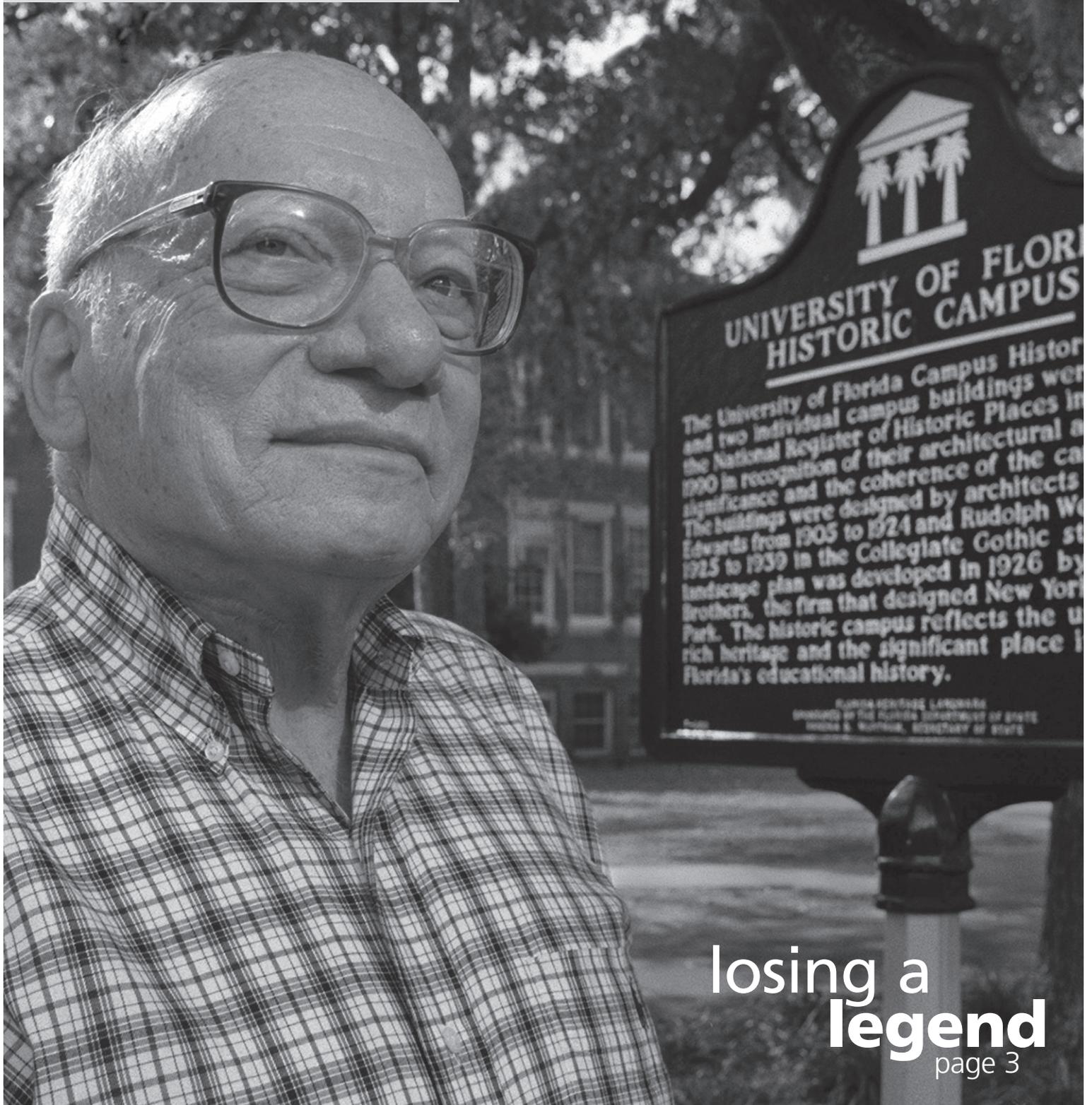


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The Dean's Musings

Welcome Back to CLAS!

As the bustling fall semester begins, the return of students and faculty to campus adds an atmosphere of excitement and anticipation as UF shifts into top gear.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences represents a reference point for studying and researching our traditions, our sense of values and planning the future. In a world of growing complexity and strife, the education of our students must embrace these elements more than ever before.

Understanding our cultural past provides valuable lessons for the future and an understanding of ourselves. Perhaps no one understood this better than Sam Proctor, our university historian and professor emeritus of history who passed away this summer. Sam's love of the university and his passion for UF and Florida history endeared him to all. Alumni, faculty and staff of all ages and colleges remember Sam as a gifted teacher who taught more than just names and dates. During his almost 70 years on campus, he educated thousands about our state, its growth and its future with a passion that is all too rare, and gave his students a lasting sense of true values and integrity.

We also lost another influential faculty member and teacher in July. English Professor James Haskins passed away in New York City. He was one of the greatest literary writers of our time and had a profound influence on his students and colleagues.

As the new academic year gets underway, the college is actively developing new programs to better prepare our students for an increasingly global world, with more attention given to studying different societies and cultures—an area of high student interest. One new initiative is the Bob Graham Center for Public Service at UF that will provide students with opportunities to train for future leadership positions, meet current policy makers and take courses in critical thinking, language learning and studies of world cultures and literatures. Graham's active leadership will be a beacon for students truly interested in public service careers.

We hope it will be another productive year for the college and the university as we have many new faculty members joining us, and innovative initiatives are on the horizon.

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On the Cover:

Sam Proctor, UF's historian and distinguished service professor emeritus of history, died on July 10 at his Gainesville home. Proctor spent almost 70 years on campus, starting as a freshman in 1937, earning his PhD in history and teaching thousands of students as a faculty member. "Who among us who raise pens or touch keyboards in service to Florida history has not known his guidance, his encouragement, his persuasion, perhaps even his goading?" says Michael Gannon, UF distinguished service professor emeritus of history, a longtime friend and colleague.

