Dr. Sarah H. Brown to Lecture in Czech Republic

Dr. Sarah H. Brown, associate professor of history at FAU Jupiter, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at the Department of American Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic, during the 2007-2008 academic year. Brown will spend five months in Prague, teaching seminars in that effort. She authored the book, Lives Full of Struggle and Triumph: Southern Women, Their Institutions, Their Communities (University Press of Florida, 2003).

Brown was a Fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute for College and University Faculty at Harvard University. In 2006, she received a research grant from the Gilder Lehman Institute of American History in New York and a Moody Fellowship from the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library in Austin, TX. In September 2007, Brown will serve as a panelist at an international conference in Little Rock commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Little Rock integration crisis.

Brown is one of approximately 800 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad through the Fulbright Scholar Program. Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program’s purpose is to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the rest of the world.

FAU Jupiter is proud of Dr. Brown’s most recent accomplishment.

Wilkes Honors College Siblings Follow Path Set by Brothers and Sisters

The Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College welcomed an incoming class of 113 students this fall, and while the college has had siblings in the past, this year five freshmen are following in the footsteps of their older brothers and sisters.

“That says something about the way parents think about the Honors College, and the way brothers and sisters talk about their experiences here,” said Kerry Rosen, director of admissions for the college. “For us, that is real validation. These families get the Wilkes Honors College academically challenging and affordable, and realize it offers wonderful opportunities.”

“I chose to attend the Honors College because the few times I visited while still in high school, I really liked the atmosphere, and having my own room was a big plus,” said James Jimenez, a National Achievement Finalist along with his older brother Skyler from Boca Raton. “What’s good about going to the same college as my brother is that I get to see him when I want, but I don’t have to hang out with him either.”

Kristina Klaas, Phoebe Jerome, Nicholas Piccirillo and James Jimenez.

Kristina Klaas from Clement, Fla., whose sister Katherine is a Flagler Scholar, chose to attend the Honors College for its strong academic foundation. “I wanted a small school to attend so I could have a perfect or ideal experience,” explained her experiences here. Though all were not ideal, they gave me an overall security about my future endeavors.

“I enjoy being able to see my sister on a daily basis between our classes and homework, something that would be nearly impossible if we were attending separate colleges. Likewise, she is able to give me pointers and advice from her past experience as a freshman.”

Phoebe Jerome is from West Palm Beach. Her older sister Elizabeth graduated from the Honors College last spring and is currently attending Howard Medical School. “My older sister influenced my decision by explaining her experiences here. Though all were not perfect or ideal, they gave me an overall security about attending this college and more importantly trusting that I would be satisfied with what I learned.”

Cara Piccirillo, a senior from Cape Coral, Fla., was happy when her brother Nicholas selected the program. “I wanted him to come here, because I knew, like me, he wouldn’t be comfortable at a big school. It’s comforting to have someone from my family close-by.”

Olivia Smith, from Palm Beach Gardens, is the fifth freshman following in her older brother Skyler’s footsteps.

This year’s incoming class is both talented and diverse; it includes four valedictorians, one salutatorian, five National Merit Finalists, two National Achievement Finalists and 10 International Baccalaureate graduates. The class is 45% male and 55% female, the most gender-balanced ever and considerably higher than the national average for similar liberal arts programs. Additionally, 22% are ethnic minorities. Students in the incoming class came from 82 different schools, 24 Florida counties, seven states and nine countries.
We are working hard to “green” the MacArthur Campus, and Sustainability Day was an occasion for us to celebrate and showcase some of our accomplishments.

- The Hackelorn Arboretum, which has been the central focus for our campus greening efforts in the last few years, was planted with several native species.

- We are currently working to establish a full recycling program here. Since opening the MacArthur Campus we have recycled paper and cardboard. Depositing properly of cans, glass and plastic, however, has been problematic, but we have finally reached an agreement with a local service provider to pick up these recyclables. Receptacles with appropriate labeling will be placed inside and outside all buildings, and we will launch an educational program to teach faculty, staff and students about recycling.

