

Southern Factor

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CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

Employees Receive Awards During Commencement

Students weren't the only ones recognized for their achievements at graduation; several faculty and staff were honored during Spring Commencement based on nominations made by their peers.

Joyce Azevedo, professor in the Biology Department, was presented with the President's Award for Teaching Excellence. Azevedo's enthusiasm for biology is quickly recognized by her students, and her depth of knowledge gives them an advantage in professional exams and later in professional and graduate schools.



"Dr. Azevedo is the consummate teacher," said Keith Snyder, chair of the Biology Department. "Her mastery of the courses she teaches allows her to simplify difficult concepts. Her mentoring attitude carries students through the difficult parts of critical thinking, enabling them to achieve more than they ever thought possible."

Harold Mayer, professor in the School of P.E., Health, and Wellness, was presented with the President's Award for Excellence in Scholarship. Last July, Mayer presented a three-part series on Intelligent Health Energy Balance and Marketing Physical Activity at the second Global Conference on Health and Lifestyle in Geneva, Switzerland. As director of the Human Performance Lab in Hulsey Wellness Center, Mayer has spent the last 10 years collecting data in an ongoing research study on metabolic efficiency, and has regularly mentored students in human performance/exercise physiology research and testing.



Stephen Ruf, associate professor in the School of Journalism and Com-



Stephen Ruf, left, received the Distinguished Service Medallion.

munication, was presented with the Distinguished Service Medallion. Ruf has served on numerous university committees and remains engaged in ongoing service to the community and the church. He consistently assists anyone seeking his expertise, particularly with technical difficulties, and uses his connections with communication professionals to secure meaningful internships and jobs for students. "He is here to make the organization work," one administrator commented.



Loren Barnhurst, professor in the Chemistry Department, was presented with the President's Award of Excellence for Commitment to Student Success. Barnhurst creates unique learning experiences that help students master difficult concepts. He "makes up raps, fun phrases, animated videos,



etc., all in an effort to help us succeed."

"I have never had any other teacher who was so dedicated to helping students learn," one student commented.

Jamie Thompson, office manager for the English Department and the History and Political Studies Department, was presented with the President's Award of Excellence for Commitment to Student Success. Thompson shows her concern by consistently checking to make sure both faculty and students have their workplace, social, and spiritual needs met.



"It is a rare day that Jamie Thompson isn't spending large chunks of time assisting students," a faculty member wrote. "Her positive and energetic spirit are deeply attractive to students, and they frequently feel comfortable coming to her with questions they are reluctant to ask faculty."

-Staff Report

DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Alumni Association successfully hosted the inaugural alumni tour with 17 travelers who delighted in the Spring-time beauties of the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic April 21-May 3. Bill and Rita Wohlers, experienced group trip leaders and retired Southern employees, shared their fascinating knowledge of Europe and their love of travel with the group. Although many participants were from the Collegedale community, several others joined the group from Georgia, Kentucky, Florida, California, and Washington. Life-long friendships developed and relationships were strengthened on behalf of the university as a result. If you would be interested in learning more about future trips being considered, contact **Evonne Crook** in Alumni Relations by emailing alumni@southern.edu, calling 236.2830, or visiting southern.edu/alumni.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Global Community Development (GCD)** graduate program is excited to announce that the inaugural issue of Southern's *Interdisciplinary Journal of Best Practices in Global Development (IJBPGD)* is **now available online**. IJBPGD seeks to represent both the academic and practice (field) perspectives and disseminate knowledge and experience gained by researchers, educators, practitioners, and students who are currently combating the wide range of issues affecting a global community. GCD hopes that you professors take advantage of this innovative platform to publicize research. IJBPGD publishes incrementally, and is always accepting new submissions! For more information, email gcdjournal@southern.edu.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

David Nelson had a manuscript accepted for publication as part of an 11-volume reference series in *Toxinology* published by Springer, a comprehensive and authoritative reference in the field of toxinology. This chapter, produced in conjunction with researchers at Loma Linda University, is titled "The Strategic Use of Venom by Spiders" and will appear in Volume 8 of the series titled "Evolution of Venomous Animals and Their Venoms."

Ronda Christman presented a paper titled "RN-BSN Student Preferences for an Ideal Blended Learning Class" during the 11th Annual Faculty Development Workshop at the

University of Kentucky on May 11. Christman collaborated with **Barbara James** and **Cynthia Gettys** on the paper.

Jaclynn Huse was officially welcomed into Chapel Music as a singer/songwriter recording artist. She will be performing two concerts at the General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas, in July.

Kathy Goddard presented a paper titled "Redesigning College Composition: A Biblical Foundation Course Design Model" on March 9 during the Biblical Foundation Professional Conference on the Caribbean Cruise. On March 25, Goddard made a presentation for Faculty Showcase on her redesign of college composition on a Biblical Foundation. During April 8-12, she attended an AWP Conference for professional writers and teachers of creative writing held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. On April 25, Goddard made a presentation to the Adventist Theological Society titled "Characteristics of the Millennial Generation: Theological Implications."

