MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM DEAN

The College experienced a change in leadership in the 2008 Academic Year. Dr. G. David Johnson, former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was named Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for the University, after a national search process in the fall, and I was asked to serve as Interim Dean of the College.

This report documents the many achievements of our distinguished faculty and students in the academic year 2008-2009, and I am pleased to present it to you.

Some highlights:

Strong enrollments continued for the College, with record numbers of students registered for classes in the fall semester. We were delighted that more students studied abroad last year despite the economic downturn. Undergraduate student involvement in research continued to be a hallmark of our College’s faculty commitment, and many students participated as presenters of papers at national and regional conferences. Prestigious NOAA Hollings scholarships were awarded to three Meteorology students: Vanna Chmielewski, Arthur Eiserloh, and Sarah Larson. New scholarships in honor of the late N. Jack Stallworth were awarded in History to Matthew Peterson and Nathan Fell. The Communication faculty and alumni generously funded a scholarship in honor of their late colleague Dr. Michael Hanna. Will Sweeney, a French major, received the highest recognition possible for outstanding research from the national organization of the Association of Teachers of French.

The first-ever Jaguar Marching Band took the field this fall after a year of planning and development. Dr. Dan Silver received the Dean’s Lecturer award for his research contributions to the field of mathematics, and Dr. David Allison received the College’s teaching award for the year. The University Alumni Association honored Dr. David Allison for teaching excellence and Ms. Michelle Cagle for administrative support to the History department.

The College of Arts and Sciences faculty had another productive year of scholarship, research, and creative activity. The following books were published by faculty members this year:


J. Steven Picou. *Hurricane Katrina, residential damage, evacuation behavior and patterns of recovery.* Final Report submitted to the Rockefeller Foundation and Social Science Research Council.


Additionally, A&S faculty edited some 28 books or journals, wrote over 200 peer-reviewed journal articles and produced 135 abstracts.
Faculty participation in sponsored research continued high, with competitive grants awarded to faculty members in Arts & Sciences totaling $3,459,367. A prestigious NSF Career Grant was given to Dr. Richard Sykora in Chemistry. Our faculty presented papers at many international, national, and regional conferences. The College donated over 13,700 hours of community service and outreach to programs such as: Mobile Theater Guild, Science Olympiad, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Girl Scouts, Dog River Clearwater Revival, United Way, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Habitat for Humanity, Mobile Police Department, and the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

In commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Endowment of Hellenic Studies, former Chair Bernard Quinn organized a performance of Leonidas Loizides’ and Demetrios Katis’ combined production of *The Bacchae* by Euripides. Prior to the dramatic performance, the Donor’s Plaque at the Delphi Tholos was unveiled. The Greek language was taught for the first time at USA during this academic year, and we expect interest in the Classics to continue. The Social Work bachelor’s degree program achieved initial accreditation with the Counsel on Social Work Education.

The Dean’s Leadership Council added two distinguished members of the community this year: Gigi Ambrecht and Patricia McCrory. The College celebrated the completion of Campaign Leadership USA and a fine year in fundraising overall.

These are just a few of the many accomplishments listed in this annual report. I invite you to take a closer look at the evidence of achievement by our faculty, students, and staff, and I express my sincere gratitude to all of our supporters.
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MISSION STATEMENT

The College of Arts and Sciences is the intellectual center of the University of South Alabama and is the foundation for establishing and building the quality of the University’s academic programs. In the College of Arts and Sciences, students receive broad exposure to all areas of academic inquiry, as well as in-depth knowledge in their chosen field of study. The College provides all undergraduate students at the University, regardless of major, with the fundamentals of a liberal arts education to enhance their knowledge and create an atmosphere in which they develop their own critical thinking, communication skills, and the tools with which to carry out independent inquiry. Such an education promotes a heightened sense of intellectual curiosity, an appreciation of the values and accomplishments of the sciences, arts and humanities, and a sense of awareness and responsibility for the well-being of their society.

In achieving these educational goals, the College of Arts and Sciences will:

- offer a full range of subjects in the humanities, fine arts, social sciences, mathematics, and the natural sciences
- encourage breadth of learning and training in the fundamentals of scholarship
- create and apply knowledge in the arts and sciences through dedicated research, teaching, scholarship, and creative works
- foster educational exchange within the University, the Mobile community, and society as a whole
- maintain a community of teachers and scholars devoted to the preservation and discovery of knowledge and its transmission to students and to the public
- promote an intellectual climate that encourages lifelong learning and open and free inquiry
- encourage and support the application of knowledge in service to the University, the Mobile metropolitan area, and the wider society
- promote diversity, tolerance, and mutual understanding among all members of the University community and society as a whole
- emphasize the regional uniqueness of southwest Alabama, including its cultural heritage, its natural environment, and its strategic location as a port city on the Gulf of Mexico
- prepare students to participate in the larger world beyond the region by giving them an awareness of the complexity of global issues and contexts, and
- prepare students for meaningful and productive careers and contribute to the development of an educated work force responsive to the needs of the region.
DEAN’S OFFICE STAFF

Administration
Dr. Andrzej Wierzbicki        Interim Dean
Dr. Lois A. Wims               Associate Dean
Dr. S.L. Varghese             Associate Dean
Dr. Victoria L. Rivizzigno     Assistant Dean
Dr. Donald DeVore             Assistant to the Dean

Administrative Staff
Crystal A. Thomas             Assistant to the Dean
Dianne Sutherland            Administrative Assistant I
Carla Foreman                Accounting Data Specialist II

Advising Center Staff
Nancy Howell                  Supervisor of Academic Advising
Muriel Edwards                Academic Advisor
Lynne Winterton              Academic Advisor
Kelly Taylor                  Academic Records Specialist

Grants and Contracts Staff
Charlene Lamonte              Financial Operations Specialist
Angela McKinnell              Grant Operations Specialist

Technical Staff
Jason Smith                   Management Systems Specialist
Robert Knapp                 Engineering Technician II
Mr. Christopher Lee, Chair

Chris Lee is presently the Director of the J. L. Bedsole Foundation. He was born in Los Angeles, California, received an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from George Washington University. In 1974 he was commissioned in the Navy and completed Navy Flight Training. Chris had a 22 year career with the Navy and Coast Guard where he flew both rotary wing and fixed wing aircraft and he also served as Director of Aviation Plans and Programs in Washington DC. Following retirement from the Coast Guard in 1994, Chris served in the Dow administration as Executive Director of Administrative Services for the City of Mobile for over 11 years. During this time he was also on the adjunct faculty for the University of South Alabama in the Department of Criminal Justice and Public Administration. Chris holds a Masters in Management and Human Relations from Webster University and a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University. Chris's hobbies include cycling, sailing, reading, and gardening. He is married to Sandra and has two step daughters and four grandchildren, all living here in Mobile.

Gigi Armbrecht

Gigi Armbrecht is AT&T’s regional director in southwest Alabama. She currently serves as immediate past Chair of the Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of the Deep South Council, the Mobile Area Education Foundation and the United Way of Southwest Alabama. Gigi has a BS degree from the University of Alabama and two MAs from the University of South Alabama. She is a graduate of Leadership Mobile, Leadership Alabama and the WK Kellogg National Leadership Program, Class V. Gigi is a member of the Rotary Club of Mobile – Sunrise and is on the Board of Advisors for the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce and the Advisory Board for Envision Coastal Alabama. Armbrecht has served on a number of community boards and commissions. At present, she sits on the boards of the Mobile Area Education Foundation, United Way of Southwest Alabama and the University of South Alabama National Alumni Association. She is a past chair of Envision Coastal Alabama and sits on the Building Authority for the Alabama School of Mathematics.

Patricia McCrory

Patricia McCrory graduated from Davidson High School in Mobile in 1970 and the University of South Alabama in 1974 with a BA in Political Science and a minor in English. She worked for the Merchants National Bank (now Regions) for 7 years in customer service and commercial loans. After a brief stay at home with her daughter, she went to work at Kiker Corporation, a commercial roofing and sheet metal contracting company owned by her husband R. Bruce McCrory and his brother, both USA alumni. This was to be a temporary, part-time job. She is now in her 26th year and serves as Controller, handling all of the financial operations of the company. Patricia is a member of Christ United Methodist Church and has served on the Administrative Board, Chairman of the Worship Committee and volunteered in many areas of the children's ministry.

James Patterson Caldwell, Immediate Past Chair

Mr. Caldwell is a marketing consultant and principal consultant for James Caldwell Consulting of St. Louis, MO. Mr. Caldwell previously served as Vice President for the Boeing Company and is a Viet Nam Veteran of the US Marine Corps. Mr. Caldwell serves as Chairman of the Board of Advisors for the James and Ivel Caldwell Scholarship in International Studies at USA. He holds Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees from the University of Alabama.

Dr. Linda Busby-Parker

Linda earned her B.A. from the University of South Alabama (English and Creative Writing), her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan (Journalism and Mass Communication), and her M.F.A. from Spalding University (Creative Writing). She is the author of two college level textbooks, numerous research articles, and her first novel, Seven Laurels, was published in 2004. Seven Laurels won the James Jones Award for a first novel and the Langum Prize for Historical Fiction. She served on the faculties of Eastern Michigan University, Iowa State University, and the University of South Alabama. She has most recently taught fiction writing as a visiting professor at Spalding University and has taught in a continuing education program at Middle Tennessee State University. In 2004,
she was a Tennessee Williams Scholar in Fiction at the Sewanee University summer writing program. As chair of the Arts & Sciences Council, she looks forward to bridging the space between the university community and the civic community and to serving the best interests of the college.

**Dr. Jean P. McIver**

Dr. McIver recently retired after serving as Professor of English and Director of African American Studies at USA. Dr. McIver is a member of the Board of Directors of Museum of Mobile, the College Language Association, the Toni Morrison Society, and Delta Sigma Theta, a public service sorority. Dr. McIver is awaiting publication of a book chapter profiling Judge Herman Thomas. She holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Alabama, a M.A. in English from Atlanta University, and the A.B. from Miles College. Dr. McIver is Professor Emeritus of English.

**Ms. Celia Mann Baehr**

Ms. Baehr is a certified financial planner with her own business and is Chair of the Board of Directors of the Mobile Symphony, a lifetime member of the USA Alumni Association, and a member of the Mobile Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. She is President of the Board of Directors, Gulf States Chapter of the Financial Planning Association. Ms. Baehr earned her B.S. degree in geology from the University of Alabama and has the MBA from USA.

**Ms. Judsen Culbreth**

Ms. Culbreth has more than thirty years of experience in magazine and television journalism, serving as editor-in-chief of *Working Mother*, executive editor of *Redbook*, and the first work/family contributing editor on the *Today* show. Ms. Culbreth currently serves as executive editor of Mobile Bay Monthly. Her first book, “The Boomer’s Guide to Online Dating” was recently released by Rodale Publishers. She is a history graduate of the University of South Alabama. Ms. Culbreth was named a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient for the University in February 2007.

**Ms. Carlos Fendley Parkman**

Carlos Parkman received her B.A. from Converse College in 1965. Over the past thirty years, she has been active in organizing and conducting fund raising campaigns for projects and buildings that have benefited social services and the cultural community in Mobile, Alabama. She coordinated and directed the capital campaign for Child Day Care Association, a United Way Agency, which raised 1.5 million dollars to build a center for the children of low income families and developed annual fund programs for the Mobile Symphony and Mobile Public Library. Carlos is currently serving as president and chief executive officer of the Centre for the Living Arts, a non-profit corporation that operates performing and visual arts centers in downtown Mobile. She is married to Harold D. Parkman, a practicing lawyer.

**Dr. Susan Youngblood**

Dr. Youngblood serves as Faculty Liaison to the Dean’s Leadership Council. She is Assistant Professor of Philosophy and has built the scholarship endowment in philosophy and art and is currently working to enhance premed scholarships for the College of Arts and Sciences. She has presented at national and international conferences in philosophy. Her community service includes a successful fundraising effort for the Playhouse in the Park. Dr. Youngblood holds the Ph.D. from Tulane, and Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees from the University of Alabama.

**Dr. Lynn B. Gerald**

Lynn B. Gerald, Ph.D., Master of Science in Public Health, is the Director of the Lung Health Center and Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She earned her B.S. in Psychology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, her M.A. in Sociology at the University of South Alabama, and her M.S.P.H. in Epidemiology and Ph.D. in Medical Sociology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Gerald has active federal funding in the areas of clinical, behavioral and epidemiological research in asthma, COPD and tuberculosis. She is also actively involved in professional and community education related to asthma. Dr. Gerald has recently won several honors for her research including the UAB School of Medicine’s Max Cooper Award for Research Excellence (2006) and the American Thoracic Society Behavioral Science Assembly’s Junior Scholar Award.
Award (2003). In addition, she was recently chosen to represent the American Thoracic Society at the Japanese Respiratory Society’s meeting.

**Ms. Angelia Stokes**

Ms. Stokes holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Management with a Minor in Economics from USA. She is a certified grant writer from Troy University and has volunteered at PTO President of Dothan High School, the Educational Foundation for the Future of Dothan City Schools on both the Allocation Committee and has served as secretary. She is a docent at Wiregrass Art Museum and a member of Covenant United Methodist Church in Dothan. Ms. Stokes and her husband Dr. Steven H. Stokes have funded creative writing scholarships in the English Department at the University of South Alabama.

**Mr. Danny K. Patterson**

Danny Patterson is the Senior Location Executive for IBM’s Mobile and Pensacola locations and is a native of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He has a BA degree in Economics from Carleton College. He has been with IBM for 26 years and was recognized with the IBM Chairman’s Award for his leadership with the Mercedes-Benz first US based assembly plant in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He established the Lighthouse Community Development Corporation in 2002 to assist the underserved residents of Southwest Mobile County and has served as Chairman of this non-profit organization. He is active with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, the Women’s Business Center, United Way, Leadership Mobile, and Mobile Rotary.

**Mr. Stillman Knight**

Stillman Knight is Executive Vice President for the NHP Foundation in Washington, DC. He is the former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multifamily Housing Programs in the Office of Housing/Federal Housing Administration (FHA) at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Stillman has been recognized as Builder Developer of the Year by the National Home Builders’ Council and founded the Knight Companies in 1991. He was recognized nationally with the Robert Corletta Award for Achievement in Affordable Housing and the Pillars of the Industry Award among others. Stillman is an alum from USA’s Political Science Department and the University of Alabama School of Law. He is a native of Mobile and he and his wife Dr. Mary A. Knight currently reside in Alexandria, VA.

**Mr. Al Stokes**

City Government’s resident academician, Al (as he is commonly referred to), has been visiting scholar, guest lecturer, instructor, assistant professor at University of Illinois, University of South Alabama and Xavier University in L.A. Twelve years ago, this native Mobilian descended from the Ivory Tower to become the executive assistant to the Mayor of New Orleans where he was known as "the glue" that kept the administration and council together, on key issues. After receiving an associate degree at Mobile's Bishop State Community College, Al earned a B.S. from a Dallas College and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Illinois where he was a doctoral candidate. As Mayor Jones' "Chief of Staff", Al is in charge of "anything the Mayor says he's in charge of". The executive directors report to him and he is responsible for inter-as well as intra-governmental relations.

**Dr. Richard Rogers**

Dr. Richard Rogers worked in design and synthesis for the Dow Chemical Company for 31 years including roles as Global Director and Development Manager. He has been actively involved in mentoring young scientists and achieved the rank of Fellow which is the highest scientific level in Dow AgroSciences and his research resulted in the publication of several patents. Dr. Rogers brought his enthusiasm and energy to the University of South Alabama Chemistry Department first in 2001 and has been a popular professor since then. Dr. Rogers holds the Ph.D. from the University of Alabama, the Master's from University of Wisconsin and a Bachelor’s Degree from Tulane. He did post doctoral work at Indiana University. He and his wife reside in Mobile in a restored 150 year old home.
Ms. Patsy Busby Dow

Patsy Dow is a former Assistant US Attorney and Former Assistant District Attorney. She is the coauthor of “Winning the Day Trading Game” published in 2005 by John Wiley and Sons, and the coauthor of the upcoming “The Markets Never Sleep” to be published by John Wiley and Sons in February 2007. Patsy is active as a staff writer and in Volunteers of America. She holds three degrees from the University of South Alabama: a B.A. in History, an M.A. in History, and a M.Ed. Early Childhood. She graduated with honors from Tulane School of Law and enjoys traveling and real estate. She has been married for 36 years to Mike Dow.

Mr. Scott Speck

Scott Speck is the Director of the Mobile Symphony. With recent performances in London, Paris, Moscow, Beijing, San Francisco and Washington, Scott Speck has inspired international acclaim as a conductor of passion, intelligence and winning personality. He has led numerous performances with the symphony orchestras of Baltimore, Houston, Paris, Moscow, Shanghai, Beijing, Buffalo, Columbus (OH), Honolulu, Louisville, New Orleans, Oregon, Rochester, Florida, and Virginia, among many others. Previously he held positions as Conductor of the San Francisco Ballet (1998 to 2002); Music Advisor and Conductor of the Honolulu Symphony; and Associate Conductor of the Los Angeles Opera. During a recent tour of Asia he was named Principal Guest Conductor of the China Film Philharmonic in Beijing. In addition, Scott Speck is the co-author of two of the world's best-selling books on classical music for a popular audience, Classical Music for Dummies and Opera for Dummies. His third book in the series, Ballet for Dummies, was released in September 2003. Born in Boston, Scott Speck graduated summa cum laude from Yale University. He received his Master's Degree with highest honors from the University of Southern California, served as a Conducting Fellow at the Aspen School of Music, and studied at the Tanglewood Music Center.
# FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AWARDS

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STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Arts & Sciences Scholarships

Earl P. Andres Scholarship
Sharon Beech

Frederick Palmer Whiddon Scholarships
Hirotafa Ata
Mary Davidson
Jason Shepard

Bruce & Patricia McCrory Scholarship
Meghan Mee

Albert Schweitzer Memorial Scholarship
Kimberly Proctor

James A. Yance Endowed Scholarship for Pre-Law
Ryan Weekley

Dr. Michael Meshad Scholarship
Hirotafa Ata

Chemistry Scholarships

Chemistry Department Scholarship
Jason Clements
Robert Edmunds
C.J. Gaston
Andrew Harris
Seth Jarrell
Cynthia Hongxi Liu
Susanna Pischek
Samantha Reilly
Paul Vogel
Andrew Weber

Williams-Philips-Van Hook Scholarship
Phillip Ogden
Jeremy Thomley

Earth Sciences Scholarships

Geography

Earth Sciences Geographic Information Systems Award
Andrew Keith

Eugene Wilson Geography Scholarship Award
Joel Plagge

Geography Atlas Award
Cheryl Baugh
Peter Campbell
Stephen Cochrane
Mark Mitchell
Christopher Murphy
Joel Plagge
Nicholas Stricklin
Doni Thompson
William Douglas
Tim Witt

Glenn Sebastian Scholarship Award
Joshua Pritchard
Ashley Turton

Dramatic Arts Scholarships

Alabama Lyric Theatre Scholarship
Lauren Ashley Fussell

Laidlaw Performance Scholarship
Bryce Davidson
Aaron Dent
Harolyn Fleming
Lauren Ashley Fussell
Ravyn Otis
Amy Robertson

National Theatre Owners of Alabama Scholarship
Susanna Rodriguez

Annual Report 2009
Geology
Denmark/Isphording Geology Award
Nicole Nobles
Desk and Derrick Award in Geology
Andrea Kinsey
Eco-Systems, Inc. Environmental Geology/Hydrogeology Award
Ashley Turton
Elliot Hagler Memorial Award
Michael Hughes
Geological Hammer Award
Justin Herrington
Michelle Johnson
Patti Miller
Maile Sweigart
George Lamb Award
Sara Mason
Hunter Phillips
John Faggard Memorial Geology Award
Nicole Nobles
Mobile Rock and Gem Society Field School Award
Justin Fancher
Sedimentology Award
Jennifer Youngblood
Wiggs Paleontology Award
Andrea Kinsey

Meteorology
CWRC Outstanding Student Award
Alex Kleiminsky
Jackie Rauch
Adam Rydbeck
Oriene Thomas
Dr. Bill Williams Endowment Scholarship
Corey Bunn
Sarah Larson
Jaclyn Tisdale
ExxonMobil Jr Scholarship Award
Meghan Mee
ExxonMobil Sr Academic Award
Christina Holt
Synoptic Meteorology Top Forecaster
Matthew Grantham

English Scholarships
Bobby Holmes Scholarship
Michelle Ladner
English Endowed Scholarship
Jennifer Powell
English Graduate Essay
Shannon Howard
English Undergraduate Essay
Laura Ledger

Foreign Languages & Literatures
Scholarships
Felecia Cooley Scholarship
Richard Ellisor
Goessling Award
Colleen Schmitz
Graciella Blanco Scholarship
Travis Roth
Jacqueline Quinn Gray Scholarship
Michelle Constatine
Anna Dewitt
Margaret Pol Stock Scholarship
William Young Jr.
Patricia Lane Dyess Scholarship
Ayesha Jaleel
Colleen Schmitz

