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# The Grad Connection

## Message From the Dean



Nancy Marcus

I am pleased to bring to your attention the new **International Dissertation Semester Research Fellowship** program sponsored by the FSU Office of Graduate Studies.

These prestigious fellowships for advanced doctoral students are offered by the Office of Graduate Studies to facilitate research and timely completion of the doctoral degree that requires extended research-time abroad.

Recipients must enroll for a minimum of

nine dissertation hours during the research semester, and conduct research abroad for the duration of the fellowship. The Office of Graduate Studies will provide a tuition waiver (IS and OOS if necessary) for the semester.

Details about this fellowship program and the deadline for the application are posted on the Office of Graduate Studies main website: <http://gradstudies.fsu.edu>, and on the Office of Graduate Studies Blackboard site.

## FSU Dialogues

Florida State University’s Congress of Graduate Students (COGS) and Office of Graduate Studies invite application packets for the first *FSU Dialogues* Conference that will take place in the Spring of 2008. *Dialogues* is designed to recognize interdisciplinary research by graduate students and

promote recognition of that research internationally. Each year the interdisciplinary focus of the conference will change. In 2008, the focus will be health as it refers to the general condition of the mind and body.

*Dialogues* will feature presentations from

graduate students, FSU faculty, and a keynote speaker. Graduate student presentations will be divided into three disciplinary categories: natural and physical sciences including mathematics and engineering; social and behavioral sciences; and

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the humanities and arts. An interdisciplinary panel of FSU professors working in the area of health will evaluate graduate student presentations. The presenter of the top paper in each area, to be announced at the Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence in Spring 2008, will receive a Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Research Grant to present their work at an international conference.

To present at *Dialogues* students must be an FSU degree-seeking graduate or professional student in good academic standing at the time of the conference,

demonstrating the intent to present the paper at an international meeting or conference. To be eligible for the Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Research Grant, the presenter must be an FSU degree-seeking graduate or professional student when presenting the paper at an international conference. Graduate student application packets for *Dialogues* must be submitted to COGS by January 18, 2008, and include:

- An abstract of a paper in the area of health, to be no more than 500 words.

- A completed *Dialogues* application (available online at <http://www.fsu.edu/~sga/cogs/grants.html>).
- A statement explaining the importance, and interdisciplinary nature of the research, to be no more than 2 double-sided pages.

Completed application packets are due to the Congress of Graduate Students, Student Life Building, Room 244, by hand delivery or courier, no later than January 18, 2008. Questions about the application process may be directed to Barbara Speck, [BSpeck@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:BSpeck@admin.fsu.edu).

## Doctoral Student Receives Research Grant

While maintaining high levels of academic achievement, J. Derek Kingsley is a recognized researcher who has garnered external funds to support his work. In March, 2007, he received a \$5,000 grant from the American College of Sports Medicine. The recent award will partially finance his dissertation research.

His research is focused on the effects of resistance exercise in women diagnosed with fibromyalgia. Fibromyalgia is a disease of unknown origin, characterized by chronic pain that affects primarily women. The current project will examine the effects of resistance exercise training on pain, autonomic function and endothelial function in women with fibromyalgia

compared to healthy women. This research addresses a critical gap in the knowledge base as previous efforts have not tested these characteristics in women with fibromyalgia. Arturo Figueiroa, M.D., Ph.D. serves as major professor for the dissertation research.

Kingsley previously received a student research award from the Southeast Regional Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine for his master's thesis. The research project was designed to test strength and functionality in response to resistance training in women with fibromyalgia. The findings have tremendous value to those affected by the disease and practitioners.

Kingsley received research training by working on projects led by faculty members in the College of Human Sciences. These studies examined pedometer use and lipoprotein metabolism in obese women, obesity's effect on gait, and functionality in older adults and individuals with pulmonary disease.

Kingsley is a doctoral candidate in exercise physiology in the Department of Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences where he completed the M.S. under the direction of Dr. Lynn Panton in the same discipline. He earned a B.S. in exercise and sport science from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Prior to coming to FSU in 2001 he managed a fitness consulting business.