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losing a legend

REMEMBERING UF HISTORIAN SAM PROCTOR

UF has lost a living legacy, a man who has arguably done more to advance and protect the history of the University of Florida and the state than any other person. Samuel Proctor, a distinguished service professor emeritus of history and the university's historian, died at his Gainesville home after a long illness on July 10. He was 86.

Born and raised in Jacksonville, Proctor came to UF as a freshman in 1937. After receiving a bachelor's degree in history in 1941, he earned a master's degree in history in 1942—in just two semesters—writing a 560-page thesis on Florida Governor Napoleon Bonaparte Broward. Proctor then was drafted into the Army during World War II and served at Camp Blanding, near Starke, giving illiterate recruits a basic education in reading and arithmetic.

When he was discharged from the service in 1946, he was offered scholarships to pursue an international law degree at Yale University and The Ohio State University. But Proctor was persuaded to come back and teach at UF by the chairman of the freshman social sciences program, William Carleton. Then-UF President J. Hillis Miller named Proctor the university's first historian and archivist and commissioned him to write a book on the history of UF in honor of the university's 100th anniversary in 1953. Proctor submitted the book as a dissertation and received a doctorate from UF in 1958.

In 1967, Proctor established the Oral History Program in UF's department of history, with the purpose of preserving eyewitness accounts of the economic, social, political, religious and intellectual life of Florida and the South.

The collection, to date, holds nearly 4,000 interviews and 350,000 pages of transcribed material, making it the largest oral history archive in the South and one of the major collections nationwide.

Proctor published a history of the university called *Gator History: A Pictorial History of the University of Florida* in 1986 and edited *Florida Historical Quarterly* for 30 years. He was named one of the 50 Most Important Floridians of the 20th century, a list compiled by the *Lakeland Ledger* in 1998.

Proctor taught Florida history to thousands of students during his 50-year teaching career. One of them was former Florida Governor and US Senator Bob Graham, who has described Proctor as one of the most influential individuals in his life. "Through his inspirational teaching, thousands of students were introduced to the history of our state and given a better understanding of the personalities and events that made Florida what it is today," says Graham. "He made history an exciting adventure."

Proctor retired in June 1996 but continued to serve as the official UF historian and as director emeritus of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, which was renamed in his honor. He regularly conducted oral history interviews for the program. In July 2004, the university presented him with an honor-



ary Doctorate of Public Service degree in recognition of his lifelong contributions to the university community.

David Colburn, a UF history professor and former provost, knew Proctor for more than 30 years and says it is hard to think about the future of UF without him. "Sam is so much a part of this university's history, and he stood for all of the right things that you want a faculty member to stand for," Colburn says. "He cared greatly for his students and stayed in close touch with them. He invested enormously in UF by participating in every major committee on campus, and the historic buildings would not still be standing were it not for his leadership. No one has done more to advance the history of the state and the University of Florida."

Proctor is survived by his wife of 56 years, Bessie; two sons, Mark of Pensacola and Alan of Atlanta, both of whom are UF alumni; two daughters-in-law; two brothers, George and Sol, both of Jacksonville; two granddaughters; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Two funds have been established in honor of Sam and Bessie Proctor. The Samuel Proctor Scholarship fund in history provides annual scholarships to history students, and the Samuel and Bessie Proctor Scholarship fund in Jewish studies supports undergraduate scholarships to Jewish studies majors. Donations can be mailed to the UF Foundation, PO Box 14425, Gainesville, FL 32604.

A memorial service for Proctor will be held on Sunday, October 16 at 2 pm in Gainesville at the Congregation B'nai Israel at 3830 Northwest 16th Boulevard. For more information, please E-mail editor@clas.ufl.edu or call (352) 846-2032.

—Allyson A. Beutke and Buffy Lockette

CLAS Welcomes New Faculty

More than 50 new faculty members join CLAS this year. In the next few issues, *CLASnotes* will introduce these new names and faces.

Deborah

Amberson is an assistant professor of Italian in the Romance languages and literatures department. She completed her PhD at the University of Pennsylvania and received her bachelor's and master's degrees from University College Cork in her native Ireland. Before coming to UF, Amberson was a visiting faculty member at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Her research examines the 20th-century Italian novel, and her current project concerns the representation of rage in 20th-century Italian literature. Her interest lies in examining rage not as a form of identity loss, but instead as a form of intellectual engagement by means of which a political identity is found or created.

This fall, she is teaching a course on Italian cinema and Beginning Italian I.



Florence Babb came to UF in January as the Vada Allen Yeomans Professor of Women's Studies. She also has affiliations in the anthropology department and the Center for Latin American Studies.

Babb earned her PhD in anthropology from the State University of New York, Buffalo in 1981 and has spent the past 22 years at the University of Iowa, where she served as chair of the anthropology department and the women's studies program.

Her research focuses on gender and cultural politics in Latin America, and she has conducted research in Peru, Nicaragua and Cuba. A current project focuses on the cultural impact of tourism in post-revolutionary nations. This year, she will teach graduate seminars on Feminist Ethnography and on Love, Sex, and Globalization.



James Harnsberger

is an assistant professor in the communication sciences and disorders department. He earned his PhD in linguistics from the University of Michigan in 1998 and was a postdoctoral research fellow in the psychology department at Indiana University before coming to UF.

His background is in phonetics, articulation, acoustics and perception of speech. Specifically, his work has focused on how speech perception guides learning, which can be defined as how information is stored in long-term memory and how that information interacts with prior knowledge. At UF, he is involved in a number of interdisciplinary projects, including the perception of age in voices and the acoustic characteristics of stress and deception in speech. He is teaching Human Communication Dynamics this fall.



