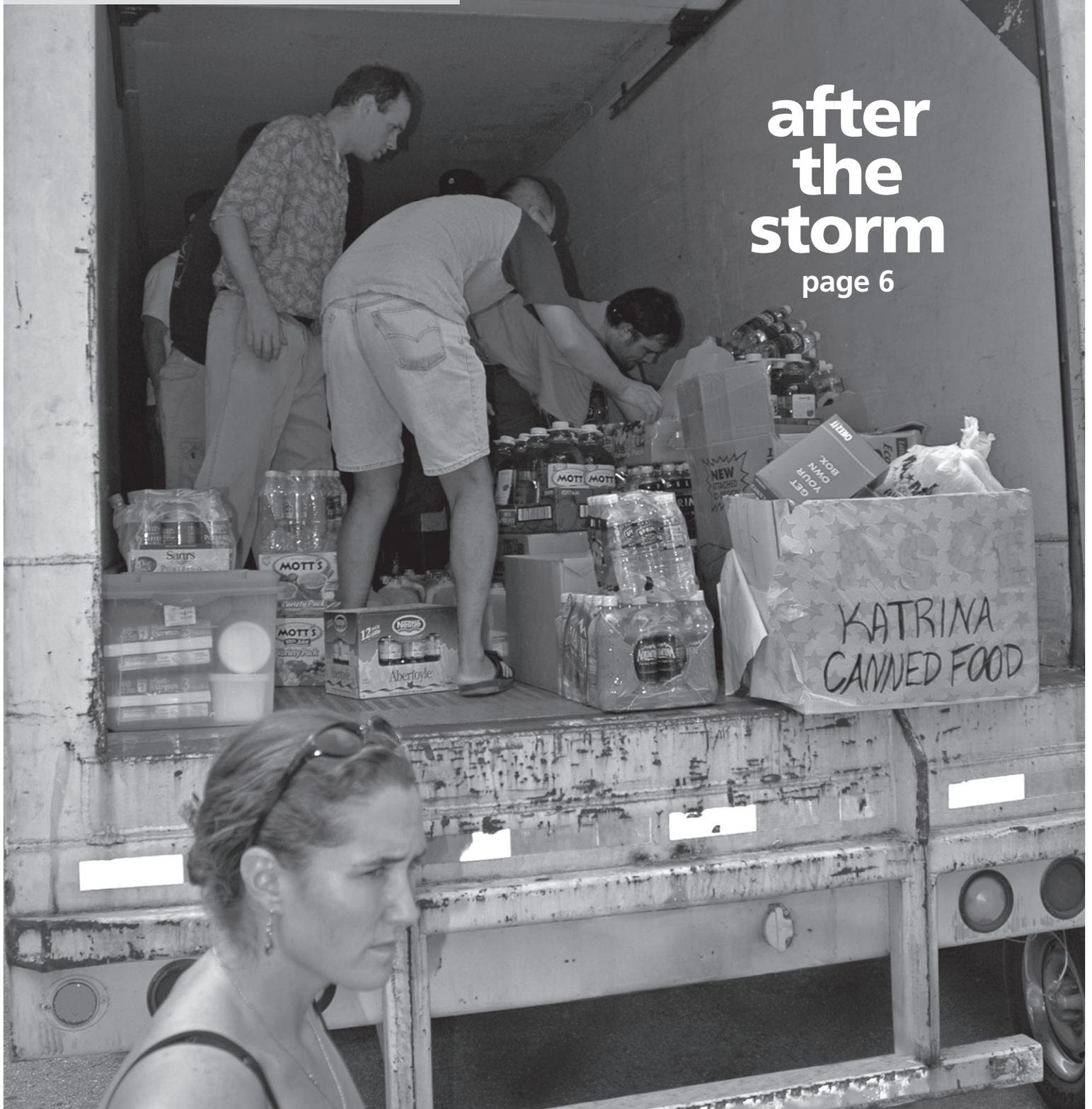


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The Dean’s Musings

Reaching Across the Gulf

The devastation wrecked by Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama has uprooted many lives and the effects will be with all of us for many years. UF faculty, students and staff have responded generously and spontaneously to help where they can to allow students in need from the devastated regions to continue their education. Many departments in our college volunteered additional seating to accommodate emergency transfer students. This spirit of reaching out to our students in need arose in every corner of campus, from faculty, staff and students.

On September 2, after careful consideration, our college decided we could accommodate at least 50 full-time students in upper division arts and sciences courses. Overall at UF, we had 103 emergency transfer students from the Gulf Coast enroll in the university, 18 of whom are in CLAS—12 undergraduates and six graduate students. We are indebted to Associate Dean Albert Matheny and others in the Academic Advising Center for responding to the needs of these students and assisting them in enrolling in classes in our college or in others.

The Department of Zoology led an effort to gather more than 3,700 pounds of non-perishable food items and other supplies for storm victims, which they donated to America’s Second Harvest Food Bank. Assistant Professor of Anthropology Michael Warren has been deployed to the region as a member of the Homeland Security/FEMA Region IV Disaster Mortuary Team and is assisting in the recovery and identification of Katrina’s casualties, as he did following the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

To learn more about those spending time at UF this semester, and how you might assist, see page 6. To those who are spending the semester as honorary Gators, we offer our heartfelt sympathy for what you have been through.

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On the Cover:

Many UF and CLAS units lent a helping hand to the victims of Hurricane Katrina by gathering more than 3,700 pounds of non-perishable food, bottled water, diapers, baby formula and personal hygiene items for America’s Second Harvest Food Bank. Organized by zoology department senior secretary Vitrell Sherif, nearly \$8,000 in supplies were donated, and zoology staff, students and faculty loaded the truck, which made its way to parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.
COVER PHOTO BY ALLAN WEST

CLAS Introduces New Chairs & Directors

Jack Kugelmass is the new director of the Center for Jewish Studies. He comes to UF this year from Arizona State University and holds the Melton Professorship at UF and also is a member of the anthropology department. Kugelmass earned a PhD in anthropology from the New School for Social Research in New York City, and for a number of years directed the folklore program at the University of Wisconsin. He has published widely on Polish Jewish culture, American Jewry, urban anthropology and other areas of American and public culture.

