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A Note From the Dean

Meeting the Challenge

Greetings to all our alumni and college friends from Turlington plaza. As the fall of 2002 closes out, significant changes are on the horizon for the University of Florida and for our college. UF President Charles Young's strategic plan to restructure the university will position this institution to advance considerably into the top echelon of public universities. The college is tasked to play a major role in this plan, as stated by President Young: "The academic quality of any university is largely tied to the reputation of the academic disciplines found in this college. Without a first-rate College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, UF will not achieve the goals we pursue, nor will it fulfill its fundamental obligation to the state."

The importance to the state should not be underestimated. Although we understand and value the prestige and importance of academic leadership, what is not fully understood is the value of a top research university to the economic, physical and cultural well-being of the citizens and to the state as whole.

We serve as the flagship university of the fastest growing state in the nation, and many of the issues we observe in Florida today represent the major new challenges facing the nation: fresh water needs, fragile ecosystems, children and violence, care for the elderly, and the development of space-age industry around new technologies. Progress in these areas, if we are to learn from the past, will be nucleated and grown from innovative research in primary areas that ask provocative questions.

Route 128 around Boston, Silicon Valley and North Carolina's Research Triangle all grew out of university research spin-offs that began as fundamental research at the parent academic institutions. This pattern will be repeated again.

The state of Florida needs at least one truly great and inspiring institution that will provide the intellectual energy leading to advanced technologies and the socio-economic well being we expect for the future of Florida. With the implementation of the strategic plan, and the extraordinary quality of our students, who are our future leaders, UF and CLAS are being asked to meet this challenge. With assistance and dedication, I am confident we will finish the tasks before us.



Neil S. Sullivan, Dean

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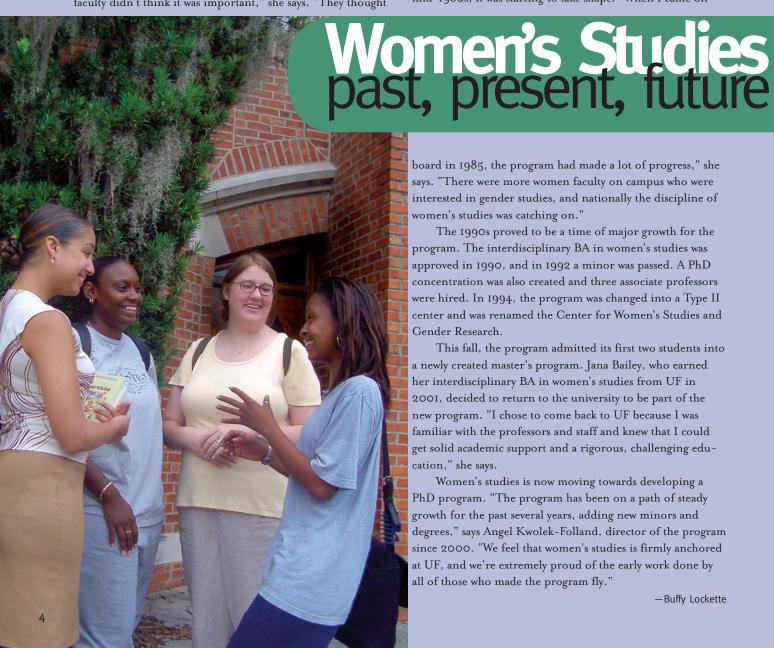
As the University of Florida celebrates the 25th anniversary of the women's studies program this year, it may be hard for some to imagine the opposition the "founding mothers" of the program faced. But in the mid-1970s—just 30 years after the university opened its doors to female students—the traditionally all-male campus had trouble accepting the idea of a course of study dedicated to exploring the perspectives of women.

"There was a lot of skepticism about what women's studies was all about," says Jaquelyn Resnick, director of UF's Counseling Center. "There wasn't as much gender consciousness, and women's studies was a foreign idea." Mildred Hill-Lubin, an English professor, also remembers what a struggle it was to bring the program to campus. "Most men faculty didn't think it was important," she says. "They thought it was a fad and that it certainly did not deserve a place in the university curriculum."

But in 1977, the state senate and the university authorized the program, and an undergraduate certificate in women's studies was instituted on a probationary status. The program is the only one on campus ever to begin on probation. "One could argue that if the university was looking to truly create a new program, this was a peculiar way to go about it," says Resnick. "It was clearly a reflection, I think, of the skepticism and the limited amount of support."

The program forged ahead, led by its first director Irene Thompson, an English professor, and supported strongly by Ruth McQuown, the first female associate dean in the college.

