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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Greetings,

Another academic year has flown by compelling me to reflect on some of the highlights and thoughts for the future. Fresh in my mind is the Celebration for Graduate Student Excellence at which we recognized the achievements of our graduate and professional students as teachers, scholars, and leaders. This is my favorite event as it showcases the excellence of our graduate students and gives us an opportunity to say thank you for their hard work and dedication.

This has been a very busy year for the Office of Graduate Studies beginning with New Graduate Student Orientation in August 2007. As a result of our participation in the Council of Graduate Schools PhD Completion Project we offered an enhanced suite of Professional Development workshops for all graduate students, a workshop for Graduate Coordinators, The Responsible Conduct Of Research Course, and with the assistance of many people and other campus units introduced a new online graduate application and are developing a web based system for tracking the progress of enrolled students. In addition, to fellowships and other awards normally administered by our office, we made awards to seven students, as a result of the first competition for the new International Dissertation Research Fellowship. The fellowship will enable these students to conduct their research overseas for one or two semesters and is meant to encourage students to tackle research problems that require such a commitment.



I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge not only our current students, but also our graduates. In fact during this past year, I had the opportunity to meet with some of our former University Fellows both in person and via email. It is a pleasure to learn about their success and the various careers paths that they have pursued since graduating from FSU. One of these people, Dr. Alice Murillo is highlighted in this newsletter and we hope to bring you more stories in the future. In closing I ask that you please take a moment and remember two of our graduate students who passed away this year. Matthew Grindy was pursuing a doctorate in Communication and nearing completion of his dissertation when he lost his battle with cancer. The University awarded Matt a doctoral degree in Communication. The College of Communication has established a scholarship in Matt's name. Ryan Marsh, a graduate student in Social Work was nearing completion of his master's work when he tragically lost his life in an accident. Ryan will be awarded a posthumous degree.

Sincerely,

Nancy Marcus



2008 GUBERNATORIAL FELLOWS

The Office of the Governor announced the members of its fourth Gubernatorial Fellows class. The Gubernatorial Fellows Program provides leadership training to outstanding Florida graduate and undergraduate students interested in public service. By immersing students in key areas of government, including the Executive Office of the Governor and the Governor's agencies, these future leaders will receive first-hand, on-the-job training as well as valuable high-level experience and insight on government and how it works. The Office of Graduate Studies covers all tuition and fees and acts as liaison for all other Gubernatorial Fellows who wish to take classes at Florida State University. The program begins this summer.

The 2008 Gubernatorial Fellows are:

- **Jennifer Blalock**, College of Education
- **Jacob Cremer**, College of Law/Urban Regional Planning
- **Lauren Hylemon**, College of Social Sciences, Public Administration
- **Karen Modzelewski**, College of Social Sciences, Public Administration

2008-2009 PRESIDENTIAL AND UNIVERSITY FELLOWS

The Presidential and University Fellowships are two of the most prestigious graduate awards on campus. Each Presidential and University Fellow is a student with exceptional academic qualifications who is carefully chosen out of hundreds of applicants. The Presidential Fellows are incoming PhD students given a multi-year award that includes both a stipend and tuition waivers. University Fellows are new or returning students pursuing Masters, Juris Doctorate, or PhD degrees and are given a stipend and tuition waivers for one full academic year.

The 2008-2009 Presidential University Fellows are:

- **William McIlwain**, College of Music, Brass Performance
- **Alejandro Caberea**, College of Arts & Sciences, Computer Science
- **Becka LaPlant**, College of Arts & Sciences, Philosophy
- **Edward Hearn**, College of Social Sciences, Political Science

The 2008-2009 University Fellows are:

- **Kevin Krieger**, College of Business, Finance
- **Polina Volkova**, College of Arts & Sciences, Computer Science
- **Carissa Zimmerman**, College of Arts & Sciences, Psychology
- **Thomas Smith**, College of Business, Accounting
- **Jessica Pitchford**, College of Arts & Sciences, Creative Writing
- **Gennifer Powell**, College of Law, Law
- **Daniel Robinson**, College of Arts & Sciences, Mathematics
- **Adrian Valencia**, College of Business, Accounting

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- **Mary Brink**, College of Visual Arts, Theatre, & Dance, Art History
- **Christopher Weaver**, College of Law, Law
- **Steven DiNapoli**, College of Arts & Sciences, Meteorology
- **Scott Knowles**, College of Visual Arts, Theatre, & Dance, Theatre
- **Sun Kyu Jang**, College of Social Sciences, Public Administration
- **Dylan Murray**, College of Arts & Sciences, Molecular Biology
- **Laurie Callihan**, College of Education, Middle and Secondary Education
- **Michael Rosana**, College of Arts & Sciences, Chemistry
- **Hongtao Yi**, College of Social Sciences, Public Administration
- **Jennifer Hernandez-Lamb**, College of Arts & Sciences, Mathematics
- **Edward Archer**, College of Education, Educational Psychology
- **Matthew Dutton**, College of Arts & Sciences, Statistics
- **Isaac Leonard**, College of Engineering, Electrical Engineering
- **Clemens Lakner**, College of Arts & Sciences, Biology
- **Kimberly Thompson**, College of Engineering, Chemical Engineering
- **Jamie Kassler**, College of Visual Arts, Theatre, & Dance, Theatre
- **Ananda Balingit-LeFils**, College of Visual Arts, Theatre, & Dance, Studio Art
- **Victoria Shepherd**, College of Information, Information Studies

2008-2009 LEADERSHIP AND CREATIVITY AWARDS ANNOUNCED



(L-R): Kyle Gobrogge, Carolyn Sloane Sawtell, Nancy Marcus

The FSU Office of Graduate Studies and Office of Research and APPS Center for Teaching and Learning are pleased to announce and introduce the winners of this year's Graduate Student Leadership Award and Graduate Student Research and Creativity Awards.