Dragan Kujundzic is the new chair of the Germanic and Slavic studies department. He received a BA from the Department of Comparative Literature and Literary Theory at Belgrade University and a PhD in Russian and literary theory from the University of Southern California in 1986. He comes to UF from the University of California at Irvine, where he served as director of Russian studies and founding direc-

tor of the International Center for Writing and Translation. His current research involves analyzing the empire and vampirism, which he calls vEmpire. He also is examining Fyodor Dostoevsky's novel *The Idiot*, as well as the films of the Japanese filmmaker Akira Kurosawa and Serbian filmmaker Dusan Makavejev. He plans to offer an undergraduate course called Vampire Stories, which will include a reading of Bram Stoker's *Dracula* and psychoanalysis, cinema, and post-colonial issues related to the topic.

Milagros Peña is the new director of the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research. An associate professor of sociology, she earned her MA and PhD from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1985 and 1990, respectively, and has taught at UF since 1999. Her research interests include women's studies, social movements, race and ethnic relations, and the sociology of religion.

Christine Sapienza is the

new chair of the communication sciences and disorders department. She received a BA and MA in speech pathology and audiology from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1987 and 1989, where she also earned her PhD in speech science in 1993. She came to UF in 1993 and is the associate director of UF's Institute for Advanced Study of the Communication Processes and a research health scientist with the Brain Rehabilitation Research Center at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Gainesville. Her research interests include the study of normal and disordered speech and voice production in both the adult and pediatric populations.

Kenneth Sassaman is the interim chair of the anthropology department. He came to UF in 1998, after receiving a PhD from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 1991. His research interests center around the prehistory of hunter-gatherer societies in the American Southeast, particularly aspects of social organization, technology

and monumentality. He is well recognized as an expert on the Archaic period in Southeastern archeology.

Robert Wagman is the new chair of the classics department. He earned his master's and PhD from The Johns Hopkins University in 1984 and 1989, respectively, and his research focuses on Greek religion, poetry and paleography. Before coming to UF in 1990, he taught at the University of Virginia for one year.

Carolyn Wiltshire is the interim director of the linguistics program. She earned her PhD in 1992 from the University of Chicago and specialized in phonology, phonetics and Dravidian languages. Before coming to UF in 1995, she taught at Yale and Brown Universities. Her current teaching and research involves phonological theory, word structure, phrasal syllabification, expressive language, and Dravidian and Romance language phonology.



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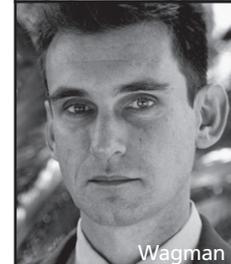
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CLAS Welcomes New Faculty

Sean Adams, an assistant professor of history, received his bachelor's degree in history from Purdue University in 1990 and his master's and PhD in US History



from the University of Wisconsin in 1992 and 1999, respectively. His specialization is in 19th-century US History, with a particular emphasis on political economy. Adams was a fellow with the National Historical and Public Records Commission and has taught at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Central Florida.

His current book project is a study of the consumption of heat in early America. He is teaching *The Age of Jackson*, *America's Industrial Revolution*, and *The History of American Capitalism*. He also plans to teach classes on the history of technology and a course on American slavery and abolition.

Stewart Duncan is an assistant professor of philosophy who earned his PhD from Rutgers University in 2003 and his master's degree from the University of St Andrews



in Scotland in 1997. He works primarily on the history of philosophy, focusing on the 17th and 18th centuries. Prior to coming to UF, he was a lecturer at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for two years.

His research focuses on the philosophy of Thomas Hobbes and the ways in which other 17th-century philosophers such as Cudworth, Leibniz, and Locke reacted to Hobbes' materialist views. He is teaching *Introduction to Philosophy* for honors students and *Skepticism in Modern Philosophy*, an upper-level special topics course.

Luis Alvarez-Castro is an assistant professor in the Romance languages and literatures department. His specialization is 19th-century Spanish literature and culture,



and he earned a PhD from the University of Valladolid in Spain in 2002 and a second PhD from The Ohio State University in 2005. Both of his dissertations dealt with the works of Spanish writer and thinker Miguel de Unamuno, and he also is interested in literary representations of national identity, metafiction, and reader-response approaches to literature.

Alvarez-Castro is teaching an undergraduate and graduate course on 19th-century Spanish novels. His new book, *The Word and the Being in Unamuno's Poetics*, will be released this fall.

James Essegbey is an assistant professor in the African and Asian languages and literatures department. He earned his PhD from Leiden University in The Netherlands in



1999 and specializes in descriptive linguistics, syntax-semantics interface, pragmatics and contact linguistics. He came to UF last year as a visiting assistant professor after serving as a lecturer and postdoctoral researcher at Leiden.

He is researching the influence of the Gbe languages of West Africa on the syntax and semantics of Surinamese Creoles and documenting the use of Nyangbo—a minority language spoken in Ghana. Essegbey is teaching Akan, a Ghanaian language.

Catherine Cottrell, an assistant professor of psychology, received her PhD from Arizona State University in August 2005. She specializes in social psychology,



and her research interests focus on prejudice and emotions, stereotyping, discrimination and stigma.

Much of her current research involves specific emotions—such as respect, anger and envy—that members of different ethnic, religious, political and social groups may feel toward each other, and the positive beliefs that members of different groups may hold for one another. Cottrell is teaching *Research Methods in Social Psychology*.