The core course, Interdisciplinary Perspectives of Women, was approved, and courses were offered in many different departments all over campus. The program was taken off probation a few years later, and by the time Connie Shehan, a sociology professor, took over as director in the mid-1980s, it was starting to take shape. "When I came on



board in 1985, the program had made a lot of progress," she says. "There were more women faculty on campus who were interested in gender studies, and nationally the discipline of women's studies was catching on."

The 1990s proved to be a time of major growth for the program. The interdisciplinary BA in women's studies was approved in 1990, and in 1992 a minor was passed. A PhD concentration was also created and three associate professors were hired. In 1994, the program was changed into a Type II center and was renamed the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research.

This fall, the program admitted its first two students into a newly created master's program. Jana Bailey, who earned her interdisciplinary BA in women's studies from UF in 2001, decided to return to the university to be part of the new program. "I chose to come back to UF because I was familiar with the professors and staff and knew that I could get solid academic support and a rigorous, challenging education," she says.

Women's studies is now moving towards developing a PhD program. "The program has been on a path of steady growth for the past several years, adding new minors and degrees," says Angel Kwolek-Folland, director of the program since 2000. "We feel that women's studies is firmly anchored at UF, and we're extremely proud of the early work done by all of those who made the program fly."

Ntozake Shangé Brings a Voice of Hope

The name "Ntozake Shangé" means "she who brings her own things." To UF, Shangé brings a long and celebrated career as one of the world's foremost black feminist poets. With great pride, the university welcomes the renowned poet to campus as a visiting professor in African American Studies and the Department of Theatre and Dance.

Shangé is best known for her choreopoem for colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf, which became the first collection of poetry translated onto Broadway when it opened in New York's Booth Theatre in 1976.

"I was just looking at issues that concerned women at the time," Shangé says. "Humiliation, child abuse, rape, fantasy, the historical exploitation of women and the joys that are found in childhood." Shangé wrote about abortion before it was legal and rape before people talked about it. She took on the issue of women's rights, long before many black women had the courage to do so. The production earned her off-Broadway's greatest

honor—the Obie Award—and was nominated for a Tony, Grammy and Emmy.

Shangé wrote a little poetry as a teenager, including a piece about Vietnam. But it was not until she enrolled in Barnard College that she really became interested in the art form. In the 1960s, Shangé attended the all-woman university located in New York City. She became actively involved in the black power movement on campus and participated in demonstrations. "I found my college to be liberating," she says. "The time was so violent and giddy with liberation and pride in black people, that I wanted to be a propagandist for the black power movement. That's what got me started writing

again; I wanted to do something to free our people and I knew art was one of those elements."

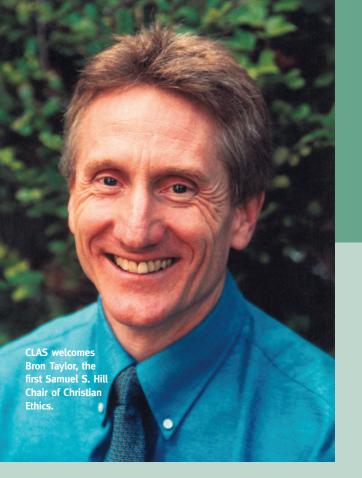
Shangé has produced five plays and published four children's books, three novels, one cookbook and four books of poetry. A children's book she authored about the childhood of Muhammad Ali called *Float Like a Butterfly* is currently being turned into a movie by Disney Studios to be included in the "Jump at the Sun" series.

This academic year, Shangé is serving as a visiting professor at UF and is working on a new choreopoem called Lavender Lizards & Lilac Landmines that will premiere at the university April 4–13, performed by UF theater students. "All the characters are poets, and they're talking to us as poets about what poets want and what happens to us and what we take joy in and what gives us pain," Shangé says.
"I can't tell you more because that will give it away."

Shangé is jointly appointed between the African American Studies program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Department of Theatre and Dance in the College of Fine Arts. She is also affiliated with the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research. She has spent the fall semester working on the choreopoem and will teach Poetry by Women of Color in the spring.

-Buffy Lockette





Ethics and the Academy

Bron Taylor has worn many hats so far in his life: professor, program director, board member, lifeguard, editor and environmentalist to name a few. These experiences have shaped his career as a pioneer in the field of religion, ethics and nature, and he brings his expertise to UF as the first Samuel S. Hill Chair of Christian Ethics in the religion department.

