

Southern Factor

December 2014

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

Faculty Showcase Events Generate Ideas for Classroom

Professors have been treated to an influx of great faculty showcases this semester, and the best is yet to come. The staff behind these bimonthly presentations—Cynthia Gettys, director for the Center of Teaching Excellence and Biblical Foundations of Faith and Learning, and Elaine Plemons, associate director—were eager to share their progress and hint at a few future developments. Showcases are held in the Presidential Banquet Room from 12-1 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Each showcase is recorded, and starting next semester, all recordings will be available online.

~Myron Madden

What can attendees expect at these events?

Cynthia: "Faculty showcase is an opportunity to get new ideas for teaching. It's about hearing what other professors are doing."

Does each showcase cater to only one specific area of study?

Elaine: "Not at all. The whole



Blake Laing, assistant professor in the Physics Department, gives a presentation on how to use a cloud for student collaboration.

point is to make the showcase interdisciplinary. Although there are things specific to each department, there's always an element that's applicable to all disciplines."

What kind of feedback have you gotten so far?

Elaine: "Professors often say they really appreciate the interdisciplinary aspect. To them, it's an opportunity to chat and meet with people from other academic areas. They're usually

so busy going from class to class that they only see the people in their department. No one else."

Cynthia: "Definitely. One good thing we're noticing is that professors are starting to interact with each other so much that when the presenter is done, they'll just sit around and talk."

How will next semester's showcases be different?

Elaine: "There will be a new group of presenters. Everyone brings their own personality. We'll also take a trip to Summerour Hall! We're trying to get people into other people's spaces. It's amazing what you can pick up by just going into a different building and seeing other classroom settings."

Why should faculty attend?

Cynthia: "Everybody has to eat lunch. [Laughs] And we provide lunch! So give us a chance to share with you. Come and listen to the creative things your colleagues are doing with their students here at Southern."

NEW SOFTWARE SIMPLIFIES BUDGETING WORK FOR FACULTY

After 13 years of managing university finances using spreadsheets, Southern will be implementing a new software system called Budget Pack to manage the school's 500 employees and 3,000 budget accounts.

The software stores information on the cloud and is more accessible to those directly involved with the budgets. Instead of discussing changes in person, each department chair or dean can view the budget and interact with the accounts themselves, which cuts down the possibility of error. It also allows the vice presidents to monitor changes in real time rather than waiting several weeks to be informed. The system has a note-taking function to record the purpose of each budget and is able to spread the budgets over the course of the year instead of dividing it equally by month.

Training will be taking place over the next few weeks.

~Eloise Ravell

EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BRUNCH



Come celebrate with us as we enjoy a special meal, sing some carols, and keep a careful watch out for Santa!

Banquet Room and Dining Hall
Sunday, December 7
9:30 a.m.

RSVP by Monday, December 1:
tinyurl.com/2014brunch12-07

DEPARTMENT NEWS

On October 23, the **Biology** and **Allied Health Departments** held an open house and reception for their Undergraduate Research Facility. This new state-of-the-art lab was shared with friends and colleagues in the Chattanooga science and business communities to encourage biology internships locally. Alumni, students, faculty, and friends were also invited so they could meet Southern students currently conducting research on black widow spiders and the DNA of conifer trees. More than 25 biology students are pursuing data-driven experiments this semester.

The **School of Music's** choirs, symphony orchestra, and soloists will be presenting Handel's "Messiah" in the Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists on Friday, December 12, at 8 p.m. and on Sabbath, December 13, at 4 p.m. Experience the miracle and majesty of this work that continues to captivate and inspire.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Marketing and University Relations employees **Jason Bryner, Isaac James, Lucas Patterson, Ryan Pierce, Ingrid Skantz** and **Tina Smith** attended the AMA Symposium for the Marketing of Higher Education November 11-13 in Austin, Texas.

Melodie Lopez recently attended the Idealist Graduate Fair, held at the Washington, D.C. Convention Center, where she promoted Southern's graduate degree programs. Idealist Graduate Fairs connect individuals with schools that provide training in fields such as public administration, international affairs, and other socially responsible areas.

Ronda Christman and **Barbara James** presented at the 2014 Sigma Theta Tau International conference in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on October 31. The title of their presentation was "RN-BSN Student Perceptions of an Ideal Face-to-Face Classroom." This study involved responses from students who were enrolled in the BS completion program over the past year.

In October, Business Expert Press released the second edition of a peer-reviewed book co-authored by **Michael Cafferky** and **Jon Wentworth** titled *Breakeven Analysis: The Definitive Guide to Cost-Volume-Profit Analysis*.