The 2007-2008 winner of the Graduate Student Leadership Award is Carolyn Sloane Sawtell. The award is given to a graduate student leader who is making a positive difference in their scholarly/creative, campus, and wider communities - Carolyn is a perfect example of such commendable leadership. The American Sociological Association recognized her innovative work when they published her syllabus and lectures for a course she developed on gender and violence. Both her dissertation and thesis address the

subject of abuse, and as an advocate with the Refuge House, she has become a community educator on issues of violence facing women. Currently, Carolyn Sloane Sawtell serves as President of the Sociology Graduate Student Union where she continues to demonstrate leadership to the FSU Community and all whom she encounters.

This year, the Graduate Student Research and Creativity Awards were presented to two winners for each of the three broad disciplines: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), – **Continued on page 5**



Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS), and Arts and Humanities (AH). These awards recognize students for their outstanding research and creative productivity within their programs.



(L-R): Stephen Hines, Nancy Marcus, James Derek Kingsley, Rachelle McClure. Not shown: Kelly Baker, Kiara Cromer, He Huan

STEM award winners are Stephen R. Hines, a doctoral candidate in Computer Science and Huan He, a doctoral candidate in Chemistry and Biochemistry. Stephen's research involves mechanisms for improving the efficiency of fetch energy consumption in a variety of computer applications. His experience is critical for developing strong research infrastructures that can support the type of explorations necessary to make future breakthroughs in processor and software design. Professor, David B. Whalley, says, "Steve is the best PhD student I have ever advised in the eighteen years that I have been at FSU."

Huan He's dissertation is focused on an analysis of differential lipidomics as she hopes to develop a simple and efficient way to establish functional links with certain proteins/genes. This development can shed light on the cellular metabolism and

signaling pathways and may aid in identification of new therapeutic targets/agents. Professor, Joseph B. Schlenoff, claims, "Huan, the best student among her peers in Chemistry and Biochemistry, is most deserving of this award."

The winners for SBS include Kiara R. Cromer, a doctoral candidate in Psychology, and J. Derek Kingsley, a doctoral candidate in Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences. Kiara's research is focused on mechanisms that may be targeted in the treatment or prevention effort for anxiety disorders, particularly obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD). She has received major national grants from the National Institute of Mental Health and the Obsessive Compulsive Foundation. Professor, Norman B. Schmidt, attributes that "Without question, Kiara has established herself as an exemplary graduate student among those who have worked with me throughout my academic career"

J. Derek Kingsley's dissertation focuses on cardiovascular alterations; pain and blood flow seen with strength training in women with fibromyalgia. James has received numerous grants in addition to being awarded the Student Research Award from the Southeast Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine. Professor, J. Michael Overton, suggests that "Derek has made a number of research presentations at regional and national meetings and is on a very good trajectory to develop into a scientist with strong translational physiology capabilities."

The AH winners are Rachelle J. McClure, Master of Fine Arts candidate in interior design, and Kelly J. Baker, a doctoral candidate in Religion. Rachelle's research focuses on a university's responsibility to adopt sustainable practices in both education and campus construction. The objective is to address universities and companies that have taken leadership positions in identifying the positive benefits, such as increased performance from students and staff, reduced environmental impact, and reduced costs associated with energy and maintenance fees. Professor, Eric A. Wiedegreen, says "Ms. McClure has shown the passion, drive, excellence, and alternative thinking prized in a creative graduate researcher."

Kelly J. Baker's research on the materiality of faith encompasses the second revival of the Ku Klux Klan as she explores the currents of Protestantism, whiteness, and gender on the – **Continued on Page 6**



creation of American nationalism. Professor, John Corrigan witnesses that “Kelly is a leader in the creation of a graduate culture in this department, over the past five years, that is characterized by active collaboration among persons both in teaching and scholarship.”

All of these award winning students were recognized on April 2, 2008, at the “Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence,” where they each received \$500.00 in reward for their commendable achievements. For more information on the Celebration of Graduate Excellence Awards, please see the following story.

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATE SCHOOL EXCELLENCE AWARDS ANNOUNCED



Front Row (L-R): Connie Eudy, Haroldo Fontaine, Lloyd Lumata, Rachel Baker, Joanna Hunter, Amy Bredemeyer, Rebecca Olive, Rodney Reeves. Back Row (L-R): Caleb Simmons, Donna Koson, Sean Collins, Ann Rowson Love, Timothy Bengford. Not shown: Mary Keli Swearingen, Bryn Hughes

At the annual Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence held at Dodd Hall Auditorium on April 2nd, the University honored graduate students for excellence in teaching, research and creativity, leadership, contributions to the university and community, and service to fellow graduate students. Each of the seventeen awards included a certificate and \$500. The program also honored fourteen Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) Teaching Associates, twenty-two candidates for the Graduate Student Leadership Award, three Interdisciplinary Dialogues recipients, and eighty-three students nominated for the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards (OTAA). All of the graduate student awards are generously supported by Academic & Professional Program Services (APPS), Office of Graduate Studies, Vice President for Research, and Congress of Graduate Students (COGS)

The fourteen PIE Teaching Associates were recognized for contributions to their departments and to instruction at FSU. College of Arts and Sciences: Timothy Bengford, Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities; Rebecca Olive, Modern Languages & Linguistics; Rachel Baker, Philosophy; Lloyd Lumata, Physics; Caleb Simmons, Religion. College of Education: Haroldo Fontaine, Educational Leadership & Policy Studies; Mary Keli Swearingen, Educational Psychology & Learning Systems; Rodney Reeves, Middle & Secondary Education. College of Human Sciences: Donna Koson, Textiles & Consumer Sciences. College of Music: Bryn Hughes, Music Theory & Composition. College of Social Sciences: Sean Collins, Economics; Joanna Stansfield, Sociology. College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance: Ann Rowson Love, Art Education; Amy Bredemeyer, Theatre.



OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD ANNOUNCED



Front (L-R): Elizabeth Barre, Alessandra Feris, Daniella Smith, Hoa Nguyen. Back (L-R): George Bou-Assaf, Neil Anderson-Himmelspach. Not shown: Heather Drake, Jessica Bishop, Michelle Fletcher

The ten Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award recipients were recognized for excellence in teaching. Nominated by faculty, staff, and students, the recipients submitted teaching portfolios that were evaluated by the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Committee. The Committee was extremely impressed with the quality of the teaching portfolios submitted this year. The recipients represent a group that work hard to ensure that undergraduate students at FSU are provided with the very best learning environment. The recipients were:

College of Arts and Sciences: George Bou-Assaf, Chemistry & Biochemistry; Alessandra Feris, Modern Languages & Linguistics; Hoa Nguyen, Mathematics; Elizabeth Barre, Religion.

College of Human Sciences: Heather Drake, Textiles & Consumer Science. College of Information: Daniella Smith. College Music: Neil Anderson-Himmelspach, Music Theory & Composition. College of Social Sciences: Joseph Young, Political Science; Jessica Bishop, Sociology. College of Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance: Michelle Fletcher, Dance.

KELLY SMITH, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION GRADUATE STUDENT, SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP



Tallahassee, FL — A student in FSU’s College of Education has been awarded a national competitive fellowship to support graduate study of American history, to include a concentration of courses on the history and principles of the United States Constitution.

Kelly Smith, who recently graduated with a bachelor’s degree in social science education, was named a 2007 Junior Fellow by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation. Named in honor of the fourth president of the United States and acknowledged “Father of the Constitution and Bill of Rights,” a James Madison Fellowship funds up to \$24,000 of each recipient’s course of study toward a master’s degree. – **Continued on Page 8**



Recipients are required to teach American history or social studies in secondary school for each year of fellowship support one of 57 fellows, Smith plans to pursue a master's degree in urban education with a concentration in social studies at the University at Pennsylvania while teaching full time in Philadelphia. She plans to continue her teaching career after receiving her master's degree.

Smith places value on the topic of civic education. "Without understanding one's own government, so many other facets of life can become negatively affected," she said. "I want every student who comes through my classroom to have the knowledge to make informed and educated decisions about who leads them and what they ask of their elected leaders."

Smith was one of only two 2007 fellows from the state of Florida and the only student. The particular award made to Smith was the J. Seward Johnson, Sr. – James Madison fellowship, which is endowed by the Atlantic Foundation of Princeton, New Jersey.

"Being selected as a James Madison Junior Fellow is one of the highest honors for a beginning secondary teacher in this content area. While civic education is the responsibility of all teachers, history and government teachers play especially crucial roles in teaching students about the balance between liberty and order, and individual rights and the common good," said Sarah Drake Brown, associate professor of social science education.

Founded by an Act of Congress in 1986, the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation is an independent establishment of the executive branch of the federal government. Additional information is available online at <http://www.jamesmadison.gov/>.

The College of Education's Program in Social Science Education is part of the department of middle and secondary education. More information about the College and all of its departments and programs is available online at <http://www.coe.fsu.edu/>.

ROXANNE HUGHES, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION PH.D. STUDENT, SELECTED TO ATTEND PRESTIGIOUS DAVID L. CLARK NATIONAL RESEARCH SEMINAR IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION & POLICY



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.– Roxanne Hughes, a doctoral student in the Education Policy Program within the College of Education's department of educational leadership and policy studies, was one of 40 graduate students across the country to be selected to attend this year's David L. Clark National Graduate Research Seminar in Educational Administration & Policy. The seminar "which is sponsored by the – **Continued on Page 9**



University Council for Educational Administration, divisions of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) and Corwin Press” will be held prior to AERA’s 2008 conference in April, to be held in New York City.

The Clark Seminar brings together some of the nation’s top doctoral students in the areas of educational leadership, administration and/or policy to participate in two days of presentations, generative discussions and professional growth. Students are nominated by their department chairs and/or college deans and must submit detailed research proposals to be ranked by blind review. Only the 40 highest-ranking nominees are offered invitations to attend the seminar.

Gary Crow, chair of the College of Education’s department of educational leadership and policy studies, said that “The David Clark National Seminar for Graduate Students in Educational Leadership is the longest running AERA graduate student seminar. It provides an excellent way for these doctoral students to meet leading scholars in the field and for them to network with other students who will be their academic career cohorts. Ms. Hughes is an exceptional scholar who will well represent our department.”

“I am truly honored to be representing Florida State University at the Clark Seminar in March,” says Roxanne Hughes. “[At the conference] I will be able to meet with leading researchers and graduate students in the areas related to [both] my research and methodological interests. I feel that these interactions, the advice I receive and the information I glean from those at the seminar will be truly beneficial in my present and future research.”

For more information on the College of Education’s department of educational leadership and policy studies, please visit www.coe.fsu.edu/~elps.

JAVIER ROSADO, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION PH.D. STUDENT, SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS YALE INTERNSHIP



Javier Rosado

Javier Rosado, a doctoral student in the College of Education’s Combined Program in Counseling Psychology and School Psychology was recently selected for clinical internship in the Department of Psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine. Five other students in the program were also matched with agencies to complete the clinical training portion of the degree program.