Perry Foote, Jr., a Gainesville physician, made the new chair position

possible through the pledge he made during the "It's Performance That Counts!" campaign. Foote wanted to honor UF Emeritus Professor of Religion Samuel S. Hill. Hill taught at UF from 1972–1994 and served as department chair from 1972–1977. "It is gratifying to have your name associated with anything positive, and I'm thrilled that Dr. Taylor has been brought in because he is well-suited for this position," says Hill. "I'm glad there is specific attention given to ethics because it's a topic our students need to learn about more than ever these days."

Taylor grew up in southern California and received his bachelor's degree, double majoring in religious studies and psychology, from California State University, Chico in 1977. He later earned a master's degree in theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in 1980 and his PhD in social ethics from the University of Southern California in 1988.

During his college years, Taylor worked as a lifeguard along the Southern California coast, where he saw the California Brown Pelican disappear due to DDT poisoning and reappear, years later, after the pesticide was banned. "As I was finishing my dissertation, exploring

the impacts of affirmative action policies on ordinary people, and using my own empirical data as grist for ethical reflection about these policies, I noticed that environmentalists had begun to deploy sabotage in their efforts to arrest environmental decline," says Taylor. "I soon surmised that, like the liberation movements I had studied, the emerging, 'radical environmental' groups were animated by religious perceptions and ideals. Intrigued, I left for the woods to learn more."

This turned into a long-term research trajectory exploring the many dimensions of and forms of contemporary grassroots environmentalism, especially the most radical ones. One book he edited about such movements, Ecological Resistance Movements: The Global Emergence of Radical and Popular Environmentalism, has been adopted by more than three dozen universities for classroom use.

At UF, Taylor will continue crafting the *Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, the first encyclopedia focusing on the relationships between religions, cultures and ecosystems. The two-volume work will contain more than I,000 entries from 700 scholars.

Taylor also brings strong program building experience, having founded the

environmental studies program at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, and serving as its director for nearly ten years before moving to Florida. He will play a key role in UF's new PhD program in religion. In the fall of 2003, the religion department will inaugurate doctoral programs in three areas of specialization: religion and nature, religion in the Americas and religions of Asia. Religion Chair Sheldon Isenberg says Taylor's appointment comes at an opportune time. "Bron Taylor is the anchor for our PhD track in religion and nature, which is the first such program in the world. He has helped define this field of research, and prospective students are already knocking on the door."

Taylor will teach courses in religious, social and environmental ethics and is also writing two books. "It's wonderful to be at a first-rate research school because I will be able to more rapidly complete my research. Next year, when the first cohort of new graduate students arrive, we will begin to develop a variety of collaborative research projects. This will provide another exciting opportunity to help shape the field."

-Allyson A. Beutke

A poster for the movie *Gladiator* adorns the walls of the Department of Classical Studies? Considering the film was criticized for its historical inaccuracy, the scenario might seem somewhat counterintuitive.

But the poster is there, and it reflects two things about the department's attitude: a willingness to embrace the positive (in *Gladiator's* case, the continuing high profile of classical themes in pop culture) and a sense of comfort with the modern world.

"For me, the relationship between classics and the modern world is very deep and multifaceted. It always surprises me when we are sitting in class discussing something, and all of the sudden I see a relationship to something I read in the paper or saw on the news," says Rachel Brewer, a classical studies senior.

Classics Professor Lewis Sussman, who has taught at UF since 1976, says many areas of classical studies enthusiastically engage modern issues on a regular basis. "People think everything was invented yesterday, including the ideas we think about and the problems that we face—terrorism, technology, problems in government organization, running a large, multi-national, multi-ethnic, multicultural state," he says. "However, the Roman Empire had every race represented and all different kinds of religion. It took a lot of energy and enterprise to get this whole thing to work, and the Romans did it quite successfully. Everyone talks about the decline of the Roman Empire. Well, it lasted I,000 years, which is not bad!"

Right now the department is experiencing anything but a decline. The number of undergraduate classical studies majors has almost doubled during the past five years to 86, a high number compared to classics departments at other universities. "Classics programs across the country have folded because of a lack of enrollment. People in these programs do not present the material in an interesting way, or they do it in the same way that it has been done for years and years. Our department does a good job of putting together great classes," says Sussman.