**Accolades...**

Kelly Williamson, masters student in interior design, won the student paper competition at the Environmental Design Research Association 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Sacramento, CA. Her paper, titled, “Mobile

Community Center: A Solution for FEMA Trailer Parks in the Southern Gulf Region” addressed the need for community centers to offset crowding and help build community in FEMA trailer parks. The

proposed project used shipping containers, which could easily be shipped and assembled. Her paper was the only full student paper published in the proceedings.



Pictured (L-R) Lisa Waxman, FSU Faculty Member; Kelly Williamson, Award Recipient; and Jill Pable, FSU Faculty Member.

**FSU Teaching and Advising Awards**

The Florida State University Teaching and Advising Awards Committee are seeking nominations for awards recognizing faculty for excellence in teaching and advising. Each award carries an honorarium of \$2,000.

Do you have a professor whom you consider an excellent teacher or advisor?

One who challenged you, taught you a great deal, or helped you with academic or career decisions?

If so, mail, fax or e-mail a letter of nomination stating the reasons you feel this professor was an outstanding teacher or advisor, to the University Teaching and Advising Committee:

**Mail:**

212 Westcott Building,  
Tallahassee, FL 32306

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(850) 644-0172

**E-mail:**

[mvanos@fsu.edu](mailto:mvanos@fsu.edu)

These awards will be announced during the Spring term. Nominations must be received before Friday, January 4, 2008.

**“Do you have a professor whom you consider an excellent teacher or advisor?”**

**Professional Development Workshop — *Steps to the Degree***

During the 2007-2008 academic year, the Office of Graduate Studies is again conducting a series of professional development workshops. These free workshops, led by FSU faculty and administrators, are designed for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

Inaugurating this year’s series September 25, Dr. Nancy Marcus, Dean of Graduate Studies, Oceanography, along with Dr. Ellen Berler, Psychology, and Dr. Helen Burke, English, Honors Program, led the *Steps to the Degree Workshop* for 80 graduate students. Marcus introduced

the session by describing the overall process of earning a master’s or doctorate, the general expectations of the university, academic department, and committee for both degrees and the first steps to take as a new graduate student.

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Dean Nancy Marcus addresses graduate students during the Steps to the Degree workshop.

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She was followed by Berler who discussed the importance of adopting the basic rules of etiquette with faculty, staff and peers, attending departmental social events, understanding departmental expectations, selecting and working with one's major professor and committee, and changing major professors. Lastly Burke spoke about setting long and short-term

goals, balancing one's time between the roles of a graduate student and a graduate assistant, developing ideas for research, avoiding burn out during the writing phase of the dissertation/thesis, and remembering to take care of oneself.

A question and answer session followed, with such interest that each presenter agreed

to remain until all questions were answered.

The remaining 2007-2008 workshop schedule and descriptions are located at <http://gradstudies.fsu.edu/workshops.html>. All workshops are held at 5:00 P.M. at various campus locations.

## Recent Study Calls FSU College of Music "Most Influential"

When it comes to research published in the Journal of Research in Music Education (JRME) -- the premier publication for scholarly inquiry in the music education profession -- a recent study calls FSU the single most influential institution since 1990.

The study, undertaken and described in a paper by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, found that more than 25 percent of the 418 articles published in JRME between 1990 and 2005 came from music educators who received their doctorates from FSU.

"During collegiate promotion and tenure processes, research published in JRME is given the greatest weight in the evaluation of scholarly productivity for music educators," College of Music Dean Don Gibson said. "The disproportionate presence of our doctoral students, alumni and faculty in this most prestigious journal speaks volumes about the

quality of music education at Florida State."

The University of Illinois review of scholarly contributions to JRME appears in the Winter 2007 edition of the Bulletin of the Council of Research in Music Education. The article begins with a reference to FSU's "most influential" status and ends, "In summary, the impact of Florida State University on the research agenda of the music education profession over the past 15 years is consequential. The work of the faculty, graduates and students of Florida State has served as an example that might provide a model for other graduate institutions granting graduate degrees in music education to emulate."

