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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



As another academic year draws to a close I am reminded of the many outstanding achievements of our current and past graduate students. This was particularly evident at the Celebration for Graduate Student Excellence when we recognized the achievements of graduate students in scholarship, teaching, and leadership. Some of these accomplishments are highlighted in the next few pages. In addition, I have been fortunate to get to know students who are recipients of the fellowships administered by The Graduate School e.g., The University and Presidential Fellowships. In 2008 we established the Fellows Society, the purpose of which is to build a network of interdisciplinary scholars and foster their development as future leaders. Members of the society include current fellows as well as former fellows such as: Dr. Alice Murillo, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at City College of San Francisco (University Fellow in Educational Research '86-'88), Ms. Catherine Horta-Hayden, Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Dance, Towson University (University Fellow in Dance, '96-'97), and Dr. Gary Corseri, creative writer (University Fellow in English, '86-'87). It has truly been a pleasure of mine to meet these students and alumni and I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Marcus

HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY

To help qualifying graduate assistants and fellows with the rising Student Health Insurance Plan premiums for 2010-2011, The Graduate School will increase the annual subsidy for each qualifying graduate assistant and fellow by \$175 (effective Fall 2010). Please see the detailed page included later in this memorandum for more information concerning the subsidy amounts. For questions concerning Graduate Student Health Insurance Subsidy policies and procedures, please refer to our website at <http://www.gradschool.fsu.edu>, or contact Brian Barton, bbarton@fsu.edu, at 644-3501. For questions concerning the university-sponsored health insurance plan please refer to Thagard Student Health Center's Health Insurance website, <http://www.tshc.fsu.edu/insurance.htm>, or call 644-4250.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: BRIAN BARTON

In February Brian Barton, a graduate of Florida State University, was named Coordinator at The Graduate School. His primary responsibilities include helping manage and reconcile graduate tuition waivers, monitoring graduate enrollment, the health insurance subsidy for graduate students, and the management of several of the fellowships programs The Graduate School awards each year. Brian has been employed at Florida State University since 2003 and previously served as the Assistant Director of Sponsored Research Services. Brian received his undergraduate degree from Clemson University in 1999 and in 2004 completed a Master of Arts degree in International Affairs at Florida State University. In 2006 Brian was the recipient of the Jeffrey A. Gabor Superior Accomplishment Award for the



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Division of Research at Florida State University. Brian is also active in the community where he has served on the Housing Corporation Board of Directors for the FSU chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, was a Big Brother in Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend, and as a Deacon at Faith Presbyterian Church.

He is married to Lisa Craft Barton who received a Master of Arts degree from Florida State University in History, and they have a son, David.

FSU HONORS ITS GRADUATE STUDENTS AT ANNUAL EVENT

The Florida State University honored the achievements of thirty-five of its best graduate students at the annual Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence on April 7th at the Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center. This celebration coincided with the Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week during April 5-9, 2010, as proclaimed by the Governor of the State of Florida, Charlie Crist. The graduate students who were recognized for excellence in teaching, research and creativity, and leadership each received a certificate and an honorarium of \$500. The students who received Dialogues Interdisciplinary Research Grants were given \$1,000 to attend an international conference to present their work. The annual event also recognizes accomplishments of Graduate Student Leadership Award candidates and Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards (OTAA) nominees. The graduate student awards are supported by Academic and Professional Program Services (APPS), the Graduate School, the Office of Research, and the Congress of Graduate Students.

2010 Graduate Student Award Recipients:

Leadership Award

Research & Creativity Award

Preparing Future Faculty Fellowship

Library Poster Award

Dialogues Interdisciplinary Research Grant

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

FSU RANKED AMONG NATION'S TOP DOCTORATE-GRANTING INSTITUTIONS

By Andrea Wolf

The Florida State University ranks 44th among doctorate-granting institutions in terms of number of research doctorates produced in 2008, according to a new report released by the National Science Foundation. The report is based on the Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED).

Florida State tied with the University of California at Santa Barbara and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University ("Virginia Tech") for the 44th spot. The three institutions each granted 344 doctoral degrees in 2008.

Florida State has been listed among the Top 50 doctorate-granting institutions since 2002, said Nancy Marcus, dean

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of the Graduate School.

“By graduating more and more students with research doctorates, we are enhancing our impact on these fields, which ultimately serves to enhance our reputation,” Marcus said. “The data also demonstrate our strength in the humanities, education, communication and social sciences, including psychology.”

The university ranked 15th in education and sixth in a category the SED calls “other,” which includes several disciplines including business, communication and information.

In addition, Florida State ranked 12th in the number of doctorates it awarded to African-Americans between 2004 and 2008, an achievement that is particularly significant when one considers that recipients of doctorates often become faculty at research universities as well as leaders in government and industry, Marcus said. The university awarded 109 doctoral degrees to African-Americans during that period.

“It is important that as a nation we continue to increase the diversity of the pool of doctoral recipients so that these future leaders reflect the great breadth of experiences and perspectives of our population,” she said. “The No. 12 ranking that FSU holds is evidence of our commitment to this ideal.”

