Monday, October 27, 2008

8:30 a.m., Duncan Eric Jackson, Department of Interdisciplinary Humanities, Dissertation Defense—“A Survey of Hymnody Usage in Selected African American Baptist Churches in the State of Florida.” Major Professor, Michael L. Corzine. Defense to be held in KMU, room 213.

10:00 a.m., Sara Lyn Balduf Adams, Department of Historical Musicology, Dissertation Defense—“The Developing of Alban Berg’s Compositional Style: A Study of His ‘Jugendlieder’ (1901-1908).” Major Professor, Douglass Seaton. Defense to be held in LON, room 408.

10:00 a.m., John Thompson, Department of Psychology/Neuroscience, Dissertation Defense—“Neural Dynamics of Vocal Plasticity.” Major Professor, Frank Johnson. Defense to be held in PDB, room A211.


11:00 a.m., Carla Thomas, Department of English, Thesis Defense—“Poema Morala’: An Edition From Cambridge, Trinity College B. 14. 52” Major Professor, Elaine Treharne. Defense to be held in WMS, room 454.

12:30 p.m., Chia-I Chen, Department of School of Teacher Education, Dissertation Defense—“The Effect of Background Knowledge and Previews on Elementary Native-Mandarin-Speaking ELLs’ Reading Comprehension.” Major Professor, Ithel Jones. Defense to be held in STB, room 206.

2:00 p.m., Sterling Joseph Coleman, Jr., Department of History, Dissertation Defense—“Empire of the Mind: Subscription Libraries, Literacy and Acculturation in the Colonies of the British Empire.” Major Professor, Charles Upchurch. Defense to be held in LSB, room 106G.

3:00 p.m., Lewis Alexander Bell, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Thesis Defense—“Urban Politics and the Role of Planners in the Decision to Build Light Rail in Charlotte.” Major Professor, Gregory Thompson. Defense to be held in BEL, room 337.

3:00 p.m., Darrin L. Carr, Department of Educational Psychology & Learning Systems/Combined Program in Counseling Psychology, Dissertation Defense—“Relationships Among Overt and Covert Narcissism and Vocational Interests with Respect to Gender.” Major Professor, James P. Sampson, Jr. Defense to be held in DSC, room 2101.

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

9:00 a.m., Eileen Marie Bischof, Department of School of Teacher Education/Visual Disabilities, Dissertation Defense—“Practices for Determining the Provision of Orientation and Mobility Instruction for Students with Low Vision.” Major Professor, Sandra Lewis. Defense to be held in STB, room 206.
10:30 a.m., **Jill Caputo**, Department of English/Creative Writing, Fiction, Creative Thesis Defense—“Club Lakeview.” Major Professor, Robert Olen Butler. Defense to be held in WMS, room 454.


2:00 p.m., **Tamara August Crook**, Department of Accounting, Dissertation Defense—“The Influence of Internal Control Structure on Auditor Risk Assessments.” Major Professor, Gregory Gerard. Defense to be held in RBB, room 347.

2:00 p.m., **Ryan Oyler**, Department of Chemistry/Physical Chemistry, Thesis Defense—“Localization of S2-in CdSSe Nanocrystals.” Major Professor, Geoffrey Strouse. Defense to be held in DLC, room 120.

3:30 p.m., **Steven Martinaltis**, Department of Meteorology, Thesis Defense—“Effects of Multi-Sensor Radar and Rain Gauge Data on Hydrologic Modeling in Relatively Flat Terrain.” Major Professor, Henry Fuelberg. Defense to be held in LOV, room 353.

**Wednesday, October 29, 2008**

2:00 p.m., **Joseph Williams**, Department of Religion, American Religious History, Dissertation Defense—“The Transformation of Pentecostal Healing, 1906-2006.” Major Professor, Amanda Porterfield. Defense to be held in DOD, room 207.

4:00 p.m., **Min-Jung Lee**, Department of English/Literature, Dissertation Defense—“Unhappy Women in Edith Wharton’s Novels: A Psychological Interpretation.” Major Professor, Dennis Moore. Defense to be held in WMS, room 415.