Diane Kendall, an assistant professor in the communication sciences and disorders department, received her PhD in CSD from the University of Pittsburgh in 1999. She is a research speech-language pathologist with an interest in rehabilitation of acquired disorders of communication in adults who have suffered a stroke.

She was a research investigator at the VA Brain Rehabilitation and Research Center and an assistant professor in UF's neurology department before joining CLAS. Kendall is interested in developing theoretically motivated treatments for acquired disorders of communication such as speaking, reading and writing. She works with individuals who have suffered a left-hemisphere cerebral vascular accident and exhibit aphasia, alexia and agraphia. Kendall teaches Motor Speech Disorders.



Victoria Rovine is an assistant professor jointly appointed between the Center for African Studies and the School of Art and Art History in the College of Fine Arts. She earned her PhD in 1998 from Indiana University with a specialization in African art. Before coming to UF, she was a curator at the University of Iowa Museum of Art and an assistant curator at the Brooklyn Museum.

Her research interests include contemporary African artistic expressions, particularly dress and textiles and the globalization of African styles. Rovine's dissertation and first book focused on the contemporary revival of a type of textile in Mali, West Africa. She is currently working on a project that examines African fashion designers and the uses of African forms in Western design. This fall, she is teaching the introductory level course African Humanities and a graduate seminar on contemporary African art.



Sergei Shabanov, an assistant professor of mathematics, earned his PhD in theoretical and mathematical physics in 1988 from the State University of St. Petersburg (Russia). He has held research positions

at the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (Russia), the Service de Physique Theorique (Paris, France) and Free University of Berlin, where he received the Alexander von Humboldt Award. He also was a visiting professor at the University of Valencia in Spain and in UF's math department.

His research interests in applied mathematics have focused on the development of fast pseudospectral numerical algorithms for electromagnetism and quantum physics and radar signal processing and imaging. This fall, he is teaching Analysis 1 and a special topics course for graduate students on pseudospectral methods in numerical simulations.



Scholar Safari

Lombardi Scholars Explore South Africa

When sociology senior Todre Allen was selected as a John V. Lombardi Scholar in 2002, the Immokalee resident had barely traveled beyond the borders of Florida. Since then, he has studied abroad on four continents, experiencing diverse world cultures first-hand.

“Before, I tended to be very US oriented in my thinking,” says Allen, who has a minor in African American studies. “This program has helped me broaden my perspective and have a greater appreciation for other peoples’ culture within the US and around the world.”

The John V. Lombardi Scholarship program was created in 2002 as the university’s most prestigious scholarship program, in honor of former UF president and history professor John Lombardi. Each fall, eight entering freshmen are selected from among Florida’s best and brightest high school graduates and awarded a \$4,500 stipend for 8–10 semesters, on top of free tuition from the Florida Bright Futures Program, and \$3,000 start-up money for essential computing or other academic supplies.

But the most unique aspect of the

Lombardi scholarship package by far is its four summer study abroad experiences, completely paid for and especially tailored to participants. Currently in its fourth year, the program has sent students to Mexico, Greece, Japan and, as of this summer, South Africa.

“In creating the Lombardi Program it was felt from the beginning that the international component was a way to make it different from similar programs at other institutions,” says Associate Provost Sheila Dickison. “It also seemed like a very fitting way to honor former President Lombardi, who is a strong proponent of international study and research. Lombardi Scholars are exceptional students and it has been our hope that these four very different experiences have given them a global perspective that few students achieve.”

This summer, the inaugural group of Lombardi Scholars, now entering their senior year, took their last trip to South Africa with Assistant Director of UF’s Center for African Studies Todd Leedy, visiting the cities of Johannesburg, Pretoria and Capetown during May 6–29. They spent the first two weeks based at the University of Pretoria, attending lectures by university professors on South African history and politics, the HIV/AIDS crisis in the region, and US foreign policy. They toured museums and historical sites in the Pretoria/Johannesburg area, and also attended briefings at the US Embassy and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) office.

In Capetown, the scholars toured the University of Capetown and visited key sites, including Robben Island, where political activist and former South African president Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 20 years. They had to keep a travel journal of their experiences and complete a reaction paper comparing a single topic of interest in the US and South Africa upon returning home. The students received three hours of credit for the trip, which was packaged as a Summer C course.

“The overall theme I was trying to get them to look at was the historical and contemporary issues in South African society, viewed through a comparative lens with the United States,” says Leedy, whose area of research is on the agricultural and rural history of the region. “I think one thing they learned is that even within one country how diverse Africa is—the fact that they have 11 official languages in South Africa is the first indicator. They were able to hear a lot of different perspectives that reinforced or broke down their expectations.”

Todre Allen’s mother, Callie, says she can definitely see the Lombardi difference in her 21-year-old “baby.” The single mom says she worried about how she was going to afford to send the A student to college when he was named to the inaugural group of Lombardi’s. “I am so grateful,” she says. “He’s got to go to places he would never have been able to see, and it has given him ideas of what he wants to do later in life by visiting all these different places. He knows this world is bigger than Immokalee.”

—Buffy Lockette



While spending two weeks in the South African capital of Pretoria, Lombardi Scholars had the chance to meet with fellow college students from the University of Pretoria and attend lectures on South African history and politics, the HIV/AIDS crisis, and US foreign policy in the region.

Survey Says!

CLAS center goes to the polls

The next time you see an unrecognized phone number on your caller ID box, and the person on the other end says, “Hello, my name is Janet, and I’m calling on behalf of...” don’t hang up until you hear the rest of the sentence. It might just be a fellow Gator from the Florida Survey Research Center conducting a research poll.

The Florida Survey Research Center (FSRC) is housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and provides high-quality survey research and analysis on a variety of topics, ranging from readership surveys to faculty research studies. Completely self-funded, the center designs, conducts and analyzes surveys for clients such as the Legal Defense Fund, Florida Association of Realtors and the NAACP.

