007/070723/full/070723-9.html>
- By NRC Handelsblad (www.nrc.nl) Rotterdam, Netherlands: <http://www.math.fsu.edu/~jgutierr/ref/TrojanChromosomes/NRC-20070809-trojanY.pdf>
- By NYU's science journalism program: <http://scienceline.org/2008/01/11/env-mahan-invasives/>

Department of Oceanography – Congratulations to Dr. Volodymyr Zharkov, recipient of a post-doctoral fellowship under the Collaborative Research Minigrant Program of the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics at Los Alamos National Laboratory (IGPP/LANL). In addition, kudos to Dr. Zharkov on his well-received poster presentation entitled, “Modeling of Agulhas ring injection into the South Atlantic during glacial/interglacials” at the Ocean Science Meeting in March.

Department of Oceanography – Check out Denise Akob’s informal blog about her research and travels in Germany: <http://deniseakob.blogspot.com/>

Reading Language Arts (RLA) Program – Janet Greathouse (FSU/PC) recently graduated, has been recognized at the state level as a regional reading coach, she had a demonstration classroom at the high school level, and she was videotaped teaching reading for the DOE LEARN website.

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