There were 48,802 research doctorates awarded in the United States in 2008, the highest in the nation’s history of higher education, according to the SED report.

The SED is conducted annually and is sponsored by six federal agencies: the National Science Foundation; National Institutes of Health; U.S. Department of Education; U.S. Department of Agriculture; National Endowment for the Humanities; and NASA.

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SUMMER GRAMMAR WORKSHOP

Dr. Anne Thistle will repeat her informal workshop “English Grammar for Scientific Writers” in the summer of 2010. It will consist of seven weekly two-hour meetings, beginning in the week of 3 May. It can be continued for additional weeks if participants wish to have certain sessions repeated or want to continue it as an editing clinic. The workshop is free of charge and open to anyone. The location has not yet been

determined but will probably be room 2021

King Life Sciences Building (the new Biological Science building at 319 Stadium Drive, just south of the College of Medicine).

Further information is available on the workshop’s Blackboard page. To view the page, log into Blackboard, click the “Organizations” tab at the upper right, click “Browse organization catalog,” and search on the word “grammar.” When the “English Grammar for Scientific Writers” entry appears, click “enroll.” (Note that clicking “enroll” does not obligate you to attend the workshop; it just gives you access to the workshop’s page, which should then appear on your Blackboard home page, under “Organizations.”)

If you do attend, be sure to visit the Documents section of the workshop’s Blackboard page to print out the “handouts,” and bring them with you to the meetings. If you don’t have access to Blackboard, contact Dr. Thistle, thistle@bio.fsu.edu, for more information

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MANAGEMENT PROFESSOR HONORED FOR DECADES OF MENTORSHIP

A faculty member in the Florida State University College of Business is being recognized for his more than three decades of contributions to the development of scholars in the field of management, as well as the impact of his and his students' research in the field. Gerald Ferris, the university's Frances Eppes Professor of Management and Psychology, has been honored with the 2010 Thomas A. Mahoney Mentoring Award from the Academy of Management. Given annually by the academy's Human Resources Division, the international award recognizes an educator who has made significant contributions in the mentoring of doctoral students.

"Mentoring Ph.D. students, and watching them grow into fine organizational scholars, is what I enjoy doing most," Ferris said of the award. "Receiving recognition for this from the Academy of Management is particularly rewarding because it is what I truly love."

Ferris has either served on or chaired doctoral committees for 91 Ph.D. candidates over the course of his career, which includes tenures at Florida State, the University of Illinois and Texas A&M University.

"We are exceedingly happy to call Dr. Ferris one of our own," said Annette Ranft, the Jim Moran Associate Professor and chair of Florida State's Department of Management. "He is truly representative of our dedication to providing individual attention to students and the global impact of one-on-one mentoring."

The Academy of Management is the leading professional association for scholars dedicated to creating and disseminating knowledge about management and organizations. Founded in 1936, it is the oldest and largest scholarly management association in the world, with approximately 18,000 members from 103 nations.

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CLASSICS DOCTORAL STUDENT STUDYING IN GREECE

Debra Trusty is a PhD student in the Classics department at FSU. She received her MA in Classical Archaeology from FSU in 2007 and her BA in archaeology from the University of Evansville in Indiana. She is currently in her 3rd year of studies and is focusing on Bronze Age Aegean Studies, specifically ceramic analysis and ancient economy on mainland Greece between 1500-1100 BC.

Recently, she was accepted to two exciting programs that allow her to study in Greece and gain first-hand experience necessary for her PhD degree in Classical Archaeology.

First, she was accepted to a two-week course at the Fitch Laboratory at British School in Athens, one of two major labs in Athens devoted to archaeological analysis. This is course on Ceramic Petrology. The link for the program is: http://www.bsa.ac.uk/pages/content.php?cat_id=68 and the site describes the program as follows:

Building upon its established reputation on ceramic petrology applications and its extensive reference collections of geological and ceramic thin sections, the Fitch Laboratory offers a two-week introductory course on ceramic petrology, sponsored by the Bradford McConnell Trust. The course requires no previous experience in petrology, although a familiarity with archaeological ceramics will be useful. The course provides an excellent introduction for students already engaged (or hoping to embark) on a Master's or research degree in archaeological materials, as well as for postdoctoral researchers interested in being familiar with ceramic petrology applications. Although the focus is primarily with ceramic materials, the skills learnt are applicable to the study of lithics, building materials, pigments and soils.

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Applicants from all over the world were allowed to apply for only 10 available spots and had to demonstrate that they had a desire to attend and the ability to understand some major concepts in archaeology. She presented her plans for her dissertation, which will be to study the ceramics from two Bronze Age Greek sites, one of which is co-directed by FSU's Classics department chair, Daniel Pullen. She was selected to attend and the Classics Department at FSU was gracious enough to provide her with funding for tuition, room and board.

The second opportunity is even more exciting. In October she applied for membership to a very competitive program run by the American School in Athens. The Regular Membership is a 9-month program, centered in Athens and allows for graduate students to travel, study, and further their understanding of ancient Greek culture. The website for the program (<http://www.ascsa.edu.gr/index.php/admission-membership/regular>) describes regular membership as:

The Regular Session (September to June 1) offers field trips to major archaeological sites of Greece in the fall; seminars in Athenian and Attic topography and monuments and in literature and history in the winter; and training in archaeological techniques at the School's excavations at the site of Ancient Corinth in the spring.