Throughout the internship, Rosado will receive specialized training in the area of Latino mental health care at the Connecticut Mental Health Care Center Hispanic Clinic and the Yale Consultation Center. This was his top choice for clinical training and will allow him to focus on disease prevention and health promotion.

“I am very grateful to have the opportunity to receive specialized training in the area of Latino mental health,” Rosado said. “I look forward to utilizing the knowledge and experiences I obtain to give back to the community.” During the internship experience, students have the opportunity to gain supervised professional experience in key components of professional practice including clinical diagnosis, psychological assessment, counseling/psychotherapy and consultation. Depending on their selected areas of study and the particular internship, students also received more specific personalized training as well. “The internship is the capstone professional development experience on the path toward independent, professional competence in psychology,” said Steven I. Pfeiffer, professor and director of clinical training for the FSU program. – **Continued on Page 10**



While completing the internship, fourth- and fifth-year doctoral students are supervised by both licensed psychologists who are on-site and by the director of clinical training in their academic program at FSU (Pfeiffer). While the on-site supervisors oversee the clinical aspects and guide the students through their daily responsibilities, Pfeiffer communicates regularly with the students to ensure compliance with requirements and provide mentoring and support.

According to Pfeiffer, “The internship affords the student the opportunity to gain a deep, integrated knowledge of the competency domains in professional psychology. For the students in our program, these domains include closely supervised work in diagnosis and assessment, therapy/intervention for a variety of psychological problems, consultation-liaison, ethical practice and measuring client change and improvement.”

The matches are competitive. Students apply to serve in internships through the national Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) National Match Program. Upon application, they compete with students from many clinical and counseling psychology programs throughout the country. The year-long internship provides benefits to the students in addition to valuable supervised clinical experience. These vary by agency but include a salary, health insurance and the opportunity to complete their dissertations and conduct other clinical research.

“Internship is a vital step in career development as it offers an opportunity to focus and further develop in a specific area, which may someday become your specialty as a professional in the field,” Rosado said. “It is a unique opportunity to learn in a real-life setting and receive supervision from experts in the area of specialty you have previously only read about.”

Other students who will be participating in internships are: Roy Etheridge (Argosy Correctional Internship at Stateville/Dwight Correctional Centers, Illinois), Kathleen Hale (Florida State Hospital), Sheba Paivandy (Fort Worth Independent School District, Texas), Abi Reaser (Center for Aging Resources, Pasadena, CA), and Jon Shy (Battle Creek VA Medical Center, Michigan). All six of the students accepted their match and will begin the internship in late summer or fall 2007.

More information about APPIC’s National Match Program is available online at <http://www.appic.org/>. The Combined Program in Counseling and School Psychology is a part of the department of educational psychology and learning systems.

FSU GRADUATE STUDENTS SHARPEN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SKILLS IN GREECE

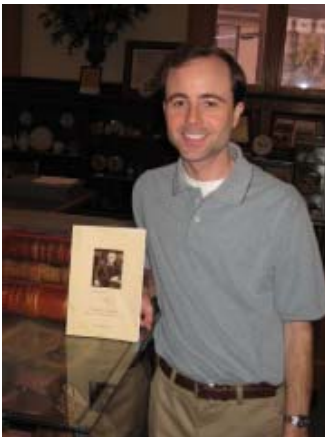
Near the modern town of Korphos, Greece, in the Corinthia, a small peninsula juts out into the shimmering waters of the Saronic Gulf. This rocky, overgrown land, now called Kalamianos, is the location of what was once a Mycenaean harbor town. Although long since abandoned, the remnants of the ancient inhabitants lay strewn around the area; numerous complexes and walls formed of large limestone blocks, painted drinking wares, and finely worked obsidian blades are only a few of the exciting finds on this recently-discovered archaeological site. In order to document and study these numerous material remains and to better understand the role of the harbor in the larger Mycenaean world, Dr. Daniel Pullen (FSU) and Dr. Tom Tartaron (University of Pennsylvania) formed the Saronic Harbor Archaeological Research Project (SHARP), which undertook its first – **Continued on Page 11**



season of fieldwork during the summer of 2007, operating under a permit from the Greek Ministry of Culture, with funding from the Institute for Aegean Prehistory, the Loeb Classical Library Foundation, and the Niarchos Foundation. With great pleasure, Donna Nagle, Deb Trusty, and Charlie Harper, three Ph.D. students in the FSU Department of Classics, joined in the past summer's research, the results of which have proven extremely promising. Mapping of the site using novel GPS technologies has now given a clearer picture of the size and extent of the peninsula's architectural remains. Analysis of pottery, systematically collected from the ground surface, has shown a high concentration of Bronze Age (3000-1200 BC) finds but also surprisingly revealed a Final Neolithic (3700-3000 BC) presence. Moreover, the discovery of a fragmentary circuit

wall may indicate that defensive fortifications once encircled the site. In great anticipation, SHARP will continue its research on Kalamianos in the summer of 2008. While furthering the work begun during the 2007 season, the project hopes to additionally document the peninsula's hinterland and study its connection to the now-sunken harbor.

MICHAEL BLACK COMPLETES BIOGRAPHY ON FRANK R. READE



Michael Black

Michael M. Black (Ed.D. doctoral candidate) has completed *Sincerely, Frank: Frank R. Reade: Professor, President, and Camp Director*. This 171-page biography is a referenced, brief account of the family, life, and career of the third president of the Georgia State Woman's College (now Valdosta State University) who served from 1934 until 1948. An English professor by training, Reade left innumerable written records of his activities which are a part of the Frank R. Reade Collection at Valdosta State University. Information from the collection

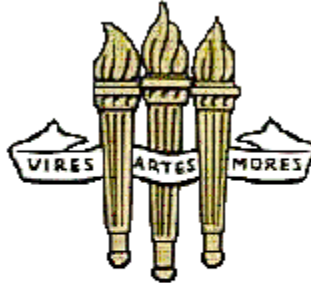
helped him discover more about Reade's humor, interactions, and attitudes; one of his customs was signing each piece of correspondence warmly and simply "Sincerely, Frank." This book continues Michael's personal commitment to assist in the preservation of Valdosta State University's history by documenting those individuals who have enriched lives and left lasting impressions on the institution and its culture.