History Scholarships
Macy Wims Reid Scholarship
Adam Cumbest
Minnie Lee Wilkins Stallworth Scholarship
Nathan Fell
Montgomery Carlton Stallworth Scholarship
Matthew Peterson
**Marine Sciences Scholarships**

**Barber Fellowship**  
Choong-Ki Kim  
Brad Reynolds

**Nelson Award**  
Luciano Chiaverano  
Marcus Drymon  
Kelly McKay  
Mary-Elizabeth Miller  
Alison Rellinger

**Mathematics & Statistics Scholarships**

**Christopher Nash Award**  
Henry Mitchell

**Sushila Mishra Memorial Award**  
Jasmit Shah

**Music Scholarships**

**Music Department Scholarship**  
Ian Austin  
Katie Bandy  
Aaron Bearden  
Jessica Boyette  
Nathaniel Browder  
Nick Brownlee  
William David Burtt  
Shauna Charlton  
Troy Clark  
Courtney Coxe  
Michael Devery  
Emily Ebanks  
Thomas Finch  
Aaron Fiveash  
Richard Fontes  
Lauren Fussell  
August Gallaher  
Monica Ganoe  
Benjamin Hafner  
John Hangen  
Preston Hanne  
Jessica Head  
John Patrick Hicks  
Katherine Hicks  
Gabrielle Hildebrandt  
Charles Hoffman  
Benjamin Ivey  
Philip Jones  
Sidney King  
Joshua Long  
Isabel Martinez  
Jessica Mourey  
Genevieve Mullen  
Marcus Nobles  
Soren Odom  
Lauren Pendleton  
Johnathan Pruitt  
Joylyn Reese  
Aimee Riemersma  
Stephen Roberts  
Cody Salter  
Saila Sanderson  
Daniel Singleterry  
Basia Smith  
Stephen Smith  
Lee Smith  
Bradley Turner  
Victoria Turner  
Arie J. Vandewaa  
Jake Walker  
Kristen Walker  
Zachary Warner  
Antwan Washington  
Bryant Wheat  
Christina Wright  
Greg Youngblood  

**Laidlaw Scholarship**  
Shanna Meadows  
Benjamin Rollings

**Presser Scholarship**  
Tiffany Gibbs
Sue Houston Hanlein Piano
Gretter Diaz Suarez

Philosophy Scholarships
Jean & Julius Marx I Scholarship
Jason Shepard
Jean & Julius Marx II Scholarship
Christina Tardiff
Jean & Julius Marx III Scholarship
Alex Whalen
Jean & Julius Marx IV Scholarship
Cindy Phillips
Jean & Julius Marx V Scholarship
Elysha Francis
McGlothren Scholarship
Matthew Bennion
Pinebrook I Scholarship
Steve Callegan
Pinebrook II Scholarship
Kim Ford

Physics Scholarships
Jared Adkins Scholarship
Eric Urban
Physics Faculty Honors Fellowship
Josue Morales Cinfuentes
Rafi Qumseih
Physics Freshman Scholarship
Peter Favreau
Justin Ladnier
Sunhee Moraes
Lin Zhong
USA Foundation Scholarship
Ozarfar Gafarov

Psychology Scholarships
Outstanding Graduate Student
Hope Brasfield
Mary Kolbusz
Outstanding Undergraduate Student
Michelle Lankey
USA Psychology Scholarship
Kathleen Laskowski
Ashley Pugh

Sociology, Anthropology, &
Social Work Scholarships
USA Foundation Anthropology
Joseph Formichella
Lindsay LaGrange
USA Foundation Sociology Graduate
Michelle Showers
USA Foundation Social Work
Ronda Westerfield

Political Science & Criminal Justice
Scholarships
Al Roemer Memorial for Excellence in
Criminal Justice
Michael Motykiewicz

Visual Arts Scholarships
Robert Snell Scholarship
Ashley Friend
Laura Wilson
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USA POLLING GROUP

Keith Nicholls, Director

Surveys

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Polling Projects

Regular Weekly Public Opinion Polls
2nd Quarter, 2008:  6 surveys ($12,400)
3rd Quarter, 2008:  3 surveys ($7,200)
4th Quarter, 2008:  5 surveys ($12,000)
1st Quarter, 2009:  3 surveys ($6,800)

Sponsor: Mobile Register Newspaper; Principal Investigator: Keith Nicholls (USA Polling Group);
Typical Samples: Statewide, Mobile/Baldwin Counties, Mobile County, Mobile City;
Screening: General adult population (random digit dialing);
Typical Sample Size: 400 completed interviews

Hurricane Katrina: MS Community Recovery Survey, Aug. 2008 ($20,800)
Sponsor: Bill and Melina Gates Foundation; Principal Investigator: Steve Picou, USA, Sociology;
Sample: 800 adult populations, Harrison & Hancock Cos., MS

Dental Office Relocation Survey, October 2008 ($2,500)
Sponsor: Azalea City Dental; Principal Investigator: Keith Nicholls; Sample: 400 dental patients

Sponsor: Bill and Melina Gates Foundation; Principal Investigator: Steve Picou, USA, Sociology;
Sample: 1600 adult populations, 5 coastal parishes, LA

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Survey, March 2009 ($9,900)
Sponsor: National Science Foundation; Principal Investigator: Steve Picou, USA, Sociology;
Sample: 300 adult population, Cordova, AK

Religious Studies Minor, Student Interest Survey, April 2009 ($1,600)
Sponsor: USA Development Office; Principal Investigator: Keith Nicholls; Sample: 400 A&S Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors
USA PROGRAMS IN GERONTOLOGY

Certificate Programs and Minor
The USA Programs in Gerontology comprise the Graduate Certificate in Gerontology, the Undergraduate Certificate in Gerontology, and the Interdisciplinary Minor in Gerontology. The certificate programs, founded in 1985, and the minor, founded in 1998, follow Guidelines of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education.

Leadership Institute
The USA Programs in Gerontology, in partnership with the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission – Area Agency on Aging, conduct a summer Leadership Institute for Older Adults. The program is in its 8th year and trains 25 senior adults annually, providing instruction and hands-on experiences to build awareness in self-efficacy, public policy, research on social problems, and advocacy. The Institute is a co-learning experience for senior participants and graduate students in the Graduate Certificate Program. Co-learning across generations is a relatively new pedagogy in Gerontology, more prominent in academic/community programs in Europe than in the U.S. The University of South Alabama is a charter institutional member in the International Consortium for Intergenerational Programs, a leading international organization for promoting intergenerational learning, research, and service.

Gerontology Research Network
The Gerontology Research Network (GRN) is a group of scholars from various disciplines who conduct research on aging and intergenerational relationships, as well as community partners from agencies that collaborate with faculty in learning, research, or service projects. The GRN draws participants from the Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Allied Health Professions, Education, Medicine, and Nursing. Research projects and grant activity during 2008-2009 have brought additional faculty collaborations between the USA Programs in Gerontology and the College of Engineering, the School of Computer and Information Sciences, and the School of Continuing Education and Special Programs.

Faculty Scholarly Activity
Members of the Gerontology Research Network were asked to submit to the Gerontology Program Director a list of 2008-2009 publications and scholarly presentations. Five members submitted 13 peer reviewed articles and 22 professional presentations during the reporting period. Publications include:


Varner, J. (accepted for publication June, 2009). Realistic Recreational Activities for Older Adults. *The Alabama Nurse*.


**Student Activity**

This has been an active year for the USA Gerontology Club and Sigma Phi Omega, the Gerontology honor society. The clubs co-sponsored the Mardi Gras parade at Via! (Senior Citizens Services). The event was truly intergenerational with participants in the Via! adult day care program parading in wheelchair “floats” that our students helped decorate and kindergarten students from a neighborhood school catching throws. With sponsorship from the Student Government Association and the USA Programs in Gerontology, the club and honor society sponsored “Careers in Aging Day” in April 2009. The clubs also participated in Coastal Clean-Up and co-sponsored, with the Sierra Club, a “Go Green & Go Gray” tailgate event at USA’s second football game. Events planned for fall and spring include: (1) WALOP (we all love our pets) pet food drive to collect food for pets of seniors who receive Meals on Wheels and (2) Elder Fraud Week, a cooperative effort with the Mobile Police Department to raise awareness of elder fraud.

**Community Engagement**

Faculty in Gerontology have provided expertise to community based agencies for a variety of funded and non-funded research/program development projects. Pro bono work has been contributed by Gerontology teaching faculty and GRN members across the University, most recently by faculty in Sociology, Engineering, Speech Pathology and Audiology, and Nursing. The USA Programs in Gerontology is planning to offer one-hour credit courses at both graduate and undergraduate levels to encourage students to add service-learning to their gerontology studies. Watch for these new courses to begin in summer/fall 2010.
Once again, the Coastal Weather Research Center (CWRC) met its goal of providing forecasts and warnings to its clients while supporting activities in the meteorology program. As in several previous years, the 2008-2009 growth within the CWRC was in the area of hurricane forecasting. This specialty of the Weather Center accounts for services to clients in nine states from Minnesota to North Carolina and southward to Florida and Texas.

In December, CSX Railroads invited Dr. Keith Blackwell to speak at the corporate office in Jacksonville, Florida. Dr. Blackwell, the CWRC chief hurricane forecaster, gave a detailed analysis of recent hurricane research and the potential for a major hurricane in the Jacksonville area. Officials at CSX, a CWRC client, have extended an invitation to Dr. Blackwell to return in June 2009 to speak to senior management.

Also in December, the 19th edition of the Mobile Weather and Marine Almanac was published. The annual almanac was distributed to advertisers who made 10,000 copies available free to the public. This year, WPMI-TV served as the host advertising sponsor.

A major objective of the CWRC is to provide support to the meteorology program. This was done on several occasions by funding student and staff travel and bringing well-known meteorologists to the campus. In October, the CWRC made it possible for several students and faculty to make a trip to the National Weather Association annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. Several students presented posters and conducted national weather briefings. In February, the Weather Center brought Dr. Lance Bosart of SUNY-Albany and Mr. Ron Holle of Vaisala Inc. in Tucson, Arizona to the campus. Both participated in the 2009 edition of the Southeast Coastal and Atmospheric Processes Symposium. The CWRC held an informal luncheon for our visitors that also included Dr. Neil Frank, former Director of the National Hurricane Center. The gathering gave our students the chance to meet our guests and discuss the latest in weather research. In April, the CWRC funded a trip to USA for Mr. Marshall Wickman of Wilkens Weather in Houston, Texas. Mr. Wickman gave a presentation on his company, interviewed students and then attended a senior weather briefing.

2008 was an active year for hurricanes along the Gulf Coast. Two significant hurricanes affected CWRC clients with Gustav striking Louisiana and Ike pounding the greater Houston area. The CWRC received favorable comments as a result of its projections. As the 2009 season begins, CLECO electric of Louisiana, Huntsman Incorporated and SSI of Mobile joined the CWRC for this year’s hurricane service.

Over the past year, the Weather Center enhanced its forecast and warning products through the work of staff meteorologist Jason Holmes. A new client alert system was developed along with a forecast visualization tool. Both additions will assist in providing more timely information.

On May 1st, the Coastal Weather Research Center presented four awards to meteorology seniors with grade point averages of 3.5 or higher. The winners included Adam Rydbeck, Jackie Rauch, Sophique Thomas and Alex Kleminsky.
USA VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Principal Investigator
G. David Johnson, Ph.D., Current Vice President of Academic Affairs; Former Dean, College of Arts & Sciences

Co-Principal Investigator
Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling, Ph.D.

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Description of Program
The mission of the USA Youth Violence Prevention Program (YVPP) is to develop and support collaborative, culturally relevant, community-based research on youth violence prevention and to broadly disseminate these findings.

Since its inception in 2001 the program has been multidisciplinary, supporting research from a number of different fields of study, and interdisciplinary, supporting projects that cross disciplinary boundaries. The overall program is funded on a year-to-year basis through a Congressional appropriation to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). While the faculty and staff of the program maintain active engagement with efforts and organizations around Mobile that address all aspects of youth violence, the focus of the funding for fiscal year 2008-2009 is preventing interpersonal violence in at-risk adolescents. Dr. Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling is the Principal Investigator for the current funding.

The faculty members engaged with the YVPP during the 2008-2009:

- Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling, Ph.D., Department of Psychology (Co-PI YVPP)
- Nicole Carr, Ph.D., Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work
- Tres Stefurak, Ph.D., Department of Professional Studies
- Lisa Turner, Ph.D., Department of Psychology
- Dennis Reidy, Ph.D., Department of Psychology

The staff members of the YVPP:

- Shannon Shelley-Tremblay, J.D., Program Manager
- Megan Powell, M.B.A., Research Associate
- John Friend, M.A., Research Assistant

Community Involvement
The staff and faculty of the YVPP interact regularly with various community organizations and entities to both support current research projects and work toward the development of future projects. This interaction builds the capacity of the program—allowing it to better address youth violence related issues affecting the service area. Additionally, it supports the YVPP mission by increasing opportunities for formal and informal dissemination of the findings and implications derived from the various projects. Throughout the reporting period the Co-PI has maintained an active relationships with The Robert J. Martin Leadership Academy, the Mobile County District
Attorney’s Office, and the Mobile County Teen Center. Additionally, the program manager has been an active participant in the regional Council Against Family Violence and the Children’s Policy Council. Both the Co-PI and the program manager have maintained active involvement in the USA Health Disparities Research Group, the Mobile County Domestic Violence Task Force, the Strickland Youth Center, Lifelines Mobile, and the USA Violence Prevention Alliance.

In 2008, under the leadership and coordination of Dr. Tres Stefurak, a new collaboration “The Mobile Juvenile Court Collaborative” has been forged with Strickland Youth Center—Mobile’s Juvenile Justice Center. This venture provides even greater opportunity for YVPP faculty to conduct research in the community.

The members of the research team are actively involved in research regarding intimate partner and sexual violence at the collegiate level as well. In the fall of 2008, Dr. Langhinrichsen-Rohling and the YVPP team embarked on a research project with Dr. John Foubert of the College of William and Mary. The project is an ongoing evaluation of the impact of the RV Tour, One in Four program geared at building empathy in male college students in an effort to reduce sexual violence. The team is also assessing the newly created Women’s Program—the companion piece to the Men’s Program. Multiple publications are expected to develop from this work.

Along with actively participating in numerous community and campus collaborations and organizations and attending conferences and trainings, the faculty members and staff have made presentations and taken leadership roles in events and organizations throughout the region and the nation focused on preventing violence.

Presentations and Leadership


Dr. Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling has been named an Associate Editor for the journal Partner Abuse published by Springer Publishing.

Dr. Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling was on the conference committee for the 2009 Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting.

Shannon Shelley-Tremblay is member of the planning and presentation group for a domestic violence training seminar aimed at spiritual leaders. The seminar is slated to occur in September 2009 and is sponsored by the Domestic Violence Task Force.
Current Funded Project: Preventing Domestic Violence In High Risk Youth

Brief Summary

The purpose of this project is to investigate the effectiveness of a brief four sessions program designed to prevent and/or reduce the prevalence of intimate partner violence in high-risk adolescent relationships. A multidisciplinary team has been assembled to complete this project by implementing and evaluating a prevention program while studying risk factors that may alter youth’s responses to the intervention. The Project is being conducted with male youth, aged 13 to 17, who have been adjudicated to Camp Robert J. Martin Youth Leadership Academy (Camp Martin), an alternative sentencing residential program in Mobile, AL.

Goals of the Project

I. Goal One: The first goal of this project is the adaptation of a prevention and intervention program originally designed for treatment of adolescent girls for use with adolescent boys residing in an alternative sentencing program.

II. Goal Two: The second goal of this project is to investigate the effectiveness of the Building a Strong Relationship (BSR) intervention with at-risk adolescent males.

III. Goal Three: The third goal of this project is to communicate with the administration of the residential facility, and the professional community with regard to the efficacy of the treatment. The objectives relevant to that goal are the following:

IV. Goal Four: The fourth goal of this project is to consider the feasibility of conducting the intervention with female adolescents who have been adjudicated to a different alternative sentencing program, G.R.O.W.T.H.

V. Goal Five: The fifth goal of this project is to enhance the cohesiveness of the University-community collaborations surrounding domestic violence prevention and intervention. To this end, members of the research team will actively participate with a number of long-standing community groups and agencies who are already focused on the problem of intimate partner violence in South Alabama.

Progress Toward Goals:

Over the course of the year the research team has made significant progress toward completion of the project goals. The BSR curriculum has been completely redesigned and adapted to be used with at-risk, adjudicated adolescent males. The curriculum has been piloted with Camp Martin participants to assess cultural and linguistic relevance. IRB approval of the protocol has been obtained. Coordination and communication with the residential facility administration and staff has been active and ongoing. There has been significant progress made toward adapting the curriculum for use with adjudicated adolescent females residing in G.R.O.W.T.H.

Ongoing Efforts:

Due to a delay in receipt of funding, the initial project development was hindered. As a result, the intervention is set to take place beginning in June, rather than during the spring, as had been originally planned. Therefore, the research team has requested a no-cost extension from OJJDP. Initial approval has been confirmed and final approval is expected.

In an effort to expand the scope of the project, the team has sought additional funding. An application was submitted in April 2009 for a two-year Challenge Grant through the National Institutes of Health with expected notification of award by September of 2009. Additionally, Dr. Langhinrichsen-Rohling was a consulting scientist for a CDC grant application focused on implementing the “Effective Black Parenting Program” in the Mobile region. Finally, the team continues to review potential requests for proposals and plans to continue seeking external funding.
Publications Relating to Youth Violence and Intimate Partner Violence during 2008-09:


Department Chair and Professor: Dr. John Freeman

Associate Professors: Dr. Brian Axsmith, Dr. Anne Boettcher, Dr. Kelly Major, Dr. John McCreadie, Dr. David Nelson, Dr. Timothy Sherman

Assistant Professors: Dr. Julien Lartigue, Dr. Juan Mata, Dr. Ashley Morris, Dr. Sinead Ni Chadhain, Dr. John O’Brien

Instructors: Ms. Anna Cinkovich, Ms. Cynthia Delaney-Tucker, Ms. Tray Hamil, Mr. Clinton S. Major

Secretary: Ms. Judy Sadler

Biology: Departmental Highlights

The faculty and students in the Biology department had a very successful and active year. Fourteen faculty members taught over 3,000 students in 62 classes. Continuing our emphasis on undergraduate participation in research, 57 students conducted directed studies projects under faculty supervision and 6 of the 59 presentations at national and regional meetings were made by undergraduate students. Fifty four BS degrees were awarded. Some of our graduates will enter medical, dental, veterinary, pharmacy, and optometry schools next fall while several students will enter graduate schools in various areas of biology. Throughout the year, we advised 291 Biology majors and 15 graduate students. One student completed the Biology Honors program while seven students continue to conduct research and prepare to present their study to the faculty.

As part of our learning outcomes program, three senior level classes with over 30 students participated in the assessment of the student’s skills as biologists. The students developed their own research questions, protocols, hypotheses, and presented the results in oral and poster sessions. The success of this activity is encouraging and it will be expanded to include more courses next year.

Supported by 18 funded projects totaling over $750,000, the faculty and students published 9 articles in peer reviewed journals and books, have 35 papers in press or in review, and presented 59 papers at regional and national meetings. In addition, several faculty members were officers or local arrangements committee members in national scientific societies. Through funding from a variety of sources, we were able to invite three guest speakers this year.

Service activities including visiting K-12 classrooms and answering numerous inquiries about various organisms demonstrate the faculty’s strong interest in the role of the university in the community. In the spring many faculty helped with the Regional Science Fair, Expanding Your Horizons, GEMS (Girls in Science, Engineering, and Math), Women in Science, and participated in the Science Olympiad. Several faculty members participated in teacher workshops.

Biology: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Brian Axsmith


**Anne Boettcher**


**Juan Mata**


**Clinton Major**


**John McCreadie**


**S.M. Ni Chadhain**


**Timothy Sherman**


### Biology: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

**John McCreadie**


### Biology: Non Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

**Brian Axsmith**


### Biology: Reviews

**Brian Axsmith**


**Kelly Major**

Major, K. M. *Marine Ecology Progress Series* – 2 peer reviews; Dr. Just Cebrian, Editor.

**Major, K. M.** *Saline Systems* – 1 peer review; Dr. Shiladitya DasSarma, Editor.

### Biology: Editorship of Books or Journals

**Brian Axsmith**


**Kelly Major**

Major, K. M. Editorial Board, Online Journal: *Saline Systems*, 08-09.

### Biology: Abstracts

**Anne Boettcher**


**John Freeman**

Clinton Major


Kelly Major


**Juan Mata**


**John McCreadie**


**John J. O’Brien**


**Timothy Sherman**


### Biology: Presentations

**Brian Axsmith**


**Anne Boettcher**


**Clinton S. Major**


**Kelly Major**


Juan Mata


John McCreadie


Ashley Morris

Sinead M. Ní Chadhain


John J. O’Brien


Timothy Sherman


Biology: Grants

**Brian Axsmith**

Axsmith, B. J. Paleoflora of the Citronelle Formation, National Science Foundation, $176,000, 6/1/07 – 5/31/10.


