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Greetings,

As another academic year concludes, I would like to take a moment to reflect on some of the highlights of this past year, a few changes that have occurred, and provide some thoughts for the future.

To begin, I would like to congratulate all of the new graduate students beginning their journey at Florida State University. It is my sincere hope that you find fulfillment in your programs of study, and should you have any questions, please never hesitate to contact The Graduate School for assistance. Moreover, I would like to take a moment to congratulate the Graduate Student Research and Creativity Award winners, FSU Gubernatorial Fellows, and Adelaide Wilson Fellowship Recipients. You can read more about each of these recognition programs in this edition of the *GradConnection*. Finally, I would also like to highlight one of our alumni, Dr. Michael Pasquier, who was recently inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences' Visiting Scholars Program.

In spring 2009, the Graduate School hosted a workshop of education, government, and industry leaders aimed at establishing a statewide initiative to promote the development of more Professional Science Master's (PSM) degree programs in the State of Florida. Graduates of these programs will have advanced technical and professional skills, preparing them to contribute directly to industries important to the state, such as biotechnology, environmental protection, homeland security and aviation. More information on this initiative is available on page five.



Dean Nancy Marcus

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Many changes have occurred since this time last year, beginning with a change in our name. The Office of Graduate Studies will now be known as The Graduate School, and it will serve as the administrative home of the new interdisciplinary master's degree program in Materials Science. This collaborative effort involves faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering. Along with our name change, The Graduate School's website and Blackboard sites have been updated. I encourage you to review these new websites. Should you be unable to access any of these sites, please contact Monica Esquibel at mesquibel@admin.fsu.edu. I also ask that you review the new health insurance plans, that will take effect fall 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year. For more information on the new health insurance plans, please see page twelve.

This past year the efforts of our faculty and graduate students were recognized with national and international awards and top rankings. These accomplishments are evidence of the excellence Florida State University has achieved as a graduate research institution that blends teaching and research. I want to thank everyone for their contributions and I look forward to another successful year.

Sincerely,



Nancy Marcus

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Alumni in Action: American Academy Appoints LSU Faculty Member to 2008 Class of Visiting Scholars

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CAMBRIDGE, MA - Michael Pasquier, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Louisiana State University, is among eight individuals who have been awarded fellowships as part of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences' Visiting Scholars Program. The fellowship program supports scholars and practitioners in the early stages of their careers - both post-doctoral fellows and untenured junior faculty - who show potential of becoming leaders in the humanities, policy studies, and social sciences.

During his yearlong residency in Cambridge, Pasquier will work on a project titled "Catholic Creole Frontier: Religion and Colonialism in the Lower Mississippi Valley," an analysis of religion in the frontier society of the Lower Mississippi Valley, illustrating the impotence of state-sponsored Roman Catholic officials in controlling the religious beliefs and practices of European missionaries and settlers, displaced Native Americans, and free and enslaved persons of African descent.

"Fellowships in the humanities and social sciences are limited," noted Academy Chief Executive Officer Leslie Berlowitz. "Our experience shows that these types of fellowships can be a significant factor in developing the careers of new scholars."

The Academy fellowships combine the scholars' individual research with participation in the many ongoing programs and activities at the Academy, including the opportunity to interact with Academy

Fellows, who bring an unparalleled wealth of knowledge from diverse scholarly and professional backgrounds.

"The Academy's Visiting Scholars Program gives emerging scholars the chance to engage in studies of complex social and intellectual issues in an environment that is both interdisciplinary and intergenerational," Berlowitz added.

Launched in 2002, the Visiting Scholars Program is co-chaired by Patricia Meyer Spacks, former President of the Academy and Edgar F. Shannon Professor of English Emerita, University of Virginia.

During the program's first six years, 53 emerging academic leaders have participated. They have gone on to secure teaching and research positions at Columbia, Harvard, Northwestern, Yale, Case Western Reserve, and Boston universities, among others, and have used their residency at the Academy to complete more than 40 books and numerous articles.

Guidelines and application forms for the Visiting Scholars Program are available on the Academy's website: www.amacad.org.

The Academy's University Affiliates, 52 colleges and universities from throughout the country, provide support and guidance for the Visiting Scholars Program. Grants from the Annenberg

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Foundation, the Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Foundation and the Virginia Wellington Cabot Foundation also provide funding for the program.