But FSRC seems to get the most pleasure from helping UF faculty and graduate students design and implement surveys for research projects. The center was established in 1992 by Political Science Associate Professor Michael Scicchitano, who serves as its director in addition to overseeing the department’s graduate program in public administration.

“I envisioned a center that would fit in with the political science department and would be a resource for its faculty and graduate students,” Scicchitano says. When Research Director Tracy Johns came to work for the FSRC in 1995, the UF alumna saw its potential and diversified its clientele to other departments within the college, such as geography, as well as colleagues from across campus, including IFAS and the College of Design, Construction and Planning.

“Then we started branching out into all different kinds of things,” Johns says, who earned all three of her sociology degrees—BA, MA and PhD—from UF and teaches as an adjunct professor for the Departments of Sociology and Political Science. “We have kept with our core idea, but pull from different areas which helps us remain self-sufficient.”

Located directly off-campus in a facility on Northwest 8th Avenue, FSRC employs 30–40 part-time interviewers, many of whom are UF students.

The center has its own state-of-the-art telephone bank for phone surveys, but also has the ability to carry out in-person, door-to-door, focus group, web-based and mail surveys. With Scicchitano and Johns at its helm, the center also has the expertise to conduct data analysis on survey findings and write up research reports. “One of the things that separates us from other research or data gathering centers is that we can either do it all or any aspect of a study,” says Johns.

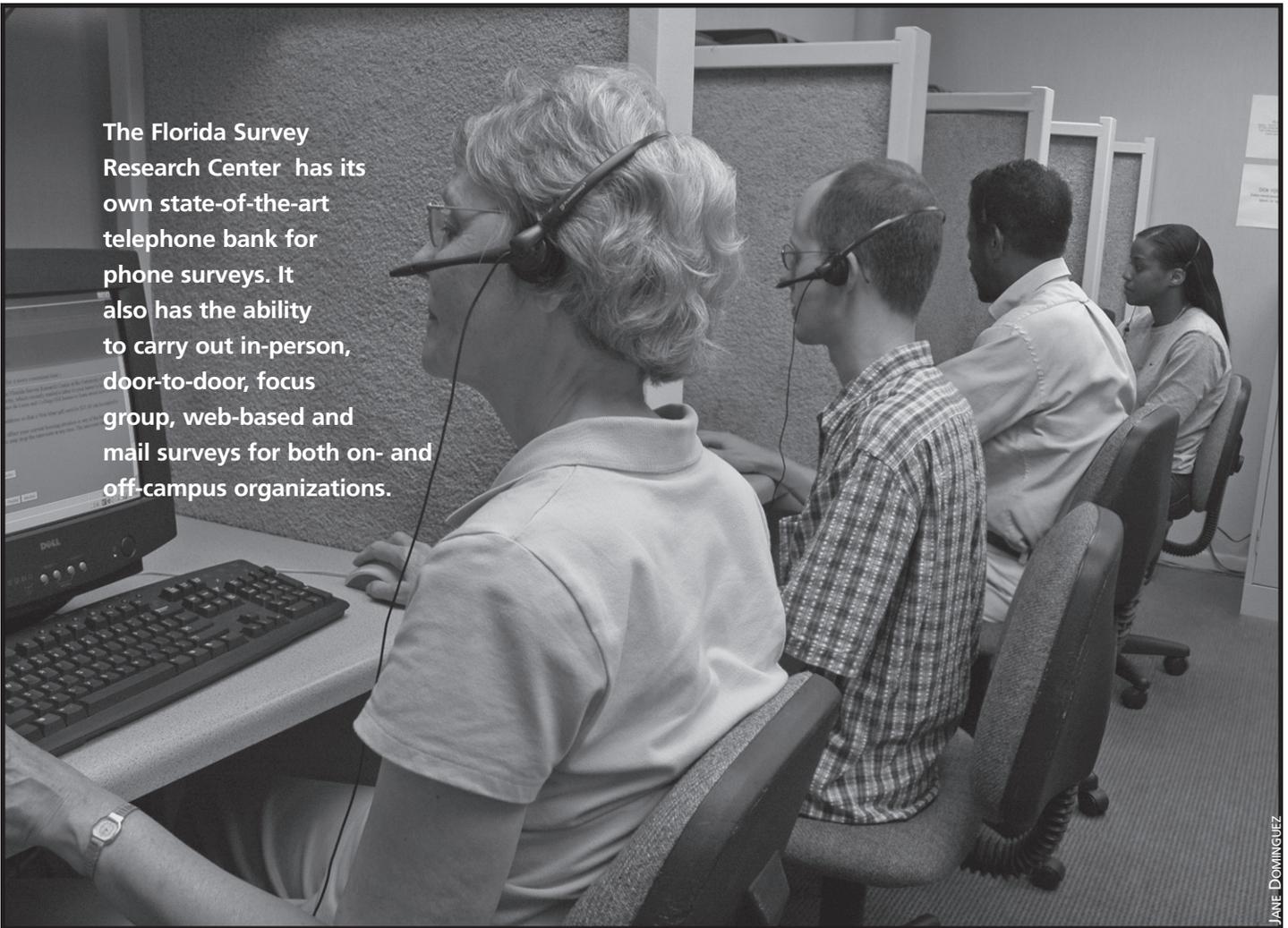
The FSRC client list largely contains government agencies, academic researchers, and associations/organizations. While the center also works with businesses, it refuses to market or sell goods.

The Villages luxury retirement community, located between Orlando and Ocala, hired the FSRC in 2004 to survey employees of local businesses on their housing situation—type, affordability and satisfaction—since some are unable to reside within the community due to its age requirement of 55 years or older.