**Anne Boettcher**


Boettcher, A. 11th Annual Undergraduate Research Program at the University of South Alabama, NASA – AL Space Grant Consortium Outreach Program, $20,000, June 2009 – May 2010.


**Clinton Major**

Major, C. S., & Major, K. M. Impacts of Environmental Variation and Non-native Species on Aquatic Plant Communities in the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, University of South Alabama Committee for Undergraduate Research (UCUR), $2,300, summer 2008.

Major, C. S. Morphometrics and Ecology in Pitcher Plants of Splinter Hill Bog, AL, University of South Alabama Committee for Undergraduate Research (UCUR), $1,920, spring 2009.


**Kelly Major**


Major, C. S., & Major, K. M. Impacts of Environmental Variation and Non-native Species on Aquatic Plant Communities in the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, University of South Alabama Committee for Undergraduate Research (UCUR), $2,300, summer 2008.

Major, K. M., & Sherman, T. D. The Role of Proteins and Oxidative Stress Tolerance in Halotolerant Algae, University of South Alabama Committee for Undergraduate Research (UCUR), $5,000, summer 2009.


**Timothy Sherman**

Major, K. M., & **Sherman, T. D.** The Role of Proteins and Oxidative Stress Tolerance in Halotolerant Algae, University of South Alabama Committee for Undergraduate Research (UCUR), $5,000, summer 2009.


**Juan Mata**

Mata, J. L., & Cebrian, J. Diversity and abundance of fungal decomposers on seagrass beds of the North Central Gulf of Mexico, ACES, $29,553, 2009.

**John McCreadie**

McCreadie, J. W., (PI) & Adler, P. H. Bioinventory of the Mobile/Tensaw Delta Before and After Hurricane Katrina, NSF, $97,730.

McCreadie, J. W., (PI), Adler, P. H., Rice, T., & Overmyer, J. A multifaceted approach for detecting human-induced insults in the waters of the Mobile/Tensaw Delta and Mobile Bay, EPA (ACES), $262,000, 8/31/07 – 8/31/08.

**Sinead M. Ní Chadhain**

Ní Chadhain, S. M. Isolation and characterization of pharmaceutical and personal care product degrading bacteria from Mobile Bay, USARC, $4,400, February 2009.

**John J. O'Brien**


Chemistry: Departmental Highlights

Last year the Department of Chemistry graduated eight chemistry majors. Of this group two were accepted to Ph.D. graduate programs [Auburn (Branson Maynard) and Ole Miss (Samantha Reilly)] and two to professional schools [UAB dental (Susanna Pischek) and medical (Seth Jarrell)].

A larger contingency of chemistry graduates, Sadiq Ahmed, Erin Capley, Masanari Fujikawa, and Paul Vogel, are pursuing careers in the industrial sector. All our chemistry majors were involved in the Directed Studies Program and participated in local and national professional meetings. Of the 46 papers delivered at local/national/international professional meetings, over half had undergraduate students listed as co-authors. Of those attending and presenting at the American Chemical Society National Meetings the costs of conference participation for chemistry majors was, in substantial part, covered by the Department of Chemistry.

The Chemistry Department has an active American Chemical Society Students Affiliates (ACSSA) student organization with 16 members registered last year (9 National ACSSA members registered). The Department continued funding scholarships for chemistry majors which provided $1,500 of paid tuition per student per year and awarded Chemistry Scholarships to 4 new chemistry majors during the last academic year. During the 2008-2009 academic year there were ten chemistry majors supported by the Chemistry Scholarship program (Jason Clements, Wes Edmonds, CJ Gaston, Andrew Harris, Seth Jarrell, Cynthia Hongxi Liu, Susanna Pischek, Samantha Reilly, Paul Vogel, Andrew Weber). Also during the academic year 2008-2009, the fourth award for the Williams-Phillips-Van Hook Endowed Scholarship was made to our chemistry major Kane Thomley.

During the last year, our faculty members had 15 research papers published/accepted in peer-reviewed professional journals. Eight of these papers had undergraduate students from our Department as co-authors. The faculty members from the Department of Chemistry participated in many international and national professional meetings, delivering and contributing to 27 papers. The Chemistry faculty also participated in 29 professional workshops. During the last academic year, the Department of Chemistry faculty members were PIs on three new awards from external agencies totaling $843,440. One notable award being the NSF CAREER Award (Dr. Richard E. Sykora). In addition to these awards, the Department of Chemistry faculty members were PIs on ten active awards through external agencies totaling $1,321,148. Through internal programs, a total amount of $45,767 was awarded (seven new awards and one active award). External funding was provided by the federal government (NIH and NSF), by the Alabama state government (ACES), by private organizations (Research Corporation, Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, and John Wiley & Sons), and by chemical industries (Chevron and Colgate-Palmolive). Internal funding was provided
by UCUR, USARC, and the USA Arts and Sciences Support and Development Award program. During
the last academic year, 55 students (31 through our Directed Studies program) were involved in
undergraduate research in our Department and were supervised by our faculty.

The Chemistry Department participated in the Science in Motion program by providing office and
laboratory space as well as stockroom support. Our Department organized and participated in the
2009 US Chemistry Olympiad: 86 students from 4 local high schools (ASMS, Davidson, MGM, and
Murphy) participated in the Local Exam of the 2009 US Chemistry Olympiad, and later eight students
selected from the same four local high schools competed in a National 2009 US Chemistry Olympiad
competition, organized and supported by the Chemistry Department. As host for the southern
Alabama regional final for the 2009 Science Olympiad, the University had 10 high school teams
representing 6 different high schools (several schools had multiple teams) which totaled
approximately 100 high schoolers on campus. There were as well 15 middle school teams
representing 9 middle schools totaling approximately 225 students. The GEMS event was a
workshop based program for middle school girls (grades 6-8) in science, engineering and math.
Over 247 girls attended this event from 45 different middle schools as well as several home school
children. These schools were in Mobile, Baldwin County, Selma, and the Mississippi coastal
counties. In addition to having Chemistry faculty, staff, and students assist in the 2009 Science
Olympiad and Girls Exploring Math and Sciences (GEMS) events, one of Chemistry’s faculty (Ms.
Patricia M. Davis) served on the leadership team for both events. The Department hosted Open
Doors Day during the Chemistry Olympiad and participated in USA Days. Our active Chemistry
Seminar Program provided a platform for scientific exchange that involved visiting and local
speakers, faculty members from other departments, and industrial scientists. Through these and
many other activities, the Chemistry Department maintains its close and frequent interactions with
the local schools and local chemical industry.

Chemistry: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Robert E. Barletta


Jason W. Coym


James H. Davis, Jr.

Systems of Ionic and Molecular Liquids. *Chemical Communications*, 2529-2531.

Patricia M. Davis

Forbes, D. C., & Davis, P. M. (2008). Forging Faculty-Student Relationships at the College Level

David C. Forbes

Forbes, D. C., & Davis, P. M. (2008). Forging Faculty Student Relationships at the College Level Using

onto Butanediacetal-Protected Chiral Non-Racemic Sulfanyl Imines Using S-Ylide Technology.
*Chemical Communications*, 1882-1884.


**Scott A. Miller**


**Alexandra C. Stenson**


**Richard E. Sykora**


**Andrzej Wierzbicki**


**Chemistry: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

**Andrzej Wierzbicki**


**Chemistry: Editorship of Books or Journals**

**Eugene A. Cioffi**

Cioffi, E. A. Co-editor, *Current Topics in Medicinal Chemistry* (journal; special issue dedicated to carbohydrate chemistry).

**David C. Forbes**

Chemistry: Abstracts

Robert E. Barletta


Barletta, R. E. (2009, April). Raman Analysis of Environmental Particulates, 16th Annual USA Research Forum, Mobile, AL.

Eugene A. Cioffi


Jason W. Coym


James H. Davis, Jr.


David C. Forbes


Forbes, D. C. (2008). Moving beyond peer-reviewed journals for just the recently anointed alumnae and graduating majors in chemistry, oral presentation, presented as an invited speaker at the 20th Biennial Conference on Chemical Education, Bloomington, IN.


Norris W. Hoffman


Richard E. Sykora


Andrzej Wierzbicki


Chemistry: Presentations

**Robert E. Barletta**


Barletta, R. E. (2009). *Raman Analysis of Environmental Particulates*, 16th Annual USA Research Forum, April 2-3, Mobile, AL.

**Eugene A. Cioffi**


Jason W. Coym


James H. Davis, Jr.


David C. Forbes


Forbes, D. C. (2008, July). Moving beyond peer-reviewed journals for just the recently anointed alumnae and graduating majors in chemistry. Oral presentation, presented as an invited speaker at the 20th Biennial Conference on Chemical Education, Bloomington, IN.


Richard E. Sykora


Andrzej Wierzbicki


Wierzbicki, A. (2008). Contribution of Nonpolar Interactions to Molecular Recognition and Binding of Type I Antifreeze Proteins at the Ice-Water Interface, NSF REU Presentation, University of South Alabama, June 27, Mobile, AL.


Chemistry: Grants

Eugene A. Cioffi
Cioffi, E. A. Acquisition of a Direct reading Mercury (Hg) Analysis Instrument, $30,875, 3/1/08.

Cioffi, E. A. A Comprehensive Survey assessment of Total Mercury Levels in Representative Soil, Water, and Plant Tissues from the Mobile Bay/Tensaw Delta, USEPA/Alabama Center for Estuarine Studies, $35,618, 10/1/07.

Cioffi, E. A. Pulmonary endothelial microparticle glycocalyx identification, UCUR, $2,200, 5/26/09.

Cioffi, E. A. RUI: Rational Design of Fluorogenic Cyclopeptides as Sensors for Metal Ions, National Science Foundation, $195,678, 7/1/06.

Cioffi, E. A. Synthesis of novel triazole and isoxazole-linked hydorxypyridin-4-one epitopes for inhibition of fatty acid biosynthesis in pathogenic bacteria, UCUR, $2,292, 5/19/08.

Cioffi, E. A. An assessment of Mercury Contamination in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta, UCUR, $2,100, 5/26/09.

Jason W. Coym
Coym, J. W. Absorption of Cholesterol on Reversed-Phase Chromatographic Supports, USARC, $3,000, 1/28/08.

James H. Davis, Jr.
Davis, J. H., Jr. Investigation of Ionic Liquids for Consumer Products Applications, Colgate-Palmolive, $35,000, 12/1/07.

Davis, J. H., Jr. Task-specific Ionic Liquids, Chevron, $100,000, 6/1/07.

David C. Forbes
Forbes, D. C. Application of Sulfur Ylide Technology, Camille and Henry Dreyfus Program, $60,000, 11/6.

Forbes, D. C. Application of Sulfurane Chemistry in the Assembly of HIV Protease Inhibitors, NIH, $202,440, 11/7.

Forbes, D. C. Development of Sulfur Ylide Technologies, NSF, $185,117, 8/5.


Norris W. Hoffman

Scott A. Miller

Miller, S. A. QCM Analysis of Viral Fusion Inhibitors, USA College of A&S Support and Development Awards, $1,500, 1/09.
Alexandra C. Stenson

Stenson, A. C. Alabama ALSAMP Project Phase IV, NSF, $19,964, 6/11/07.

Richard E. Sykora

Sykora, R. E. CAREER: Exploring the Structures and Materials Applications of Lanthanide Cyanometallates, NSF, $625,000, 7/23/08.


Andrzej Wierzbicki


COMMUNICATION

Department Chair: Dr. Gerald L. Wilson

Professors: Dr. James L. Aucoin, Dr. Gerald L. Wilson

Associate Professors: Dr. Vanessa Murphree, Dr. Steven C. Rockwell, Dr. Richard Ward

Assistant Professors: Dr. Joseph Glover, Dr. Michele Kimball, Dr. Brett Lunceford, Dr. Patricia Mark, Dr. Reginald Moody, Dr. Kathryn Toelken

Instructors: Ms. Nadia K. Bush, Ms. Genevieve Dardeau, Ms. April DuPree Taylor, Ms. Nekita Huling, Ms. Katherine Rigsby, Ms. Megan Sparks

Secretaries: Ms. Margaret Haig, Ms. Mavis Seal

Communication: Departmental Highlights

The Communication Department has had another excellent year. Our programs continue to be attractive, with enrollments holding steady at about 425 undergraduates and more than 40 graduates. The quality of our program and the excitement and challenge of careers in communication seem to be important factors in attracting students. Both our faculty and our resources have been challenged to fulfill the needs created by our growth, while maintaining a quality educational program.

Our faculty members continue receiving excellent ratings from their students in our semester opinion of instruction, with an average rating of 92. In addition, faculty members have been very active in publishing and presenting their scholarship and serving the community. This activity is documented below.

Our facilities continue to be among the best in the region. Our 3 computer laboratories provide support for our research course, computer application of communication technology, and industry-standard writing and publishing support. We have upgraded our radio laboratories and provided new digital cameras for our photojournalism area.

Our faculty served as officers/reviewers for a number of programs in national-level professional meetings and scholarly journals:


- **Reginald Moody** – Reviewer, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, 2009 Southeast Colloquium, law and policy division, January 2009; Publicity Committee, American Journalism Historian’s Association

- **Steven C. Rockwell** – Reviewer for Media Psychology Journal; Reviewer for Mass Communication and Society.

Other Activities of Communication Faculty:

Our grant from the Mobile Register for the University of South Alabama/Mobile Register High School Journalism Contest was renewed this year, allowing us to continue our excellent outreach and service program to area high school students. This popular program offers recognition to individual
high school students and monetary awards to High School Newspapers. **James Aucoin** deserves high praise for his leadership as chair of this activity.

Our faculty served the university and community in a wide variety of activities. **James L. Aucoin** has served as a board member of the John Will Memorial Scholarship Trust. **Patricia Mark** continues to serve of the PR Advisory Board for America’s Junior Miss. **Steven C. Rockwell** serves as a board member for the Playhouse in the Park and on the Child Policy Council for the James T. Strickland Youth Center. **Kathryn Toelken** serves on the boards of the Hope Center and the Home of Grace. **Gerald L. Wilson** serves on the state board for United Methodist Marriage Encounter and is a presenter for that organization.

Student groups under the direction of **Reginald Moody** provided public relations campaigns for Mobile Gas Service Corporation, The Mobile Museum of Art and the Centre of Living Arts (Space 301). **Patricia Mark**’s Advertising Campaigns Class developed a campaign for The Wine Loft. **Vanessa Murphree** is coordinating a PR campaign for Dodge Elementary School, *Schools for our Ship Campaign*.

A number of faculty members provided significant service as advisors to student groups. **Genevieve Dardeau** served as advisor to the Lambda Pi Eta Communication Honor Society; **April DuPree Taylor** advised Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the Abeneefoo Kuo Honor Society; **Nekita Huling** advised the USA Chapter of Toastmasters International; **Katherine Rigsby** advised the Communication Student Association; **Richard Ward** advised the Student Film Club. Serving on the Board of Student Communications are **James L. Aucoin**, **Michele Kimball**, and **Richard Ward**.

### Communication: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

**Michele Kimball**


**Brett Lunceford**


**Patricia Mark**


Mark, P., & Braley, E. (2009). Fractured brands: Perceptions of Mississippi Gulf Coast residents toward the property and casualty insurance industry before and after hurricane Katrina and their effect on brand equity. *B>Quest (Business Quest)*. www.westga.edu/~bquest/.


**Reginald Moody**

Vanessa Murphree


Richard Ward


Communication: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

James L. Aucoin


Communication: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Brett Lunceford


Communication: Non Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

James L. Aucoin


Vanessa Murphree


Communication: Reviews

James L. Aucoin


Reginald Moody

Communication: Other Performances, Productions and Recitals

**Patricia Mark**


**Steven Rockwell**


**Richard Ward**


Communication: Other Exhibitions

**Steven Rockwell**


Communication: Recordings

**Brett Lunceford**


Communication: Presentations

**Genevieve Dardeau**

Dardeau, G. M. (2008). *Could, should would. . .oops-will.* Workshop presented at the meeting of the Mobile Chapter International Association of Administrative Professionals, Administrative Professionals Day, Mobile, AL.

Dardeau, G. M. (2008). *Stress and coping skills in the workplace: Survivor tactics in a lost world.* District meeting of International Association of Administrative Professionals, Mobile, AL.
Dardeau, G. M. (2008). *Culture, etiquette and you: Representing yourself and the university as a “southerner”*. Presentation at USA Ambassador training of Southerners, Point Clear, AL.


**Brett Lunceford**


**Patricia Mark**

Mark, P., & Braley, E. (2008, August). *Fractured brands: Perceptions of Mississippi Gulf Coast esidents toward the property and casualty insurance industry before and after hurricane Katrina and their effect on brand equity*. Poster presented at the AEJMC Convention, Chicago, IL.


**Reginald Moody**


**Vanessa Murphree**


**Kathryn Toelken**


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**Communication: Grants**

**James L. Aucoin**

Aucoin, J. L. Mobile Register, $1,500, April 2009.

Aucoin, J. L. Alabama Press Association, $2,000, Awarded 9/07 Ongoing.
I believe that the departmental season of produced drama: Spoon River Anthology, Tartuffe, The Water Engine, and Anything Goes has represented the university well as our department’s collective, public, and artistic face. These productions also had four student design efforts, along with having been performed by students, a particular achievement I don’t believe we have matched prior to this year. Further, we have been able to have an increased presence in state high school recruitment festivals, and our faculty has participated as well as presented topics in both the Southeastern Theatre Conference and Kennedy Center/ American College Theatre Festivals. As an added highlight of our departmental recruitment effort, I will include a video which was made to distribute to students who are considering a degree in our program. We have placed students in forthcoming summer theatre venues in Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado; and I am looking forward to a continued artistic presence and contribution from our Theatre U.S.A. students in the region and the country.

**Drama: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

*Leon J. Van Dyke*


**Drama: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

*T. Fulton Burns*


**Drama: Reviews**

*T. Fulton Burns*

Burns, T. F. (2008, October). Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Respondent for *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*. Auburn University, Auburn, AL.


**Leon J. Van Dyke**


### Drama: Editorship of Books or Journals

**Rebecca Britton**


### Drama: Juried Performances, Exhibits, or Recitals

**Rebecca Britton**


**Lyle Miller**


### Drama: Other Performances, Productions and Recitals

**Rebecca Britton**


**T. Fulton Burns**


Burns, T. F. (Director). (2008, December). *Anything Goes* [Dramatic Arts Department Production]. Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama


**Leon J. Van Dyke**


### Drama: Presentations

**Rebecca Britton**


**Lyle Miller**


**Leon J. Van Dyke**


## Drama: Grants

**T. Fulton Burns**

Burns, T. F. Ian McKay Scholarship, Society of American Fight Directors, $500, Spring 2009.
EARTH SCIENCES

Department Chair: Dr. Mimi Fearn

Professors: Dr. Lary Dilsaver, Dr. Roy Ryder

Associate Professors: Dr. Davis Allison, Dr. Keith Blackwell, Dr. Murlene Clark, Dr. Mimi Fearn, Dr. Douglas Haywick, Dr. Sytske Kimball, Dr. Victoria Rivizzigno, Dr. Aaron Williams

Assistant Professors: Dr. James Connors, Dr. Carol Sawyer, Dr. Wesley Terwey

Instructors: Ms. Mary Anne Connors, Ms. Karen Jordan, Mr. Samuel Stutsman, Mr. Rajiv Thakur, Ms. Gina Wade, Mr. Ryan Wade

Emeritus Professors: Dr. Wayne Isphording, Dr. George Lamb, Dr. Glenn Sebastian, Dr. Eugene Wilson

Secretaries: Ms. Sherall Cornwell, Ms. Cory Rhodes

Earth Sciences: Departmental Highlights

The Earth Sciences Department is proud to recognize Dr. Bill Williams (Meteorology), who received the College of Arts and Sciences Service Award, and Dr. Keith Blackwell (Meteorology), who received the College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Excellence Award. Dr. Jim Connors (Geology) once again directed the highly successful Mobile Regional Science and Engineering Fair. In Meteorology, Dr. Sytske Kimball’s Center for Hurricane Intensity and Landfall Investigation (CHILI) continued to receive congressional appropriation support. CHILI offers excellent research opportunities for Meteorology faculty and students as well as providing valuable weather data to the public through its new website (http://chiliweb.southalabama.edu). The Geographic Information Science (GIS) Certificate Program doubled its output this year with ten students completing the six-course sequence in the GIS Program. Andrew Keith (Geography) received the GIS Award for his exceptional performance in the GIS classes. With the renovation of one of the GIS labs, including the addition of four workstations, the department is well prepared to handle the increased enrollment in GIS and Remote Sensing courses. We welcomed two new faculty members to our department this year. Rajiv Thakur (Geography) completed his Ph.D. at Indiana State University in May 2009, and Mrs. Mary Anne Connors joined our faculty as a Geology Instructor.