Gibson points to the dominant presence of FSU as evidence of the continuing productivity of its faculty members over many years. "The contributions to JRME, both by

FSU faculty and our alumni in music education, have undoubtedly shaped the direction of research in the discipline," he said.

Clifford Madsen agrees. A member of the FSU faculty since 1960, he is the Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Music and the coordinator of the music education, music therapy and contemporary media programs.

"I've been very fortunate to find myself among a talented and dedicated group of College of Music faculty and students who demonstrate such high levels of productivity and excellence," Madsen said. "Since coming to FSU 47 years ago, I have attempted to encourage all of my associates to develop a 'love affair' with research. It is a distinct pleasure for me to see the fruition of their efforts continuously appear in our profession's premier journal."

## Six Graduate Students Reap the Benefit of \$10 Million Gift

Six Florida State University graduate students are the first to reap the benefits of a \$10 million gift designed to provide much-needed financial support for students.

Syed Abdullah, Eden Steven, Pei Li, David Olawale, Kan Wang, and Aixia Xu are the first students to receive support from the Adelaide Duval Wilson Fellowship, which was established in 2006 and earmarked to support graduate stipends, travel/conference support, research expenses, lectures, and graduate student mentoring by faculty and professionals in their field of study. The unrestricted \$5 million gift from the estate of Wilson was matched by the State of Florida, yielding a \$10 million endowed fund.

These outstanding

students have a common interest in materials science and engineering and they represent four different departments: physics, chemical engineering, industrial engineering, and mechanical engineering.

- Abdullah received his master's degree from the New Jersey Institute of Technology and his advisor is Professor Rufina Alamo.

- Steven received a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and his advisor is Professor Jim Brooks.

- David Larbalastier is the major professor for Li, who received a master's degree from Tsinghua University in Beijing, China; and Xu who received a master's degree from the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Institute of Plasma Physics.

- Professor Okenwa Okoli is the advisor of Olawale, who received his master's degree from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

- Professor Chuck Zhang will advise Wang, who received a master's degree from Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

These doctoral students will assist their advisors in advancing materials research as part of the Florida Board of Governors' funded Center of Excellence in Advanced Materials a multidisciplinary research and development center.

Wilson was a lifelong resident of Ocala, FL. She received a bachelor's degree from the Florida State College for Women in 1935 and was an ardent supporter of FSU.



The First Recipients of the Adelaide Duval Wilson Fellowship.

## Tracking PhD Completion

As part of a national initiative to increase completion rates in doctoral programs, FSU's Office of Graduate Studies was selected to receive an award of \$80,000 to participate as a Research Partner in the

second phase of the Council of Graduate Schools' *Ph.D. Completion Project*. Funded by Pfizer Inc and the Ford Foundation, the three-year grants will provide first-time funding to eight

universities and continuing support to fourteen institutions that have participated in the project previously.

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Partner during the first phase by submitting data on doctoral degree completion and attrition with the funded institutions. Participating institutions design and use intervention strategies and follow-up evaluations of the effect of those interventions on doctoral attrition patterns and completion rates. The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) will disseminate nationally the intervention strategies that prove to be successful in improving doctoral completion. While FSU was one of 22 universities selected, FSU was “especially singled out as having the potential to significantly impact Ph.D. completion rates and attrition patterns nationally,” said Debra Stewart, CGS President, and was congratulated on the Office of Graduate Studies’ “strong leadership in this area.”

By continuing to track data

for the eight academic programs that were initially selected for the first phase of the project, valuable data on all doctoral programs at FSU will be gathered. These eight programs are chemistry, physics, mathematics, oceanography, neuroscience, clinical psychology, humanities, and English. Each of these academic programs is housed in the College of Arts and Sciences, the largest of the sixteen colleges at FSU, accounting for 25 percent of all graduate students.