Founded in 1780, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences is an independent policy research center that conducts multidisciplinary studies of complex and emerging problems. Current Academy research focuses on: science and global security; social policy; the humanities and culture; and education. With headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Academy's work is advanced by

its 4,600 elected members, who are leaders in the academic disciplines, the arts, business and public affairs from around the world.

Dr. Michael Pasquier received his Ph.D. in Religion, from Florida State University. He is a former Research and Creativity Award Winner.

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STATEWIDE MASTER'S DEGREE INITIATIVE TO PRODUCE ADVANCED WORK FORCE FOR FLORIDA'S EMPLOYERS

By Browning Brooks
FSU News & Public Affairs
March 26, 2009

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Graduate school deans from Florida's state universities and other higher education institutions as well as industry and government leaders will gather at The Florida State University on Monday, March 30, to discuss the development of new statewide Professional Science Master's (PSM) programs designed to produce a work force critical to Florida's economic development.

Graduates of these programs will have advanced technical and professional skills, preparing them to contribute directly to industries important to the state, such as biotechnology, environmental protection, homeland security and aviation.

Leaders from Enterprise Florida, the Florida Board of Governors, Workforce Florida, the Agency for Workforce Innovation, the Governor's Office, the Council of Graduate Schools, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and the National Governor's Association are all involved in the new initiative.

"The PSM is like an MBA for the sciences, a new type of graduate degree under development across the nation," said Nancy Marcus, dean of the Graduate School. "It integrates studies of natural science, mathematics, management and law to supply the labor market with highly skilled professionals capable of working in research, development and early-stage manufacturing."

Gov. Charlie Crist has proclaimed March 30 - April 3 as "Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week" to highlight the vital role of 65,000 graduate and professional students who aid faculty in bringing \$1 billion in grants and awards annually.

"Nationally, it has become increasingly evident that work force needs of the 21st century will depend on education beyond the bachelor's degree," Marcus said.

The Florida universities are intending to work with the Sloan Foundation on the development of a

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statewide Professional Science Master's initiative as has been done in California, North Carolina and New York. Marcus also noted that the federal stimulus package includes a \$15 million allocation through the National Science Foundation for the development of new PSM programs.

The PSM initiative has allowed each university to identify base industries in its region, and each curriculum will be unique to the industry sector and faculty expertise in that part of the state, Marcus said.

The goal is for universities to cooperate by sharing some classes with each other; offering many of the PSM programs or courses online so they are readily accessible to state, national and international

audiences; delivering PSM programs in biotechnology, environmental/sustainability, forensic sciences/homeland security, health care and simulation/aviation areas; and developing PSMs at each university that supports these industry sectors.

The PSMs will consist of technical and professional content, a required internship, and a close connection with industry and government.

"Each university will tailor the degree to fit them," Marcus said. "We also are very interested in hearing from the industry leaders about what they need."

The meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Alumni Center Ballroom, 1030 W. Tennessee St. in Tallahassee.



George P. Kablick III

Conference of Southern Graduate Schools Mathematics, Physical Science and Engineering Thesis Award Winner: George P. Kablick III

The thesis of George P. Kablick III, Master's student in Meteorology, was accepted for the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools Mathematics, Physical Science and Engineering Thesis Award. The award was presented in Norfolk, Virginia at the annual CSGS meeting on February 28th, 2009.

Conference of Southern Graduate Schools: The Conference of Southern Graduate Schools is an organization of over 200 graduate schools in the following fifteen states of the southern region of the United States: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. For more information, please visit: <http://www.csgrs.org/>



Graduate Student Research and Creativity Awards Program

Each spring FSU graduate students are recognized for their outstanding contributions to research and creative endeavors at the *Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence* (April 8, 2009, 3:30 P.M., Dodd Hall Auditorium) and at the annual *Research Recognition Ceremony* (April 17, 2009, 3:00 P.M., College of Medicine Auditorium).

The 2009 *Graduate Student Research and Creativity Award* winners were selected by a committee appointed by the Dean of The Graduate School and the Vice President for Research. The 2009 awardees are:

- Arts and Humanities
 - Wonkak Kim, Music Performance
 - Shoko Letton, American Dance Studies

- Social and Behavioral Sciences
 - Shirin Hooshmand, Nutrition, Food and Exercise Science
 - Tracy Witte, Psychology

- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
 - Thomas Gihring, Oceanography
 - Hui-Min Zhang, Molecular Biophysics

Each of the *Graduate Student Research and Creativity Award* winners will receive a \$500.00 award.