Geography

The Geography Program had a productive year with strong enrollments in classes and a steady increase in the number of majors. Dr. Thakur added a new class on the Geography of Asia, and Dr. Sawyer introduced a new writing class (Physiographic Regions of North America). Drs. Fearn, Dilsaver, Ryder, Sawyer, and Thakur attended and presented their research at the Association of American Geographers annual meeting in March. The faculty continued a record of publication, with Dr. Dilsaver publishing in the Geographical Review and Drs. Sawyer and Thakur both having book chapters accepted for publication. Service activities for geographers included Dr. Rivizzigno’s membership on the Mobile Planning Commission, Dr. Sebastian’s summer Odyssey class, Dr. Fearn’s involvement in Dog River Clearwater Revival, and Mr. Stutsman’s campus mapping activities. Service also included Drs. Thakur and Sawyer, who were elected to board positions in specialty groups within the Association of American Geographers.

Mr. Sam Stutsman and Ms. Karen Jordan planned and led a summer field excursion to the desert southwest. Participants on the trip enjoyed experiencing a very different environment from that of Mobile.

At the annual awards ceremony, Joel Plagge, who graduated in May with a perfect 4.0, received the Eugene Wilson Award as the most outstanding Geography graduate. Tim Witt, also a May graduate, won the newly established Victoria Rivizzigno Award for an outstanding Geography student. The
Glenn Sebastian Award went to Joshua Pritchard and Ashley Turton in recognition of their service to and enthusiasm for Geography. Gamma Theta Upsilon Geographical Honor Society (GTU) inducted ten new members this year, recognizing a high GPA and commitment to Geography.

In February, GTU hosted a lecture on western U.S. mountain treelines by Dr. David R. Butler, Texas State University. The presentation, part of the Visiting Geographical Scientist Program, was well-attended and included students from the University of Southern Mississippi’s GTU chapter.

**Geology**

The Geology Program in the Department of Earth Sciences is pleased to announce that recently retired Dr. Wayne Isphording received Emeritus status and that Dr. Doug Haywick received the “Outstanding Educator of the Year Award” from the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies.

Drs. Allison, Connors, and Haywick as well as Instructor Mary Anne Connors presented their research at the Geological Society of America conference in October and at the Southeastern Section meeting of the GSA in March. Dr. Allison once again received EMDAP funding from the U.S. Geological Survey. This program provides a geological field mapping experience for an undergraduate Geology major during the summer.

Dr. Allison, with assistance from Drs. Haywick and Connors, taught another successful field course in Texas and New Mexico for Geology majors. Other field trips for students included Alabama trips to Moscow Landing and Tannehill.

Collectively, Geology faculty provided almost 200 hours of community support to the Mobile area including service to local public schools and the Mobile Rock and Gem Society. Members of the Geology Club followed their lead by helping with the Mobile Regional Science and Engineering Fair, the Science Olympiad, GEMS, and the Mobile Rock and Gem Show.

Dr. Murlene Clark continued her service as faculty advisor to Alpha Chi, a campus wide honor society.

Geology has experienced significant growth in the number of majors this year with an increase from 50 to 70 majors. Fifteen of these students participated in some form of independent research with a faculty member during 2008-2009. Four of those students presented their work at the Southeastern Section meeting. The Geology Program graduated 16 students in 2008-09, the largest number for many years. One of those students, Sara Mason, won a prestigious graduate research scholarship to study Proterozoic fossils at Queen’s University in Canada.

Eleven Geology students were recognized for academic excellence in May at the annual Department Awards Ceremony. Two students, Andrea Kinsey and Nicole Nobles won two awards each. In addition, Elizabeth Root was awarded Honorable Mention in the 2009 Goldwater Scholarship competition.

**Meteorology**

The Meteorology Program in the Department of Earth Sciences has grown to be the eighth largest undergraduate Meteorology program in the United States with 114 majors. This past academic year, 15 students had undergraduate research opportunities either at CHILI with Dr. Kimball or with Mr. Ryan Wade. Dr. Wes Terwey is developing a student-run weather data page that should be operational in the near future. This will give our students further opportunities to enhance their overall Meteorology experience. In addition to receiving the College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Excellence Award, Dr. Keith Blackwell was recognized as “Top Prof” by USA’s Mortar Board Honor Society.

In October, Dr. Blackwell and Mr. Wade participated in the National Weather Association Conference in Kentucky where Dr. Blackwell chaired the Tropical Meteorology Session and Mr. Wade organized and ran the daily weather briefings. Eight Meteorology majors attended the conference and had the chance to interact with meteorologists from across the country. Dr. Kimball and Sean Huber (CHILI employee and Meteorology/Geography graduate) presented information about CHILI and its weather station data at the Bays & Bayous Symposium. Dr. Bill Williams and Pete McCarty of the Coastal Weather Research Center published the 2009 Mobile Weather and Marine Almanac and distributed 10,000 copies of this 19th edition to area businesses. The Winds of Katrina, a DVD narrated by Dr. Bill Williams with contributions by Dr. Keith Blackwell, provided a
research update on what we have learned about the infamous hurricane. The DVD was widely distributed to schools on the Gulf Coast.

The Meteorology Club, under the direction of Gina and Ryan Wade, hosted the sixth Southeastern Coastal and Atmospheric Processes Symposium. Prominent speakers at this highly successful conference included Dr. Lance Bosart of SUNY Albany, Dr. Neil Frank, former director of the National Hurricane Center, and Ron Holle, lightning expert from Vaisala Inc. of Tucson, Arizona. Other activities of the Meteorology Club were programming weather radios and supervising a “Girls Exploring Math & Science” activity.

At the annual Earth Sciences Awards Ceremony on May 1, Christina Holt won the ExxonMobil Senior Academic Award and Meghan Mee won the ExxonMobil Outstanding Junior Award. Sarah Larson, Corey Bunn, and Jaclyn Tisdale received the Dr. Bill Williams Meteorology Endowment Scholarships. The top Synoptic Meteorology Forecaster Award went to Matt Grantham. Three Meteorology majors, Vanna Chmielewski, Arthur Eiserloh, and Sarah Larson, won prestigious national NOAA Hollings Scholarships for 2009.

Earth Sciences: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Lary Dilsaver

Sytske Kimball

Carol Sawyer

Earth Sciences: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Carol Sawyer

Rajiv Thakur

Earth Sciences: Non Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Keith Blackwell

Earth Sciences: Non Peer Reviewed Books

Samuel Stutsman
Aaron Williams


Earth Sciences: Reviews

Carol Sawyer


Earth Sciences: Abstracts

David Allison


James Connors


Mary Anne Connors


Lary Dilsaver


Mimi Fearn


Douglas Haywick


Carol Sawyer


Earth Sciences: Recordings

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Aaron Williams


Earth Sciences: Presentations

David Allison


Keith Blackwell


**James Connors**


**Mary Anne Connors**


**Lary Dilsaver**


**Mimi Fearn**


**Douglas Haywick**


Systske Kimball


Roy Ryder


Carol Sawyer


Rajiv Thakur


Earth Sciences: Grants

Davis Allison


Allison, D. Acquisition of autonomous sub-meter GPS receiver, USA College of A&S Support and Development Committee, $1900 ($1,000 ASSD; $800 Dept. of Earth Sciences), March 1, 2009.

Keith Blackwell


Sytske Kimball

James Connors
Heimann, S., & Connors, J. J. Inorganic nitrogen concentrations in two rivers that feed into the same coastal estuary, UCUR, $2,100, March 13, 2009.

Lary Dilsaver

Mimi Fearn
Fearn, M. L., & Turton, A. Vegetation Change over 2000 Years on the Fort Morgan Peninsula, UCUR, $1,900, April 2009.

Roy Ryder
Ryder, R. Diversity and Land Use Diversification in Buenos Aires, USA Special Faculty Development Fund, $1,000, 2009.

Wesley Terwey
Terwey, W. Summer Professional Development Award, University of South Alabama, College of Arts and Sciences, $4,100, September 30, 2008.
ENGLISH

Department Chair: Dr. Robert Coleman
Professors: Dr. Sue Walker

Associate Professors: Dr. Larry Beason, Dr. Robert Coleman, Dr. Annmarie Guzy, Dr. Ellen B. Harrington, Dr. Cristopher V. Hollingsworth, Dr. Becky McLaughlin, Dr. Linda R. Payne

Assistant Professors: Mr. Bruce Alford, Dr. Nicole Amare, Dr. J. Patrick Cesarini, Ms. Carolyn Haines, Dr. John Halbrooks, Dr. Richard Hillyer, Dr. Kern Jackson, Dr. Barry R. Nowlin, Dr. Christopher Raczkowski, Dr. Justin St. Clair

Senior Instructor: Ms. Linda Spain

Instructors: Mr. Joshua Coonrod, Ms. Vickey Daley, Ms. Dana Escobio, Ms. Alice Kracke, Ms. Pamela Meyers, Ms. Karen Peterson, Ms. Debra Roy, Ms. Mary Schaffer, Mr. Geoffrey Trumbo

Secretaries: Ms. Karen Burns, Ms. Sonia Seals

English: Departmental Highlights

July, 2008: Dr. Sue Walker was named to a second term as Poet Laureate for the state of Alabama.

September 11, 2008: Dr. Richard Hillyer delivered the annual Eugenie Hamner Lecture for Graduate English at the USA Library Auditorium.

September 11, 2008: Jeannie Holmes, a USA graduate student, reads from her dissertation at the annual Eugenie Hamner Lecture for Graduate English at the USA Library Auditorium. Ms. Holmes was signed by Random House to a two book contract.

September 19 & 20, 2008: Distinguished Professors Marjorie Perloff, Charles Bernstein, and Hank Lazer spoke about literature, gave a public lecture, and read their poetry for the Stokes Center for Creative Writing.

January 16, 2009: Dr. Brown was the guest speaker at the Martin Luther King event.

February 22, 2009: Mrs. Carolyn Haines was awarded the Richard Wright award for Creative Writing.

April 15, 2009: 3rd Annual Favorite Poetry Reading at the Laidlaw Performing Arts Center.

English: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

J. Patrick Cesarini


Richard Hillyer


John Halbrooks


Christopher Raczkowski

**English: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters**

*Cristopher V. Hollingsworth*


**English: Literary Publications**

*Bruce Alford*


*Carolyn Haines*


*Sue Walker*


**English: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

*Carolyn Haines*


*Karen Peterson*


**English: Non Peer Reviewed Book Chapters**

*Nicole Amare*

Carolyn Haines

English: Non Peer Reviewed Books

Larry Beason

English: Other Peer Reviewed Publications

Nicole Amare

Annmarie Guzy

English: Reviews

Nicole Amare

Bruce Alford


Carolyn Haines

Sue Walker


English: Editorships of Books or Journals

Christopher V. Hollingsworth

Sue Walker
### English: Performances

**Bruce Alford**


**Sue Walker**


Walker, S. (2009). Key Note Address and Poetry Reading at Gulf Coast Community College, April 23.


### English: Recordings

**Carolyn Haines**


**Becky McLaughlin**


### English: Presentations

**Nicole Amare**


Larry Beason


J. Patrick Cesarini


Annmarie Guzy


Carolyn Haines


John Halbrooks


Ellen B. Harrington


Cristopher V. Hollingsworth


Becky McLaughlin


Karen Peterson


Justin St. Clair


English: Grants

Kern Jackson

The 2008-2009 year was a busy and exciting year for the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. From an active study abroad season in the summer of 2008 through the introduction of new faculty, research initiatives, new courses, graduates in new places, and new programs, the year can certainly be designated as the beginning of a new era.

New Faculty

We have a marvelous, dedicated, creative, and committed faculty and we had three new additions to the pool this year. In French we welcomed Dr. Mihaela Marin who completed her doctorate at Tulane University. Dr. Marin’s research interests are focused on 19th century French narrative, particularly the works of Emile Zola. Her range of knowledge though, far exceeds her research focus. She has brought to us her expertise and understanding of visual expression in the form of sculpture, painting, architecture, cinema, and other media as it relates to the culture and literature of any period of Western and Eastern European history.

Dr. Christine Rinne, a graduate of Indiana University, is a new faculty member for our German program. Her research interest is the role of women as reflected in German society in the 19th and 20th centuries. Dr. Rinne explores manifestations of gender dynamics in German culture, literature, television and film. Dr. Rinne “hit the ground running” so to speak, as she integrated herself immediately into the diverse and very active culture of the department by proposing ways of boosting enrollments in German, in particular, but also for the department at large. She has been active in exploring Study Abroad initiatives for our students of German and encouraged the department to join the newly formed community organization of American German Business Club.

Another new hire for the department was Jenny Hall a.k.a. Jenny Faile. (Ms. Hall got married on April 18, 2009 to Matthew Faile.) Ms. Faile fills an instructor position in Spanish. She has an M.A. from the University of Alabama in Spanish linguistics. Her knowledge of linguistics persuaded the department to ask her to teach one of the department’s core courses: World Languages.

Among part-time instructors the department welcomes Greg Roper in French, Courtney Dreibelbis in German, and Lourdes Baumer in Spanish. Roper and Dreibelbis have initiated a new program of evening courses in French and German.

New Name/New Languages/New Faculty/A Scholarship Named/Student Successes

Our Self Instructional Languages Program (SILP) was renamed Lesser Taught Languages (LTLs) in order to better reflect the nature of the program. The LTLs program also added two new languages to its offerings: Portuguese and Italian. The Portuguese facilitator is Ruth Pappas and the Italian facilitator is Roberta Bianchettin. It has been a delight to include them in our department.

Another new language that was introduced this year was Classical Greek. Dr. Arlyn Sturtz is the instructor of this course. In order to advertise his course Dr. Sturtz likes to remind the general
populace that those who study the classical languages including Latin and Greek are of the elite few as less than 10% of the population of the United States has studied these languages.

The French scholarship, as it has been known for years, became the Jacqueline Quinn Gray scholarship in memory of our cherished former chair Bernard Quinn’s mother who passed away in December of 2008. The scholarship is awarded to French majors who plan to study abroad and who have demonstrated distinction in their scholastic ability. The selection of the winner or winners is made by members of the French section.

Will Sweeney, a French major, received the highest recognition possible, from the national organization of the Association of Teacher’s of French. Dr. McCready submitted the research paper he wrote as part of the requirement of our capstone course: “Senior Seminar” and it was recognized for its scholarship among students of French at all American universities.

This year’s graduate in French Jeffrey Harris has received a scholarship and assistantship to study French and History at Ohio State University. Travis Roth, a major in Spanish, has received a full scholarship to study Pharmacology at Tulane University. Those are just some of our successes.

**Research**

The department remains active, even pro-active in its research endeavors. Drs. Khan, Roddy, and Rinne had articles published in peer-reviewed journals. Many members of the department gave papers and/or chaired sessions at scholarly meetings. Several also had Book Reviews, most notably Dr. Roddy’s review of a 500 page book written in German on Eastern European history. Additionally, Drs. Rinne and Fantoni gave talks at the Arts & Sciences Humanities and Social Sciences Colloquium. Dr. McCreary, submitted a book manuscript, reviewed several books and was requested to submit an article for a special issue of Yale FrenchStudies. Drs. McCreary, Brown, and Roddy served as peer-reviewers also.

The two highlights in the area of research involve Dr. Joseph Mozur and the USARC research forum held annually in the spring. Dr. Mozur presented a paper at the International Symposium on the Writings of Chingiz Aitmatov. The title of the paper was: “Kyrgyz folklore and the Creative Path of Chingiz Aitmatov.” The symposium was held at the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. and was fully funded by the Library of Congress and the American Councils for Education and Language Study. At the symposium, Dr. Mozur was honored, as part of this tribute to Chingiz Aitmatov, for his work on this renowned author.

The other highlight was the poster that was collaboratively created to present at the Annual USARC Research Forum. The handsome poster included a representation of recent research of nine members of the department. Dr. McCready with help from Dr. Rinne, Dr. Marin, and Kristy Britt were behind the actual composition of the poster. Exhibiting the poster was a great opportunity to feature the research of our productive faculty.

**Study Abroad**

We have had majors and minors travel to France, Germany, Russia, Canada, Mexico, Spain, Argentina, and Bolivia. The group that went to Mexico in the summer of 08 was so large that a student assistant was sent to help with classes, administration of the program, and general procedures. The student assistant fell in love with a Mexican national. She has returned to Mexico and is working as a producer in television, and as a star in a Mexican show. Her marriage will be in July.

The French program arranged for one student to go to France to teach English at the Lycée des Flandres for a year. The same program, which is run out of the French Embassy in Washington, has accepted another one of our students to teach English in France. Céline Aubert will be teaching English in Nice.

**Community Outreach**

The department has taken some new steps in the area of community outreach this year. For a long time, a member of the Spanish section has been holding book reading sessions at the Mobile Public library once a month. Dr. Pérez-Pineda picks classics or contemporary novels for the group to discuss.
Dr. Christine Rinne and Ms. Mirella Chavez, (who teaches Greek in our LTLs program and is a part-time instructor in Spanish,) have gotten together with area high school and middle school teachers to begin a dialog with regard to academic exchange opportunities to benefit the students of the area middle and high schools and also for the students at the university. A workshop is scheduled for October, 2009.

Dr. Rinne hosted a full day of activities with a class of middle-school students from Philips Preparatory who are taking German. The students, with the help of USA students, participated in a simulated market exercise, watched a movie, and had plenty of experience speaking in German with the USA students.

Every year the department runs a booth at the Mobile International Festival. This was the twenty-fifth year celebration of the event and the department was proud to have the booth and the opportunity to talk to thousands of area students about the opportunities at USA for foreign language study and study abroad.

Activities

In commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Endowment of Hellenic Studies former Chair Bernard Quinn invited the all female cast of Leonidas Loizides’ and Demetrios Katis’ combined production of The Bacchae by Euripides. Prior to the dramatic performance there was an unveiling of the Donor’s Plaque at the Delphi Tholos.

Dr. Marin served as a guest lecturer and expert on the subject of Molière’s Tartuffe when the play was presented as part of USA’s Theater Productions.

Dr. Harry Roddy invited Dr. Lutz H. Görgens, the Consul General of the Federal Republic of German to give a talk as part of the Humanities and Social Sciences Colloquium Series. The title of the talk was: “Transatlantic Economics after Lehman Brothers.”

The Department helped sponsor Joseph A. Brown, S. J.’s talk at the USA campus as part of this year’s Martin Luther King Jr. celebration.

The Department also played host to the visit of former President of Costa Rica, Carrazo Odio. Dr. Carrazo Odio visited the campus and gave a talk to a large group of students and then held a small question/answer session with International Studies majors and Foreign Language Majors.

This year’s annual foreign language picnic was a historic success given the number of students that attended and who enjoyed the festivities. Led by the determination of Dr. Faught and Ms. Kristy Britt, the students enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers and the opportunity to watch some of the Foreign Language faculty dance.

Foreign Languages & Literatures: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Zoya Khan


Christine Rinne


Harold Roddy

### Foreign Languages & Literatures: Reviews

**Susan McCready**


**Harry Roddy**


### Foreign Languages & Literatures: Presentations

**Kristy Britt**


**Isabel Z. Brown**

Brown, I. Z. (2009). Traveling at the Speed of Light and Going Nowhere. Internalized Fear in Miller’s *La vida es otra cosa*. Paper presented at the 54th annual meeting of the South Eastern Council of Latin American Studies, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.

**Christian Fantoni**


**Zoya Khan**


**Susan McCready**


**Joseph Mozur**


**Christine Rinne**


Rinne, C. (2009). *‘Historical’ Reality Television: History Lesson, Entertainment, or Propaganda?*. Paper presented at the University of South Alabama Humanities and Social Sciences Colloquium, Mobile, AL.
Joseph Mozur


Harry Roddy


Terri Lynne Wilbanks


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Kristy Britt


Jenny Faile


Christian Fantoni

Fantoni, C. (September, 2008). University of South Alabama. Special Faculty Development Fund. Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, $1,000.

Mihaela Marin


Susan McCready


Joseph Mozur


Christine Rinne


**HISTORY**

**Department Chair:** Dr. Clarence L. Mohr

**Professors:** Dr. Clarence L. Mohr, Dr. Daniel E. Rogers

**Associate Professors:** Dr. Martha Jane Brazy, Dr. Donald DeVore, Dr. Leonard Macaluso, Dr. Henry M. McKiven, Jr., Dr. Harrison Miller, Dr. Michael L. Monheit, Dr. Joseph Nigota

**Assistant Professors:** Dr. Marsha L. Hamilton, Dr. John Turner, Dr. Mara Kozelsky, Dr. Mollie Nouwen, Dr. Michele Strong, Dr. Rebecca Williams

**Instructors:** Dr. Robert E. Faust

**Secretaries:** Ms. Michelle Cagle, Ms. Debbie Thomaston

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**History: Departmental Highlights**

**Dr. Joseph A. Nigota**

The History Department mourns the loss of our longtime colleague and friend Joseph A. Nigota, who passed away in Mobile on February 20, 2009 following surgery. Born in Manhattan in 1940, Nigota attended Regis High School in New York City and subsequently received the B. A. from Georgetown University where he prepared for a career in the foreign service. Fluent in both French and Latin, he elected to pursue academic life instead, and took the Ph. D. at Emory University where he specialized in medieval England and church history. Arriving in Mobile in September, 1966, Nigota spent his entire career as a member of the University of South Alabama history faculty. In the span of some 43 years he taught introductory Western Civilization and upper level classes on medieval England, the Renaissance and Reformation to succeeding generations of USA students. To say that Dr. Nigota was a gifted teacher who was repeatedly voted “Outstanding Professor of the Year” would scarcely do justice to his extraordinary success within and outside the classroom. No member of the history department cared more deeply about individual students and none gave more generously of their time and talent. Nigota brought true artistry to the craft of teaching. Dr. Leonard Macaluso, who served with Nigota for four decades, describes his instructional technique in the following manner. "He knew, perhaps instinctively, that ideas and historical processes were best explained to students, especially at the introductory level, if they were translated into concrete images. That is to say, he knew that history could be understood by students if it was explained through the lives and actions of individuals."