FSU will implement six interventions, and assess their effectiveness by monitoring doctoral student progress and gathering direct feedback via surveys. Based upon the results strategies will be continued, modified, and/or replaced with new interventions. The six interventions are developing a web-based online system for

tracking graduate student progress; professional development workshop series and assessment; mentoring and training of new faculty; annual review of doctoral student progress; feedback through surveys; and E-Mentoring through Mentornet.

“Our participation in the doctoral completion project should lead to significant increases in completion rates in academic programs campus-wide as a result of more effective delivery of both instruction and services to graduate students. Through evaluation, we will assess whether these effects are realized. We will also identify levels of individual program success in order to identify and be in a position to act with respect to programs that lag behind university norms,” said Graduate Studies Dean Nancy Marcus.

**Submissions of ideas and articles, as well as noteworthy publications, presentations, awards or grants are welcome and should be sent to [durrutia@fsu.edu](mailto:durrutia@fsu.edu).**

The Deadline for inclusion in the Spring edition is Friday, January 25, 2008.

## Religion Makes Call for Symposium

The Department of Religion at Florida State University will be holding its Seventh Annual Graduate Student Symposium, February 29 - March 2, 2008. Graduate students nationwide are invited to submit proposals that engage the theme, "Religion, Community, and Conflict."

Submissions are encouraged from graduate students in religion, and other fields with

interdisciplinary interest in the study of religion. Varieties of approaches are welcomed, with particular interest in papers pertaining to the subfields of Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy; American Religious History; Religions of Asia; and Religions of Western Antiquity. Other papers relevant to the study of religion are also welcome under an open call.

Proposals shall include an abstract of approximately 300 words and a curriculum vitae, and should be sent for review via e-mail to Brooke Sherrard and Barton Price at: [fsureligionsymposium@gmail.com](mailto:fsureligionsymposium@gmail.com).

The deadline for proposal submission is December 1, 2007, with final papers submitted by February 1, 2008.

## Noteworthy

### Awards

**Melinda Andrews** (Ph.D. candidate, Marketing) was awarded the College of Business Teaching Award.

**Julia D. Buckner** (Psychology) was awarded the American Psychological Association Division 12 2006 Distinguished Student Practice Award, the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS)-ACT Excellence in Campus Leadership Award, and the Daisy Parker Flory Graduate Scholar Award, FSU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

**Kelly Cowart** (Ph.D. candidate, Marketing) was the recipient of the American Marketing Association Foundation's 2007 Valuing Diversity Scholarship, and the National Black MBA Association's 2007 H. Naylor Fitzhugh Scholarship.

**Gavin Fox** (Ph.D. candidate, Marketing) was selected to represent FSU at the American Marketing Association's doctoral consortium.

**Matt Gayman** (Ph.D. candidate, Sociology) has been named the 2007 Louise Johnson Scholar by the Medical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association. The award was given in recognition of Gayman's paper "Consequences of the Timing of Onset of Psychiatric Disorders on Social Support and Psychosocial Resources" presented at the annual meetings, New York, August.

**Mark Gleim** (Ph.D. candidate, Marketing) was the recipient of a Presidential Fellowship.

**Kyle L. Gobrogge** (Ph.D. candidate, Neuroscience) was awarded the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, Graduate Student Leadership Award, and Neuroscientist-Teacher Partner Award for 2007; and received the Predoctoral National Research Service Award in the amount of \$125,502 (direct costs) for July 27th, 2007 - July 27th, 2010 from the National Institute of Mental Health; and the B.W. Robinson Neuroscience Research Grant in the amount of \$2,500 (direct costs) for June 1st, 2007 - June 1st, 2008 by the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Neurology Foundation.

**John Thompson** (Ph. D. candidate, Neuroscience) received the Graduate Student Travel Award from the Society for Neuroscience, to attend the national Society for Neuroscience meeting in San Diego in November.

### Presentations

**Jeremy Bassetti** (Humanities) will present his paper "A Rial Revolution: An Investigation into the Antagonistic Iconography on Iranian Banknotes leading up to the 1979 Iranian Revolution," at the 2008 Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, HI, January.

