

Office of the Dean  
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## WheelerNotes

### Welcome and Welcome Back

For those who escaped to Greece and Britain and France and Denmark and South Africa and Nova Scotia... we wish to assure you that July and August in Savannah were appropriately hot and those of us "holding down the fort" were appropriately punished in your absence. We also want to assure you that we are pleased that you have returned and look forward to joining you in the challenges of the new year.

We wish to offer a special welcome to the following new faculty members who will join us this fall:

#### Biology:

Domenica Devine and Mary Warbington-Wells

#### Criminal Justice, Social, and Political Science:

Zaphon Wilson (Department Head)

#### History:

Catherine Adams and Lee Williams

#### Languages, Literature and Philosophy:

Mary Ellen Brock, Uzzie Cannon, Susan Hines, Megan Kupratty, and Tony Morris (English), Jack Simmons (Philosophy)

#### Mathematics:

Maryann Barbieri, Tim Ellis, Lorrie Hoffman (Department Head), Greg Knofczynski, Jamie Newman

#### Psychology:

Melissa Schultz

### From the Rumor Mill: Hold September 26!

Staff and faculty (both full-time and part-time) of the College of Arts and Sciences should mark Sunday, September 26 on calendars. Rumor has it that a College of Arts and Sciences social event may occur on that evening. Among the unsubstantiated facts that are circulating: a low country boil (with vegetarian lasagna for those who are seafood challenged), games on the lovely grounds of the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, music by Bob and Judy Williams, and the very best of company, colleagues from across the college. More on this later.

## FinlayNotes

### Three Important Questions about Harassment Issues:

• **Question 1:** What is the first thing you do when you receive confirmed information about a possible instance of sexual harassment involving AASU faculty and/or staff?

**ANSWER: Call Dr. Dennis Murphy (5680)**

• **Question 2:** What should be your first step if you should get second or third hand information about a possible instance of sexual harassment?

**ANSWER: Call Dr. Dennis Murphy (5680).**

• **Question 3:** What should you do if the sexual harassment involves only students?

**ANSWER: Call Dr. Joe Buck (5271)**

For more information refer to

<http://www.hr.armstrong.edu/harrasspolicies.htm>.

### NEH Stipends

The deadline for applying for National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends for 2005 is October 1, 2004. Awards are for \$5,000 for two consecutive months of full-time research and writing. Guidelines and application instructions are available at

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html>.

The university may nominate no more than two faculty members for this award. Thus far, one member has expressed interest, and the dean needs to know if any other potential proposals are floating out there. If interested, please contact Dean Wheeler by August 23.

### PRISM Launch

On August 27 and 28, a conference will be held on the AASU campus as the official launch of the PRISM (Partnership for Reform in Science and Mathematics) Grant. On Friday evening, Jose Metre, Professor of Physics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, will present a talk based on his studies of how students learn and apply scientific principles. The Saturday sessions will include workshops on the creation and assessment of learning communities that

focus on science and mathematics education. For more information, contact Dr. Hessinger (921-2059).

### **ESL ENGL 1001**

The Department of LLP has created a new course that serves the particular needs of AASU's growing English as a Second Language population. Professor Holly Smith will be teaching the class at 9am MWF (CRN=80141), and Dr. Beth Howells will be controlling enrollment. Please recommend this course to interested parties and contact Dr. Howells (x5218) to register them. In addition, instructors of other ENGL 1101 sections will identify students through diagnostics; therefore, the enrollment of this course will not settle until the very end of late registration.

### **The Celebrate AASU Committee**

Your assistant dean has the honor of serving as the college representative on a committee that plans and coordinates activities for the Celebrate AASU Day event in the fall (this year, on October 6), and for the Armstrongfest events in the spring (in 2005, from March 28 to April 3). Your assistant dean never has much to say at these meetings, but if you have any comments or suggestions about these events, please let him know.

### **Attendance Rosters**

All instructors must submit an attendance roster for all of their classes between August 19 and August 27. This is more than a mindless nuisance; it helps to catch and prevent fraud committed by students who receive financial aid checks but do not attend classes and may have no intention of doing so. The federal government holds AASU financially responsible if the university cannot document student attendance.

### **StudentNotes**

Marquit'a Bullock, a senior chemistry major was named an American Chemical Society (ACS) Scholar. She is the first AASU student to be selected into the ACS Scholar Program and received a scholarship in the amount of \$3,000. Bullock is participating in a Skidaway Institute of Oceanography internship on lipid analysis for water samples collected from the Black Sea. She also serves as a laboratory assistant in the chemistry department, and is treasurer of the AASU chapter of Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society. After graduation, Bullock plans to attend graduate school and pursue her interests in forensic science and chemistry.

Richard T. Connelly, a senior economics major, has published "A Note on Tax Evasion," in the peer-reviewed *Atlantic Economic Journal* 32 (June 2004): 157.