Certainly there can be no doubt that history came alive for students in Nigota’s classes.

A meticulous scholar, Dr. Nigota contributed important entries to the New Dictionary of National Biography and, at the time of his death, was deeply involved in editing for publication the register (encompassing some 500 folios) of Archbishop John Kempe of York (1425-1452)

**Scholarships**

This year the History Department awarded three major scholarships.

**The Macy Wims Reid Endowed Scholarship** in the amount of $500 for an outstanding junior or senior history major, was awarded this year to Adam Cumbest.

**The Montgomery Carlton Stallworth Scholarship** for an outstanding junior history major was awarded to Matthew Peterson. Mr. Peterson is a double major in History and Philosophy as well as in the Honors program. He maintains a 3.98 GPA. He was the Opinions Editor for the /Vanguard/ this past year and will serve as Editor-in-Chief for 2009-2010.

**The Minnie Lee Wilkins Stallworth Scholarship** for an outstanding junior history major was awarded to Nathan Fell. Mr. Fell will be a second-semester senior next year with a 3.89 GPA. He won the
department’s military history award last year. He is a member of Phi Alpha Theta and has an interest in Japanese poetry. He intends to continue his education, aiming for a Ph.D. in History.

Both of the Stallworth scholarships, covering full tuition for the next academic year up to the amount of $3500, are made possible through the generosity of the late N. Jack Stallworth whose bequests to the USA Foundation also support a departmental lecture series in Southern history.

Public Service And Outreach Activity

N. Jack Stallworth Lecture

On October 14, 2008 the department of History hosted the second N. Jack Stallworth Lecture in Southern History. The lecture was endowed through a generous bequest to the USA Foundation from the late N. Jack Stallworth. The son of Minnie Lee Wilkins Stallworth and Montgomery Carlton Stallworth, Mr. Stallworth was a lifelong Mobilian, well known in Mobile business circles having owned and operated several business ventures and restaurants over the years. He was a graduate of Castle Heights Military School in Tennessee and of Louisiana State University with a degree in forestry. Jack Stallworth was instrumental in founding the America’s Junior Miss, the Mobile Chapter of the English Speaking Union, and the Camellia Ball. With his grand leadership of the Mobile Carnival Association, he became known as “Mr. Mardi Gras.” His love of Mobile, Southern life, and history, led him to provide, through the USA Foundation, funding to establish and support the N. Jack Stallworth Lecture in Southern history.

The 2008 Stallworth Lecture was delivered to a capacity audience in the Recital Hall of the Laidlaw Performing Arts Center by David W. Blight, Regents Professor of History

Director of the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at Yale University. The topic of Blight’s lecture was “A Slave No More: Wallace Turnage’s Escape from Slavery in Mobile Bay and the Memory of Emancipation in America” In addition to recounting the story of Turnage’s Mobile sojourn and eventual escape to Union lines, Blight gave a fascinating account of the research effort necessary to verify and expand upon Turnage’s autobiographical writings. Audience members evinced a keen interest in both Turnage and the research necessary to tell his story. It is no exaggeration to say that those attending were treated to a fascinating case study in the practical application of historical methods. Questions extended the program well past the allotted time and long lines awaited Professor Blight at a subsequent book signing. Among the results of Blight’s lecture was the subsequent dedication of an historical marker commemorating Turnage as part of Mobile’s African American History trail.

Professor Blight is the author of A Slave No More: Two Men Who Escaped to Freedom, Including Their Narratives of Emancipation. This book includes material on Wallace Turnage, an ex-slave who escaped to Union lines via Mobile Bay. Blight is also the author of Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory (Harvard University Press, 2001), which received eight book awards, Blight’s other published works included Beyond the Battlefield: Race, Memory, and the American Civil War (University of Massachusetts Press, 2002); and Frederick Douglass’s Civil War: Keeping Faith in Jubilee (LSU Press, 1989)

Howard Mahan Lecture

On February 12, 2009 Professor Magnus Bernhardsson of Williams College delivered the eighth Howard Mahan lecture to an overflow audience in the USA Library auditorium. Professor Bernhardsson, a specialist in Middle Eastern history, spoke on the subject “What is Iraq? Defining the Iraqi Nation, 1921-2008.” In a presentation illustrated by numerous power point slides Bernhardsson reviewed the post-World War One history of Iraq. He stressed that Iraq was not an ‘artificial’ country, as often depicted in the media. On the contrary, he argued for the existence of a very real Iraqi nationalism grounded in the totality of recent experiences with colonialism, war, imperialism, isolation, and victimhood. Having interviewed a number of Baghdad residents in exile, he noted that many of them seemed to look back on the brief period of monarchical rule in the 1950s as a kind of golden age of national identity. Bernhardsson’s talk prompted much discussion from members of the audience and provided considerable food for thought. The lecture was highly successful from all points of view.
Professor Bernhardsson graduated from the University of Iceland in Reykjavik in 1990 and received the Ph. D. with distinction from Yale University in 1999. He is the author of Reclaiming a Plundered Past: Archaeology and Nationalism in Modern Iraq. (2005)

**Writer In Residence—Awards And Public Appearances**

Four years ago Mobile native Frye Gaillard joined the History and English faculties as a Writer in Residence. Gaillard is the author of twenty-two books including Cradle of Freedom: Alabama and the Movement That Changed America. In October, 2005 this book received the Lillian Smith Book Award, Presented by Southern Regional Council and University of Georgia Libraries and in April 2007 Cradle of Freedom also received the Alabama Library Association’s award for adult nonfiction.

Mr. Gaillard has maintained an active writing and publishing schedule and has made a number of public appearances in which he has served as an ambassador for history across the state and the region.

**Frye Gaillard Writings and Appearances, 2008 – 2009 Academic Year**

**Books:** Prophet from the Plains: Jimmy Carter and His Legacy, (paperback edition) University of Georgia Press, Spring ’09

**Articles:** “715: The 35th Anniversary,” the Mobile Register, March ’09

**Public Appearances:**

September 15, 2008, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

October 12, 2008, Southern Festival of Books, Nashville, TN

October 25, 2008, Georgia Center for the Book, Bainbridge College, Bainbridge, GA

November 13, 2008, Historic Mobile Preservation Society, Mobile, AL

January 28, 2009, Sylacauga Public Library, Sylacauga, AL

March 14, 2009, Alabama Shakespeare Theater, Montgomery, AL

March 26, 2009, Downtown Rotary Club, Mobile, AL

April 28, 2009, Covenant Community Church, Elba, AL

April 29, 2009, Wallace Community College, Dothan AL

**Phi Alpha Theta Events**

Members of Phi Alpha Theta attended the Alabama regional conference at the University of West Alabama, in Livingston, AL, on February 7, 2009. Wayne Sirmon presented 'Camp Life at Fort Morgan: Off Duty Hours of a Regiment in Training' [1861-62]. Scotty Kirkland presented 'Leadership Struggles in Mobile's African American Community, 1945-75.' Nadine Mendelsohn-Ziskind presented 'Peter Carl Faberge and Bolshevism: The Driving Force of the Bolshevik Revolution.'

Phi Alpha Theta also took two trips downtown. The first was a walking tour, which included the Mobile Fire Museum. The second was a trip to the Museum of Mobile, to see the pirate exhibit.

Wayne Sirmon also organized a trip to the Mobile Bay forts, and the group was able to enjoy the Colonial Days fair at Ft. Gaines.

Our History vs. Hollywood series featured many films, including Casablanca, A Bridge Too Far, The Patriot, The New World, The Seven Samurai, Amazing Grace, Charlie Wilson’s War, Fail-Safe, Dr. Strangelove, and Bridge Over the River Kwai. A number of history faculty including Harry Miller, Rebecca Williams, and Mel McKiven commented on the films.

Phi Alpha Theta conducted the 'Outstanding Professor' election.

History Department Award Night was on April 22, 2009 and was hosted and catered by Phi Alpha Theta.
Activities Of Emeritus Faculty

Professor Emeritus Larry Holmes continues to divide his time between periods of residence in Mobile and Russia, where he pursues an active research agenda. In July, 2009 Lexington Books will release his latest book Grand Theater: Regional Governance in Stalin’s Russia, 1931-1941. Focusing on daily practice rather than grand theories of bureaucracy, Grand Theater examines bureaucracy as a process of day-to-day operation. Thus it is concerned with how agencies of both the communist party and the state apparatus not only implemented directives from above but also responded to perceived successes and failures, chose to produce, share, and conceal information, and reacted when common citizens injected themselves into governance by making demands and complaints. It concentrates on the 1930s as a seminal period when Stalin’s regime established a hypercentralized system that dominated the Soviet Union until its collapse and the Russian Federation since then. It also focuses on the administration of schools as the primary window through which to examine governance because of the importance of education to Soviet authorities, most notably Stalin himself, and the accessibility of archival documents in this field, one not classified as particularly sensitive.

Instructional Improvements And Innovations

Website Development

During the past year the departmental website committee under the leadership of John Turner and Dan Rogers created new personal web pages for all faculty. The Department has also purchased new “Contribute” software that facilitates the adding of new material to web pages by individual faculty members. Web Services provided training sessions in the use of the software.

On-line Courses Inaugurated on a Limited Basis

During the summer session of 2008 the History Department offered three on-line classes. Dr Robert Faust offered two sections of HY 101 (Western Civilization) and Dr. Mara Kozelsky offered HY 590, a graduate course on Europe and Empire. Decisions concerning future on-line offerings will be made on the basis of student demand and the opinion of faculty on matters of students’ performance and the suitability of online formats for work at the advanced level. We will offer online instruction again in the summer of 2009 for courses at the 100 and 400 level.

Supplemental Instruction and Learning Skills Seminars

After several years of very successful operation under the direction of Dr. Leonard Macaluso, the SI program will be offered on a reduced scale next year as a result of University wide fiscal constraints.

The department continues its highly successful program of Learning Skills Seminars open to all students in history classes at any level, as well as to other non-history students on a space available basis. Our aim in both the peer tutoring and learning skills programs is to maximize the likelihood that students will work up to their individual academic potential.

Department Student/Alumni News

Jennifer Lindsay (M.A. 2007) was the 2009 winner of the USA Humanities and Fine Arts thesis competition. The award for her thesis “In the Shadow of the Holocaust: The Influence of Historical Memory on Germany’s Foreign Policy in Armenia and Bosnia” was presented at the April, 2009 University research Forum where her advisor Professor Mara Kozelsky accepted the prize on Jennifer’s behalf.


Sean Scarcliff (B.A. 2006, M.A. in progress) has been promoted to First Lieutenant and has recently married another USA student. He will deploy to Iraq next month.

Wayne Sirmon (M.A. in progress) has been chosen to attend the US Army military history course at Fort Leavenworth.

Jeffrey Harris (B.A. May 2009) will attend Ohio State University in the fall for an MA in the Department of French and Italian Studies.
Molly Cleage (B.A. 2009) will be joining the Master’s program in our department in Fall.

Delene Case (B.A. 2001 and M.A. 2004) continues to make progress in her Ph.D. program in Germanic Studies at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. She will be taking her prelims this summer. In her spare time she teaches a variety of upper and lower division German language, literature, culture, and history courses.

Tom Mitroed (M.A. 2003) landed a tenure-track job and will be joining the History Department faculty at the University of Iowa in the fall. His book will be published by Cornell University Press.

Roslyn Spencer (B.A. 2003) serves as Director of Programs of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of South Alabama YMCA. She was instrumental in strengthening this program and agency which was named the top achieving agency in the nation in 2006. She says to everyone, "Please Send Money!!"

Jana Tatum (B.A. 2000) continues her duties with the Environmental Protection Agency in the International Compliance Division. In this capacity, she reviews and critiques existing policy and enforces international environmental law and policy. In other words, she makes sure the world doesn't pollute.

Holly Gafford (B.A. 2008) has been admitted into the doctoral program in history at Tulane University and awarded a full fellowship.

Rebecca Bond (B.A. and M.A. 2008) has completed her first year in the Ph.D. program at Louisiana State University.

### History: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

**Mara Kozelsky**


**Daniel E. Rogers**


### History: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

**Mollie Nouwen**


**Rebecca Williams**


### History: Peer Reviewed Books

**Harrison Miller**

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**John Turner**


**History: Grants**

**Martha Jane Brazy**

Brazy, M. J. June Jordan Project, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, $2,400, July 1, 2008.

**Mollie Nouwen**


MARINE SCIENCES

Department Chair: Dr. Robert L. Shipp
Professors: Dr. Ronald Kiene, Dr. Robert Shipp
Associate Professors: Dr. Kyeong Park, Dr. Sean Powers
Assistant Professor: Dr. Alice Ortmann
Research Assistant Professor: Dr. Joel Fodrie
Secretary: Ms. Nancy Merrill

Marine Sciences: Departmental Highlights

Current research funding for Marine Sciences is in excess of $2,000,000 annually.

Peer reviewed publications of USA funded faculty (Kiene, Park, Powers and Shipp) averaging 4 per faculty. Faculty/student publications are averaging about 2.5 refereed publications annually for all MESC/USA faculty.

4 MS and 2 PhD students complete their degrees between spring of 2008 and spring of 2009. Currently there are 25 masters students and 24 doctoral students enrolled.

Between the USA Foundation and the University Foundation, the Department currently has nearly $700,000 in endowments committed.

Nelson award donation from the Mobile Jaycees was $27,000. Nelson awardees were: Luciano Chiaverano, Marcus Drymon, Kelly McKay, Mary-Elizabeth Miller and Alison Rellinger.

Dr. Alice Ortmann has accepted a tenure track Assistant Professorship in the department. Dr. Joel Fodrie is currently on a non-tenure track Research Assistant Professorship.

The new Shelby Fishery Building at Dauphin Island Sea Lab is due to be completed June 2009. Following the untimely death of Dr. Scott Quackenbush, Dr. George Crozier has returned from retirement, and will resume his role as Executive Director of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab.

Marine Sciences: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Joel Fodrie


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**Ronald Kiene**


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**Alice Ortmann**


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**Kyeong Park**


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**Sean Powers**


Robert L. Shipp


Shipp, R. L., & Sedberry, George. (in press). First record of the wreckfish, Polyprion americanus, from the Gulf of Mexico. *Gulf of Mexico Science*.

Sean Powers


Alice Ortmann


Kyeong Park


Sean Powers


**Marine Sciences: Presentations**

Joel Fodrie


Fodrie, J. L. (2009, April). Basin-wide decrease in large sharks documented by a unique eight-decade data set from the Gulf of Mexico Benthic Ecology Meeting, Corpus Christi, TX.


Fodrie, J. L. (2008). Can stone crabs provide a biological control against oyster drills and increase oyster survivorship? 11th International Conference on Shellfish Restoration, Charleston, SC.


Fodrie, J. L. (2008). The role of juvenile habitats in determining migration corridors and population dynamics of the California halibut (Invited talk) Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

Ronald Kiene


Kyeong Park

Park, K. (2008). A modeling study of the estuarine turbidity maximum along the main channel of the upper Chesapeake Bay, USA, The 8th International Conference on Hydro-Science and Engineering, Nagoya University, Japan, September 10, 2008.


Park, K. (2009). A modeling study of the estuarine turbidity maximum along the main channel of the upper Chesapeake Bay, USA, University of Southern Mississippi, Stennis Space Center, MS, February 13, 2009.


Sean Powers


Robert L. Shipp

Marine Sciences: Grants

Joel Fodrie

Ronald Kiene


Alice Ortmann
Ortmann, A. Coupling the microbial loop to fisheries: Assessing impacts on available food resources Shelby Center for Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management, $113,565, December 2008.

Ortmann, A. Incorporating microbial processes into coastal lagoon ecosystems and seagrass restoration, Arts and Science Summer Professional Development Award, USA $5,000, October 2008.

Kyeong Park

Park, K. Marine Resources Division, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources $285,000, 10/01/2006-09/30/2009.

Park, K. Addressing challenges to oyster reef restoration in Mobile Bay,$415,587, 05/01/2007-04/30/2010.

Park, K. Collaborative research: Tracer distributions, chemical fluxes, and distributary comparisons in the mixing zone of the Mississippi River, National Science Foundation, $86,593, 08/01/2007-07/31/2010.

Park, K. Water quality modeling for Kwang-Yang Bay in Korea Industry Foundation of Chonnam National University, Korea, $18,000, 08/01/2008-02/28/2009.
**Sean Powers**

**Powers, S.** Setting up CAAMP (Coastal Alabama Acoustic Monitoring Program). NMFS Shelby Center for Ecosystem Fisheries Mgt., $89,000, 04/2009-03/2011.

**Powers, S.** NMFS Shelby Center for Ecosystem Fisheries Management NMFS Shelby Center for Ecosystem Fisheries Management, $144,000, 09/2008-08/2010.


**Powers, S.** Dauphin Island Sea Lab finfish and shellfish nursery habitat restoration and monitoring project. Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), $1,500,000, 10/2008-09/2011.

**Powers, S.** Age distribution and abundance estimates of adult red drum (*Sciaenops ocellatus*) in offshore waters of the north-central Gulf of Mexico. NOAA/NMFS Marine Fisheries Initiative (MARFIN), $198,000, 04/2008-03/2010.

**Powers, S.** Nursery origins of adult gag grouper, gray snapper, and lane snapper from the northern Gulf of Mexico: onshore-offshore connectivity of reef fishes and contribution of seagrass meadows to fishery production NOAA/NMFS Marine Fisheries Initiative (MARFIN), $180,000, 04/2008-03/2010.

**Powers, S.** Using stable isotopes to explore trophic connectivity in sharks in the northern Gulf of Mexico, AL/MS Sea Grant, $10,000, 04/2008-05/2009.


**Powers, S.** Fisheries Oceanography of Coastal Alabama-FOCAL Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, $2,100,000, 04/2006-03/2012.


**Robert L. Shipp**

**Shipp, R. L.** Restoration and enhancement of oyster reef and fish habitat in coastal Alabama, $880,000, 09/01/2007-07/31/2010.

**Shipp, R. L.** Alabama Fishery habitat enhancement Marine Resources Division, AL Dept of Conservation, $750,000, 03/01/2008-03/01/2010.

**Shipp, R. L.** Alabama Oyster reef and fisheries habitat enhancement, NOAA, $2,400,000, 07/01/2006-06/30/2009.

**Shipp, R. L.** Alabama oyster reef restoration NOAA $2,600,000, 09/01/2003-08/31/2008.

**Shipp, R. L.** Environmental Protection Agency (ACES), EPA, $500,000, 09/01/2006-06/30/2009.
MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

Department Chair: Dr. J. Scott Carter

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Mathematics and Statistics: Departmental Highlights

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics had an excellent academic year in 2008-2009. Highlights include a very successful colloquium series with internationally-known presentations on a wide range of topics: algebraic classification, tumor growth, symmetries of matrix groups over finite fields, two-stage experimental design, algebraic K-theory, equilibrium using family data from complex surveys, isoperimetric inequalities in geometric group theory, non-parametric smoothing in measurement errors, matrix factorizations, statistical mechanics, and coding theories. These colloquia bring new frontiers in research to the university’s front door, improve our basic understanding, and provide opportunities for collaborative research. Other research guests spoke about nano-technology and the biological applications of graph theory to our Mobile Math Circle. The department co-hosted the annual international conference Geometry Group Theory on the Gulf Coast held in Texas, the Statistics, Combinatorics, Mathematics, and Applications conference held in Prague, and the Southern Regional Algebra Conference held here in our department. We hosted the ninth annual Mobile Mathematics Olympiad. Several of our faculty co-organized a conference in honor of Ed. Dudewicz in Syracuse, N.Y.

We are very proud of our majors and minors. Henry Mitchell won the Christopher Nash Award with Chinedu Moneke coming in second. Jasmit Shah won the Sushila Mishra Memorial Award. During the 2008-2009 academic year more than 15 mathematics and statistics students graduated fulfilling the major; several earned double majors. Graduate students James Douglas and Nhiem Nguyen completed their Master’s degrees.

Grants support a number of our faculty activities. Scott Carter, Boris Kalinin, Madhuri Mulekar, Dan Silver, and Susan Williams all have their research funded. Several faculty have other grant proposals pending. Scott Carter, Cornelius Pillen, and Vasily Prokhorov received a grant from the Alabama Space Grant Consortium for the Mobile Mathematics Circle. Cornelius Pillen and Vasily Prokhorov received a grant from Alabama EPSCoR for graduate student support of the Mobile Math Circle to help expand it into the public schools. A number of faculty have successfully attracted funds from both the college and the university to support our research and our colloquium series.