James Gillooly is an assistant professor of zoology. He earned his bachelor's degree in English literature from the University of Michigan in 1988 and completed his PhD in



zoology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a specialty in ecology. Before joining UF, he was a postdoctoral associate and research assistant professor at the University of New Mexico.

Gillooly's research interests span the subdisciplines of physiological ecology, community and ecosystem ecology, and evolution. He examines how physical constraints on the survival, growth and reproduction of individual organisms influence the ecology and evolution of populations, communities and ecosystems. Most recently, he has been developing what is referred to as the metabolic theory of ecology.

Anthony Gonzalez is an assistant professor of astronomy. He received his PhD in astronomy and astrophysics from the University of California at Santa Cruz in 2000.



Prior to taking a faculty position in the astronomy department, Gonzalez was a postdoctoral fellow at UF and at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. His research focuses on galaxy cluster evolution and observational cosmology. This semester, he is teaching a graduate course, Physical Cosmology.

Michael T. Heaney is an assistant professor in the political science department. He earned his PhD from the University of Chicago in 2004 and specializes in political science and public policy. He was a postdoctoral fellow at Yale University during 2004–2005.



Heaney's research focuses on organizational processes in American politics and public policy, with particular attention to interest groups, political parties, social movements, bureaucracies and legislatures. He has completed studies on the role of lobbyist networks in shaping federal health care policy and the organizational politics of the anti-Iraq war movement in the US. He is teaching Current Controversies in Public Policy, Bureaucratic Politics and Interest Group Politics.

Sukwon Hong, an assistant professor of chemistry, earned his PhD in organometallic chemistry with a specialization in asymmetric catalysis, in 2003 from Northwestern University. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry from Seoul National University in South Korea.



Hong was a postdoctoral research associate at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California before coming to UF. His research focuses on the development of new asymmetric catalysts for use in the total synthesis of biologically important natural products and in olefin polymerization. Hong teaches Organic Spectroscopy.

Julie Kim, an assistant professor of English, completed her PhD this year at Duke University. Her research interests include early American and 18th-century British literature and culture, theories of race and ethnicity, Asian American studies, and the history of anthropology, food and consumption, and postcolonial studies.



Her current book project, *Consumer Anthropology: New World Foods and Identities in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic Empire*, examines the relationship between descriptions of New World foods and attitudes towards racial and cultural difference in 18th-century Britain, North America and the Caribbean. She is teaching Strange Attractions in Early American Literature and Theories of the Human.

Lora Levett is an assistant professor in the criminology, law and society department. She completed her bachelor's degree at Central Michigan University in 2001



and her graduate education through Florida International University, earning a PhD in legal psychology with a minor in social psychology, in 2005. She has taught at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and Barnard College at Columbia University.

Levett's research interests are juror and jury decision making, scientific evidence, eyewitness testimony, juveniles and the justice system and persuasion theory. She is teaching Law and Society and Psychology and the Law.

Victoria Pagan is an associate professor of classics. She earned her PhD from the University of Chicago in 1997 in classical languages and literatures with an emphasis on Latin literature and Roman historiography. Pagan taught at UF from 1997–1998 and then spent seven years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Her research focuses primarily on Latin prose authors of the classical period, from Cato to Augustine. She is finishing *Rome and the Literature of Gardens*, a book that explores the way Romans wrote about gardens in a wide variety of genres. She is teaching Salust's Conspiracy of Catiline and The Letters of Pliny.

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after the storm

UF opens its doors to students & faculty displaced by Katrina

At a time when most US college students were returning to campus and gearing up for the start of the fall semester, those hailing from the Hurricane Katrina battered Gulf Coast found themselves without a university. Setting aside whatever intercollegiate rivalry may have existed, colleges and universities from across the country opened their doors and hearts to those displaced by the storm. At UF, 103 students—nearly all from New Orleans institutions—are calling UF home this semester, as well as a number of faculty looking for a safe place to continue their research. This is their story.

Staying on Track, When Your University Has Been Derailed

On August 28, as Hurricane Katrina was preparing to bear down on the Louisiana/Mississippi coastline, Tulane University junior **Cody Adams** and seven friends packed several days worth of clothing and headed to Nashville to ride out the storm.

“We hadn’t actually started to school yet, so we thought it was going to be a last minute vacation before the semester began,” Adams says. The group crammed into two cars and left most of their belongings behind. To date, they have been unable to return to the devastated area.

Adams is spending this semester at UF, and he and his girlfriend, Amanda Wittenberg, a Loyola communications major, are renting a room in a house off campus. Adams is a native of Keystone Heights, so spending the semester in Gainesville seemed like a logical choice. “Growing up 20 minutes away, I have been a Gator fan since the day I was

born,” he says. “The only reason I didn’t go here was because it was too close to home.”

A political science major at Tulane, Adams is taking a full course load in CLAS this semester. While many displaced students from the Gulf Coast chose to take the semester off, Adams did not feel it was an option. He plans to apply to dentistry school next year and does not want to fall behind in his course work. “I didn’t want to graduate a semester late,” he says. “I like to stay on track. It’s hard, though, because one of the classes I needed this semester was organic chemistry, and there’s no way I could have started it this late at UF, so I had to put it off a semester. I’m supposed to take the dental aptitude test this year, and I’m not sure how it’s going to turn out.”