According to Vice President of Development Gary Moyer, The Villages conducts regular in-house surveys of its residents by mail, but decided to hire FSRC to conduct the more complicated task of surveying area workers by telephone. The company has used the survey’s findings to plan and track the affordable housing needs of employees and monitor its impact on the area community.

The Villages is not the only entity to benefit from FSRC’s ability to make daunting tasks easier. The Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of Florida hired the center to conduct a poll to help determine whether a change of venue was needed in the ongoing trial of four alleged

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members of what is suspected to be the North American arm of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, an international terrorist organization. Three of the four men arrested in February 2003 reside in the Tampa area and face charges of racketeering and conspiracy to commit murder.

Defense attorney Andrea Stubbs, who represents Tampa medical clinic worker Hatim Naji Fariz, did not believe her client or his co-defendants Sami Al-Arian, Sameeh Hamoudeh and Ghassan Zeyed Ballut could get a fair trial in Tampa and employed the FSRC this spring to poll residents at random in Florida's largest cities on their familiarity with the case.

"I looked online and spoke to several universities," says Stubbs. "Being a government agency we had to get bids, and UF won. There are actually jury consultant companies that have expertise in this particular kind of surveying, but they are extremely expensive so we wanted to find someone that

could do basically the same thing for far less money. Also, we wanted someone who would be well-spoken and well-received by the court in case they were asked to speak before the judge." The judge denied the change of venue request, and the trial is ongoing in Tampa.

Since 2000, the FSRC has worked on nearly 50 research projects with UF faculty and students. CLAS Associate Dean for Minority Affairs and Sociology Professor Terry Mills recently used the center for data collection on a study on the differences in the indicators of depression among African-American and Caucasian older adults. The center called nearly 2,600 households for the telephone survey.

"It is highly unlikely I would have been able to conduct this study without the assistance of the FSRC," says Mills. "Specifically, the FSRC has the telephone bank and the experienced telephone interviewers who are trained to handle such matters, and their set-

up allows a supervisor to monitor the calls and suggest ways to improve communication."

When working with UF graduate students on their thesis and dissertation research, the FSRC only charges enough to cover its basic out-of-pocket costs. IFAS graduate student Crystal Jackson used the center to poll 5,000 US farms on the effectiveness of the FDA and USDA's Good Agricultural Practices program, which educates farms in 23 states on the spread and prevention of food-borne illnesses.

FSRC designed and mailed out the survey and cataloged the results into 14 cross-tab correlations, lightening Jackson's workload. The FSRC completed the survey in March, and Jackson graduated with a master's degree in food science and human nutrition in August. "They were great to work with," she says. "During the spring I was doing a 40-hour a week internship while working on my research project, and they were able to work around my schedule. It would have been a nightmare without them!"

To utilize the FSRC on your next project, call toll free at (866) 392-3475, send an E-mail to FSRC@ufsurveyresearchcenter.cfoxmail.com, or visit www.flsurveyresearch.org for more information.

—Buffy Lockette

In Memory

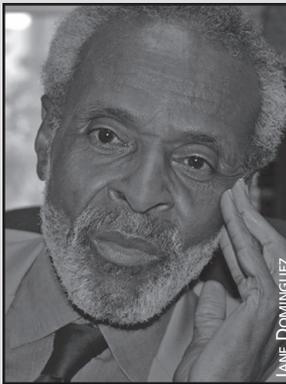
English Professor **James Haskins**, who taught at UF since 1977, died on July 6 of complications from emphysema. He was 63. Author of more than 100 books on African Americans, including Rosa Parks, Muhammad Ali and Stevie Wonder, Haskins is probably best known for his book *The Cotton Club*, which was the basis for the 1984 movie starring Richard Gere, Diane Lane and Laurence Fishburne. He recently published *Delivering Justice: W. W. Law and the Great Savannah Boycott* (see page 11).

The African American Studies Program has established a fellowship for visiting scholars in Haskins' name. The Smather's Library also has created the James Haskins Collection, comprised of his personal library and papers, housed in Special Collections.

A memorial service for Haskins will be held in the University Auditorium on September 19 at 3 pm.

Merle Meyer, a professor and former chair of the psychology department, died on June 28 after suffering from a short illness. The 76-year-old had served the university for 33 years.

Meyer received his PhD from the University of Washington in 1963 and served as chair of the psychology departments at both Whitman College and the University of Western Washington. In 1972, he became UF's psychology chair, a role in which he served for 16 years. Meyer returned to full-time teaching in 1988, and until his death continued to teach a full course load. He was in the process of writing a General Psychology undergraduate textbook.



Around the College

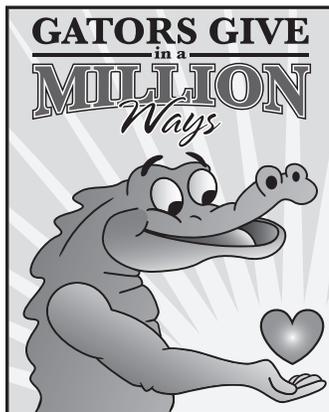
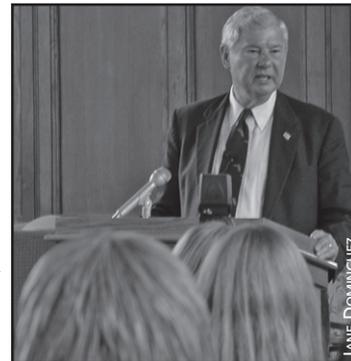
Graham Promotes New Center

Retired US Senator **Bob Graham** held an open forum on campus in July with more than 100 faculty, staff and students to discuss the proposed Bob Graham Center at UF.

Senator Graham is working with UF and the University of Miami to create two centers that will initially focus on public leadership, the Americas and national security. The specific mission of the Graham Center at UF will be to provide students with the broad training necessary for careers in the public sector.

Other proposed components include new degree programs and certificates in public policy and public affairs, a state-man-in-residence program and a leadership institute.