6:30 p.m., **Cindy Renander**, College of Music, Department of Woodwinds, Treatise Defense—“A Reference Guide to Beginning Clarinet Methods.” Major Professor, Frank Kowalsky. Defense to be held in KMU, Lounge, room 215.

**Thursday, October 30, 2008**


10:00 a.m., **Teresa Johnson**, Department of Educational Psychology and Learning Systems/Program: Sports Psychology, Dissertation Defense—“Measuring knowledge and attitudes regarding the menstrual cycle, oral contraceptives, and sport performance: The conceptualization and development of a questionnaire for athletic coaches.” Major Professor, David Pargman. Defense to be held in STB, room 206.
2:00 p.m., Kayleen Kerg, College of Music, Department of Musicology (Ethnomusicology), Thesis Defense—“Memetics, Media, and Groove: Musical Experience in Two Florida Steelbands.” Major Professor, Frank Gunderson. Defense to be held in KMU, room 213.

3:30 p.m., Deborah Mutch Olander, College of Music, Department of Musicology, Dissertation Defense—“Illness Narratives in Nineteenth-Century German Romantic Instrumental Music.” Major Professor, Douglass Seaton. Defense to be held in LON, room 408.

3:30 p.m., Nicholas Joseph Rich, Department of Nutrition, Food and Exercise Science, Thesis Defense—“Caloric restriction improves behavioral outcomes and tissue damage following a traumatic brain injury.” Major Professor, Cathy W. Levenson. Defense to be held in BRF, room 243.

Friday, October 31, 2008

9:00 a.m., Heisung Kum, College of Information, Dissertation Defense—“Global Broadband Diffusion: Identifying the Factors Affecting a Country’s Broadband Deployment and a Government’s Role in it.” Major Professor, John C. Bertot. Defense to be held in LSB, room 106A.

10:00 a.m., Shiyloh Duncan, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Dissertation Defense—“Helping or Harming: An Evaluation of Gender Specific Services at Juvenile Residential Facilities for Girls in Florida.” Major Professor, Thomas Blomberg. Defense to be held in HEC, room 100.

10:00 a.m., Kerry Lenius, Department of Communication Disorders, Dissertation Defense—“Effects of Lingual Effort on Measures of Swallow Function in Head and Neck Cancer.” Major Professor, Julie A. G. Stierwalt. Defense to be held in HCB, room 217.

12:00 p.m., Ying Yang, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, Thesis Defense—“Multiple Criteria Third-order response Surface Design and Comparison.” Major Professor, Joseph Pignatiello. Defense to be held in CE2, room B212.

12:30 p.m., Jakir Hossen, Department of Scientific Computing, Thesis Defense—“Adaptive observations in a 4D-Variational framework applied to the nonlinear Burgers equation model.” Major Professor, Ionel Michael Navon. Defense to be held in DSL, room 499.

1:00 p.m., Lloyd L. Lumata, Department of Physics, Dissertation Defense—“Spin Dynamics of Density Wave and Frustrated Spin Systems Probed by Nuclear Magnetic Resonance.” Major Professor, James S. Brooks. Defense to be held in NHMFL, room 331.

1:00 p.m., Judith Musumeci Renwick, Department of School of Teacher Education/Reading & Language Arts, Dissertation Defense—“Exploring Third-Grade Students’ Ability to Express Their Views on Contemporary Social Issues Following Read-Aloud Book Discussions.” Major Professor, Carolyn L. Piazza. Defense to be held in STB, room 206.
1:30 p.m., Mark Patrick Keightley, Department of Economics, Dissertation Defense—“Essays in Human Capital Investment.” Major Professor, David Macpherson. Defense to be held in BEL, room 280.

3:00 p.m., Mang Zhang, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, Thesis Defense—“Effects of Control Charts on Weibull-Distributed Data.” Major Professor, Joseph J. Pignatiello, Jr. Defense to be held in COE, room B212.

3:30 p.m., Travis Keeling, Department of Meteorology, Thesis Defense—“Modified JMA Enso Index and its Improvements to Enso Classification.” Major Professor, James J. O’Brien. Defense to be held in LOV, room 353.