Tulane neuroscience senior **Brooke Johnson** found herself in a similar predicament when Hurricane Katrina

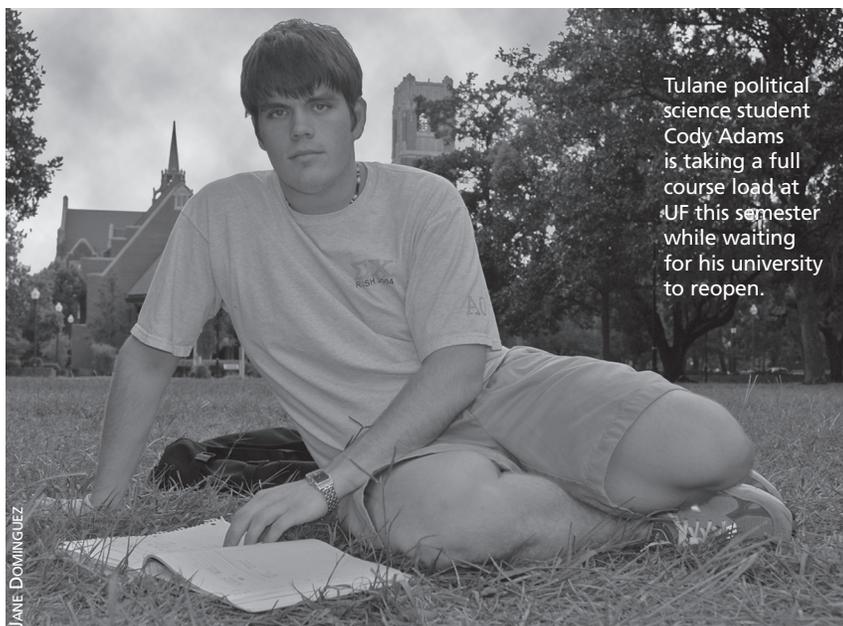
forced her university to shut down during the fall semester. Slated to graduate in May, Johnson was gearing up to apply to medical school this fall. But with Tulane operating from Houston, Texas and its faculty scattered in temporary housing across the country, obtaining transcripts and letters of recommendation seems impossible. “This is probably going to set me back a year,” she says. “I’ll either take a break or get a master’s while waiting to apply for the following year.”

One might wonder why Johnson did not just take the semester off, since her life plan is already going to have to be altered. Her answer shatters the stereotype of the privileged private school student. “Tulane is a very expensive school, and I am on need-based financial aid and have a ton of student loans I have taken out every year,” says Johnson, who supports herself as a bartender at the Margaritaville restaurant in the French Quarter. “I really want to stay on track because I can’t afford not to finish on time.”

An Orlando native, Johnson and Tulane roommate Megha Pandit, a psychology major, have crammed into a small one-bedroom apartment this semester and are taking courses in CLAS. “Everybody has been really understanding. Our cognitive neuroscience teacher, Linda Hermer-Vazquez, was so great. She said ‘if you need a ride somewhere—anything—let me know.’”

Both Adams and Johnson plan to return to Tulane as soon as it reopens in the spring. In the meantime, UF is offering tuition at the reduced in-state rate, saving undergraduates \$470 a credit hour and some graduate students as much as \$630 per credit hour. The university is assisting displaced students with getting their financial aid moved to UF and has extended their payment deadline to November 18.

“We are doing everything we can to make this as a positive and productive experience for you as possible,” Dean of Students Gene Zdziarski told a group of displaced students in a special orientation session held for them in mid-September. A support group has been organized by the UF Counseling Center to help these students cope with the tragedy and meets on Tuesday nights, from 6 to 7 pm, in 301 Peabody Hall. Contact the Counseling Center at 392-1575 for more information.



Tulane political science student Cody Adams is taking a full course load at UF this semester while waiting for his university to reopen.

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Loyola Religion Professor Timothy Cahill lectures on “Love, Logic and the Twin Concepts of Positive and Negative Concordance” in Sanskrit poetry at the invitation of the Center for the Study of Hindu Traditions, allowing him to keep his research alive while he is displaced this semester.

Research Deadlines Loom, Despite Dislocation

When Loyola University English Professor **Kate Adams** evacuated from New Orleans with her son, Cole, at around 1 pm on August 28—right as Katrina strengthened briefly into a Category 5 hurricane—she only had time to grab a few changes of clothes, her laptop computer, and her beagle, Rudy.

“We left a little later than we should have,” she admits. “Last year we left during Hurricane Ivan, and it was so awful evacuating that we decided to try to stay—until it kept getting bigger and bigger.”

But Katrina did not spare New Orleans as Ivan and other storms have in the past. After staying a few days with friends in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Adams drove down to Gainesville to stay with her father, UF Emeritus Professor of English James Hodges. Unsure about the condition of her home and unable to return to work at Loyola, Adams did what any conscientious university professor would do—used the downtime to work on her research.

Thankful to have her laptop in tow, Adams has been busy completing two book projects due in October—one on American suffragist Alice Paul and the other on the representations of women in the *New York Herald Tribune*. The UF

Smathers Library assigned her a library card, and she has poured herself into her work, eagerly attempting to meet both deadlines despite being dislocated. “I haven’t minded it,” she says. “It’s something that feels real, a connection to my former life.”

Her stay in Gainesville has been a return home for the 1972 graduate of P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School, who spent her first two years as an undergraduate at UF. She plans to return to New Orleans at the earliest possible occasion.

Loyola Assistant Professor of Religion **Timothy Cahill** is also beginning to get homesick. A colleague of UF Religion Professor Vasudha Narayanan, Cahill spent a week on campus in late September, at the invitation of the UF Center for the Study of Hindu Traditions (CHiTra)—of which Narayanan is the director—to present a series of lectures.