- We have also placed labels on all our light switches across campus, reminding people to turn off lights and save electricity.

- On Sustainability Day faculty, staff and students signed a pledge, promising to do what they can to conserve energy and protect the environment in our community.

Dr. William O’Brien of the Wilkes Honors College is teaching a class this semester called “The Campus Environment”. His students have formed committees that have studied and researched best practices at other universities that could work on our campus. They have come up with suggestions for various areas on campus – dining services, residences, grounds-keeping, transportation, policy, etc. Many terrific ideas to promote sustainability have already come forward. One is a composting project that will take dining hall waste and grass clippings and convert them into mulch for the Arboretum. Another project is planning a bicycle shelter to encourage more people to ride their bikes to campus. The students are working with the campus administration and facilities staff to develop a Green Manual that will set guidelines for energy efficiency and conservation in areas such as lighting, HVAC, custodial, and purchasing.

The MacArthur Campus has the advantage of scale for implementing many innovative energy conservation measures. It also has the advantage of a truly committed student body that is rallying the faculty and staff to aspire to make our campus environmentally friendly. We are a small and tight-knit community, and we look forward to creating models that can be replicated by our larger partner campuses at FAU.

FAU’s Center for Environmental Studies Hosts Teacher Workshop

By Alana Edwards, CES Education & Training Coordinator

FAU’s Center for Environmental Studies coordinated the first Great Water Odyssey workshop in southern Florida. The workshop was held Sept. 8, on the MacArthur campus for 5th grade teachers in Palm Beach County. This workshop series is sponsored by South Florida Water Management District (SFWM) and focuses on the issues impacting the greater Everglades watershed.

As part of the workshop, the teachers became familiar with a new computer-based curriculum which introduces elementary age students to important water issues in Florida, such as the water cycle, natural habitats and water use in communities. To explore these topics, students follow Hydro and Agua, two animated water drops, on adventures through the various lessons in the Great Water Odyssey, earning exploration points along the way. When each lesson is complete, students can go to the virtual arcade to play educational games. All of the lessons use an interdisciplinary approach and are correlated to Florida’s Sunshine State Standards for science, as well as math, language arts, and social studies.

Each teacher who attended the workshop received a copy of the curriculum CD, the accompanying educator’s manual and numerous materials and literature provided by SFWM. In addition, teachers received in-service credits for their participation in the workshop.

Although the teachers had to devote part of their weekend to attend, they were extremely enthusiastic about the workshop.

“The workshop was a refreshing change from the typical mind-numbing adult-oriented workshops,” said Sandy Lessner of Del Prado Elementary School in Boca Raton. “I can’t wait to use the kid-friendly learning materials with my class!”

CES will offer these workshops throughout the 2007-08 school year. The next workshop will be held on FAU’s Boca Raton campus on Saturday, Nov. 17. If you know of a teacher who may be interested in these workshops, please contact Alana Edwards 561-799-5862.

Homecoming 2007 - Campus Celebrates “Renaissance Re-mix”

“Let them last long in love” proclaimed that “Scholars are happy on the beach.” Faculty joined our campus go out to the scholar golf cart to lead the parade. Powered by Dr. Doug McClure and his daughter, Anika, Dr. Taylor Hagoad, Dr. Kristen Marnough, Dr. Julie Ettles and Dr. Jacqueline Finney.

The Jupiter campus came alive with school spirit during Homecoming Week. During the week, faculty and staff, office and dorm decorations, a treat in the dining hall and the first-ever golf cart parade helped make our celebration a great success. The campus also entered a float in the Boca Raton campus parade depicting Gables and the Age of Discovery which confirmed that “FAU Jupiter is out of this world.”

SGA Report

By Jeffrey Joyner, MacArthur Campus Lieutenant Governor

MacArthur Campus Student Government is proud to continue the tradition of honoringly serving the student body through events, volunteer opportunities and effective responses to student concerns.