Ben McArthur traveled to New York City November 1-2 to give a talk on former General Conference president A. G. Daniells to the New York Metro Forum.

Carlos Parra gave a presentation titled "Students Living Abroad and Back: Global Citizens Now?" at the Eighth Annual TNCIS Conference on International Education at Columbia State Community College in Columbia, Tennessee November 6-7. Parra also gave a presentation titled "Aliens in CAR's and Citizens of PPP: The Exemption of U.S. Private Prisons for Profit and their State of Exception"

at the Seventh Annual Conference on Strangers in New Homelands at The University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada, October 23-24.

David George recently returned from Burbank, California, where he supervised the final color grading for the feature film "Old Fashioned." David was the director of photography on the film, which will open on Valentine's Day. The film will be showing theatrically on over 300 screens nationwide, including here in Chattanooga. "Old Fashioned" was shown at the General Conference on November 2, and it was well received. A number of Southern alumni worked on the film as well. Click on the image below to watch a trailer for the film.



Adrienne Royo presented at the NAFSA, Region VII Conference in Jackson, Mississippi, on October 27. The 75-minute presentation was titled "A Culture, A People, A Nation: Understanding of a Culture Through Icons and Symbols."

Ray Hefferlin wrote a chapter titled "Molecular Taxonomy" (pp. 306-316) in the book *Advances in Mathematical Chemistry and Applications Vol. 1* by S.C. Basak, G. Restrepo, and J.L. Villaveces. The book was written by internationally renowned experts in the field of mathematical chemistry and covers topics such as molecular mechanics, quantum mechanics, and ecological health.

HATS OFF!

Sherri Schoonard, Jeri Pewsey, and **Susan Brown** prepared a wonderful banquet for the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum on Sunday, November 2. The magnificent meal was created around a Middle Eastern theme for more than 100 guests. Many thanks to all who made this happen.

-Michael Hasel

The School of Social Work's buttons are popping! Congratulations to **Evie Baker** on passing the clinical licensure exam for social workers.

-Kristie Wilder

FACULTY APPRECIATION

As the realization of my dire situation sank in, I began to panic. I had an assignment due on Monday morning that involved interviewing a professor, but I had completely forgotten about it until now. It was mid-afternoon on a Friday, and I had no idea what to do!

Desperate to complete the interview, I decided to email my Christian Spirituality professor, **Phillip Samaan**. I did not expect a reply and reluctantly accepted the fact that I would probably fail the assignment. All of a sudden my phone rang. I answered, and to my surprise, Samaan's cheerful, Middle-Eastern accent greeted my ears!

"You emailed me," he said, "so I called to see if I could help!"

I couldn't believe it. Out of all his students, he remembered me and even cared enough to call. Thanks to Dr. Samman, I was not only able to complete my assignment that afternoon, but also received a blessing through the conversation we shared. He asked about my family and friends, and before we hung up, he prayed over me. Thanks to the kindness my religion professor showed me that Friday, I realized how much the professors here at Southern truly care about students. Though I'm still a freshman struggling to adjust to this new college life, I know without a doubt that I'm not alone on this journey and that my professors will be here to support and encourage me every step of the way.

-Alexandria Martin, nursing major



CHANGING FACES

SOUTHERN WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING:

Marggie Pittman, risk management specialist, Risk Mgt.

Ellen Vitorino, international bar chef, Food Services

Anthony Nix, cashier/clerk, Village Market

FOND FAREWELLS TO:

Eileen Watson, cashier/clerk, Village Market

Tom Watson, produce asst. manager, Village Market

Mindi Wiygul, asst. professor, History and Political Studies

Nancy Howard, produce dept. manager, Village Market

David Olson, payroll manager, Human Resources

Jeremy Moore, Career Services coordinator, Student Success Center

COMPLAINT REPORT FORM

SACS and federal regulations require that the university records complaints received and works to make sure they are responded to in an appropriate and timely manner. If you receive a complaint, please share the information (and your response) by visiting southern.edu/marketing and clicking on "Complaint Repository." Your efforts here help us watch for trends where the university can improve services provided.