ETD Deadlines and Due Dates

Deadline	Summer 2009	Fall 2009	Spring 2010
Registration Exemption Deadline	May 10	August 24	December 24
Thesis, Treatise, Dissertation Research Approval Form Due Date	May 25	September 8	January 23
Format Approval Deadline	July 6	November 2	April 5
Final Clearance Submission Deadline	July 13	November 9	April 12

FSU Gubernatorial Fellows Receive Award: "Gold in Green: Fashioning Florida into America's Biofuels Leader"

The Jeb Bush Award for Outstanding Achievement is awarded to Gubernatorial Fellows who have demonstrated outstanding work in the Fellows Program by engaging in an independent case study where they identify a problem confronting the State of Florida or its government and conduct comprehensive research thereon and propose a sound solution.

The Award is granted to one policy proposal application. Fellows may join together to submit one proposal application. The winning proposal and Fellow(s) are selected by the Gubernatorial Fellows Board of Directors, Executive Office of the Governor, and Governor's Agency Heads. The amount of the award is \$5,000.

Bradley Bodiford, FSU Law and Jacob Cremer, (Law-Urban and Regional Planning) partnered together on a project regarding biofuels in Florida. The project was titled "Gold in Green: Fashioning Florida into America's Biofuels Leader." The team emphasized the current opportunity to benefit the economy, energy security, and climate change through building Florida's capacity for building biofuels.



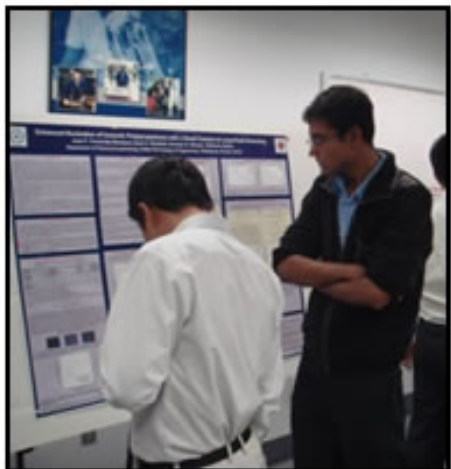
**Governor Crist with FSU Gubernatorial Fellows
Bob Bodiford and Jacob Cremer**

The Florida Gubernatorial Fellows Program provides leadership training to outstanding Florida graduate and undergraduate students interested in public service. Preference will be given to graduate students. By immersing students in key areas of government, including the Executive Office of the Governor and the Governor's agencies, students will receive first-hand, on-the-job training as well as valuable high-level experience and insight on government and how it works.

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Adelaide Wilson Fellowship Recipients and Poster Presentations, Fall 2008

Adelaide Wilson Doctoral Fellowship Students Poster Presentation: December 3rd, 2008



- Abdullah, Syed
- Eden Steven
- Pei Li
- David Olawale
- Kan Wang
- Aixia Xu
- Tarik Dickens
- Jesse Smithyman

Adelaide Wilson Doctoral Fellowship Recipients, Fall 2008



- Liang Cheng
- Santosh Dubey
- Chase Knight
- Jian Li
- Xiao Peng
- Cong Zhang



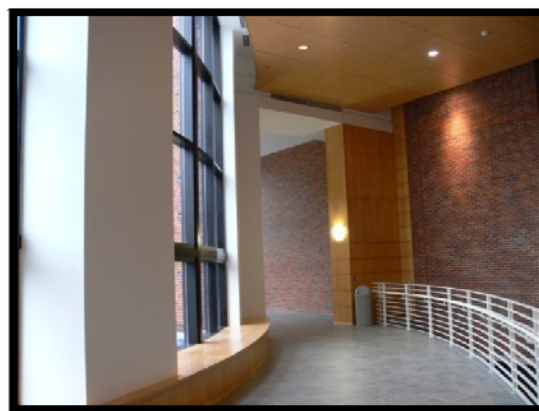
Did you know? Adelaide Wilson was a lifelong resident of Ocala, Fla. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from FSCW from the College of Arts and Sciences in 1935. She was an ardent supporter of FSU who was married to N. Walker Wilson, a University of Florida graduate and staunch Gator fan. Adelaide Wilson was 89 at the time of her death in October 2004.