The Burrow will become a bit more colorful over the next several weeks. The Campus Art Club, Different Strokes, has partnered with Students Advocating Volunteer Involvement (SAVI) to paint a mural on one of the walls in The Burrow. Mindful of our responsibility to the community as a whole, MacArthur campus SAVI recently launched Community Corps. Community Corps members are dedicated to the community both within and outside of the University. Members have already represented Student Government at the American Heart Association’s Annual Heart Walk and Habitat for Humanity home construction events. Future events include a benefit for Quantum House and a partnership with a local elementary school. For more information on Community Corps, contact SAVI Director Katherine Mockler at kmockle2@fau.edu.

Program Board continues to provide quality events to the MacArthur campus. This year they have hosted a nationally known comedian during Weeks of Welcome and are planning many more exciting events, including a day trip to Universal Studios in Orlando. One of Program Board’s most exciting events of the year is Family Weekend. For one weekend in October the campus hosted family and friends of current MacArthur campus students. Program Board, along with the Department of Housing and Residential Life, coordinated the annual festival complete with food, games and tours of the campus. Family Weekend provides a great way to showcase our campus and the many amenities that make it a special place to live and learn.

Students Government welcomes all comments and suggestions. To learn more about what Student Government is all about, stop by our offices in The Burrow, or contact Student Body Governor Ed Fulton at ejfulton@fau.edu.

Going Green at FAU Jupiter

Owsley hands out Publix “green bags” at Campus Sustainability Day assisted by Enviro Club member Lauren Bimmer. Students, faculty and staff participated in signing a pledge to “Live Green.” Other activities included table displays, a“green” forum and distribution of information on how everyone in the campus community can do their part to create a sustainable environment.
Christopher M. Ott recently joined the staff of FAU Jupiter as the new director of campus operations. Ott previously served as associate vice president for business services at Nova Southeastern University.

“I am very pleased to join the FAU family,” said Ott. “It is my primary goal to contribute to the mission of the University by enhancing the services and amenities that support campus life for students, faculty, staff and alumni.”

Ott’s responsibilities include space utilization, mail services, transportation services and campus emergency plans. He serves as the campus liaison to physical plant, university police, food services and environmental health and safety.

“Chris is an experienced professional, bringing extensive operations experience and expertise to his new position,” said Dr. Kristen Murtaugh, vice president for the MacArthur campus. “His knowledge of best practices will help raise our campus operations to an even higher level of efficiency and effectiveness.”

Ott received his bachelor of science degree from Palm Beach Atlantic University. He resides in Palm Beach Gardens.

FAU Jupiter Participates in Heart Walk

More than 90 members from FAU Jupiter participated in the American Heart Association’s Heart Walk on Saturday, Sept. 29, in West Palm Beach. The FAU Jupiter team, comprised of students, faculty, staff and family members from campus departments, colleges and the Lifelong Learning Society, raised $5,373 in donations to help fight heart disease. In recognition of this accomplishment, the American Heart Association presented the FAU Jupiter team the “Rookie of the Year” award at its celebration on Oct. 24.

Students Raise Funds for Earthquake Victims

Students from the MacArthur campus participated in fundraising for the American Red Cross Peruvian Earthquake Relief fund. $386.21 was raised and the funds were presented to Ryan Cairns, director of financial development on Sept. 18. The fundraiser was led by Katherine Mockler and sponsored by the Center for Civic Engagement & Service, Jupiter campus. Students and staff who participated in the fundraiser are pictured presenting the check to the American Red Cross: Cara Piccirillo, Corbin Hines, Anna Leech, Lauren Bimmler, Peter Szurek, Katherine Mockler, Ryan Cairns (American Red Cross) and Heather Bishara.

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LLS Matches Awards to Winners of “Palm Beach Idol”

FAU Jupiter’s Lifelong Learning Society recently offered a matching performance award to each of three “Palm Beach Idol” winners: Amelia Profaci, Amanda Leakey and Tiffany Werner. The contest was held at the Maltz Jupiter Theatre on July 28.