**Genevieve Brackins** (Humanities) will present her paper "Collusively Co-opted Resistance: Appropriation of the Feminist Authoritative Voice," at the Communicating Worldviews: Faith-Intellect-Ethics 2007 National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL, November.

**Julia D. Buckner** (Psychology) will co-present "Clinical Implications of the Role of Distress Intolerance in the Relationships between Social Anxiety and Problematic Marijuana and Alcohol Use," with K. R. Cromer, and N. B. Schmidt, "Clinical Implications of Empirical Research of Obsessive-Compulsive and Alcohol Use Disorders among Undergraduates: Social Anxiety Disorder, Drinking Motives, and Drinking Situations," with K. R. Cromer, and N. B. Schmidt, and "Social Anxiety Disorder as a Specific Risk Factor for Marijuana Dependence: A Translational Perspective," with N. B. Schmidt, and "Laboratory-Induced Social Anxiety Increases Marijuana Craving," with J. Silgado, K. R. Cromer, M. E. Keough, L. R. Hunter, B. Stevens, R. A. Bernert, and N. B. Schmidt, and will present the poster "A Prospective Examination of the Role of Social Support and Peer Influence in the High Rates of Comorbid Alcohol Use and Social Anxiety Disorders," at the annual Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies convention, Philadelphia, PA, November.

**Lindsay Clark** (Interior Design) presented the paper, "Glowbug: Disaster Relief and Recovery Home" at the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Annual Art and Design for Social Justice Symposium, Florida State University.

**Manuela Dal Borgo** (Humanities) presented the paper "Longinus on Thucydides: Latent Elements within the 'Peri Hypsous' Revealed by an Analysis of a Digression in Book VI, Through de Man, Marx and Shakespeare, as a Synchronic Exposition" at the 27th International Conference of The Classical Association of South Africa, University of Cape Town, South Africa, and at the Fifth International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, American University of Paris, France, July; and presented the paper "Rhetoric: Philosophy or Techne" at the XIIIth Graduate Symposium on The Ancient Mediterranean World, Florida State University, April.

**Veronica Fannin** (Interior Design) presented the paper "Total Installation Art and Creative Empowerment: Blurring the Boundaries Between Artist and Spectator" at the Design Communications Association Conference at Ball State University.

**Claire Connolly Knox** (Public Administration and Policy) presented the paper "Ecology Through a Fly's Eye: The Nature of Science-Related Belief Systems in Mass Publics" at the Coastal Zone '07 Conference, Portland, OR, July.

**Lisa Montgomery** (Interior Design) presented the paper "Conscientious Design: Our Ability to Make a Difference" at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Art and Design for Social Justice Symposium, Florida State University.

**Rachelle McClure** (Interior Design) presented the paper, "Cradle of Hope: When Design Researches Out" at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Art and Design for Social Justice Symposium, Florida State University.

**Tessa Newbill Menotte** (Interior Design) presented the paper "Inclusive Design Close to Home: Residential Accessible Dwellings for Aging-In-Place" at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Art and Design for Social Justice Symposium, Florida State University.