The Adelaide Wilson Fellowship supports graduate education at Florida State University.

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College of Education Students Enjoy New Facilities

The College of Education recently added 26,000 square feet of classrooms, labs, offices and common areas to the Mode L. Stone building. The new wing, which was completed in September, houses the School of Teacher Education, Dean's office and classrooms outfitted with state-of-the-art technology and multimedia devices to enhance teaching and facilitate learning. A beautiful, enclosed atrium connects the two building wings and provides a refreshing and peaceful atmosphere where students are able to relax between classes. A new cyber lounge and three renovated graduate student office areas afford students the ability to work on campus in a quiet and easily accessible environment. Renovations to the existing building are in progress and scheduled to be completed by fall 2009.



The Kennedy Project and Graduate Students

By: Dr. Elizabeth B. Goldsmith
Professor and Fulbright Scholar, College of Human Sciences

Since 1992 I have been a researcher, policy advisor, and guest at the White House. I've had the privilege of meeting Presidents George Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush and the first ladies. I've seen many of the 132 rooms and have published journal articles about the residence and West Wing.

One of my earliest memories is sitting alone at a desk going through archival files in the ground-floor Library. Believe me it is difficult to concentrate in such beautiful historic surroundings. The Library contains a collection of American authored books assembled in 1961 under the direction of Mrs. Kennedy, 1800-1810 Duncan Phyfe furniture, and the tole and glass chandelier from the home of American author James Fenimore Cooper. School children and their teachers passed by in the hallway, some waved. Around noon the residence fell silent, the tours were over. A formally dressed waiter brought tea in a silver tea service on a tray marked "The President's House." He insisted I have cookies. He said, "Fresh out of the oven, you have to have some." That is about as close to heaven as I have ever come.

The previous sentences emphasize my background and experiences. In 2008 I made the decision to gradually add graduate students to the equation,



especially those interested in the Kennedy years. This is an important time to emphasize this administration for two reasons: first the "Camelot" and political comparisons often made between the current administration and the Kennedys and second because the years 2011-2013 mark the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy administration. Jackie Kennedy is well known for her sense of style which fits well with the Department of Textiles and Consumer Sciences (TCS). Graduate students bring their expertise in design of apparel and the history of design.

The first TCS graduate and graduate certificate students involved are Amanda Spann, Maryana Shedlovksa, Katie Shaw, and Deliena Stone. Amanda and I presented a powerpoint slide show entitled "Jacqueline Kennedy and Michelle Obama: Style Comparison and Analysis," to her College of Communication's Persuasion class on November 24th. She did an outstanding job of assembling and organizing images from the Internet.

More outcomes are in the works. This semester we are collecting books and articles and following leads. I was busy with the Inaugural with NPR radio, television, and newspaper interviews including the Washington Post and LA Times.

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Libby Fairhurst of FSU Media Relations is to be especially thanked for her enthusiastic help. Deliena was there in person and gave me her impressions. “It Takes a Village” is a phrase often associated with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton but it certainly fits this stream of research and outreach.

With White House history, accuracy is of paramount importance, also significant is handling

the subject with dignity and grace. I hope to impart my skills and I deeply appreciate the energy and freshness that the students bring to The Kennedy Project. It is fascinating to hear their likes and dislikes and the thrill they express when they make a discovery. For more about the study, go to www.chs.fsu.edu/kennedy.

New Health Insurance Plan and Subsidy Beginning Fall 2009

Two new health insurance plans will be available to Florida State University students beginning fall 2009 for the 2009-2010 academic year. Details of these plans including cost, benefits, and eligibility will be available through the Thagard Student Health Center’s website. A subsidy will be available to eligible graduate students on assistantships who choose one of the university plans. More information on the subsidy, a summary comparison of the plans, and costs are available through [The Graduate School’s](http://The Graduate School's website) website.

Questions related to the university sponsored health insurance policy may be addressed to: Thagard Student Health Center Compliance Office, healthcompliance@admin.fsu.edu; (850) 644-3608

Questions related to the graduate assistant health insurance subsidy may be addressed to: The Graduate School, gradstds@www.fsu.edu, (850) 644-3501.