René Friedman, director of the Lifelong Learning Society and a judge for the contest, was extremely impressed with the contestants’ talents. “I was thrilled to be chosen as a judge for this contest because I am an avid supporter for education and the performing arts. I believe that there is a lot of talent in our local community, and the Lifelong Learning Society would like to help these gifted individuals reach their future goals.”

The Lifelong Learning Society invited the three winners to perform during the 10th Anniversary Performing Arts Week, which will be held in January 2008. At that time, LLS will present the awards to each of the winners.

“I would like to give the winners an opportunity to perform again,” said Friedman. “I want the University community to experience their exceptional voices.”

The 10th Anniversary Performing Arts Week will celebrate music, theater, art and dance with five days of lectures and creative experiences. Performing Arts Week gives the members of the Lifelong Learning Society an opportunity to experience not only great performers from the FAU faculty, but also exposes them to other artists from the community.

For more information on the Lifelong Learning Society or the 10th Anniversary Performing Arts Week, please call 561-799-8813 or visit us at www.fau.edu.
November
- Design Institute at Alachua: Philip Myrick unveils "Place-making – Principles Needed for Communities in Creating a Great Place to Live" (AD Auditorsium, 7-1 p.m.)
- Meet the artist reception: J.R. Houbrick's "Personal Tales...A Journey of the Mind" (SR Artium, 5-7 p.m.)
- Coffee with the Professor sponsored by BankAtlantic Dining Hall Annex, 8-9 a.m.
- Wilkes Honors College Open House, 1-5 p.m.
- 22-25 Thanksgiving recess

December
- Donor Recognition Reception: LLS Courtyard, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

January
- Coffee with the Professor sponsored by BankAtlantic Dining Hall Annex, 8-9 a.m.
- March 3-9: Spring Break
- 15: Wilkes Honors College Open House, 1-5 p.m.
- 16: Music Showcase – LLS Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- 21: Coffee with the Professor sponsored by BankAtlantic Dining Hall Annex, 8-9 a.m.

TBA
- Career and Graduate School Fair – SR Atrium and The Burrow
- For information on other FAU events, go to www.fau.edu

FACULTY, STAFF & STUDENT BRIEFS

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS


Mary Ann Gower-Esquelin, professor, foreign languages, Wilkes Honors College, delivered an Openly Plenary Session paper on "Latin American Women Moving Forward by Breaking the Silence" at the 2nd Interdisciplinary Conference, Women and Justice, St. Thomas University, March 2007. Congratulations to Dr. Gower-Esquelin for her successful tenure this past year as interim dean of the undergraduate studies and special assistant to the provost in charge of FAU’s integrated Freshman Convocation.

Timothy Steigenga, associate professor of political sciences, Wilkes Honors College, edited a volume with Edward L. Clarke analyzing the process and effects of religious convention in Latin America. The book, published by Rutgers University Press, is titled Contests of a Contested Contemporary Religious Change in Latin America. Dr. Steigenga is also serving as a co-organizer of a $450,000 Ford Foundation Latin American Immigrants in the New South: Religion and the Politics of Encounter. As part of his responsibilities related to the grant, Dr. Steigenga served as an organizer and chair for the panel "Georgia as a New Hyper-Growth Destination for Latin American Immigrants" at the Latin American Studies Association Conference held in Montreal, Canada, in September.

Sarah Brown, associate professor, history, Schmidt College of Arts & Letters, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture at Charles University in Prague in spring 2008. (See article on page 1). Dr. Brown was the leader for a plenary session about white resistance to the Brown decision at a conference in Little Rock in September which commemorated the 50th anniversary of the integration of the Central High School.

Sunam Bounyow, assistant professor, marketing, Barry Kaye College of Business, was elected senior fellow of the Carl DeFirentz Center for Motion Picture Studies.

Kristen Murtaugh, campus vice president, received the 2007 Community Leader of the Year Award from the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce.