**Marco D. Tomasi** (Psychology) presented the paper "Applied Behavior Analysis and the Eye in the Sky," with J.

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S. Bailey; the paper "The Effects of an Advanced Security Network Package on the Situational Awareness of Security Employees," with N. Cambridge, S. M. Olsen, J. S. Bailey, and K. Clark; the paper "The Effects of Teaching Self-Management to Students Preparing for the GRE," with J. S. Bailey; the paper "Methods of Modifying Smoking Behavior: A Pilot Study," with A. L. Watts and J. S. Bailey; the poster "Using Wine as a Reinforcer to Reduce Daily Curses," with J. L. Conrad; the poster "The Use of Two Punishment Contingencies to Decrease Frequency of Hair Playing," with C. Rey; the poster "A Beautiful Mind: An Intervention to Improve Personal Exercise and Study Behaviors," with A. L. Watts; the poster "All Play and No Work: Achieving Balance," with J. L. Csenge; the poster "Home Sweet Home: Increasing the Frequency of Home Meal Consumption," with A. Aviles; the poster "Decrease Calories Consumed: Using Self Management to Modify Behavior," with J. Priesch; the poster "Who Needs Sleep? Changing Excessive Snooze Button Pressing Behavior with Self-Management," with D. J. Sounders at the Annual Convention of the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis, Jacksonville, FL, September; the paper "Improving Human Performance in an Advanced Security System Environment," with J. S. Bailey, S. Olsen, K. Clark, and N. Cambridge; the poster "Improving Performance on the Graduate Record Examination with a Course in Self-Management," with J. S. Bailey; and the poster "Brains & Beauty: Increasing Performance Through Self-Management," with A. L. Watts at the Annual Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, San Diego, CA, May.

**John Arrington Woodward** (Humanities) presented "The Cosmopolitical Past: 'Der siebente Kontinent' as a Critique of European Cosmopolitanism," at the 31st Annual German Studies Association Conference, San Diego, CA, October.

**Katheryn Wright** (Humanities) will present the paper "Utopia in Hindi Cinema," at the Communicating Worldviews: Faith-Intellect-Ethics 2007 National Communication Association

Convention, Chicago, IL, November.

### Publications

**Melinda Andrews** (Ph.D. candidate, Marketing) co-wrote the paper "Revitalising Suffering Multinational Brands: An Empirical Study," with Daekwan Kim to be published in *International Marketing Review*.

**Julia D. Buckner** (Ph. D. candidate, Psychology) co-edited the book "Health Care for People of Diverse Backgrounds within an Empirically Informed Framework," with Y. Castro, J. Holm-Denoma, and T. E. Joiner, published by Oxford: Radcliffe Publishing, 2007; co-wrote the article "Marijuana use Motives and Social Anxiety Among Marijuana Using Young Adults," with M. O. Bonn-Miller, M. J. Zvolensky, and N. B. Schmidt, published in *Addictive Behaviors*, 32, 2238-2252; co-wrote the article "Problematic cannabis and Alcohol use Among Young Adults: The Roles of Depression and Discomfort and Distress Intolerance," with M. E. Keough, and N. B. Schmidt, published in *Addictive Behaviors*, 32, 1957-1963; co-wrote the article "Anxiety Sensitivity as a Prospective Predictor of Alcohol use Disorders," with N. B. Schmidt, and M. E. Keough, published in *Behavior Modification*, 31, 202-219; and co-wrote the article "Discomfort Intolerance: Evaluation of a Potential Risk Factor for Anxiety Pathology," with N. B. Schmidt, J. A. Richey, and K. R. Cromer, published in *Behavior Therapy*, 38, 247-255.

**Kelly Cowart** (Ph.D. candidate, Marketing) co-wrote the paper "Influence of Consumer Decision Making Styles on Online Fashion Consumption of College Students," with Ronald Goldsmith to be published in *International Journal of Consumer Studies*.

**Gavin Fox** (Ph.D. candidate, Marketing) co-wrote the paper "Cautionary Remarks on the Use of Clusterwise Regression," with Michael Brusco, Dennis Cradit, and D. Steinly to be published in *Multivariate Behavioral Research*; and co-wrote the paper "Institutional Antecedents to Research Productivity in Operations: The US Perspective," with Larry Giunipero to

be published in the *International Journal of Operations and Production Management*.

**Kyle L. Gobrogge** (Ph.D. candidate, Neuroscience) co-wrote the paper "Anterior Hypothalamic Neural Activation and Neurochemical Associations with Aggression in Pair Bonded Male Prairie Voles," with Y. Liu, X. Jia, and Z. X. Wang, published in the *Journal of Comparative Neurology*, 502, 1109-22, 2007.