“My area of research is Asian religion and Sanskrit literature, but right now I am basically not doing any research,” Cahill says. “I am hoping to be able to go back to New Orleans for a day or two and get some materials, or to take advantage of the hospitality offered here.” Cahill and his wife are currently

How You Can Help

- Donate to the American Red Cross at (800) HELP-NOW or to the Salvation Army at (800) SAL-ARMY. You also can contribute to the rebuilding of some Gulf Coast universities through www.justgive.org.
- Adopt or Foster a displaced pet through the UF Veterinary Medical Center, or volunteer your time to the effort, at <http://vmc.vetmed.ufl.edu>.
- Participate in the Gator Nation Canned Food Drive. Bring non-perishable food items to one of three drop-off locations on campus—the Institute for Hispanic-Latino Cultures on University Avenue, the Center for Leadership and Service in room 202 Peabody Hall, or the Student Activities Center on the third floor of the Reitz Union. Donations will be given to America’s Second Harvest, a network of food banks responding to the needs of residents.
- Volunteer through the North Central Florida Chapter of the American Red Cross. Help is needed locally caring for the 500 families relocated to Alachua County after the storms. Volunteers are also being dispatched to the Gulf Coast. Call Kathleen at (352) 376-4669 to sign up.
- Organize a relief effort on campus. Want to have a car wash, bake sale or other fundraiser for the cause? You can register your project through the Dean of Students Office at www.dso.ufl.edu/gatorrelief.
- Sport your gator spirit while helping hurricane victims by purchasing a set of Gator Nation wristbands for \$5 through the UF Alumni Association. All proceeds go to the American Red Cross. Wristbands can be purchased on game days, beginning three hours before kick-off, at Emerson Alumni Hall. For more information, visit www.ufalumni.ufl.edu.

living with his sister in St. Petersburg. When Narayanan found out he was in Florida, she offered him office space, access to her books and resources in addition to a library card at Smathers, and the opportunity to earn a small stipend while presenting a lecture series for CHiTra.

At this point in time, Cahill is more worried about the survival of his university than his own career. “Really, what I am concerned with is the future of the institution more so than my own research,” he says. “How are we going to make our university come back? We don’t have a lot of physical damage to facilities, but parents might be concerned about sending their kids to any university in New Orleans. This year we had the largest incoming freshman class ever, and a lot of us are concerned whether these students will return in the spring.”

—Buffy Lockette



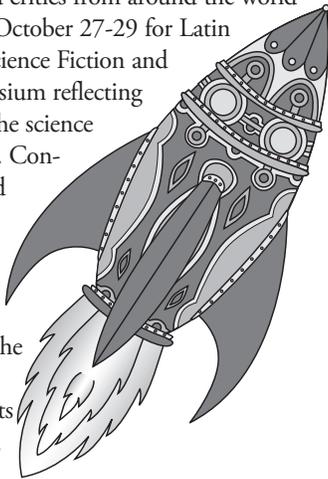
Ambassador Visits UF

French Ambassador to the US **Jean-David Levitte** spoke about relations between America and France, as well as the future of the European Union, to a crowd of more than 400 UF faculty and students on October 3. His visit was sponsored by the UF France-Florida Research Institute and organized by its director **Carol Murphy**, a professor of French.

Levitte, who has been a French diplomat for more than 30 years, discussed the need for France and the US to move on from their disagreements over the war in Iraq, stating that although the French people did not support the war, they remain committed to the US, as evidenced by the millions of dollars in aid the country has poured into the Hurricane Katrina ravaged Gulf Coast. "The events were covered in an extraordinary way by the French media, as though it were happening in France," Levitte said. In addition to monetary contributions, France also is adopting jazz orchestras from the New Orleans area and paying them to travel overseas to play at venues across the country to raise money for Katrina relief efforts. Levitte's campus visit came on the heels of a three-day diplomacy visit to Louisiana.

Latin America Writes Back

Authors, filmmakers and critics from around the world will converge at UF on October 27-29 for Latin America Writes Back: Science Fiction and the Global Era, a symposium reflecting the growing interest in the science fiction of Latin America. Contemporary cinematic and literary works of Latin American science fiction and fantasy will be discussed, focusing on the genre's challenge to the literary canon, its transformation of the concepts of city and urbanization, the growing presence of female characters and feminist approaches, and the role of technology in developing countries.



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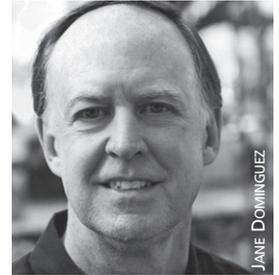
James Button, Professor of Political Science

Political Science Professor **James Button** died on September 26 after suffering from a long illness. He was 63. Button, who was born in Rochester, New York, came to UF in 1973. He earned his PhD from the University of Texas in 1975 and specialized in the study of minority politics, urban politics and the process of social change.

Over the course of his career, Button authored numerous publications and books, including *Private Lives, Public Conflicts: Battles Over Gay Rights in American Communities*, *Black Violence: Political Impact of the 1960s Riots* and *Blacks and Social Change: The Impact of the Civil Rights Movement in Southern Communities*. He served as interim chair of his department in 1990-1991 and served on the editorial board of the University Press of Florida.

As a teacher, Button enjoyed offering courses such as Politics and Poverty, Minorities and Change, Urban Politics and Race, Gender and Politics. In 2004, he was named the CLAS Teacher of the Year.

Button is survived by his wife, Barbara Rienzo, a professor in UF's College of Health and Human Performance, and sons Matt and Adam Bennett, both of Chicago. A scholarship fund in Button's memory has been established, and checks made out to the "James Button Scholarship Fund" can be mailed to the political science department, PO Box 117325, Gainesville, Florida, 32611. A memorial service was held in Button's honor at the United Church of Gainesville on September 30.



Irene Thompson, Founding Director of Women's Studies

Irene S. Thompson, who served as the founding director of the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research when it was created in 1977, died on September 17 of cancer in Syracuse, New York. She was 86. Born in New York City, she lived in Gainesville from 1955 until 2001.

Thompson was a 1939 *magna cum laude* graduate of Adelphi College in Garden City, New York, and earned master's degrees from both New York University and UF, where she completed additional graduate study in American literature. She taught high school for many years, and then at UF for two decades, beginning in 1966.