Graham is a native of Miami Lakes and earned a bachelor's degree in history from UF in 1959. He retired from the US Senate in January after serving for 18 years and also served as Florida's governor for two terms from 1979 to 1987.



UF Community Campaign

The UF Community Campaign, themed "Gators Give in a Million Ways," kicks-off September 26 and runs through October 7 with the goal of raising \$1 million for local charities. With a campus community of more than 12,000 faculty and staff, each of us has the opportunity to fund the critical services extended by the 76 charitable agencies that work to improve the lives of all Alachua County residents.

Once you receive your pledge card, please take a moment to complete it and return it to your coordinator. Supporting the UF Community Campaign couldn't be easier with payroll deduction, and you can even designate which organization you want all or part of your donation to go to.

\$1 a week for one year in our community can provide:

- 156 new books for a children's reading program through Child Care Resources.
- 52 medication prescriptions to be filled by Gainesville Community Ministries for a person who otherwise would go without.
- 13 hours of dental or medical care at the Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs (ACORN) Clinic from a licensed physician or dentist to a child or adult who cannot afford appropriate care or is uninsured.

This year, CLAS Dean **Neil Sullivan** is the UFCC Leadership Chair, and College of Dentistry Dean **Terry Dolan** is the Campaign Chair. In CLAS, Associate Dean for Minority Affairs **Terry Mills** and Executive Secretary **Carolyn James** are coordinating the college's overall efforts. Each college unit also has a coordinator, and you can visit www.clas.ufl.edu/ufcc for a list. Training for coordinators will be held on Tuesday, September 13 from 2-3 pm in the Keene Faculty Center. For more information, please contact Carolyn James at cjames@oasis.ufl.edu or 392-0788.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

African American Studies

Faye Harrison, who has a joint appointment in anthropology, gave a keynote address on the importance of multicultural and global awareness in building minority student engagement at a summer academy in Snowbird, Utah, sponsored by the Institute for Higher Education Policy. She also gave one of four keynote lectures at an inter-congress on "Racism's Many Faces," which was organized by the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences in Pardubice, Czech Republic.

Asian Studies

Joseph Murphy, in cooperation with the history department, has received a three-year grant of \$99,000 from the Japan Foundation to seed a permanent position in modern Japanese history at UF. The new faculty member should be on board by fall 2006.

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Patricia B. Kricos has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors of Sigma Phi Omega (SPO), the national honorary and professional society in gerontology. Housed in the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, SPO was established in 1980 to recognize the excellence of those who study gerontology/aging and the outstanding service of professionals who work with or on behalf of older persons. The board of directors consists of eight elected directors and an appointed student representative.

Dial Center for Written and Oral Communication

Ed Kellerman presented a paper at the International Association of Intercultural Researchers biannual conference at Kent State University titled "Updating Cultural Factors in the 1997 Asian Economic Crisis." This updated version of Kellerman's work was an outgrowth of a grant he received in 2003 from UF's International Center that allowed him to revisit Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore to see if attitudes on authoritarianism, collectivism, and power-distance and belief in a powerful elite had changed as a result of the post-crisis era.

Germanic and Slavic Studies

Keith Bullivant (German) was a Distinguished Visiting Professor of German Studies during the spring 2005 semester at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi, India.

History

Brian Ward has received two awards for his recent book *Struggle for Civil Rights in the South*. The American Library Association gave it a CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title Award, and the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication selected it as the best book of 2004 on the history of journalism and mass communication.

Political Science

The American Political Science Association's section on State Politics and Policy has selected "Winners, Losers, and Perceived Mandates: Voter Explanations of the 1998 Gubernatorial and 2000 Presidential Elections in Florida" as the best paper on state politics presented at the group's 2004 annual meeting. The authors of the winning paper are **Stephen C. Craig, Michael D. Martinez, Jason Gainous, and James G. Kane**. The award will be presented at the section's business meeting during the upcoming APSA meeting in Washington, DC.

Ken Wald's book, *The Politics of Cultural Difference: Social Change and Voter Mobilization Strategies in the Post-New Deal Period*, has received the 2005 Best Publication Award from the American Political Science Association's (APSA) Religion and Politics Section. The award will be presented at the group's annual meeting.

Wald also has received the Jack Shand Research Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Warren Miller Fellowship in Electoral Studies from the APSA to support his residence this fall at the APSA's Centennial Center in Washington.

Psychology

Franz Epting presented a keynote address at the International Congress on Personal Construct Psychology held in Columbus, Ohio on July 18. The Constructivist Psychology Network, in collaboration with The Ohio State University and Miami University, hosted the meeting. His address, "An Audacious Adventure: A Biography of George Kelly—The Early Years," chronicled the life of George Alexander Kelly, the founder of personal construct psychology, on whom Epting is currently writing a full-length biography.

Romance Languages and Literatures

Libby Ginway's (Portuguese) recent book, *Brazilian Science Fiction*, has been translated into Portuguese, and Ginway traveled to Brazil in July to promote its launch. She held a roundtable discussion and a book signing at a local bookstore in Rio de Janeiro.

Zoology

Bob Holt has received a 2005 Ecology Institute Prize for his research in terrestrial ecology. The International Ecology Institute annually gives the award to an ecologist distinguished by outstanding and sustained scientific achievements. Holt was honored at a ceremony in Germany in August and received more than \$7,000 and the opportunity to have a book published in the Excellence in Ecology series.

Doug Levey's paper, "Effects of Landscape Corridors on Seed Dispersal by Birds," which is on how plants benefit when birds use wildlife corridors, appeared in the journal *Science* and garnered substantial media coverage. Levey was interviewed for a story that aired July 1 on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," and was the subject of a *National Geographic* story.

CLASnotes encourages letters to the editor. E-mail editor@clas.ufl.edu or send a letter to CLASnotes, PO Box 117300, Gainesville FL 32611. CLASnotes reserves the right to edit submissions for punctuation and length.