Daniel Olson attended a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Certification Program May 12-15 in Fairfax, Virginia, as part of career counselor development. The interactive workshop focused on administering and interpreting the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator assessments, which will help students understand their personality type preferences and how their preferences relate to career choices.

Kristie Wilder conducted a workshop titled "Social Work in a Digital Age: Ethical Challenges" for the School Social Workers Association of Georgia on April 24 in Calhoun. The workshop was repeated in Chattanooga for the Tennessee Society of Healthcare Social Workers Conference.

Annette Heck completed her doctoral degree this May from the University of Tennessee, successfully defending her Capstone II project titled "Understanding the Stressors and Coping Strategies Experienced by Seventh-day Adventist Clergy." Finishing this degree comes at perfect time as the Heck family prepares for the arrival of their second son this September.

HATS OFF!

I want to thank my peers in **School of Religion** for the support I received before, during, and after my running of the Boston Marathon.

-Carlos Martin

VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE

Do you need help with a project? Lights Volunteers are available to assist with organizing, data entry, inventory, and other supportive roles. If you would like to meet with **Leslie Ann Schwarzer** or **Sharon Robberston** to discuss details about how a Lights Volunteer could enhance your school or department, please call x2555 and set up an appointment.



SOUTHERN WELCOMES

Karon Powell is joining Southern as the outreach, operations, and field school administrator for the Global Community Development program. She has been working in legal services and with nonprofits since 1998 and her work has focused on housing and food insecurity in the District of Columbia and Maryland. Powell earned her Juris Doctor degree from Howard University and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Andrews University. She will be traveling to field school sites as well as championing program development on campus and in local communities.

Shannon Martin will be sharing her leadership with the Global Policy and Studies undergraduate program and the Global Community Development graduate program. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 2008 and went on to gain a Master of Arts in Diplomacy and International Relations from Seton Hall University in 2011, where she studied at the American University in Cairo before completing her degree. Martin has taught in both Egypt and Saudi Arabia and has worked for Gap Inc.'s corporate international team in San Francisco, California.

-Sharon Pittman

CHANGING FACES

COMING TO SOUTHERN:

Lauren Turpen, statement coordinator, Student Finance
Corbett Cole, patrol officer, Campus Safety
Shannon Martin, assistant professor, History and Political Studies Department
Mario Ezra, systems administrator, Information Systems
Brittani Bissel, dispatch supervisor, Campus Safety
David Olson, interim payroll manager, Human Resources
Edward Lamb, interim dean, School of Social Work
Alexander Hubbard, produce associate, Village Market

LEAVING SOUTHERN:

John Holley, produce associate, Village Market
Roger Driver, payroll manager, Human Resources
Lynelle Ellis, assistant professor, School of Journalism and Communication
Grace Whetsell, produce associate, Village Market
Thaddeus Lozensky, assistant manager, Food Services
Mioara Diaconu, associate professor, School of Social Work
Steve French, associate professor, School of Education and Psychology
Ardelle Dickinson, assistant professor, School of Education and Psychology

CHANGING POSITIONS:

Brian Laneville, from Food Services department supervisor to cafeteria manager
Xenia Figueroa, from Alumni Relations assistant to Student Finance counselor.

COMPLAINT REPORT FORM

Regulations require that the university records complaints and makes sure they are responded to in a timely manner. Share the concern by visiting southern.edu/marketing and clicking on "Complaint Repository."

BIRTHDAYS

June 1 **Beasley Frazier**, Plant Services
June 2 **Shawn Engle**, Information Systems
Kimberly Muaya, Accounting Services
Anthony Nix, Village Market
Danita Payne, Campus Shop
June 4 **Brennon Kirstein**, Chaplain's Office
Lori Thompson, Advancement
June 7 **Cristy Pratt**, Education and Psych.
June 8 **Isaac James**, Marketing
Carl Swafford, Graduate Studies
Corbett Cole, Campus Safety
Cheri Durst, Student Success Center
Adam Heck, Mathematics
Kari Shultz, Student Services
June 11 **Linda Brooks**, Visual Art and Design
June 13 **Mitch Menzmer**, Chemistry
June 15 **Cynthia Bietz**, Financial Administration
June 16 **Greg Rumsey**, Journalism and Comm.
June 17 **Bruce Myers**, Plant Services
June 19 **Kelly Crawford**, University Health Center
Edwin Reynolds, Religion
Christopher Stiles, Visual Art and Design
June 20 **Soraya Murdock**, Accounting Services
June 21 **Brian Laneville**, Food Services
June 22 **Rob Raney**, WSMC Classical 90.5
June 23 **Sherry Heming**, Plant Services
Valerie Mirande, Village Market
Stanley Stevenson, Education and Psych.
June 25 **Tom Verrill**, Financial Administration
June 27 **Darin Bissell**, P.E., Health, and Wellness
Linda Case, Food Services
Ed Guthero, Visual Art and Design
June 28 **Mary King**, University Health Center
David Nelsen, Biology
June 29 **Marc Boyson**, Visual Art and Design

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