As the university's first Gender Equity Officer, Thompson wrote extensively in the fields of women's literature and feminist issues. As a founding member of the Modern Language Association's Committee on Women's Concerns, she co-edited two books: *Stepping Off the Pedestal: Academic Women in the South* (1982) and *The Road Retaken: Women Re-enter the Academy* (1985).

Thompson is survived by her daughter, Margaret Susan; her brother, Eugene Siegel; and several nieces and nephews. The Irene Thompson Scholarship for undergraduate and graduate students has been established in her honor, and donations can be sent to the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research, 3324 Turlington Hall, PO Box 117352, Gainesville, FL 32611.



DEPARTMENT NEWS

African American Studies

William Conwill recently presented “The Black Community: Intersections of Gender, Race, and Class” at the 29th Annual Conference of the National Council for Black Studies. He also presented “Domestic Violence in the Black Community: Issues for the Training Curriculum,” a two-hour professional development workshop, at the 37th Annual International Convention of the Association of Black Psychologists.

In August, the USA Martial Arts Hall of Fame honored him as the Martial Artist of the Year in a ceremony in Jacksonville.

Anthropology

Mike Heckenberger's research in the Amazon is a prominent part of an article that appeared in a recent issue of *The New Yorker*. “The Lost City of Z: Can an Expedition to the Amazon Uncover its Secrets—and the Fate of a Vanished Explorer?” discusses the search for what happened to a 1920s-era explorer who disappeared while looking for an alleged lost city deep in the Amazon. The reporter concluded the piece with Heckenberger's work, suggesting that he probably discovered the city the explorer was seeking.

Anthony Oliver-Smith was recently selected to hold the MunichRe Foundation Chair on Social Vulnerability at the Institute for Environment and Human Security of United Nations University in Bonn, Germany for the 2007–2008 academic year. He and three other chair holders will comprise the team responsible for leading the training and research initiatives of the institute during the next four years.

At the recent Society of Ethnobiology meetings in Anchorage, Alaska, **Richard Stepp** was named editor-in-chief for the *Journal of Ethnobiology*. His term begins in the spring of 2006.

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Lori J.P. Altmann has received a \$5,000 Advancing Academic Research Careers Award from the American Speech and Hearing Association for her project “Grammatical Sentence Production in Alzheimer's Disease.”

Undergraduate **Rachel Lauren Hogue** has received a 2005 Minority Student Leadership Award from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association that will allow her to travel to San Diego this November to participate in the organization's national convention. She will take part in a leadership-focused educational program with other undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in communication sciences and disorders programs across the country.

Linda Lombardino was a keynote speaker at the Rite Care Language and Literacy conference at Baylor University at the end of September. She also spoke at the Assessing Literacy and Language: Leadership Perspectives conference at California State University in Monterey, California in August.

English

Norman Holland and **Andrew Gordon** were the chief organizers of the 22nd International Conference on Literature and Psychology held at the University of Cordoba, Spain in July. Participants presented more than 50 papers from 17 countries. **Peter Rudnytsky** spoke in the keynote session, with a talk on “Facts and Interpretations: The Quest for Truth in the History of Psychoanalysis.” Gordon spoke on “Envy: Cynthia Ozick Meets Melanie Klein,” while Holland lectured during the closing session on “Don Quixote and the Neuroscience of Metafiction.” Also participating from UF was **Martin Sorbille** (Spanish), who spoke on “The Slaughterhouse: Echevarria and the Anxiety of Castration.” The 23rd International Conference on Literature and Psychology will be held in Finland at the University of Helsinki on June 28–July 3, 2006. For information, contact Andrew Gordon at agordon@ufl.edu.

Geology

Paul Mueller and **Dave Foster**, along with a colleague from Montana State University, recently held a workshop funded by the National Science Foundation in Bozeman, Montana on EarthScope, a 10-year, multi-million dollar NSF project aimed at imaging the crust and upper mantle in the US through the use of thousands of seismometers. **Ray Russo** participated as an invited speaker at the event.

History

David Colburn has been elected to serve a two-year term as chair of the board of directors for the Florida Humanities Council. The non-profit organization, established in 1973, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and uses the disciplines of the humanities to develop public programs and resources that explore Florida's history, literary and artistic traditions, cultural values and ethics.

Physics

Guido Mueller has been selected to co-chair the interferometry working group of the Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA) International Science Team. LISA is a joint observatory between NASA and the European Space Agency, aimed at detecting low-frequency gravitational waves. The LISA International Science Team serves as the scientific coordinating and advisory committee to the Office of Space Science, NASA, European Space Agency and the LISA study office and has six groups, including the interferometry group, placing Mueller in charge of 1/6 of LISA science.

Political Science

Ido Oren traveled to China in June in connection with the recent publication of the Chinese translation of his book, *Our Enemies and US: America's Rivalries and the Making of Political Science*. He lectured at Fudan University (Shanghai), Remin University (Beijing), Jilin University (Changchun, Manchuria), and Guandong University of Foreign Studies and Zhongshan University (both in Guangzhou).

Psychology

Manfred Diehl has been appointed to serve a four-year term on the Behavior and Social Science of Aging Review Committee of the National Institute on Aging (NIA). This committee advises the directors of the National Institutes of Health and the NIA, providing technical review and evaluation of research, research training, grant applications, and contract proposals concerned with research on aging in the basic biological, clinical, biomedical, social and behavioral sciences.

Bookbeat Recent publications from CLAS faculty

Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature

Editor-in-Chief Bron R. Taylor (Religion), Thoemmes Continuum, 2005

Religion, says Bron Taylor, has evolved with human beings from nature, and in turn, religion plays a role in the ways humans relate to and transform nature. The effort to understand these reciprocal dynamics led UF's Samuel S. Hill Eminent Scholar of Religion and Christian Ethics to create a two-volume encyclopedia that draws together the emerging discipline of religion and nature.