Michaela Merino, director of student affairs, Wilkes Honors College, received her E.D.D. from Florida State University.

Dane Artista, senior library technical assistant, has been selected as one of this year's recipients of the SELRN Summit Award, which recognizes outstanding library paraprofessionals for providing excellent library service and advancing the role of paraprofessionals in Southeast Florida libraries.

Ron Vogt, sergeant, University police, Jupiter campus, received the Officer Special Recognition award from the Jupiter police department for exceptional performance of duty, work and dedication beyond the required routine job tasks.

Ron Legro, officer, University police, Jupiter campus, received the Community Service award in recognition of dedicated law enforcement-related work, dedicated work on campus community projects, humanitarianism or performance which resulted in outstanding service to the University community.

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Susan and Phil Snowhite at the entrance to the home farm that was their base camp for a week in Iceland. It is located 30 miles north of Akureyri, the regional city, and 45 miles south of the Arctic Circle.

Spelling Counts

FAU’s Jupiter campus fielded an enthusiastic team for the 16th annual Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee. The intrepid spellers pictured here are Abby Ross, Alia Spencer and Lynn Horne. The event, held on Sept. 27, at the Harriet Himmel Gilman Theater in West Palm Beach, brought 19 three-member teams together from local businesses and organizations to use their spelling ability and raise money for the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition.

Promotions

Abby Ross, promoted to coordinator for academic programs

Mary Moffett, promoted to assistant director for transfer admissions

Sue-Renee Solar, promoted to assistant director of admissions, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Gabrielle Kosty, promoted to full professor of marketing, Barry Kaye College of Business

Miguel Vazquez, promoted to tenure and promoted to associate professor, foreign languages, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

William O’Brien, promoted tenure and promoted to associate professor, environmental studies, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Christian Weiser, associate professor, composition and rhetoric, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, granted tenure.

Student Honors

Samantha Chong (Wilkes Honors College, '08) had her essay "Smoking Out the Truth: An Analysis of Tobacco Prevention Funding" invited for publication in the second edition of Christian Weiser’s textbook Technical Writing in the Twenty-First Century.

Laurelynn Kirk (Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, '08) received a $3,000 Freeman-ASIA Summer Stipend Award to study in Japan. She used the grant to participate in Temple University’s 11-week summer program in Tokyo.

Samantha Montgomery (Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, '08) was awarded the 2007 Student Talon Award.

Jordan Zwick (Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, '08) set a new FAU record in track last spring by completing the 5,000 meters in a time of 16:23.11, shattering the previous record by almost 24 seconds.

Family News

Joe Isadore, associate dean of students, and his wife, Lisa, have recently returned from Russia with their newly adopted 15-month-old son, Jacob Powernow.

Nancy Jones (associate professor, psychology, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College) and her husband, Kenneth, welcomed their son, Samuel Casey Aaron Jones, on April 28.

Laura Venorn (assistant professor, psychology, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College) and Marc Hill (visiting assistant professor, physics, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College) were married.

New Faces on Campus

Latish Myrick, program assistant, Career Development Office

Ivan Varela, assistant professor, public administration, College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs

Both Anie, field faculty, social work, College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs

Phil DeBice, assistant professor, social work, College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs

Kristen Block, assistant, history, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Jonathan Goldmann, assistant professor, English, Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Phil Siegel, visiting instructor, accounting, Barry Kaye College of Business

James McGurrin, visiting instructor, writing, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Marc Hill, visiting assistant professor, physics, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Katiey Nurteig, assistant professor, economics, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Alicia Altomar, admissions counselor, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

Christopher Otti, director of campus operations

Jamie Wintt, graduate assistant for academic programs

Karen Thomas, assistant, admissions and student services

Lauren Kellar, assistant, registrar and student services

Alicia Spencer, assistant University librarian, Jupiter campus library

Officer Solomon Bahab-Gelfo, Jupiter campus police

Marc Verdan, video conferencing support specialist, ISM