BIRTHDAYS

December 1	Matthew Dekle , Transportation Services Rebekah Spears , Enrollment Services
December 3	Verlyne Starr , Business
December 4	Donavan Davis , Visual Art and Design Mike Harris , P.E., Health, and Wellness
December 6	Judy DeLay , Information Systems
December 7	Barbara Beckett , Records and Advisement Brenda Flores-Lopez , Human Resources Hollis James , Institutional Research Beverly Rawson , Thatcher Hall
December 8	Christopher Carey , Advancement Ken Caviness , Physics Beth Snyder , Nursing
December 9	Nancy Daily , Risk Management Lisa Goolsby , Business Becki Wilson , Service Department
December 10	Teresa Adams , Transportation Services
December 11	Edgar Alquinta , Religion Januwoina Nixon , Student Success Ctr. Laurie Stankavich , English
December 12	Elizabeth Hankins , Thatcher Hall Carol Harrison , McKee Library Tim Korson , Computing Fred Turner , Architectural Services
December 13	Tyson Hall , Computing
December 14	Cliff Olson , Business Ken Parsons , Music
December 15	Hendel Butoy , Visual Art and Design Julie Hyde , Business
December 16	Loren Barnhurst , Chemistry Josh Fraker , Campus Safety Greg King , Religion Timothy Mitchell , Plant Services Beverly Orrison , Modern Languages John Willis , Thatcher Hall
December 17	Jennifer Enevoldson , Human Resources
December 19	Lee Spencer , Biology
December 20	Ryan Roesel , Plant Services
December 22	Callie McArthur , Nursing
December 24	Jodi Ruf , English
December 26	Jeff Gates , Nursing Lillian Loza , Enrollment Services
December 27	Judy Glass , Music Harold Mayer , P.E., Health, and Wellness John Youngberg , Technology
December 29	Jon Crabtree , Transportation Services Don Mathis , P.E., Health, and Wellness Susan Pennington , Thatcher Hall
December 30	Barry Becker , Transportation Services
December 31	Michele McFarlane , Institutional Research Jason Stone , Campus Safety

EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION

The following employees will receive recognition at the Employee Christmas Brunch on Sunday, December 7. The criteria for service recognition is continual full-time employment at Southern based on service hours with a cutoff date of December 12. Special recognition is being made this year to faculty and staff in the “combined” category (non-continual service) as noted by an asterisk.

30 Years

Mark Antone, Landscape Services
Richard Erickson, Business and Management
Lorella Howard, Nursing*
Ben McArthur, History and Political Studies*
Susan Brown, Religion*

25 Years

Yolande Burrus, Music
Volker Henning, Academic Administration
Callie McArthur, Nursing*
Cliff Olson, Business and Management
Debbie Strack, Biology
Larry Turner, Plant Services

20 Years

Ray Artigas, Transportation Services
Gary Horinouchi, Audio Visual
Tim Korson, Computing
Beverly Rawson, Thatcher Hall
Ruth Saunders, Nursing

15 Years

Stephen Bauer, Religion
Kevin Brown, Mathematics
Jon Crabtree, Transportation Services
Troy DeWind, Landscape Services
Nathan Erickson, Plant Services
Bonnie Freeland, Nursing
Brent Hamstra, Chemistry
Janita Herod, Journalism and Communication
Herdy Moniyung, Information Systems
Robert Montague, Business and Management
Jane Mote, Information Systems
Chad Raney, Plant Services
Kent Robertson, Admissions and Recruitment
Sherri Schoonard, Food Services
Kari Shultz, Student Services
Verlyne Starr, Business and Management
Dennis Steele, Business and Management

10 Years

Dave Allemand, Plant Services
Darin Bissell, P.E., Health, and Wellness
Ginger Cheney, Student Finance
Robert Coombs, Education and Psychology
Stanley Cottrell, Library
Eli Courey, Information Systems
Linda Crumley, Journalism and Communication
Don Crumley, Records and Advisement
Lauree Fogg, Counseling and Testing

Tricia Foster, Social Work
Lisa Hall, Thatcher Hall
Pam Harris, Journalism and Communication*
Greg King, Religion
Daniel Maxwell, Library
Harold Mayer, P.E., Health, and Wellness
Fred McClanahan, Student Finance
Christine Moniyung, Nursing
Braum Oberholster, Business and Management
Carl Patterson, Talge Hall
Mary Anne Poulson, Religion*
Edwin Reynolds, Religion
Star Stevens, Religion
Osmin Yanes, Village Market

5 Years

Hendel Butoy, Visual Art and Design
Ruben Covarrubias, Admissions and Recruitment
Michael Dant, Computing
Lynelle Ellis, Journalism and Communication
Tara Hargrove, Journalism and Communication
Faith Laughlin, Education and Psychology
Michael Liedke, Nursing
Katie McGrath, Library
Ryan Pierce, Marketing and University Relations
Geovanny Ragsdale, Development
Teri Reutebuch, Chaplain’s Office
Adrienne Royo, Modern Languages
Corneliu Rusu, Social Work
Bernetta Shockley, Food Services
Angela Teague, Accounting Services
Maria Valenca, Nursing
Tami Wery, Records and Advisement
Mindi Wiygul, History and Political Studies

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