Bookbeat Recent publications from CLAS faculty

“Stony the Road” to Change: Black Mississippians and the Culture of Social Relations Marilyn M. Thomas-Houston (African American Studies & Anthropology), Cambridge University Press

“There are many little Oxfords in this country, especially in the South,” says Marilyn M. Thomas-Houston of the Mississippi town she studied and lived in for several years; places the civil rights movement passed by, and that were forgotten in the history of the movement. “It isn’t a matter of people denying there were places that didn’t participate, but a matter of singing the praises of those who did,” she says.

The burning question for Thomas-Houston, assistant professor of anthropology and African American studies, is why did some black communities ignore the benefits of the civil rights movement? It took much time spent in Oxford, Mississippi, along with a reexamination of her own views, to make the scholar realize she was asking the wrong question. This book is the result.

Thomas-Houston’s vision about black society and culture was based on her South Carolina middle-class background. “My research helped me realize that people have

different perspectives on what equal rights means, what progress means, and what it means to be black. Prior to that I thought everyone wanted the same thing, and that equaled what I had been taught.”

The result, says Thomas-Houston, was that she, along with many other black activists, had failed to understand the impact of history on the shaping of the public’s worldview. “When I saw things that conflicted with my vision, I viewed it as a problem that needed fixing, rather than a way of being that was steeped in the processes and structures of their particular society.”

The book is full of interviews with Oxonians and is structured in narrative fashion. The story of a black police officer who ran for sheriff and lost vividly illustrates Thomas-Houston’s message. “He had a vision, but he didn’t work that vision in the way blacks [in Oxford] perceive each other—the whole positioning, the belonging, the ideologies associated with insider/outsider ways of being. He saw himself as black and he thought that would be enough.”

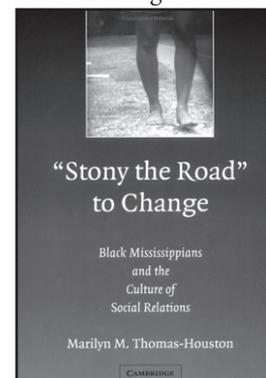
Even today, Thomas-Houston found blacks in Oxford who cannot imagine the white community allowing them to compete on an equal footing. History has taught them otherwise. The result is that power and status are to be found only within the black com-

munity. Those who try for power in a world seen as white are accused of selling out their blackness.

In her writing, Thomas-Houston kept two audiences in mind—those interested in African-American life after the civil rights movement and activists working for black communities. “I wanted them to understand that we are even less homogeneous as a group than is generally thought. There is a tremendous amount of diversity in black communities, and you have to pay attention to that diversity in order to be able to institute changes that will be beneficial.”

The book’s title comes from the song “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” often known as the Negro National Anthem. “I wanted people to understand that blacks are still moving towards a better life for themselves, but that there are lots of stones—not boulders—but little things that make progress difficult.”

—Michal Meyer

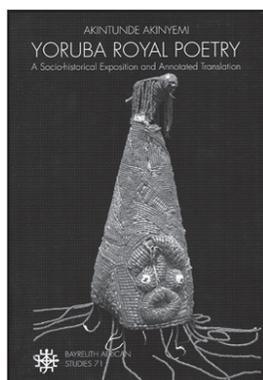


Marilyn M. Thomas-Houston

Yoruba Royal Poetry: A Socio-Historical Exposition and Annotated Translation, Akintunde Akinyemi, African and Asian Languages and Literatures. Bayreuth African Studies Series.

Yoruba royal poetry constitutes virtual social, political and cultural charters, and embodies aspects of the people’s cosmology and worldviews. This book describes the genre in general before isolating yungba—a poetry form peculiar to Oyo communities—for analysis. Drawing on archival and other historical materials, as well as extensive oral interviews and text transcription, the book uncovers the link between yungba poetry and the royal history of Oyo since 1937. The text presented in this book is the first full literal translation of a performance of Yoruba royal poetry. This annotated translation is preceded by an introduction that provides framework for understanding the recitation itself.

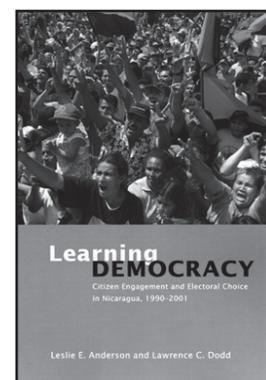
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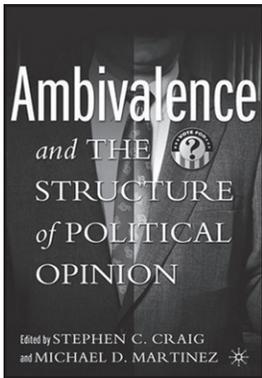


Learning Democracy: Citizen Engagement and Electoral Change in Nicaragua, 1990–2001, Leslie Anderson and Lawrence Dodd, Political Science. The University of Chicago Press.

Historically, Nicaragua has been mired in poverty and political conflict, yet the country has become a model for the successful emergence of democracy in a developing nation. Nicaragua overcame authoritarian government and American interventionism by engaging in an electoral revolution for democratic self-governance. Analyzing nationwide surveys from the 1990, 1996 and 2001 Nicaraguan presidential elections, the authors probe one of the most unexpected and intriguing advancements in third world politics. They offer a balanced account of the voting patterns and decisions that led Nicaraguans to first support the reformist Sandinista revolutionaries only to replace them later with a conservative democratic regime.

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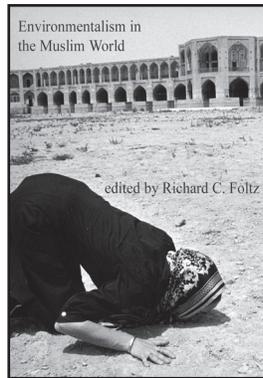




Ambivalence and the Structure of Political Opinion, Edited by **Stephen Craig** and **Michael Martinez**, Political Science. Palgrave Macmillan.