Historical aspects of the University's growth are a significant portion of this work which began in December 2006 and concluded in January 2008.

A native of Valdosta, Georgia, Michael earned a bachelor degree and two master's degrees at VSU before entering FSU's Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies in August 2005. Michael's academic interests include higher education finance, history, and policy. He plans to apply his experience with higher education finance and policy to his future career as a higher education administrator.



THE FUTURE SOCIAL EDUCATORS OF FLORIDA



Welcome to the Social Science Education Program Florida State University

The Social Science Education Program, School of Teacher Education, at Florida State University is very proud to announce the formation of the *The Future Social Educators of Florida* professional student organization. Its purpose is to provide Florida State University's Social Science Education majors with a vehicle for professional accomplishment and social interaction. The organization intends to facilitate joint research, convention presentations, and group learning activities. As a social, in addition to academic, student organization, the FSEF will provide numerous opportunities for Social Science Education majors to network both among themselves and the educational community at large. Membership is open to all Social Science Education majors; interested parties should contact one of the current FSEF officers: Christopher Harrison (President), Jonathan Sinski (Vice President), Matthew Blum (Secretary), Lisa Donaldson (Treasurer), and Danie Williams (Historian).

The first activity is a book sale to accumulate funds to sponsor and celebrate its first social meeting. Students are also making plans to participate in their first or second attendance of the Florida Council for the Social Studies Conference in Tampa in October 2008.

If you need further information or wish to join the organization, please contact Chris Harrison at cwh07@fsu.edu or Toni Fuss Kirkwood-Tucker, associate professor and program coordinator for Social Science Education, at kirkwoodtf@aol.com.

SOCIALIZATION AND COMMUNICATION WORKSHOPS FOR INTERNATIONAL MASTER OF ACCOUNTING STUDENTS



The Department of Accounting recently held a series of four business socialization and communication workshops for international Master of Accounting students. Developed by William Hillison, Andersen Professor of Accounting, and Patrick Kennell, director of the Center for Intensive English Studies, the series taught students practical skills needed to succeed in the U.S. culture: dining etiquette, business social interaction protocols, practice and proficiency in interpersonal communication and dressing professionally. – **Continued on Page 13**



Each of the Big Four accounting firms – Ernst and Young, Deloitte, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and KPMG – provided motivational videos specifically developed for the sessions. Other contributors included Charles Freeman, Department of Textiles and Consumer Sciences, who talked about business dress, and Ling Ren, an FSU accounting alum and Deloitte employee, who provided insights and guidance from the perspective of a successful professional. All 10 students participating earned a certificate of completion.

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT GROUPS



- What:** You are invited to a weekly support group focused on adjustment issues for international graduate students.
- Why:** The group is designed to support international graduate students who would like the opportunity to assist one another in improving their quality of life at FSU.
- Who:** International graduate students from all academic and Cultural backgrounds
- When:** Thursdays 4:00 - 5:00
- Where:** The University Counseling Center, located in the Askew Student Life Center (Suite 201) across from the International Center
- Leader:** Naoya Izawa, Psy.D. Licensed Psychologist
- Goals:** To gain emotional support from group members and a facilitator and achieve meaningful and successful student life.

If you are interested: Please call Naoya Izawa at the University Counseling Center to register your name: 644-2003

FSU LIBRARIES CALL FOR GRADUATE STUDENT FOCUS GROUP

FSU Libraries is ready to update the Graduate Student web page on its web site, and we want your input. Sign up to be part of a focus group that takes a comprehensive look at *your* web page to determine how to improve it. We want you to tell us what is missing, what needs to be added, and what – **Continued on Page 14**



needs to be redesigned. We want to know the ease or difficulty with which you negotiate the page. How user-friendly is it? Can it be made more user-friendly? How? We really want your input. If you are interested, please contact: Sandi Clayton-Emmerson, Faculty and Graduate Research Services, 644-7558, or sclaytonemmerson@fsu.edu.

SCHOOL OF THEATRE GRADUATE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE ASOLO REPERTORY THEATRE'S PRE-BROADWAY PRODUCTION OF "A TALE OF TWO CITIES"



In fall 2007, several students in the School of Theatre's graduate programs participated in the Asolo Repertory Theatre's pre-Broadway production of *A Tale of Two Cities*. Master of Fine Arts Directing student Alison Frost served as Assistant Director to Michael Edwards, Artistic Director of the Asolo Repertory Theatre. MFA students Jamie Kassler (Lighting) and Gregory Kaye (Scenery) assisted Broadway designers Richard Pilbrow (Drama Desk Award Winner and Tony Nominee) and Tony Walton (Tony, Drama Desk, Oscar and Emmy Award winner). MFA Directing student Ryan Clark along with MFA Acting students Matt Brown, Juan Javier Cardenas, Karis Danish, Marcus Denard Johnson, Julie Lachance, and Jennifer Logue appeared in the cast of *A Tale of Two Cities*.

The School of Theatre's FSU/Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training is housed at the FSU/Ringling Cultural Arts Center. Students in the first year of the acting program serve as understudies for major roles in the Asolo Repertory Theatre season while students in the third year of the program are Associate Company Members and cast in at least two major roles in the season.