"Part of constructing this field is re-conceptualizing what we understand religion to be," Taylor says. "If religion is most fundamentally about belonging and connecting, which is clear when we look at the roots of the word, then religion need not only be about connecting to divine beings. It can also be related to people's felt connection to the biosphere. Indeed, whenever human beings rely on metaphors of the sacred to describe what they most deeply feel, then we are in the orbit of religion, and quite often, this has a lot to do with nature."

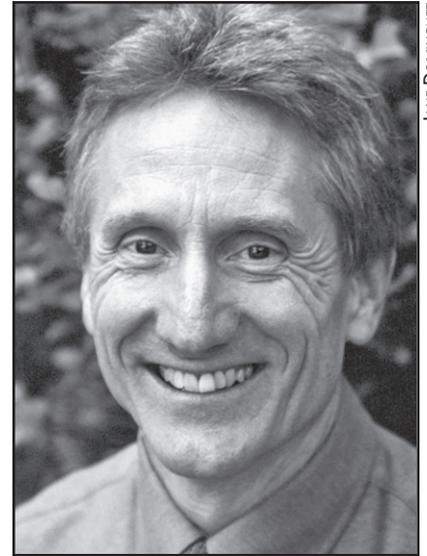
As editor-in-chief of the world's first *Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, Taylor's vision was to build an interdisciplinary work that explores the

relationships among human beings, their environments and their religions, and to do so by drawing together voices from the natural sciences, the social sciences and the humanities. The encyclopedia, he explains, provides a place where scholars from a wide array of disciplines can wrestle together about the religious dimensions of human-nature relations.

"For example, atmospheric scientist James Lovelock [originator of the Gaia hypothesis] has an entry in which he describes his surprise at the extent to which people resonated with what he understood to be a scientific theory in a spiritual or religious way. He confesses in his entry that he has come to value that way of looking at it."

Ever since medieval historian Lynn White published his 1967 *Science* article blaming monotheistic religions in general and the dominant streams of Christianity in particular for fostering environmentally destructive attitudes and behaviors, there has been robust scholarly debate about the role of religion in transforming ecosystems. Until Taylor began his encyclopedia there had been no place to bring together such a debate, track its evolution, and suggest further research.

The encyclopedia has 1,000 entries with 520 contributors from around world, including 11 religion faculty members and students from UF. "One of the things I'm proud of is that this is an international encyclopedia," Taylor says. "Places that often get short shift, such as Africa,

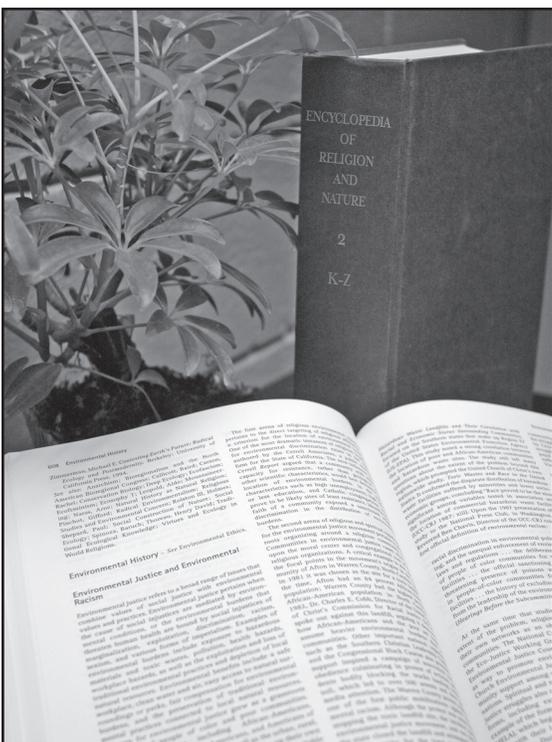


Bron Taylor

did not. There are entries on the religious aspects of such activities as mountain climbing and surfing. There is an entry on space and the way many astronauts have been transformed religiously by their experiences."

Taylor arrived at UF in 2002, recruited to help establish the university's unique graduate program in religion and nature. His research is in religious ethics and religion and political mobilization, with extensive fieldwork exploring grassroots environmental movements. Apart from the encyclopedia, Taylor is leading an initiative to establish an International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture and will be the editor of its new journal, which will begin publishing in 2007.

—Michal Meyer

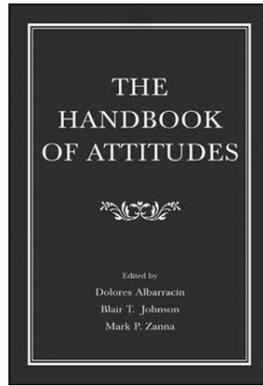


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Handbook of Attitudes, Edited by **Dolores Albarracín** (Psychology), Lawrence Erlbaum Associates

This new handbook presents, synthesizes, and integrates the existing knowledge of methods, theories, and data in attitudes. The editors' goal is to promote an understanding of the broader principles underlying attitudes across several disciplines. Divided into three parts: one on definitions and methods; another on the relations of attitudes with beliefs, behavior, and affect; and a final one that integrates these relations into the broader areas of cognitive processes, communication and persuasion, social influence, and applications, the handbook also features an innovative chapter on implicit versus explicit attitudes.



—Publisher

Selbstkritik der Moderne. Habermas und Foucault im Vergleich (Self-Critique of Modernity: Habermas and Foucault in Comparison), **Thomas Biebricher** (Political Science), Campus Verlag

Michel Foucault (1926–1984) and Juergen Habermas (1929–) are considered the most influential philosophers/social scientists of our time. While both agree on many political issues and share a diffuse leftist sentiment, in their works they have pursued different paths in constructing critical approaches to society, morals, science as well as politics and democracy.