Applicants submit a detailed application and then take an admission exam, held all over the country on the first weekend of February. The highest scoring applicants are awarded with membership and given fellowships while lower scoring, but still worthy, applicants are accepted for membership. She was not only accepted to attend but received one of only twelve scholarships (the Philip Lockhart Fellowship), which grants the recipient with full tuition, room, board, and a stipend of \$11,500. In September she will be leaving to spend 9-months in Athens, studying with some of the most successful and influential people in Classical Archaeological studies.

DOCTORAL DEGREE RECEPTION

The spring 2010 Doctoral Degree reception was held on April 30, 2010, in the Beth Moor Lounge of the Longmire Building. Graduating doctoral students, their major professors, and their friends and family were invited to celebrate the students' successes. The Doctoral Degree Reception is held each semester, the Friday before commencement, and is coordinated by The Graduate School and the Office of the President of The Florida State University.

To view a photo album for the event, please visit: <http://gradschool.fsu.edu/News-Recognitions/The-Grad-Connection/Doctoral-Reception>.

FORMER FSU FELLOW CATHERINE HORTA-HAYDEN

Catherine Horta-Hayden is Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs at Towson University, the 2nd largest university in the State of Maryland, enrolling more than 21,000 students. In this capacity, Mrs. Horta-Hayden is responsible for the administration of internal and external academic program proposals for the institution, represents the Division of Academic Affairs in institutional initiatives and oversees programs and courses offered at off-campus sites via different modes of delivery. This includes Regional Higher Education Centers, school systems, and contracts or partnerships with government and private entities. She is leading the partnership to create the first Towson University Harford Campus, which will provide students in Harford and Cecil Counties in Maryland, as well as military and their families affected by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), the opportunity to obtain four-year college degrees from Towson University in Harford County. Mrs. Horta-Hayden works very closely with Towson University's Student Affairs Division in the assessment and improvement of student experiences,



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in particular those of freshmen and transfer students and serves on a task group charged to collect data and examine ways to close the achievement gap among minority, first generation, and low income students. Mrs. Horta-Hayden also led the efforts to create and implement a University wide General Education Assessment plan. She is responsible for the coordination of the University's eight yearly Commencement ceremonies and, with the Associate Provost, she assisted in the supervision of the Academic Advising and the Academic Achievement Departments. Through her outreach efforts and commitment to the Hispanic Community she has been instrumental in creating and strengthening collaborations with the Hispanic College Fund and the U.S Hispanic Youth Entrepreneur Education (USHYEE). Mrs. Horta-Hayden played a significant role in bringing the 2008 and 2009 Maryland's Hispanic Youth Symposium to Towson University. She is committed to creating opportunities for Hispanic youth in higher education and serving as an advocate for the Hispanic community.

Mrs. Horta-Hayden received her Master of Fine Arts from Florida State University. She was the two time recipient of the Graduate University Fellowship, which afforded her the opportunity to immerse herself in her field of Dance Performance while acquiring the necessary skills to teach dance at a University level. This Graduate University Fellowship also allowed her the opportunity to spend a semester discovering the role of an administrator, when she interned with the Chairperson of the Dance Department at that time. She came to Towson University in 2000 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Dance and was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor in 2006. She served as the Artistic Director of the Towson University Dance Company for seven years coordinating residencies by renowned International Artists. Examples include guest artists such as: Andrew Carroll, Professor Emeritus Dr. Nancy Smith Fichter, Douglas Graham, Mark Taylor, Charmain Hunter, Larry Keigwin, Yanis Pikiere, Jawole Willa Jo Zollar, Ruth Andrien, Elyse Borne, and Karena Brock-Carylyle. During her time as faculty in the Towson University Department of Dance, Mrs. Horta-Hayden taught all levels of the Ballet technique and pointe, Ballet Repertory, and the advanced level of the Modern technique.

Mrs. Horta-Hayden currently serves as a Board Member for the International Council of Researchers in Pedagogical Studies of Ballet in Higher Education (CORPS), the only professional organization of its kind, dedicated to the development, exploration, and advancement of ballet in higher education. Statewide, Mrs. Horta-Hayden has served on Maryland State Arts in Communities Advisory Council, Maryland State Arts Council Local Host Committee for the 2006 National Performing Arts Exchange Conference and Maryland State Arts Council Local Host Committee for the 2007 National Assembly of State Art Agencies. She has also served as a panelist on the Ohio Arts Council's Individual Excellence Awards Choreography panel.

Mrs. Horta-Hayden was approved by the National Endowment for the Arts to serve as an external evaluator for Morton Street Summer Dance Program in Baltimore City and was appointed by Baltimore County Executive, James Smith, as a Commissioner on the Baltimore County Commission for Women in 2006.

She most recently was invited to serve on the Board of Trustees for WYPR 88.1 Maryland's NPR news station. She is also the proud wife of Eduardo Hayden and mother of Alessandra and Jonathan Hayden.

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