"Charles Dickens' seminal work of genius has sold over 200,000,000 copies. And now Jill Santoriello's stirring adaptation has begun its journey to Broadway. This musical event recounts one of the most electrifying love stories ever written, told against the backdrop of one of the most terrifying eras in history." For more information, please visit <http://www.asolo.org/Plays/ATaleofTwoCities/tabid/75/Default.aspx>.

MFA CANDIDATE COLLABORATES WITH MANY IN NYC



BY: EMILY KEELER - Graduate student and returning professional formerly of the Martha Graham Company Kim Jones debuted an original work for *Swing Space*, a rotating studio in lower Manhattan. The piece was site-specific to a set built by architect Eva Perez de Vega Steele. According to Jones, "It was wonderful to interact with sculpture, not only of the concrete form, but also the moving space of a shifting audience and the sculpture itself moving." The work involved the collaboration of many artists. The architect of the sculpture, Eva Perez de Vega Steele, not only designed the piece, but was also a former student of Jones during her time with the Martha Graham Company. FSU Department of Dance staff member Alex Davis composed the music, which was also used in Rick McCullough's piece *Trans/Cell*. FSU student, Elizabeth Ross, was a dancer in the piece. The opportunity was at a prime time

in Jones education with her participation in the FSUinNYC program. The program was very flexible and allowed me to combine professional work with my academic studies.



MUSIC AND DANCE GRADUATE STUDENTS PARTNER UP TO CREATE A NEW WORK ENTITLED, “THE RETURN OF ODYSSEYS”

BY: EMILY KEELER - Music and dance often go hand in hand, but rarely do the two creative processes get to combine for collegiate work. For dance student Stefan Zubal it was a kickoff to his graduate career at Florida State. In the fall of 2007 Zubal and Phd music student Robert Raines combined talents with the help of dance professor Lynda Davis to create a new work presented at Raines doctoral composition recital entitled “The Return of Odysseys.” Choreographed to the original music written by Raines, it is based on the Greek mythology of Odysseys, "It was definitely a great way to start at Florida State. The composer gave me lots of freedom in my interpretation."

Zubal not only choreographed, but also performed with fellow dance students. “Working with my fellow students was a wonderful opportunity to build a great camaraderie in a new school. We built lasting relationships that will last well beyond this project.” Zubal will continue his choreographing, working on A Soldiers Tale with the Fort Wayne Ballet this spring.

ELECTRONIC THESIS, TREATISE AND DISSERTATION (ETD) DEADLINES AND DUE DATES

Deadline	Spring 2008	Summer 2008	Fall 2008
Deadline to Apply for Graduation for the Current Term; Thesis, Treatise, Dissertation Research Approval Form Due	January 25	May 30	September 12
Format Approval	April 7	July 7	November 3
Final Clearance Approval	April 14	July 14	November 10
Registration Exemption	January 6	May 12	August 25

All graduate students completing a thesis, treatise or dissertation must submit their research manuscript to the Office of Graduate Studies for format approval and final clearance. Please visit the ETD website on the office of graduate studies at <http://gradstudies.fsu.edu/thesis.html>. Any questions concerning the ETD process should be directed to the Clearance Advisor at clearance@mailier.fsu.edu.



The Office of Graduate Studies would like to congratulate all Ph.D students graduating spring of 2008! Below are a few pictures taken at our spring PH.D Reception.





CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW GRADUATE AND FACULTY RESEARCH CENTER AT STROZIER LIBRARY



Strozier Library is starting construction in March of the Faculty and Graduate Research Center. Located on the Ground Floor, the FGRC will provide quiet study areas, a state-of-the art graduate computer lab, group study rooms, a classroom, as well as a conference room. Included in the renovations is a Faculty and Graduate Reading Room with card access. Check our web site from time to time and watch our progress as the renovations progress.

Be assured that construction will not affect the services that the FSU Libraries offer to graduate students. You may still have one-on-one help through a Research Consultation. The Research Consultation service provides FSU students and faculty with the opportunity to schedule one or a series of in-depth meetings with a reference librarian to identify the resources and services needed to thoroughly investigate a subject or topic – *Continued on following page*

During consultations, Reference Librarians can:

- Assist in the use of USB drive access
- Assist in identifying and selecting appropriate resources
- Demonstrate advanced search strategies and effective search techniques
- Help to identify and locate primary sources
- Provide guidance in locating government documents or statistical information
- Provide assistance in using research databases and other relevant and reliable information
- Assist in gaining access to material held by other libraries
- Help with use of citation management software

While we are building a new space for you, the current group study rooms, graduate study rooms, and graduate computer lab will remain open. To use a Group Study or Graduate Study Room, check out a key at the Circulation Desk on the Main floor.

The current graduate computer lab offers computers with the following features:

- Microsoft Office
- Internet Access
- USB drive access
- Database and Electronic Resource Access
- Printing Services

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To use the graduate computer lab, check out a key from the Strozier Circulation Desk. Keys are distributed on a first-come first-serve basis and may not be renewed. The graduate computer lab is located on the east side of the [Main Floor](#).

ALUMNI IN ACTION:

DR. ALICE MURILLO



Dr. Alice Murillo

The Office of Graduate Studies highlights one of their former University Fellows, Dr. Alice Murillo, as this semester's "Alumni in Action." Dr. Murillo, then a mother of three, with a baby on the way, began her doctoral work in Research Design and Statistics, at Florida State University, in 1986. While at Florida State, Dr. Murillo was awarded a University Fellowship, which allowed her to focus her time on academics, while spending quality time with her growing family. Dr. Murillo states, "The fellowship was especially instrumental in helping me fund the doctoral program while still raising my family. Without it, I would have had to postpone my [graduate] education."