### **Psychology Department and Rats**

On the day after finals, Drs. Steve Taylor, Keith Douglass, Vann Scott, and six psychology students offered demonstrations to a group of kindergarten students who came to campus as an unofficial part of the PRISM Grant. According to Dr. Taylor, the psychology rotation was the big hit of the day and the students were "most impressed that rats could learn!" The experience also demonstrated that AASU students learned much about experimental design/research and the principles of learning from their rat lab experience.

### **Economics Department and Trains**

During the spring semester AASU graduate Dale Lewis of CSX Intermodal, Inc. provided Dr. McGrath's Economics of Labor class with a current case study on a significant labor and profit issue facing CSX Corporation. Five teams of students competed for the opportunity to present their findings before a panel at CSX. On April 23, two groups of students traveled to CSX in Jacksonville to present their analyses of the case study. A panel of executives from CSX Intermodal judged the presentations. Mr. Lewis also provided the group a tour of his operation. George Benners, Charlene Hamilton, and Gregory Taylor presented "CSX Labor Issues and Solutions." Fitz Haile, Tiffany Wernz, and Chris Hamilton presented "CSX Profitability Study."

### **Honors Program Alumni Notes**

The first graduate of the Program, Marion Götz, (Chemistry, '98) is well along in her career. She finished her Ph. D. at Georgia Tech in January 2004, and now is completing a postdoc at the Max Planck Institute for Biochemistry in Munich. She has publications in *Biological Chemistry* and in the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*, with three more in preparation or under review. Her specialty is the search for medicinal agents for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease. On top of that, she and her colleague have submitted two patent applications, based upon their discoveries of enzyme inhibitors that may be useful as antiparasitic agents.

Angel Garske-Long (History, '03) delivered a paper entitled "Boomer Machinists in Savannah's Cold War Shops" at the national meeting of the Society for Industrial Archeology in Providence.

## FacultyNotes

Kathy Bennett, CJSPS, is co-editor of a new textbook, *Significant Cases in Corrections*, (Los Angeles: Roxbury, 2004).

One of Dabney Townsend's books, *Aesthetics: Classic Readings from the Western Tradition*, has been re-released by the University of Peking Press. The Chinese frontal materials are mighty impressive, although the bulk of the book is in English. Townsend's publisher also has sold rights to publishers in Turkey, Portugal, Korea, and Romania.

Will Lynch and Delana Nivens have published two articles with student collaborators:

Jarrett Walsh, Jonathan Long, Delana Nivens, Will Lynch "Isolation and Purification of Quercetin 2,3-dioxygenase from *Aspergillus flavus* via Lectin Affinity Chromatography," *Journal of Undergraduate Chemistry Research*, 2004, 2, 51; and Will E. Lynch, Delana A. Nivens, Brian C. Helmly, Monica Richardson, and Ronald R. Williams, "Luminescent Properties of Doped Nanoparticles. Preparation of ZnS with Manganese, Copper and Silver Dopants," *Chemical Educator*, 2004, 9 (3), 159.

Ms. Richardson is a student at Groves High School in Savannah; Dr. Williams is now Dean of the College of Science, Engineering, and Technology at Saginaw Valley State University.

José da Cruz, CJSPS, appeared on WJCL, WTGS, and WSAV to discuss what the G8 Conference was all about and what it accomplished. He also gave several interviews to the *Savannah Morning News* regarding the G8 and their response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa. Following the summit, da Cruz conducted research on the HIV/AIDS issue in Kenya, Tanzania, and Sudan.

Richard Cebula, Economics, has had his paper "Revenue-Expenditure Nexus in a Transition Economy: Evidence from Croatia," reprinted in *The Croatian Economic Survey*, No. 6, 2003, pp. 67-76.

Jennifer Zettler, Biology, is the lead author of "Consequences of Forest Clear-Cuts for Native and Nonindigenous Ants (*Hymenoptera Formicidae*)," *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* 97/3 (2004): 513-518.

Mark Finlay, History, has published "Old Efforts at New Uses: A Brief History of Chemurgy and the American Search for Biobased Materials" *Journal of Industrial Ecology* 7/ 3-4 (2004): 33-46.

## Deadlines and Dates

**Aug 9** CHAOS IV

**Aug 10** AASU Faculty Meetings, 10 AM, Fine Arts

**Aug 11** AASU Faculty Workshops, 8:30 AM, UH 156

**Aug 12-13** Advisement and registration duties for all returning faculty

**Aug 12-13** Orientation for all new faculty

**Aug 16** First Day of Classes

**Aug 16-18** Late Registration

**Aug 20** Nominations for College Curr Comm due

**Aug 26-27** PRISM Conference

**Aug 27** Last date for submitting attendance rosters

**Aug 30** Nominations of College Tenure and Promotion Committee due

**Sept 1** Emeritus faculty nominations due to dean

**Sept 3** College Curr Comm Meeting

**Sept 6 and 7** No class

**Sept 8** Tenure and promotion applications due

**Oct 6** Midterm for 15-week classes

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*Quote for the day:*



*The journey itself is the goal.*