**Philip Griffith** (Ph.D. candidate, Philosophy) wrote the article "Liminality and the Social Matrix: Race as Betwixt and Between," published in *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*, 2(1) 2007.

**Erika Johnson-Lewis** (Ph.D. candidate, Humanities) wrote the chapter titled "Torture, Terrorism, and Other Aspects of Human Nature," edited by Tiffany Potter and C.W. Marshall to be published in *Cylons in America: Critical Studies of Battlestar Galactica*.

**Tracy K. Witte** (Ph.D. candidate, Psychology) co-wrote the article "'Impulsive' Youth Suicide Attempters are not Necessarily all that Impulsive," with K. A. Merrill, N. Stellrecht, R. Bernert, D. Hollar, C. Schatschneider, and T. E. Joiner; and the article "Case Reports of Anorexic Women's Deaths by Suicide as Arbiters Between Competing Explanations of the Anorexia-Suicide Link," with J. M. Holm-Denoma, K. H. Gordon, D. Herzog, D. L. Franko, M. Fichter, N. Quadfleig, and T. E. Joiner, to be published in the *Journal of Affective Disorders*; and co-wrote the article "Proximal Risk Factors for Suicidal Behavior: Tests of the Interpersonal-Psychological Theory of Suicidal Behavior," with K. A. Van Orden, K. H. Gordon, T. W. Bender, and T. E. Joiner, to be published in the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*.

**John Arrington Woodward** (Ph.D. candidate, Humanities) wrote the article "Linear and Nonlinear Identities: Problematic Identity, History and the European Union," to be published in *disClosure: a journal of social theory*.

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**The deadline for the Spring edition is Friday, January 25, 2008.**

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**November**

13 — ETD Final Submission Deadline for Fall Semester

**December**

14 — Fall Doctoral Reception, 3:30 p.m.

15 — Fall Commencement, Civic Center, 9:00 a.m.

**January**

7 — Spring Classes Begin

11 — University Fellowship materials due to Academic Departments

18 — Dissertation Research Grant application due to the Office of Graduate Studies

18 — International Dissertation Semester Research Fellowship materials due to the Office of Graduate Studies

18 — Last Day to Apply for Spring 2008 Graduation

26 — Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards nominations due to the Center for Teaching and Learning

31 — Research and Creativity Award binders due to the Office of Graduate Studies

31 — Graduate Student Leadership Award applications due to the Office of Graduate Studies

**February**

1 — Leslie N. Wilson — Delores Auzenne Fellowship for Minorities application due to Academic Departments

**April**

7 — ETD Format Approval Deadline for Spring Semester

14 — ETD Final Submission Deadline for Spring Semester

25 — Spring Commencement, Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.

26 — Spring Commencement, Civic Center, 9:00 a.m.

*For more information on these dates contact the Office of Graduate Studies at (850) 644-3501.*

## Accolades...

Brandon Burrell, doctoral student in Art History, has been awarded the celebrated McKnight Doctoral Fellowship. Established in 1984, the Florida Education Fund's McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program supports students in disciplines and fields of study where African Americans have historically not enrolled or completed degree programs.

Burrell, who has both a BFA in Computer Art and Design and a BA in Art History, is interested in the various technological apparatuses that facilitate the creation of art.

Brandon's qualifying paper for acceptance into the M.A. to Ph.D. accelerated program, "Staying in the Lines: Walt Disney's Live-Action/Animation Film," is directly related to this fascination.

Influenced by what he characterizes as "some phenomenal professors," his goal is to teach at the college level. Pursuant to this aspiration, he taught a five-week course this summer in Paris. In addition to locations within the city, the class took excursions to the major Châteaux of the Loire Valley including Chenonceau,

Chambord, Blois, and Villandry. He will teach ARH 3057-History and Criticism of Western Art, Renaissance for FSU in Spring 2008.

This January Burrell will travel to Melbourne, Australia to participate in the 32<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of the History of Art (CIHA). The Art History Department recommended him for the conference based on his interest in the theme of the conference, "Crossing Cultures: Conflict, Migration, Convergence."