Dr. Murillo a Puerto Rico native, started her higher education work experience as an instructional assistant in an English as a Second Language program in Puerto Rico. She later went on to become a full-time faculty member in Mathematics at the Ponce Campus of the University of Puerto Rico, Tallahassee Community College in Tallahassee, Florida and Hartnell College in Salinas, California. Additionally, Dr. Murillo has been a graduate lecturer for Golden Gate University, Monterey University and California State University, Sacramento. Dr. Murillo has also served in administration as the Dean of Science, Math and Engineering at Sacramento City College, Vice President of Instruction at Columbia College and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Diablo Valley College. In June of 2007, Dr. Murillo was appointed Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at City College of San Francisco.

Dr. Murillo's leadership extends to the many organizations she has been apart of, including: The California Mathematics Project of the University of California, Office of the President, The California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers Executive Board, the Academic Senate Educational Policy Committee, and the California Community College System Strategic Plan Implementation Oversight Committee. She has also been awarded the Karl Pister Administrator Award for her work with the community college Math, Engineering & Science Achievement (MESA) program. Likewise, she has served as a member of several chamber education and leadership development committees, school site councils for elementary and junior high schools, and K-12 district advisory committees.

Dr. Murillo earned her doctorate in Research Design a& Statistics from Florida State University, her master's degree in mathematics from the University of Florida, and her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Catholic University of Puerto Rico. Moreover, Dr. Murillo holds a certificate in Management & Leadership in Education (MLE) from the Harvard University Institute.



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

Publications

Dean Diavatopoulos, Ph.D., student in Finance, is first author on a forthcoming article in the *Journal of Futures Markets*, the premier journal in the financial derivatives area. The work is titled, “The Information Content in Implied Idiosyncratic Volatility and the Cross-Section of Stock Returns: Evidence from the Option Markets.”

Gavin Fox, Ph.D., student in Marketing, “Strategies to Offset Performance Failures: The Role of Brand Equity,” will be published in the *Journal of Retailing*.

Presentations – National

DeAnna Gore and **Carolyn Sawtell**, Center for Demography & Population Health students, “I don’t want any children: Gender differences in voluntary childlessness in the US.” Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America in New Orleans, LA. April 17-April 19, 2008.

Ursula Keller and **Kathryn H. Tillman**, Center for Demography & Population Health student, “*Post Secondary Educational Outcomes of Immigrant and Native Youth.*”

Jessica C. Bishop and **Ursula Keller**, Center for Demography & Population Health students, “Birth Outcomes and Neural Tube Defects in the United States Before and After Folic Acid Fortification”. Poster Presentation. Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Keller, Ursula and **Kathryn H. Tillman**, Center for Demography & Population Health students, “Nativity Status and Risky Sexual Behaviors among Hispanic Young Adults.” Poster Presentation. Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Joel Andress and **Ursula Keller**, Center for Demography & Population Health students, “Disability and Depression: The Role of Positive and Negative Aspects of Social Relationships”. Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Richmond, Virginia.

Paul Di Gangi, Ph.D., student in Management Information Systems, presented “Following the Leader: Predicting Lead Users from Structural Capital in a User Innovation Community,” in January 2008 at the International Sunbelt XXVIII Social Network Conference in St. Pete’s Beach, FL. The paper was nominated for the 2008 Microsoft Award.

Presentations – International

DeAnna Gore, Center for Demography & Population Health student, “Transition to First Marriage in Turkey.” Poster to be presented at the European Population Conference in Barcelona, Spain.

Ursula Keller and **Jessica C. Bishop**, Center for Demography & Population Health students, “The Effects of Folic Acid Fortification on Birth Outcomes: Nativity Differences in Neural Tube Defects in the United States.” European Population Conference, Barcelona, Spain.

Paul Di Gangi, Ph.D., student in Management Information Systems, “Would you share? Examining how the interactions between knowledge type and expectations of reciprocity influence knowledge exchange,” in December 2007 at the Twenty Eighth Annual International Conference on Information Systems (ICIS) in Montreal, Canada.

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James L. Worrell, Ph.D., student in Management Information Systems, presented, “An Investigation of the Effects of ERP Post-Implementation Support Structure on ERP/Business Unit Fit,” in December 2007 at the Twenty Eighth Annual International Conference on Information Systems (ICIS) in Montreal, Canada.

Rachelle McClure, Interior Design graduate student, co-presented “Changing the Way We Think About Buildings: A Life-Cycle Costing Approach to Sustainable Design Decisions” at the Interior Design Educators Council Annual Conference in Montreal, Canada. March 2008.

Awards

Sung-Wook Kwon (ABD, FSU) has been awarded the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration’s (NASPAA) Pi Alpha Alpha Best Doctoral Paper Award. “Regional Governance Institutions and Interlocal Cooperation for Service Delivery”

Ed Ramirez, Ph.D., student in Marketing, won a competitive travel award to attend an Academy of Marketing Science conference.

Manoj Shrestha, Askew School of Public Administration and Policy student, was awarded the 2007 Donald C. and Alices M. Stone (Junior) Award by the American Society for Public Administration Section on Intergovernmental Management for his paper “Institutional Behavior and Interlocal Collaborative Networks: A Case of Receiver-Provider Service Relationships in Local Public Goods Supply.”

Conferences

Veronica Fannin and **Lindsay Clark**, Interior Design graduate students, presented a poster titled “Design Pedagogy and the Tangible Blog: Brining Cyberspace Down to Earth” at the Interior Design Educators Council Annual Conference in Montreal, Canada. March 2008.

Grants

Naomi Bell-Schneider, Ph. D., student in Communication Sciences and Disorders, received a 2007 FSU dissertation research grant.