Over 26 refereed papers written by USA math/stat faculty were accepted or published during the last year; the best journals in the field accepted many of these papers. We spoke in more than 8 different countries, 21 different states and the District of Columbia. If we had earned electoral votes for every state and district in which we gave talks, we would have won red states and blue states with 339 total electoral votes capturing California, Texas, Illinois, Florida, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Our foreign policy extended from India to Brazil, from Poland to China, from Germany to Japan, throughout the USA and into Canada.

Our faculty routinely review papers for Mathematical Reviews and Zentralblatt der Mathematik. This centralized, internationally-renowned Indices helps researchers in the field by giving summaries...
of other researchers’ published results. New features of these indices allow us to compute the number of citations to the authors and the collaboration distance between any two mathematicians. Several top-ranked journals have called upon our faculty to referee important articles. Many details of our accomplishments are outlined below. The department is proud of our students and our faculty.

**Mathematics and Statistics: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

**David Benko**


**Audi Byrne**


**J. Scott Carter**


**Boris Kalinin**


**Nutan Mishra**


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Mathematics and Statistics: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Francis Jellett

Daniel Silver

Yorck Sommerhäuser

Susan G. Williams

**Mathematics and Statistics: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

**Madhuri Mulekar**


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**Daniel Silver**


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Mathematics and Statistics: Grants

J. Scott Carter
Carter, J. S. Collaborative Research: Algebraic Structures and Cohomology Theories Associated to Knottings, National Science Foundation, $103,468, 8-11-06 through 8-31-09.
Carter, J. S. Mobile Mathematics Circle, Alabama Space Grant Consortium, $5000, 07-08.

Jörg Feldvoss
Feldvoss, J. Colloquium Series and Algebra Seminar, ASSDA, $1500, 12-07.
Feldvoss, J. Leibniz Algebras, Special Faculty Development Fund., $1000, 10-08.
Feldvoss, J. Special Faculty Development Fund., Mathematics Colloquium Series and Algebra Seminar, $1500, 12-08.

Boris Kalinin
Kalinin, B. Measure rigidity and smooth rigidity of abelian actions, NSF, $87,140, 09-1-07 to 08-31-2010.

Iain Moffatt
Moffatt, I. Arts and Sciences Support and Development Award, $11,020, 01-09.
Moffatt, I. Special Faculty Development Fund, $1000, 09-08.

Madhuri Mulekar
Kimball, S., Blackwell, K., & Mulekar, M. S. Coastal and Inland Hurricane Monitoring and Prediction Program, NOAA, $648,300, 2009-10.
Samant, R., King, J., Mulekar, M. S., & Shevde, L. Effect of large isoform of MRJ (DNAJB6) on malignant activity of breast cancer, National Institute of Health – RO1, $1,712,500, 06-08.

Cornelius Pillen
Pillen C. Colloquium Series and Algebra Seminar, ASSDA, $1500, 12-07.
Pillen C. Mobile Mathematics Circle, Alabama Space Grant Consortium, $5000, 07-08.
Pillen, C. Special Faculty Development Fund, Mathematics Colloquium Series and Algebra Seminar, $1500, 12-08.

**Vasily Prokhorov**

Prokhorov, V. Mobile Mathematics Circle, Alabama Space Grant Consortium, $5000, 07-08.

**Yorck Sommerhäuser**

Sommerhäuser, Y. Colloquium Series and Algebra Seminar, ASSDA, $1500, 12-07.

Sommerhäuser, Y. Mobile Mathematics Circle, Mathematics Colloquium Series and Algebra Seminar, $1500, 12-08.
The Department of Music had a successful year with regard to concerts, presentations, research/creative activity, guest performances and recruiting. Some of the academic year’s highlights include: the development and recruitment of the Jaguar Marching Band, the initial development of a strings program, increased music major/minor enrollment, greater student retention and participation in music ensembles for the 2008-09 academic year, the development of new music ensembles, and increased concert opportunities for students through faculty as well as nationally and internationally recognized guest artist performances. Both instrumental and vocal music students enjoyed regional and national recognition in performance competitions and composition. Department of Music graduates continue to be accepted into top-flight graduate music programs or have been successful in their performance, education, or music industry careers. Performance, composition, and research/creative activity by the music faculty continued in a number of international, national, and regional venues as well as a variety of community arts and innovative education and technology programs. The Department of Music continues to enjoy partnerships with the Mobile Symphony, Mobile Opera, Mobile Pops Band, Mobile Arts Council, the Mobile and Baldwin County Public Schools, and Integrity Media, Inc. New podcast programs created for use by schools throughout the state of Alabama were a huge success.

Andra Bohnet, Professor of Music, maintains an active performance schedule in both the classical and more eclectic musical realms. She serves as principal flutist with the Mobile Symphony Orchestra. Her Celtic band Mithril performed Celtic Christmas concerts with the Enid Symphony (OK), York Symphony (PA) and Sinfonia Gulf Coast (FL). In March they performed two St. Patrick’s Celebration concerts with the Mobile Symphony to sell-out crowds both days. Mithril also went on the “Four States in Four Days Tour” in March, performing in Birmingham (AL), Three Oaks (MI), Peagram (TN) and a sell-out appearance at the Unity Temple in Oak Park, IL, a fantastic venue designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Mithril also released a new CD, Tangled Up, in March 2009. The Silverwood Quartet was the featured ensemble for the Mississippi Music Teachers Association in October 2008, judging their competitions and giving master classes as well as performing their headliner concert. The quartet also released a new CD, A Celtic Mosaic, in June 2008 and were also finalists in the “Your Move with YES” VH1 contest, leading in the voting to perform in concert with YES when the contest was unfortunately cancelled due to the ill health of their lead singer. In a culmination of five years of research, Bohnet released a solo CD, Clinton on Clinton (July 2008), of the music of Irish flutemaker/composer John Clinton (1809-1864) played on seven different flutes of his manufacture. The CD has received rave reviews in flute trade publications. Wielding a baton instead of a flute, Bohnet was the guest conductor for the Escambia County (FL) Youth All County Orchestra in January 2009.

David Z. Durant, Assistant Professor of Music, performed his composition Vista for Solo Piano and Tape at the International Computer Music Conference at Queen’s College in Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK and at Stony Brook University in Stony Brook, New York. His work Ida for Full Ensemble and Electronic Score was performed by the NYU New Music Ensemble at the Frederick Loewe Theater in New York City. Durant’s colleagues Jerry Alan Bush performed his piano composition D’Olive at USA and in Gulf Shores, AL; Robert Holm performed his Four Inventions for Piano at USA; and Peter Wood premiered Terzetto for Flugelhorn and Digital Brass and Keith Bohnet premiered Intrada for Euphonium and Events Coordinator (written in collaboration with Caleb Givens) at the 4th Annual USA Electroacoustic Music Concert. Durant also presented Three Short Electroacoustic Pieces...
at that concert. Durant was also selected to present his piece *Hazeuer’s Curve for Tape* at the Inaugural New York City Electroacoustic Music Festival and Conference. This year he also composed *Five Pieces for Piano* which will be premiered next season.

Jerry Alan Bush, Professor of Music, presented a solo piano recital on campus for the benefit of the USA Musical Arts Society on November 2, 2008. During the 2008-2009 academic year he appeared in a series of solo performances at the Golandsky Piano Institute at Princeton University in July, 2008, and in November presented lecture-recitals for both the doctoral analysis seminar and the graduate keyboard seminar at Princeton. Dr. Bush also was featured in master classes at The Curtis Institute of Music, Temple University and The Settlement School in Philadelphia. He continued his series of classes as Master Clinician of the New Orleans Performance Institute, having given nearly thirty classes for advanced preparatory students since August, 2008. In addition Dr. Bush presented a series of master classes in Atlanta under the auspices of the Atlanta Piano Forum. In April, 2009, Dr. Bush was again honored as a Laureate Teacher of the DeBose National Piano Competition in Baton Rouge, LA, where his USA piano students were awarded top prize in all College Division categories entered. The total of winners from Dr. Bush’s studio in this national competition now stands at 64, and the number of honors and awards accrued by his students during his USA career has reached 735—including prizes in competitive auditions, scholarships, fellowships and graduate assistantships at institutions across the nation.

Jeannette Fresne, Assistant Professor of Music, continued to serve as Program Director for the Arts in Education program funded by a grant from the Alabama Commission of Higher Education and No Child Left Behind legislation, a state-wide partnership between the University of South Alabama and Alabama Institute of Education in the Arts offering arts integration programs in Comprehensive Arts Education: Alabama. She coordinated twelve fine arts specialists in dance, music, theatre, and visual art to instruct 48-hours of in-service training, while continually assessing and evaluating the sessions and overall program. As a part of this program, she and the other instructors mentored approximately 75 Baldwin and Mobile elementary teachers in their classrooms. In January, she received a grant for $187,028 to fund the sixth year of the program, which begins in August. She attended the Alabama Arts Education Summit where she presented on developing arts integration programs with Dr. Paige Baggett, Assistant Professor in the College of Education, and Linda Dean, Director of the Alabama Institute of Education in the Arts. Serving a second year as Secretary-Treasurer of the Alabama Music Educators Association Higher Education Division, she is also serving as the Mobile Arts Council chair of the Education committee and on the board of the Mobile Chamber Music Society. Professional service this year included serving on the USA Faculty Senate and the Dean’s Council on Teacher Preparation in addition to several other committees.

Greg Gruner, Professor of Music, remains active in composition, arranging, and conducting in addition to his teaching and administrative duties as Chair of the Department of Music. He has guest conducted in Indiana, Florida, and Alabama during the past academic year as well as serving as the Conductor and Music Director of the Mobile Pops. As an arranger, he has written a number of pieces for the Mobile Pops and high school bands throughout the region. He is currently working on a series of jazz compositions and arrangements for performance by a professional string quartet. Two of these compositions were premiered at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in April 2009.

Tracy Heavner, Professor of Music, had an active year performing two concerts with the USA Jazz Combo at the world-famous Montreux Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland on July 17 and July 18, 2008. He also had a solo flute performance at the International Journal of Arts and Sciences Conference in Gozo, Malta on February 23, 2009. At this international conference, he was also one of four invited plenary speakers and his research paper entitled *Music Pedagogy: Training Ensemble Directors to be Comprehensive Music Educators* was awarded the outstanding paper of the conference and published in the conference proceedings. Most recently, he received an invitation to perform at the World Saxophone Congress XV held in Bangkok, Thailand, in July of 2009.

Robert Holm, Professor of Music, was active as a soloist, duo pianist, chamber musician and accompanist throughout 2008-2009. Holm appeared as soloist with the North Mobile Chamber Orchestra performing Mozart’s Concerto no. 21 with original cadenzas. Duo recitals were given with French pianist Axel Lenarduzzi on campus and at Samford University, University of West Florida and University of Southern Mississippi. Another duo recital was given on campus with U.S.A. alum Christopher Steele. Duo recitals were given as a member of the Archduke Trio with violinist Enen Yu and cellist Guo-Sheng Huang on campus, at Spring Hill College and at Christ Episcopal Church. Trio
recitals with clarinetist John Craig Barker and Enen Yu were given on campus and at the University of Mobile. Also, a trio recital was given with flutist Andra Bohnet and clarinetist Barker at Jones Junior College in Ellisville, Mississippi. Faculty recitals were performed with violinist Enen Yu, cellist Guo-Sheng Huang, Andra Bohnet, tenor Thomas Rowell and trumpeter Peter Wood. Additionally, Wood and Holm performed their recital at University of South Carolina Columbia, Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, Goucher College in Towson, Maryland, Howard University in Washington, D.C., and University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Holm performed on the Fairhope Recital Series with oboist Serena Rowe and played for ten degree recitals on campus and at the University of Mobile. Robert Holm was awarded a sabbatical for Spring 2009 to study, practice, perform, memorize and ultimately record the last five piano sonatas by Ludwig Beethoven. The five sonatas, opuses 101, 106, 109, 110 and 111 were performed in two recitals on campus and three of the sonatas were performed by memory at the University of Mississippi. Additionally, Holm performed a program of Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and Bartok at the Spring Hill College recital series and gave recitals of piano miniatures on campus at the University of Mobile and at Samford University. Holm gave master classes locally, adjudicated for Pensacola Music Teachers Association and the University of Southern Mississippi and served as an accompanist for the Regional NATS auditions at U.S.A. and for the State Solo Instrumental Festival at Auburn.

Ward Miller, Instructor of Music, has spent the vast majority of his professional time recruiting for the first University of South Alabama Marching Band. With over three hundred individual school visits accomplished throughout the 2008-2009 academic year, the word was spread regarding the type of high-quality marching ensemble that will be produced here at the University of South Alabama. His outreach was of particular value to secondary music educators preparing their ensembles for festivals and competitions, as the comments and clinical work with their ensembles helped them to refine those upcoming performances. On campus, he supervised the Basketball Pep Band, rewriting and reworking the majority of that ensemble’s repertoire and instilling a new standard of public performance and behavior for the ensemble. In addition, he was the Associate Conductor for the USA Symphony Band. He also coached the USA Low Brass ensemble. Much time was devoted to upgrading the online recruiting media of the department, creating a new website that was more cohesive with the University’s graphics standards and is more readily editable in a distributed manner amongst faculty and staff. This new website is also more comprehensive in its form-gathering of prospective student data, and is in-depth in its descriptions and information regarding ensembles’ respective repertoires. The web site improvements also allowed statistical tracking of visitors, including their quantity and points of origin throughout the nation and the world. Mr. Miller has laid the groundwork, through capital planning and acquisition, recruiting, student leadership selection, facilities planning, and more, for the inaugural season of the South Alabama Jaguar Marching Band.

Laura Moore, Assistant Professor of Music, has been active as a conductor, pianist, and choral clinician during her first year as the Director of Choral Activities at USA. In addition to four public performances on the Musical Arts Series, the USA choirs under her direction have performed for several campus events (including the Martin Luther King observance) and with the Mobile Symphony Youth Orchestra. Dr. Moore played in the Mobile Symphony Orchestra, and served as the accompanist for the Mobile Opera Chorus. She also accompanies vocal soloists in monthly recitals as part of the Mobile Opera’s “Night of Song” outreach program. Dr. Moore has served as collaborative pianist with faculty and students on multiple vocal and instrumental recitals on the campus. In addition to her work on campus, Dr. Moore has also served as a choral adjudicator in district contests in Mississippi, and as a choral clinician at Mobile area high schools.

Thomas Rowell, Assistant Professor of Music, participated in The Professional Advantage Operatic Development Program during June and July 2008 in Piobbico and Urbania, Italy, where he performed in two fully staged productions of Puccini’s Il Trittico and two programs of varied operatic scenes. During his time at this professional development institute, he coached with renowned opera singers Vernon Hartman, Amy Johnson and Mark Thomsen and operatic conductors Hugh Keelan, Jim Caraher and Kamal Kahn, and also undertook extensive study of the Italian language, operatic stagecraft, acting and marketing promotion of opera. This past season Dr. Rowell made three appearances with Mobile Opera, singing “Arturo” in Donizetti’s Lucia di Lammermoor, tenor soloist for Handel’s Messiah, and Elder Hayes in Carlisle Floyd’s Susannah. Dr. Rowell also served as interim chorus master for Mobile Opera in addition to his appearances in roles. In December, 2008, Rowell was the tenor soloist for Bluffton University’s performance of Handel’s Messiah in Bluffton,
Ohio. During the academic year, Dr. Rowell presented two voice recitals, directed a program of operatic scenes with USA Opera and Musical Theatre, was guest conductor/clinician for Mobile County Public School System’s High School Honor Choir, and was musical director for the collaborative production of Cole Porter’s Anything Goes with the Department of Dramatic Arts. He continues to serve as registrar for the Alabama State Chapter of National Association of Teachers of Singing as well as on the USA Faculty Senate representing the College of Arts and Sciences.

J. Michael Sammons, Instructor of Music, taught all percussion lessons as well as conducted the percussion ensemble and world music ensemble. He assisted with and enjoyed much success with recruitment for both the Department of Music and the marching percussion section for the new USA Marching Band in the fall of 2009. He supervised one outstanding senior recital, instituted course improvements (material and performance expectations), developed new courses (World Music ensemble), served as a guest lecturer on a number of occasions, and hosted several guest artists including Evelyn Glennie, Johnny Lee Lane, and Thad Anderson. Mr. Sammons secured the cost of hosting these artists through grants/proposals from several corporate sponsors including Pro-Mark, Vic Firth, Remo, Black Swamp, Yamaha, Evans, Sabian and Zildjian. The highlight of his professional performance opportunities included a performance at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention with Zumbumba Percussion Trio and guest Bernard Woma. He also performed a faculty recital given at USA on March 12, 2009 and has maintained an active role with the Mobile Symphony. He gave several clinics/master classes in Alabama and the Gulf Coast Region. He remains very active in the Percussive Arts Society and with percussion associations in the state and the region.

Peter Wood, Assistant Professor of Music, was very active in 2008-2009. In addition to playing trumpet in the Mobile Symphony Orchestra and performing a solo faculty recital on the USA campus, he also toured the East Coast, performing recitals and teaching master classes at the University of South Carolina, University of North Carolina, Furman University, Goucher College, and Howard University. He performed as featured trumpet soloist with the Bay Area String Orchestra and the Baldwin Pops Band. He was the featured clinician and trumpet soloist for the Tulane University Electroacoustic Composition Project and played the premiere performance of Dr. David Durant’s Terzetto for trumpet and electroacoustic accompaniment at the USA Electroacoustic Concert. In the USA brass chamber music program, Dr. Wood founded and conducted the USA Brass Choir and Low Brass Ensemble; and he started a second student brass quintet in the spring semester. He also expanded and improved the USA Trumpet Ensemble that he founded two years ago. He traveled to the International Trumpet Guild conference in Banff, Alberta, Canada, where he performed in the Festival of Trumpets concert and where his trumpet student from Mobile won second prize in the ITG Youth Solo Competition. He served as Tour Coordinator for the Alabama Ambassadors of Music, a 16-day 7-country tour of Europe with top high school and college band and choir students from all over the state, which will bring those students to the USA campus for three days of intensive rehearsals immediately prior to the June 2009 tour. He served as brass section coach for the Mobile Symphony Youth Orchestra; and he continued his work utilizing technology in educational settings, leading a session on the use of podcasting in music education for the Alabama Bandmasters Association conference. Over 7100 people from all over the state and country logged onto the USA Music Department’s series of Alabama All-State Preparation Podcasts, instituted and coordinated by Dr. Wood. He serves the USA Music Department on the Recruiting and Retention Committee and as chair of the music Web Development committee. Wood served on the grant selection panel for the Alabama State Council on the Arts, and he continues to serve the International Trumpet Guild as editor of the “Recording Reviews” column for the ITG Journal.

Linda Zoghby, Assistant Professor of Music, has appeared as guest soloist in recital with Dr. Thomas Rowell, performing opera by Verdi and chansons of Canteloube. She also appeared as guest soloist, performing with Bella Voce Womens’ Ensemble, the music of Amy Beach. Ms. Zoghby was a special contributor to a nationally broadcast live call-in blog talk radio program “Musical Theatre Talk.” The subject discussed was Classical Training: Is It Really Necessary? Her appearances elsewhere in the city include that of guest soloist in Christ Episcopal Church’s Advent Concert Series, and Saint Mary’s Catholic Church. Her current teaching studio at the University has students who participated in Regional Auditions of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, and who are interns with Mobile Opera. Ms. Zoghby has continued teaching two USA music graduates, preparing them for professional engagements and opera company auditions. Her private studio includes students from Bayside Academy, McGill Toolen Catholic High, Daphne Middle School, and
St. Paul’s Episcopal School, as well as 2 students from Ocean Springs, MS, one of whom she presented in a full scale recital. One of Ms. Zoghby’s current USA students has been accepted as a participant this summer in an opera study program in Rome, Italy.

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**Music: Juried Performances, Productions, and Recitals**

*Andra C. Bohnet*

National/International


Regional


**Bohnet, A. C.** (flute). (2009, April 17). *Trio Concert - Spring Recital Series.* Ellisville, MS. Jones County Junior College

### Music: Chamber Music Performances

**Andra C. Bohnet**

*Regional*


Community


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**Music: Orchestral Performances**

**Andra C. Bohnet**

**Regional**


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**Jerry Bush**


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*National: Solo*


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**Thomas Rowell**

**International Performances**


**National Performances**


**Regional Performances**


Michael Sammons


Peter J. Wood


Music: Other Performances, Productions and Recitals

Andra C. Bohnet

Formal Concerts


Directed Student Concerts


Bohnet, A. C. (director). (2009, March 1). USA Flute Choir-Student Composition Recital. Mobile, AL. University of South Alabama.


Service in Student Concerts


Jerry Bush


David Z. Durant


Greg Gruner

Conducting Performances


Guest Conducting Performances

Tracy Heavner

Heavner, T. L. (2008, June 8) USA Jazz Combo, Springhill Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama.
Heavner, T. L. (2009, April 7) Saxophone Performance, USA Jazz Band Spring Concert, Mobile, Alabama.
Heavner, T. L. (2009, April 7) Conducting Performance, USA Jazz Band Spring Concert, Mobile, Alabama.