The study of political attitudes typically posits a straightforward either/or—either liberal or conservative, for example—across a variety of values. This tendency to categorize may be an artifact of given research methodologies, rather than reflecting real political opinions. When opinions vary across issues, and might even be in conflict, the result is ambivalence. This book represents an important step in bringing together various strands of research about attitudinal ambivalence and public opinion. Essays by a distinguished group of political scientists and social psychologists provide a conceptual framework for understanding how ambivalence is currently understood and measured, as well as its relevance to the public's beliefs about our political institutions and national identity.

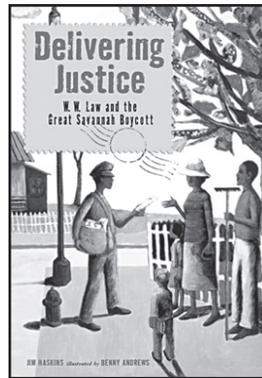
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Environmentalism in the Muslim World, Edited by **Richard Foltz**, Religion. Nova Publishers.

This is the first book to provide an overview of how Muslim activists are responding on the ground to the global environmental crisis. The detrimental effects of environmental degradation are felt most severely by the world's poor, a disproportionate number of whom are Muslims. Unfortunately, governments of Muslim societies have been slow to respond to environmental problems, while opposition movements as well have mostly chosen to focus on other issues. Nevertheless, environmental awareness and activism are growing throughout the Muslim world. This book offers chapters by leading Muslim environmentalists which survey environmental initiatives in Egypt, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, Nigeria, and Malaysia.

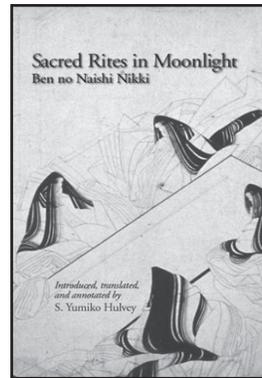
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Delivering Justice: W. W. Law and the Great Savannah Boycott, **James Haskins**, English. Illustrated by Benny Andrews. Candlewick Press.

As a young boy growing up poor in segregated Savannah, Georgia, Westley Wallace Law was encouraged by his grandmother to “be somebody.” As a young man, he helped establish voter schools to assist blacks in registering to vote. He joined the NAACP and trained protesters in nonviolent civil disobedience. In 1961, he led the famous Great Savannah Boycott, which led to that city becoming the first in the South to end racial discrimination. During his long career as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, W.W. Law delivered much more than the mail to the citizens of the city he loved. In this extraordinary biography, Jim Haskins and Benny Andrews celebrate the life of a quiet but great leader in the struggle for civil rights.

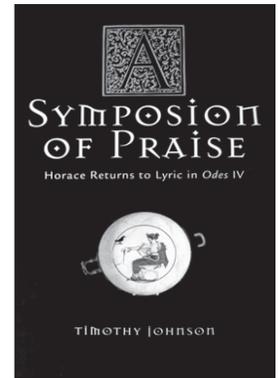
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Sacred Rites in Moonlight: Ben no Naishi Nikki, Introduced, translated and annotated by **S. Yumiko Hulvey**, African and Asian Languages and Literatures. Cornell East Asia Series.

Ben no Naishi (1228–1270), a descendant of a literary branch of the Fujiwara family, created an innovative poetic account focusing on her public personae as a naishi serving at the court of Go-Fukakusa (r. 1246–1259). Traditional scholarship regards Ben no Naishi Nikki as a naive record of court minutiae written without any literary purpose, but Ben no Naishi's text is constructed consciously by her devotion to sacred and secular duties which legitimized and perpetuated the rule of the royal family. This study situates the text within the nikki tradition, traces the cultivation of patronage relationships that led to Ben no Naishi's job at court, delineates duties of naishi, explores the unique literary aspects of the work, and reassesses Ben no Naishi's work as an innovative poetic record.

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Symposium of Praise: Horace Returns to Lyric in Odes IV, **Timothy Johnson**, Classics. University of Wisconsin Press.

Horace's later lyric poetry, *Odes IV*, which focuses on praising Augustus, the imperial family, and other political insiders, has often been treated more as propaganda than art. But in *Symposium of Praise*, Timothy Johnson examines the richly textured ambiguities of *Odes IV* that engage the audience in the communal or “symptic” formulation of Horace's praise. Through this wider lens of Horatian lyric, Johnson provides a critical reassessment of the nature of public and private in ancient Rome. The book will be of interest to historians of the Augustan period and its literature and to scholars interested in the dynamics between personal expression and political power.

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Convocation 2005

Please join CLAS for Fall Convocation at the University Auditorium on September 22 at 6 pm as we recognize outstanding students and faculty. A reception on the west lawn will follow.

The ceremony's keynote speaker will be **Janie Fouke**, UF's new provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, who started on August 15. Fouke previously served as dean of the College of Engineering at Michigan State University, where she was a professor of electrical and computer engineering. She also was the inaugural division director of the newly created division of bioengineering and environmental systems with the National Science Foundation in Washington, DC.

After earning her bachelor's degree in biology with honors from St. Andrews College in 1973, Fouke spent the next two years teaching science in North Carolina. She then earned her master's degree and PhD in biomedical

mathematics and engineering from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1980 and 1982, respectively.

From 1981 to 1999, Fouke taught at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. She has earned the status of Fellow in a number of professional societies, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering and the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

David Colburn, professor of history, stepped down as provost last year to return to full-time teaching and research. Mathematics Professor **Joe Glover**, who served as the interim provost, has returned to his duties as associate provost for academic affairs.



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