Naomi Bell-Schneider, Ph.D., student in Communication Sciences and Disorders, co-wrote the chapter titled “Social competence interventions for young children with communication and language disorders,” edited by Brown, W.H., Odom, S.L. & McConnell, S. R. to be published in *Social competence of young children: Risk, disability, and intervention* (2nd ed) by Paul H. Brooks.

Naomi Bell-Schneider, Ph.D., student in Communication Sciences and Disorders, co-wrote the article “Peer-mediated social communication intervention: When clinical expertise informs treatment development and evaluation,” with Goldstein, H. & Thiemann, K. published in the journal *Language Disorders*.

Lorraine Book, Ph.D., student in Communication Sciences and Disorders, presented “Diagnosis in autism: Parental satisfaction with diagnostic process,” at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Boston, MA, November, 2007.

Jade Coston, Ph.D., student in Communication Sciences and Disorders, received the J. David Sexton Doctoral Student Award from the Division of Early Childhood, 2007. The award is given to a doctoral level - **Continued on Page 21**



student that has made outstanding contributions to research, higher education, publications, policy, and information dissemination in the area of early childhood.

Jade Coston, Ph.D., student in Communication Sciences and Disorders, received a Team Based Primary Service Provider Grant from the Florida Department of Health. The purpose of the grant is to provide training to Early Interventionist teams in Pensacola and Tampa, Florida.

Kevin Gatzlaff and **Stephen Fier**, Ph.D., students in Risk Management/ Insurance, were awarded research grants from the Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS) Foundation. Gatzlaff is working on a project titled, “An Examination of the Professional Liability Issues Arising from the Occurrence of a Data Breach at a Publicly Traded Firm.” Fier is working on a project titled, “Stock-Drop Litigation, Professional Liability Insurance, and the Pension Protection Act of 2006.” Both projects are expected to be completed in March.

Shannon Hall-Mills, Ph.D., student in Communication Sciences and Disorders, received the Mary Maxwell Gates Foundation/Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation Graduate Scholarship, 2007.

Shannon Hall-Mills, Ph. D., student in Communication Sciences and Disorders, presented “Influence of phonological awareness and spelling skills in acquiring phonetic transcription abilities,” at the annual convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Boston, MA, November, 2007.

Kerry Lenius, Ph.D., student in Communication Sciences and Disorders, received the Larry Director Graduate Student Scholarship from FLASHA, 2007.

Kerry Lenius, Ph.D., student in Communication Sciences and Disorders, received FSU dissertation research grant, 2007.

Kerry Lenius (Ph.D., candidate in Communication Sciences and Disorders) co-wrote the article “The effects of cognitive teletherapy on everyday memory behaviors of persons with chronic TBI,” with M. Bourgeois, L. Turkstra & C. Camp which was published in the journal *Brain Injury*.

Jongsun Park (ABD, FSU) has been selected as the recipient of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Dissertation Grant Award for his proposal “Institutional Changes in Local Economic Development Organizations.”

Other

Jim Baratta, full-time MBA student and Chief Financial Officer for Florida State University’s Congress of Graduate Students, recently returned from lobbying Congress. Baratta spoke against withholding federal funds for universities who increase tuition beyond a certain percent. Since Florida’s tuition rates are among the lowest nationwide, such a measure would provide greater hurt to Florida’s schools, he said. Baratta also lobbied for more research dollars for FSU. He met with several lawmakers including Rep. Kathy Castor (D-Florida).

Gary Futrell and **Ed Ramirez** were elected vice president and secretary, respectively, of the Marketing Doctoral Student Association

Do you want to submit a story for the fall edition of the Grad Connection? E-mail your completed story by July 15th, to the Clearance Advisor in the Office of Graduate Studies, at Clearance@mailor.fsu.edu.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT ON:

MONICA ESQUIBEL



“And the journey begins...,” was Monica’s first thought as she began her time here at FSU. Six years later, Monica says her journey still has not come to an end. She began her current position as Academic Program Specialist in February. She serves as Secretary to the Chair of the Graduate Policy Committee that considers University university-wide policies relating to graduate education, processes all Graduate Faculty Status requests, and maintains the Graduate Faculty Membership database. She also maintains the Blackboard organizational sites for the Graduate Policy Committee and the Office of Graduate Studies. Additional duties include coordination of the Graduate Student Leadership Award and the Latin American Caribbean Scholarship. Monica also assists with the coordination of event planning for two graduate student events each year: GradQuest, the university’s annual Graduate School Open House, and New Graduate Student Orientation.

In 2005, Monica graduated with her Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs and a minor in French, earning honors in the major. Her honors thesis, “Human Trafficking: A Violation of Human Rights, A Universal Issue,” was a multi-cultural comparative analysis on human trafficking focusing on forced sexual behavior and violations of human rights.

Beginning her Master of Arts in the Fall of 2005, Monica’s need to work in an area concerning the well-being of others lead her to a concentration in health communication. In December of 2007, the successful defense of her Masters thesis, “Health Communication Campaigns: Targeting Adolescents with Clusters of Health-Compromising Behaviors,” marked the completion of her Masters of Arts in Communication.

Raised in Okinawa, Monica says her desire to be immersed in other cultures and to see the world has always been a part of who she is. Monica enjoys long walks on the beach, potpourri, reading, and skydiving. Her plans for the future include starting work on her PhD in Communication in the Fall of 2008, continuing to explore the world around her, and just being happy.

Monica can be reached by phone at (850) 644-3501 or by email at mesquibel@fsu.edu. Information about Graduate Faculty Status, graduate scholarships, and events can be found online at the Office of Graduate Studies website at www.gradstudies.fsu.edu.

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