Robert C. Holm

Regional: Solo


Regional: Collaborative


*Campus: Solo*


*Campus: Collaborative*


**Ward Miller**


**Laura Moore**

Campus Performances


**Faculty Recitals**


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**Professional Performances – Mobile Symphony**


**Professional Performances – Mobile Opera**


Professional Performances – Other


Adjudication


Choral Clinician


Invited Performance


Thomas Rowell


Michael Sammons

Solo Performances/Recitals: Regional


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Music: Other Exhibitions

Linda Zoghby


Music: Music Recordings

Andra C. Bohnet


Tracy Heavner


Robert Holm


Music: Presentations

Andra C. Bohnet


David Z. Durant


**Jeannette Fresne**


Fresne, J. (2009). *A Look Back.* Session presented at the Arts in Education Program at the University of South Alabama. Loxley and Mobile, AL. (Session repeated).

Fresne, J. (2009). *A Look Forward.* Session presented at the Arts in Education Program at the University of South Alabama. Loxley and Mobile, AL. (Session repeated).


Fresne, J. (2009). *Basketballs.* Session presented at the Arts in Education Program at the University of South Alabama. Loxley and Mobile, AL. (Session repeated).

Fresne, J. (2009). *Choral Reading.* Session presented at the Arts in Education Program at the University of South Alabama. Loxley and Mobile, AL. (Session repeated).

Fresne, J. (2008). *Good Morning, Good Morning.* Session presented at the Arts in Education Program at the University of South Alabama. Loxley and Mobile, AL. (Session repeated).

Fresne, J. (2008). *Introduction to Dance and Music Integration.* Session presented at the Arts in Education Program at the University of South Alabama. Loxley and Mobile, AL. (Session repeated).

Fresne, J. (2008). *The Hora Curriculum Connection.* Session presented at the Arts in Education Program at the University of South Alabama. Loxley and Mobile, AL. (Session repeated).

Fresne, J. (2008). *Puerto Rican Waltz and Dance of the rain gods.* Session presented at the Arts in Education Program at the University of South Alabama. Loxley and Mobile, AL. (Session repeated).

Fresne, J. (2008). *Brain Dance.* Session presented at the Arts in Education Program at the University of South Alabama. Loxley and Mobile, AL. (Session repeated).

Fresne, J. (2008). *Just a Whole Lotta Somethin’ Going On.* Session presented at the Arts in Education Program at the University of South Alabama. Loxley and Mobile, AL. (Session repeated).


**Tracy Heavner**


**Robert Holm**


**Michael Sammons**


**Peter J. Wood**


### Music: Grants

**Jeannette Fresne**


**Greg Gruner**

Gruner, G. Midwest International Band and Orch Clinic, University of South Alabama Special Faculty Development Fund, $1000, December 2008.

**Tracy Heavner**

Heavner, T. World Saxophone Congress XV, USA College of Arts & Sciences, $1500, January 2009.

Heavner, T. Presentation International Journal of Arts and Sciences Conference, Gozo, Malta, University of South Alabama, $1,000, February 2009.

**Robert Holm**

Holm, R. Recording late Beethoven sonatas on period instruments, Arts and Sciences Development Award, $960, December 2008.

**Michael Sammons**

Sammons, M. Evelyn Glennie Guest Clinic / Masterclass, Pro-Mark, Inc., $300, August 2008.

Sammons, M. Evelyn Glennie Guest Clinic / Masterclass, Evans, Adarrio Inc., $150, August 2008.

Sammons, M. Evelyn Glennie Guest Clinic / Masterclass, Black Swamp Inc., $100, August 2008.


Sammons, M. Evelyn Glennie Guest Clinic / Masterclass, Mobile Symphony Orchestra, $275, August 2008.

Sammons, M. Johnny Lee Lane Guest Clinic / Masterclass, Remo, Inc., $750, February 2009.

Sammons, M. Johnny Lee Lane Guest Clinic / Masterclass, Vic Firth, Inc., $500, February 2009.


Philosophy: Departmental Highlights


Two faculty members received Arts and Sciences Awards: Eric Loomis received an Excellence in Teaching Award at the Nov. 2008 Arts and Sciences Dean’s Lecture. Susan Youngblood received an Arts & Sciences Dean’s Advancement & Development Award at the Nov. 2008 Arts and Sciences Dean’s Lecture.

Philosophy: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

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Youngblood, S. Joan Marie Keebler has agreed to endow a scholarship of $25,000 for Pre-Med in Arts & Sciences in her husband’s name – Dr. John Keebler.

Philosophy: Grants

Ted Poston

Poston, T. 1st Annual USA Philosophy Workshop – Perspectives on Coherentism, Arts & Sciences Support and Development Award, $1500, January 9, 2009.
The academic year, 2008-09, proved to be an outstanding year for USA’s Physics Department as it continued its path of excellence in Teaching, Research, Service and Outreach. Earlier in the academic year, the department replaced its ailing plasma display which continuously updates various exciting Teaching, Research, Service and Outreach activities, making use of the generous support from the USA Foundation. The department maintained the superior quality of its teaching labs along with other facilities, in-spite of the financial difficulties faced by the State of Alabama and the University. The work started last year to provide overall cleaning and water-proofing for the exterior of the Instructional Laboratories Building was completed and the building boasts a ‘new look.’

Ms. Emel Ficici, hired last year as a full-time Lab Instructor, resigned to relocate with her husband. A request to initiate a new search was put on hold, due to a University-wide hiring freeze.

Dr. Paul Helminger along with Dr. Justin Sanders attended the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Section of American Association of Physics Teachers and presented papers. The department conducted the Seventh Annual Teaching Workshop with Drs. Clark, Helminger, Sanders and Varghese as presenters. They reported on: ‘Follow-up on Homework on the Web via Wiley Plus in PH 201’ ‘Report from the Alabama AAPT meeting: (a) Real World Demos, (b) Experiment to measure Mass of Air’ and ‘Success rate Follow up after Adding a Complementary Hour in PH 201’ respectively.

The department continued its highly focused scheduling and with the support of the dedicated faculty, healthy enrollments were maintained. Due in part to the faculty’s extra efforts both inside and outside the classrooms such as problem-solving sessions, demonstrations, astronomical viewings, use of the internet and the like, and the department’s free tutoring program, the retention rate in physics reached a remarkable level of 89.1% for 2008-09. Dr. Clark and Ms. Marija Novovic participated in the Natural Science Assessment of the General Education Requirements incorporating Introduction to Astronomy Lectures and Algebra/Trigonometry Based Physics I Lab respectively.

Mr. Niraj Jaiswal, Mr. Rajendra Khadka and Mr. Corey Small graduated during 2008-09. Mr. Lin Zhong has been awarded a four-year Freshman Physics Scholarship for 2009-10. Mr. Josue R. Morales Cifuentes continues with the Physics Faculty Honors Fellowship for 2009-10. Mr. Rafi S. Qumsieh was unanimously selected for a new 2009-10 Physics Faculty Honors Fellowship, where as Mr. Ozarfar Gafarov was a unanimous selection for a 2009-10 USA Foundation Physics Scholarship. Mr. Eric Urban won the Jared Adkins Physics Scholarship. Students were recognized for their superior performance in the introductory physics sequences. In the Algebra/Trigonometry Based Physics Sequence Ms. Serena La Nimityongskul was unanimously selected for the outstanding physics student award; while, Mr. Nidal B. Omar and Mr. Justin P. McCormick were presented honorable-mention certificates. For the Calculus Based Physics Sequence, Mr. Christopher C. Buchanan, Mr. Derrick C. Nelson and Mr. Christopher L. Rothwell were unanimously selected for the outstanding physics student awards; honorable-mention certificates going to Mr. Basel Awwad,
Mr. Codey B. Henderson, Mr. Michael P. McConnell, Ms. Amanda M. Mundel and Mr. Joseph M. Stringfellow. Mr. Khadka and Mr. Small received Graduating Senior Gifts.

Several physics majors and a Ph. D. student from University of Mississippi worked with various faculty members on several research projects. Ms. Sunhee Moraes presented a paper at the American Physical Society March Meeting. She also presented a paper at the 18th Annual Mini-Conference on Undergraduate Research in Sciences and Mathematics. Mr. Khadka and Ms. Moraes participated in poster presentations in the 10th Annual Undergraduate Symposium and the 16th Annual Research Forum. Additionally Drs. Clark and Sanders took several physics majors to the Deep South Regional Star Gaze.

In addition to the research and related activities on campus, faculty traveled to Fermi National Laboratory, National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, Ohio State University and the BABAR Research at SLAC in pursuit of collaborative research. Dr. Gapud took Ms. Moraes to the National High magnetic Field Lab to do research.

Physics faculty continued to be engaged in productive research as evidenced by publications, which are peer-reviewed, by procurement of research grants both intra-mural and external, by presentations, participation in professional gatherings and refereeing for journal publications. Refereed publications appeared in such prestigious journals as Journal of Molecular Spectroscopy, Physical Review D, Physical Review Letters, Super Conductor Science and Technology, Thin Solid Films as well as Conference Proceedings. Brief reporting of some of the research work has appeared in abstract form in publications such as the Bulletin of American Physical Society. Faculty members involved in these activities were: Drs. Gapud, Godang, Helminger and Sanders.

Dr. Clark along with Dr. Sanders and Mr. Rodney Mollise continue to edit and publish the “Journal of the Double Star Observations.”

Dr. Godang serves on the Berkeley Particle Data Group and Stanford Heavy Flavor Averaging Group as well as the BABAR Paper review Committee.

Physics Faculty continue to serve on thesis committees outside the department in spite of absence of a graduate program in physics- Drs. Godang and Sanders serve in this capacity.

Physics faculty members successfully pursued both internal and external funding for research activities. Dr Gapud continues with a grant from the Research Corporation. Dr. Helminger, with collaborators from Ohio State University, pursued research funded by NASA. USDOE Grant in support of Dr. Jenkins’ and Dr. Godang’s research involving Hyper-CP and CKM experiments at Fermi National Lab and CERN, is renewed. Both Dr. Gapud and Dr. Godang received internal grants from the University.

Research results were presented either by the USA physics faculty or their collaborators in local, regional and national meetings, and faculty members attended several conferences. Dr. Clark presented a paper at the Small Telescopes and Astronomical Research Conference at San Luis Obispo and two papers at the Galileo’s Legacy Conference in Hawaii. Dr. Gapud attended the March APS Meeting in Pittsburg. Drs. Godang, Helminger and Jenkins presented papers at the 2008 SEASAPS Meeting at Raleigh. Dr. Helminger attended the 63rd Ohio State University’s International Symposium on Molecular Spectroscopy. Dr. Clark organized the 18th Annual Mini-Conference on Undergraduate Research in Sciences and Mathematics with faculty and students attending and participating. Several faculty members attended the 16th Annual USA Research Forum- Drs. Gapud, Godang and Helminger presenting posters. Dr. Godang gave a presentation to a USA Dean Leadership Council. Drs. Godang and Varghese attended the NSF Regional Workshop. Dr. Varghese attended the Annual Meeting of the Alabama/Mississippi Sea Grant Consortium.

The Physics Department had four successful colloquia, Dr. Godang and Ms. Novovic leading the efforts.

As in the past, USA physics faculty members were very active in outreach programs in significant ways. Serving the university community in particular and the public in general, the department’s plasma display was kept operational and the information current by Mr. Boleman. Dr. Helminger, the Project Director of the Alabama Science in Motion (ASIM) at USA, continued his service in the capacity. The ASIM grant for USA was renewed. Ms. Robin Chestnutt, ASIM Physics Project
Specialist, organized several teacher workshops and took the SIM projects to classrooms in Mobile and surrounding counties. The program continues to make a very positive impact on the community. Participants of the Fifteenth Annual Physics Teacher/Student workshop, organized by Dr. Varghese and the recruiting committee (Dr. Helminger, chair) expressed a great deal of satisfaction, as indicated by survey results and conversations with various teachers/students. Drs. Gapud, Helminger, Jenkins and Sanders made presentations to the teachers, while in parallel sessions Mr. Boleman, Ms. Chestnutt, Ms. Ficici, Dr. Godang, Ms. Novovic and Dr. Varghese engaged the students with hands-on experiments, presentations about physics careers and research laboratory tours. Dr. Andrzej Wierzbicki, Interim Dean, College of Arts & Sciences and Dr. David Stearns, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Services, welcomed the participants. Overall 30 students and 18 teachers attended the workshop. The “Tuesday Evening Physics” program organized by Dr. Helminger had another great year. Drs. Clark, Gapud, Godang, Helminger, Jenkins, and Sanders provided 6 sessions with an average of 43 students per session attending.

‘Astronomy viewing sessions’ at various elementary and high schools and other outreach programs were integral parts of the activities of the department- Drs. Clark, Helminger and Sanders participated.

Dr. Sanders continues to serve as USA’s advisor for the Society of Physics Students and Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Honor Society- both very active. The Astronomy Club, started three years back with student initiative remained very active, Dr. Clark serving as the advisor.

Dr. Clark, Ms. Ficici, Dr. Helminger and Dr. Sanders were judges in the Science Olympiad. Drs. Helminger and Varghese served as judges for the Mobile Regional Science Fair. Dr. Varghese also participated in picking the overall winners for the Junior and Senior Divisions, and served as the judge for the Yale Science and Engineering Award.

Ms. Ficici and Ms. Novovic were very active in ‘Girls Exploring Math/Science’. Drs. Helminger and Jenkins remain very active with the Boy Scout Program. Dr. Sanders and Dr. Varghese served as Faculty Marshal and Lead Faculty Marshal respectively, for the USA graduation ceremonies.

### Physics: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

**Albert Gapud**


**Romulus Godang**

Aubert, B.,... Godang, R., et al. (2008). Search for CP Violation in the Decays $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-$ and $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$, Physical Review Letters, 100, 061803.


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Aubert, B.,... Godang, R., et al. (2008). Measurements of $e^+e^-\rightarrow K^0\eta$, $K^0K^0\pi^0$, and $K^0\pi^+\pi^-$ cross sections using initial state radiation events, Physical Review D, 77, 092002.


Aubert, B.,... Godang, R., et al. (2008). Search for CPT and Lorentz Violation in $B^0\bar{B}^0$ Oscillations with Dilepton Events, Physical Review Letters, 100, 131802.

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Aubert, B.,... Godang, R., et al. (2008). Observation of $B^+ \rightarrow a(1260)K^0$ and $B^0 \rightarrow a(1260)K^-$, Physical Review Letters, 100, 051803.

Aubert, B.,... Godang, R., et al. (2008). Observation of the Semileptonic Decays $B \rightarrow D^* \tau n\bar{\nu}$ and Evidence for $B \rightarrow D \tau n\bar{\nu}$, Physical Review Letters, 100, 021801.

Aubert, B.,... Godang, R., et al. (2008). Study of $[\bar{B} \rightarrow \Xi_c \bar{\Lambda}_c]$ and $[\bar{B} \rightarrow \Lambda_c \bar{\Lambda}_c \bar{K}]$ decays at BABAR, Physical Review D, 77, 031101.

Paul Helminger


Justin Sanders


Physics: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Romulus Godang

**Physics: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

**Albert Gapud**


**Romulus Godang**


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C. Merrill Jenkins


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**C. Merrill Jenkins**

Justin Sanders


Morales-Cifuentes, J. R., & Sanders, J. M. (2009). Observation of Quantum Mechanical Tunneling in Low Energy Nuclear Reactions. 18th USA/USM/SELU Mini-Conference on Undergraduate Research in Science and Mathematics, Mobile, AL.


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POLITICAL SCIENCE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Department Chair: Dr. Nader Entessar

Professors: Dr. Ethan Fishman, Dr. Stephen Morris

Associate Professors: Dr. David A. Bowers, Jr., Dr. Samuel Fisher, Dr. Zohair Husain, Dr. Keith Nicholls, Dr. Tim O’Shea, Dr. Lois A. Wims

Assistant Professors: Dr. Curtis R. Blakely, Dr. Jeff Blankenship, Dr. Ronald Nelson, Dr. Thomas Shaw, Dr. Corina Schulze

Secretaries: Ms. Dell Connell, Ms. Betty Flint

Political Science and Criminal Justice: Departmental Highlights

The Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice had a productive year of teaching, research and service. The number of majors in the Department has continued to grow, numbering some 450 undergraduate and graduate students in political science, criminal justice, international studies and public administration. Faculty attended workshops and participated in a number of local, regional and national conferences. They produced a significant number of publications and research papers as evidenced by what follows under the publications list of this report.

Several members of the Department were successful in securing over $200,000 in externally funded grants. They include Dr. Keith Nicholls, Dr. David Bowers, and Dr. Timothy O’Shea.

Dr. Ronald Nelson serves as the pre-law advisor for the University and represented the Department during the USA Day activities and served as an applicant reviewer and interviewer for the 2009-2010 Honors Program admissions process. He also organized the University’s 2008 Constitution Day program and sponsored a talk by Professor Brannon P. Denning of the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University entitled “Alabama and the Development of American Constitutional Law” during the Constitution Day. Dr. Nelson also presented papers at the 2009 annual conference of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the 2009 annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Boston, Massachusetts.

Dr. Thomas Shaw presented a paper at the 2008 annual meeting of the Southeastern Conference of Public Administration in Orlando, Florida. In addition, he served as the President of the Alabama Political Science Association and participated at the 2009 annual meeting of this organization in Montgomery, Alabama.

Dr. Tim O’Shea received funding from the Mobile County Sheriff’s Office to evaluate the Sheriff Office’s methamphetamine initiative.

Dr. David Bowers participated at the state of Arizona’s 2008 Drugs and Crimes conference in Phoenix, Arizona, the American Probation and Parole Association’s 33rd annual Training Institute in Las Vegas, Nevada, and the 2009 conference of the Association for the Advancement of Evidence-Based Practice in Los Angeles, California. He also produced a number of technical reports for the Alabama Department of Youth Services.

Dr. Keith Nicholls serves as the director of the USA Polling Group and is regularly quoted in the Mobile Register polling stories. He conducted several Mobile Register-USA polls this year, the majority of which received front page coverage in the Mobile Register, and many were picked up by other newspapers in Alabama and some were picked up by national newspapers. He is regularly interviewed by a variety of local radio and television stations, and gives talks to groups on issues of local and state interest. Dr. Nicholls also presented two papers at the 2009 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Curtis Blakely was elected as the Executive Counselor, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, for the two-year term of 2009-2011. He is an active member of the American Society of Criminology, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, American Correctional Association, and the Southern Criminal Justice Association.
Dr. Mir Zohair Husain presented a paper at the 2009 annual meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association in Montgomery, Alabama. In addition Dr. Husain gave several talks to community and campus groups, and he serves as faculty advisor to several student organizations on campus. Most importantly, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and will be spending a year in Cairo, Egypt as a Fulbright Scholar during the academic year 2009-2010.

Dr. Jeffrey Blankenship presented a paper at the 2009 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, Louisiana and served as a discussant on a panel at the 2009 annual meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association in Montgomery, Alabama. He is currently serving as the secretary of the Alabama Political Science Association for the period of 2008-2012.

Dr. Samuel Fisher presented a paper at the 2009 biennial conference of the American Council for Quebec Studies, Quebec, Canada. He also serves as the treasurer and webmaster for the American Council for Quebec Studies and participates as a table leader, AP readings in U.S. government and an AP syllabi auditor.

Dr. Stephen Morris is past president and a member of the executive committee of the Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies (SECOLAS). He is a member of the editorial board of The Latin Americanist and Carta Economica Regional, University of Guadalajara. He also presented a paper at this year’s SECOLAS conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. Ethan Fishman delivered a PETAL lecture on the Socratic Method on February 27, 2009. He serves as the Department’s advisor to Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, and as University advisor to the USA Jewish Students Association. Dr. Fishman’s essay entitled “Not Compassionate, Not Conservative” has been nominated for a National Magazine Award in the category of American politics.

Dr. Corina Schulze presented papers at the 2008 annual meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association, Savannah, Georgia and at the 2009 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. She also served as a discussant at this year’s meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Dr. Schulze is also the Editorial Board Representative for the Alabama Political Science Association.

Dr. Nader Entessar presented papers at the 89th annual conference of the Southwest Social Science Association, Denver, Colorado and an invited paper at the Institut International d’Etudes Strategiques, Paris, France, in February 2009. He was also appointed to the advisory board of this institute. Dr. Entessar serves as a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Third World Studies, Journal of Central Asian Studies, American Foreign Policy—Annual Editions, Encyclopedia of the Developing World, and Nationalism and Ethnicity Terminologies. He had more than twenty interviews with the Voice of America, BBC, Radio Zamaneh, Public Radio International, and SBS-Radio in Melbourne, Australia, as well as published interviews in, Sarmayeh, Etmaad, and Correio Brasiliense. He gave the welcoming speech on the meaning of citizenship at this year’s naturalization ceremony for the new U.S. citizens at the U.S. Federal Court House in Mobile, Alabama.

### Political Science and Criminal Justice: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

**Nader Entessar**


**Samuel Fisher**


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**Ronald Nelson**


**Keith Nicholls**

Nicholls, J. The Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Trust in Government. Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-5. 2009.

Nicholls, J. *Demographics and Public Opinion*, panelist, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-5. 2009.

**Thomas Shaw**

Corina Schulze


### Political Science and Criminal Justice: Grants

David A. Bowers, Jr.