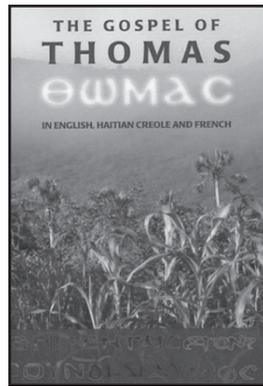


—Author summary

The book is a comparative study of the major works of both authors. It analyses and compares the 'critiques' that they have developed over time and places them in historical and critical context.

The Gospel of Thomas in English, Haitian Creole and French, Edited by **Benjamin John Hebblethwaite** (Haitian Creole), Classic Editions

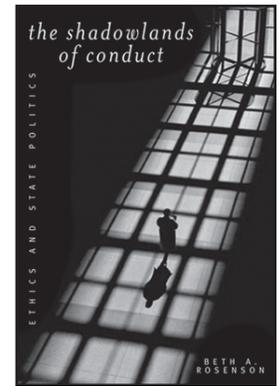
The Gospel of Thomas was discovered in 1945 with a cache of books in Nag Hammadi, Egypt. The Christian and Gnostic books had been hidden on a hillside for 1,600 years. *The Gospel of Thomas* is of immense value because it dates from the same period as the canonical gospels and because it is a remarkable record of what numerous scholars claim are the actual teachings of Jesus.



—Publisher

The Shadowlands of Conduct: Ethics and State Politics, **Beth Rosenson** (Political Science), Georgetown University Press

The linking of ethics and politics is an issue that affects every American—especially when it comes to state politics, where the cynical might say ethics can never survive. Scandals have been ubiquitous since the beginning of the Republic, but it wasn't until 1954 that ethical self-regulation began to move legislatively beyond bribery statutes to address deeper issues—those which, in New York Governor Thomas Dewey's words, skulked in the "shadowlands of conduct." Rosenson begins her exploration with that moment when New York became the first state to enact a general ethics law, setting standards and guidelines for behavior. She examines the many laws that have been enacted since and the reasons that many of these laws came into being.

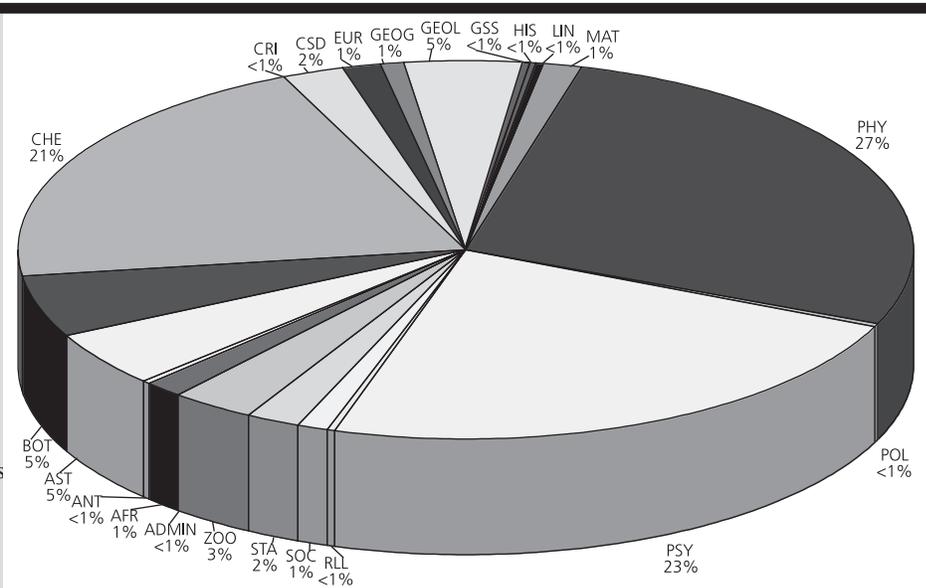


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Celebrate Einstein's Miracle Year

In 1905, Albert Einstein published a series of papers that revolutionized the way scientists think about and study the universe. In honor of the 100th anniversary of Einstein's "miracle year," the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Department of Physics are sponsoring the seminar on Einstein's Miracle Year on October 18 at the Keene Faculty Center. Professor of Physics Jack Sabin is chairing the event.

2:30–3 pm

"Einstein: The Making of a Physicist"
Fredrick Gregory, History

3–3:30 pm

"Who Ordered Theorists?
Einstein and the Photoelectric Effect"
Arthur Hebard, Physics

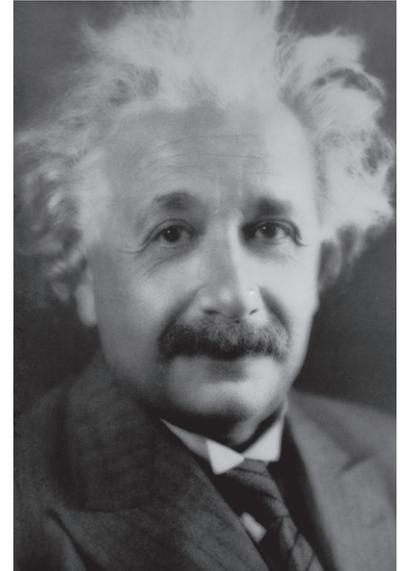
4–4:30 pm

"Einstein's Remarkable Insight on Brownian
Motion—Its Context and Impact"
Jim Dufty, Physics

4:30–5 pm

"Einstein's Relativity and
Our View of the Universe"
Steve Detweiler, Physics

Also in celebration of Einstein's miracle year, the History of Science Society has created an attractive display—including Einstein papers, artifacts and memorabilia—on the first floor of Turlington Hall. Drop by and check it out!



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