Bowers, D. A., Jr. Program Planning and Evaluation Year 14, Alabama Department of Youth Services $65,000, 10-1-08 to 9-30-09.

Keith Nicholls

Nicholls, K. Dental Office Relocation Survey, Azalea City Dental, $2,500, October 2008.

Nicholls, K. Religious Studies, Student Interest Survey, USA Development Office, $1,600, April 2009.

Picou, S., & Nicholls, K. Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Survey, National Science Foundation, $9,900, March 2009.


Tim O’Shea

O’Shea, T. Evaluation of Mobile County Sheriff’s Office Methamphetamine Initiative, Dept of Justice to Mobile County Sheriff’s Office, $9,000, 10-1-07 thru 9-31-09.
PSYCHOLOGY

Department Chair: Dr. Larry Christensen

Professors: Dr. Charles H. Brown, Dr. Larry Christensen, Dr. Elise Labbé-Coldsmith, Dr. Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling, Dr. Martin L. Rohling, Dr. Lisa Turner

Associate Professors: Dr. Susan Anderson, Dr. Joan Sinnott, Dr. M. Cay Welsh

Assistant Professors: Dr. Joshua Foster, Dr. Michael S. Gordon, Dr. Dennis Reidy, Dr. John Shelley-Tremblay, Dr. Mark Yates

Secretaries: Ms. Bonnie Hall (Department), Ms. Arleen Vickers (Clinic)

Psychology: Departmental Highlights

The Psychology Department has had a very productive and active year on all fronts. The most significant undertaking that has been the time and effort devoted to preparing for the implementation of the doctoral program in combined clinical/counseling psychology. Considerable time and effort has been directed toward developing the needed infrastructure such as the identification of courses, getting the courses approved, developing the sequencing of the courses, recruiting students and obtaining assistantship support for the admitted students. All this had to take place in a cooperative arrangement with the College of Education. However, we have established the needed infrastructure and have admitted the first class of students who will begin their program of studies in the fall of 2009. The other academic program that has been initiated is the Applied Behavior Analyst certification program. This sequence of three courses is being offered during the 2009-10 academic year with over 20 students registering for the fall course. Students taking these courses are trained to apply behavioral techniques to individuals, such as autistic children, demonstrating aberrant behavior. This is the only technique that has been demonstrated to be effective in treating such aberrant behavior and is, therefore, needed.

The Psychology Department continues to experience turnover and the current financial climate is creating some challenges for the department. One of the challenges we encountered during the academic year was the need to identify a person to fill the role of Director of Clinical training. This is the individual that will have primary responsibility of ensuring that the doctoral program in combined clinical/counseling psychology is appropriately administered and provides effective training so that the program can eventually receive accreditation from the American Psychological Association. We are fortunate that one of our own faculty members, Dr. Martin Rohling, agreed to assume this position. Dr. Rohling had previously assumed the position of interim Director of Clinical Training so it was a logical move for him to become the permanent Director of Clinical Training. The Psychology Department has also been actively recruiting to replace Dr. Cay Welsh and Dr. Dennis Reidy. Dr. Welsh retired from the department at the end of the fall semester of 2008 following 30 years of excellent service. She will be missed and difficult to replace. After one year of service, Dr. Reidy elected to assume another position so we are also trying to find his replacement. Dr. Susan Anderson is also retiring at the end of the spring semester of 2009 following 34 years of excellent service. Her absence will be missed because she was not only a wonderful instructor but she also taught a large number of courses and students.

The psychology department has had another very productive year in terms of scholarly output. During the academic year the Psychology Faculty published 19 research articles in peer reviewed journals and had another 16 articles “in press”. Additionally, seven book chapters were written by the faculty and they made three presentations at international conferences, 15 at national conferences, 11 at regional conferences and two at local conferences. One of the articles published by Dr. Rohling focusing on the effectiveness of cognitive rehabilitation for traumatic brain injury and stroke was featured on the front page of the American Psychological Association’s web site. This research activity was supported by approximately $500,000 in research grants. Also, Dr. Gordon traveled to Limoges, France during the summer of 2008 to accept the position of visiting researcher at the Université de Limoges, Département du Sports. We are please that he received this appointment but also glad to have him back in the department.
During the 2008-2009 academic year three faculty members, Dr. Lisa Turner, Dr. Martin Rohling, and Dr. Jack Shelley-Tremblay received “Top Prof” Mortar Board designation. Dr. Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling was on sabbatical during the spring semester of 2009. We are looking forward to her returning to the faculty.

Faculty continue to provide support to the university and the community by providing psychological services to the student body and the community. Service is provided to the profession by reviewing books and articles submitted for publication. Several faculty members also have been appointed as editors or serve on the editorial boards of many journals including the Journal of Sports Behavior, Applied Psychophysiology and Biofeedback, Partner Abuse, Aggression and Violence, Journal of Gambling Studies, and National Family Violence Legislative Resource Center.

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### Psychology: Peer Reviewed Articles

**Joshua Foster**


**Twenge, J. M., Konrath, S., Foster, J. D., Campbell, W. K., & Bushman, B. J.** (2008). Egos inflating over time: A cross-temporal meta-analysis of the Narcissistic Personality Inventory. *Journal of Personality*, 76, 875-901.

**Twenge, J. M., Konrath, S., Foster, J. D., Campbell, W. K., & Bushman, B. J.** (2008). Further evidence of an increase in narcissism among college students. *Journal of Personality*, 76, 919-927.

**Michael S. Gordon**


**Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling**


**Martin L. Rohling**


**John Shelley-Tremblay**


**Lisa Turner**


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Elise Labbé-Coldsmith


Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling

Langhinrichsen-Rohling, J. Associate Editor *Partner Abuse* (2008 – present) Springer Publishing.


**M. Cay Welsh**


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**Mark Yates**

Yates, M. *The effect of phonological neighborhood frequency on visual word recognition.* (Poster) The 49th annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Chicago, IL.

**Psychology: Grants**

**Joshua Foster**

Foster, J. USA Summer Profession Development Award, $6,500, May 2008-August 2008.

**Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling**


Joan Sinnott


Mark Yates

Yates, M. Investigating the Influence of Sound and Spelling Neighborhoods on Reading for Meaning, College of Arts and Sciences USA Professional Development Award, $3,805, January 2008.

Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work: Departmental Highlights

Teaching

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work had an excellent year in teaching. Dr. Douglas Marshall was honored with the 2008 Arts & Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award. Dr. Nicole Carr won the award in 2007. Congratulations to these sociologists on their outstanding commitment to teaching.

The faculty taught 76 courses, 257 credit hours, 7231 credit hour production. Student enrollment total for fall and spring semesters in courses offered by the department was 2,351. Faculty attention to individual students is evident in the number of advisees (414 students) and supervised internships/field placements (45). This year, two (2) students received master’s degrees in Sociology and one (1) additional student completed comprehensive exams.

Research and Grant Activity

Faculty members published seven (7) book chapters and ten (10) peer reviewed articles this year and had seven (7) additional articles accepted for publication. Dr. Mark Moberg published a book, Slipping away: Banana politics and fair trade in the Eastern Caribbean, New York: Berghahn Books. Faced with severe cutbacks in faculty travel, the department was able to accomplish twenty-three (23) presentations at national professional meetings, thirteen (13) at regional meetings, and three (3) at statewide meetings.

External funding for research activity in the department continues at high levels. This year, faculty secured over $2.79 million in external funding and $14,000 in internal awards for research. This is almost double last year’s record level for departmental research funding. These grants represent the faculty’s success in highly competitive funding arenas, such as the National Science Foundation (Picou; Moberg), the National Institutes of Health (Hanks; Hudson), the Rockefeller Foundation (Picou), the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (Picou). Faculty have also been successful in securing funding from government agencies, including the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (N. Carr), the US Department of Health and Human Services – Administration on Aging (Hanks), the US Department of Commerce – Sea Grant Program (Waselkov), and the Alabama Department of Human Resources (Daley). Researchers in the department have formed successful collaborative relationships with research centers at USA – examples include work with the Mitchell Cancer Institute (Hanks – PI – funding from the Community Foundation of South Alabama), the Center for Healthy Communities – Center of Excellence (Dr. Kenneth Hudson and Dr. Roma Hanks), and the Youth Violence Prevention Program (Dr. Nicole Carr).

Of course, not all research in the department is grant funded. Dr David Gartman’s work on the sociology of culture, focusing on architecture and the automobile, has brought national recognition and continues to result in publications in top journals in sociology and history. Other faculty members have conducted national level research this year without the benefit of grants – examples are Dr. Valerie Bryan’s national study of CAPTA citizen review panels and Dr. Roma Hanks’ national
study of intergenerational research and programming for the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education.

Honors and Awards

Faculty members won an impressive array of awards during this academic year, including regional and national recognitions:

**Dr. Nicole Carr, Dr. Kenneth Hudson, Dr. Roma Hanks, and Ms. Andrea Hunt** – won Outstanding Published Paper in *Feminist Criminology Journal* with article titled Gender Effects Along the Juvenile Justice System: Evidence of a Gendered Organization.

**Dr. J. Steven Picou** – Recipient, William Foote Whyte Distinguished Career Award, American Sociological Association Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology, August 2008; Recipient Olivia Rambo Glothern USA National Alumni Association Outstanding Scholar Award, September, 2008; Selected for 2008 Dean’s Lecture, College of Arts and Science, presented lecture in November, 2008; President-elect, Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology, Fall, 2008

**Dr. Greg Waselkov** – USA’s representative to the Alabama Historical Commission, May – December 2008.

**Dr. Denise McAdory** – Mortar Board “Top Prof” for exceptional contribution to the University. Selected by Kassi E. Carroll-March 4, 2009; Mortar Board “Top Prof” for exceptional contribution to the University. Selected by Herre Echsner-March 4, 2009

**Dr. Mike Daley** – Social Worker of the Year. Awarded by the Mobile Unit of the National Association of Social Workers. (March, 2009).

**Dr. Mark Moberg** – Phi Kappa Phi Scholar of the Year (2008).

Guest Speakers and Events

The department had an active year of guest presentations. Our thanks to the USA Student Government Association, the Anthropology Club, the Center for Archaeological Studies, Alpha Kappa Delta (sociology honor society), and the USA Foundation for contributions to one or more of these events: **Dr. Brian Lowe**, State University of New York, presented a lecture on *Morality Wars and the Public Moral Imagination in Spectacular Times: The Case of Animal Advocacy*; **Lance Greene**, University of North Carolina, discussed *Surviving the Removal: The Archaeology of a Cherokee Family*; **Dr. Nicholas Hermann**, Mississippi State University, presented on the topic, *Bioarchaeology: Investigating Ancient Human Burials from the Gulf Coast to Greece*. **Dr. Della Scott-Ireton** presented a lecture on *Shipwrecks of Northwest Florida*; **Dr. Renee B. Walker**, State University of New York, presented a lecture on *Early Dog Domestication: Who Let the Dogs Out?*; **Dr. Ashley Dumas**, University of South Alabama, spoke on *Prehistoric Salt Production in Southwest Alabama*; and **Dr. Ronald Adair**, College of William and Mary, presented a lecture on *Every Helping Act is a Political Decision: Learning, Research, and Social Change*.

The department is academic home to the USA Programs in Gerontology. The Student Government Association and Sigma Phi Omega (gerontology honor society) co-sponsored *Careers in Aging Day* with over 25 organizations participating to give an overview of possible career choices for students who pursue the **USA Gerontology Certificate** or **Interdisciplinary Minor in Gerontology**. The Gerontology Research Network (GRN), a fledgling group of researchers interested in aging studies, continues to support collaboration among researchers throughout the University community.

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**Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

**Valerie Bryan**


Nicole Carr


Christopher Freed


Roma Hanks


Kenneth Hudson


Douglas Marshall


Mark Moberg


J. Steven Picou


### Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

**Philip Carr**


**Michael Daley**


**David Gartman**


### Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work: Peer Reviewed Books

**David Gartman**


**Mark Moberg**


### Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work: Non Peer Reviewed Articles

**Nicole Carr**


**Douglas Marshall**


**Denise McAdory**


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Michael Daley


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Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work: Recordings

J. Steven Picou


Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work: Presentations

Valerie Bryan


Nicole Carr


Philip Carr


Carr, P. J., & Bradbury, A. P. (2009). The organization of early archaic technology in the southeast. 74th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Michael Daley


**Christopher Freed**


**David Gartman**


**Laurie Haas**


**Roma Hanks**


**Kenneth Hudson**


**Douglas Marshall**


**Mark Moberg**


**Genevra Murray**


**J. Steven Picou**


Picou, J. S. (2008, October). Report to the community: Impacts of the EVOS. Presentation given to residents of the community of Cordova, AK. Cordova, AK.


**Greg Waselkov**


## Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work: Grants

**Valerie Bryan**

Bryan, V. Arts and Sciences Summer Professional Development Award, University of South Alabama, $3,400, 2/6/09.

**Nicole Carr**

Langhinrichsen-Rohling, J., Turner, L., Carr, N. T., & Stefurak, T. Building a Strong Relationship, Youth Violence Prevention Program, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, $313,022, 9/1/08.

**Philip Carr**

Carr, P. J. Lithic Analysis, Goodwin and Associates, $6,970.

Carr, P. J. & Waselkov, G. Phase III Archaeological Mitigation of Site 1EE639, Alabama Department of Transportation, $359,812, 6/5/08.

Waselkov, G. & Carr, P. J. 34 additional projects administered by the Center for Archaeological Studies, Many clients, $103,086, including two pro bono projects, 5/1/2008-4/30/2009.

Waselkov, G., Carr, P. J., & Staff of Center for Archaeological Studies, Cultural Resource Assessment, Testing, Mitigation, 40 total projects including above and 2 gratis, $768,315, 2008-2009.

**Michael Daley**


**Roma Hanks**

Crook, E. (PI), Hanks, R. S. is Co-Director, Community Engagement Core. Broadbased Research Collaboratives on Minority Health and Health Disparities, NIH-National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities, $6,798,000, 9/30/07-6/30/2012.


Hanks, R. S. (PI). Leadership Institute for Older Adults, SARPC-Area Agency on Aging, $10,000, 2008-2009; supplemental funding pending for 2009-2010.

**Kenneth Hudson**

Hudson, K. The Impact of Labor Force/Labor Market Status on Access to Health Care Among Black Families in Mobile, AL, Center for Healthy Communities, EXPORT Research Core $11,000, Fall 2008.

**Mark Moberg**

Moberg, M. Society Without the State: Neoliberalism and Fair Trade Organizations in Dominica, National Science Foundation, $83,141, 12/2008.

**J. Steven Picou**

Picou, J. S. Community Recovery and Hurricane Katrina: Corrosive and Therapeutic Patterns in Louisiana and Mississippi, Rockefeller Foundation, $125,750, 8/1/07-10/31/08.

Picou, J. S. Hurricane Katrina: Long-term Patterns of Community Recovery, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, $300,000, 8/1/08.

**Greg Waselkov**

Carr, P. J., & Waselkov, G. Phase III Archaeological Mitigation of Site 1EE639, Alabama Department of Transportation, $359,812, 6/5/08.

Waselkov, G., & Carr, P. J. 34 additional projects administered by the Center for Archaeological Studies, Many clients, $103,086, including two pro bono projects, 5/1/2008-4/30/2009.
Waselkov, G., & Dumas, A. Phase III Archaeological Data Recovery at Paradiso Subdivision, Herndon Oil Co., LLC, $190,823, 3/10/09.


Waselkov, G., Carr, P. J., & Staff of Center for Archaeological Studies, Cultural Resource Assessment, Testing, Mitigation, 40 total projects including above and 2 gratis, $768,315, 2008-2009.
The Department of Visual Arts finishes one of its most productive years in its history graduating over 45 students in the BFA program during the 2008-2009 academic year. The Department has grown appreciably, and we eagerly anticipate continued increases as we prepare for the addition of a new program in glass. The Department is currently in the planning phase for the construction of a new glass facility scheduled to be completed in time to offer classes in the medium beginning fall semester 2010.

During the academic year, the Department of Visual Arts was pleased to be able to offer a study abroad program to Spain which took place in May and was guided by Margarita Skiadas and Jason Guynes. This was the first study abroad program organized entirely by the Department and it presented a two week experience in studio art and art history based in Toledo, Spain with excursions to Madrid, El Escorial, Segovia, Cordoba, and Granada. Twenty-five students participated in this very successful program. An exhibition of student artwork from the program was mounted in the Visual Arts Gallery in September and moved to the Dean’s Gallery in the College of Arts and Sciences for the remainder of the academic year.

In addition to programs, the Department also welcomed new faculty. The Department is pleased to have Daniel Wildberger join the faculty in graphic design and Nicole Schneider join the faculty in foundations and printmaking. Over the course of the year, Mrs. Schneider developed the printmaking area and the Department was again able to offer printmaking as a concentration in the major after a five year hiatus.

Faculty sponsors and student organizations continued to play important roles in the Mobile arts community. Object, the ceramic students’ organization, assisted with the annual Soup-A-Thon fundraiser and demonstrations at Arts Alive, and the Department of Visual Arts, in conjunction with the English Department, published the Oracle Fine Arts Review. Further, for the first time, the Department of Visual Arts was represented by students from Object at the National Cast Iron Conference held in Birmingham, AL. We were also pleased to see the revitalization of the Art History Association this year as they began to build a departmental lending library and provided volunteer services to the Mobile Museum of Art.

Faculty in the Department continued to maintain impressive levels of professional activities and to achieve recognition for their work. In art history, Dr. Philippe Oszuscik presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Pioneer America Society and Eastern Historical Geography Association which met in Baton Rouge, LA, and both Dr. Elizabeth Richards and Kara Burns presented papers at the Southeastern College Art Conference which met in New Orleans.

Studio faculty were again particularly active on the national and international levels. In the graphic design area, Daniel Wildberger, Diane Gibbs, and Matthew Johnson all compiled impressive lists of commissions among which Matthew Johnson’s co-design of the new USA athletics logo is particularly noteworthy. Margarita Skiadas had work that was part of a traveling exhibition displayed at numerous museums and art venues in Colombia, Brazil, and Peru. Larry Simpson won the Best of Show award at the University of Mobile’s First Annual Juried Exhibition. Tony Wright exhibited his ceramics work in several national and international juried exhibitions and invitational
shows. Of particular note was the inclusion of three of his works in the 2008 National Cup Show in Poughkeepsie, NY. Benjamin Shamback also had works in numerous juried and invitational exhibitions and mounted a solo show at LeMieux Galleries in New Orleans, LA. Of course, these are only a few of the highlights. All of the faculty in the Department were extremely productive, and a complete list of activities follows.

### Visual Arts: Non Peer Reviewed Books

**Nicole Vahle-Schneider**

Vahle-Schneider, N. (2009). Mom’s Diner, a Breastfeeding journal, Blurb.com

### Visual Arts: Abstracts

**Philippe Oszuścik**


**Benjamin Shamback**


### Visual Arts: Juried Exhibitions

**Jason Guynes**


**Matthew Johnson**


**Benjamin Shamback**


Larry Simpson


Nicole Vahle-Schneider


Vahle-Schneider, N. (2009, April). 2nd Annual University of Mobile Juried Art Exhibition, The University of Mobile, Mobile, AL.

Tony Wright


Wright, T. (September 21 – November 6, 2008). Pod Teapot (Black and Red), Platters and Pourers, Baltimore Clayworks, Juror: John Glick, National Juried Group Exhibition, Baltimore MD.

Wright, T. (September 21 – November 6, 2008). Posturing Teapot (Black and Tan), Platters and Pourers, Baltimore Clayworks, Juror: John Glick, National Juried Group Exhibition, Baltimore MD.


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**Visual Arts: Other Exhibitions and Commissions**

*Diane Gibbs*


**Jason Guynes**


**Matthew Johnson**


Johnson, M. (2008, October). Study Abroad Spain poster 2009 design update in various sizes [Client, USA Department of Visual Arts]. Mobile, AL.


Johnson, M. (2008, May – August). Logo / Identity Creation for the University of South Alabama athletic program, in collaboration with Scott Donaldson [Client, University of South Alabama]. Mobile, AL.


Elizabeth Richards


Benjamin Shamback


Shamback, B. (2009, April-May). Visual Arts Department Faculty Exhibition, University of South Alabama, University Library, 3rd Floor Gallery, Mobile, Alabama, Local Invitational Exhibition.

Nicole Vahle-Schneider


Vahle-Schneider, N., & Schneider, R. (2009, March). This American Labor, Visual Arts Gallery, University of South Alabama, Mobile AL.

Margarita Skiadas


Larry Simpson

Simpson, L. B. (2009, April). In Black. Pencil, Size 23 x 24”, University of South Alabama Faculty Exhibit, Invitational, University Library Gallery, Group Exhibition, Mobile, AL.

Daniel Wildberger


Tony Wright


Wright, T. (2009, February to April). Jaguar Bottle Commission, Client: University of South Alabama Development Office, (Production of 68 slab constructed stoneware vessel forms to be given as gifts of appreciation to volunteers for the annual campaign), Mobile, AL.


**Visual Arts: Presentations**

**Kara Burns**


**Philipe Osźuścik**


**Elizabeth Richards**

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