Enrollments in beginning Latin classes have also grown, increasing more than a third during the last two years. Latin is now the second most popular foreign language taught at UF after Spanish. Currently, however, there is a shortage of qualified Latin teachers in secondary schools. UF is helping address the problem by creating the only distance graduate program in the US designed specifically for Latin teachers. Hans-Friedrich Mueller, who joined the classics department faculty in 2001, is the distance graduate coordinator. "The program combines distance learning courses in the fall and spring terms with intensive on-campus summer courses that allow teachers to improve skills as well as earn advanced degrees," says Mueller.

degrees," says Mueller. Students from Florida, as well as Maine, New Jersey, Pennsylvania Tennessee, Oregon, Texas and Alabama have enrolled in the program. "We're especially grateful to the

Rothman family, whose generous endowment has enabled the department to commit the resources necessary for establishing the program, publicizing it and launching these inaugural courses," says Mueller.

Brewer, who hopes eventually to earn a master's degree in Latin from UF and go on to teach the language in high school, says she originally came to UF with intentions of becoming a veterinarian. "When I came to UF, I was determined to keep up my interest in classics and take at least one course from that department every semester. I loved the classes and the department so much that eventually I switched my major to classical studies and never looked back."

-Patrick Hughes & Allyson A. Beutke

Classical Currency



French Government Says BON OUT UF

The French government has chosen the University of Florida as Florida's site of a *centre pluridisciplinaire*. The designation will help create the France-Florida Research Institute (FFRI) at UF, which will serve as an umbrella organization to centralize and promote the numerous existing partnerships between UF and French and Francophone research centers. The new institute will receive funding from the French government for at least three years, and UF will provide additional support. "This designation recognizes the international academic excellence at UF. We are proud to join this esteemed group and plan to build on our successes in French studies," says Professor of French Carol Murphy, who will serve as the institute's director.

After UF was invited to apply, Murphy worked with an advisory board of UF faculty members to compile information about the university's numerous French connections. "The FFRI will be the central organization that integrates and publicizes existing relationships, as well as creates new exchanges for faculty and students, including lectures, film festivals, visiting professorships, scholarships, conferences, exhibits and outreach," says Murphy. "An important focus in all these activities will be interdisciplinary, especially between the humanities and the sciences, as well as collaboration with other institutions to maximize the institute's efforts throughout Florida, the Southeast and with other centres pluridisciplinaires."

UF's designation as a centre pluridisciplinaire will give it the opportunity to apply for a \$1 million grant from the French government within the next several years. Currently, centres pluridisciplinaires of French studies are located at 18 American universities, including Columbia, Princeton, Stanford and Yale. The University of Texas at Austin also received the honor this year. In the past several years, the French Embassy has made an effort to extend its network toward the Southern region of the US. In 1999, a centre pluridisciplinaire was created at Louisiana State University, and last year, Duke University established one.

A committee of four representatives from the French Embassy in the US

reviewed the proposals, and one member visited UF this year before the committee made a final decision this summer. The proposal points out that France is the top country of collaboration with UF, and 18 official partnerships with French institutions and research centers already exist. "One of the areas of collaboration we highlighted in the proposal is the French connection to our various science departments," says Murphy. Joint PhD programs have been proposed in chemistry and engineering, and since 1997, the chemistry department has led a successful US/France Research Experience for Undergraduates program. Under the direction of Randy Duran, an associate professor of chemistry, 88 students recruited from the US and Puerto Rico have worked with 40 French undergraduates for three-month research stays at UF. Duran will serve as the institute's associate director.

In October, Murphy traveled to the cultural services of the French Embassy in New York City to meet with the directors of other centres pluridisciplinaires to discuss plans for UF's institute. "Funding for speakers and symposia is already in place, and the program for this year is beginning to take shape." Murphy expects the FFRI to be officially established by January 2003.

Visit www.clas.ufl.edu/ FranceFlorida for more information.

-Allyson A. Beutke

Living and

Lombardi Scholars





When the university's first group of Lombardi Scholars found out they were to join UF's most prestigious honors program, they were filled with excitement. But when they realized this meant they would have to spend an entire summer in Merida, Mexico, they were a little surprised. "When I found out I was going to Mexico for the summer, I was filled with a lot of questions and doubts," says Trang Tran of Tampa. "Even though Mexico isn't that far away, it is still a whole other country."



Above: Lombardi Scholars scale the Mayan ruins of Cobá in Mexico this summer.

Tran is one of eight entering freshman in the inaugural group of Lombardi Scholars. The scholars were selected last spring to participate in the newly created scholarship program established in honor of John V. Lombardi, former UF president and history professor. In addition to a sizable financial package, the scholars participate in four all-expense-paid summer research adventures throughout their UF careers. They are required to spend their first summer after high school participating in a research project outside the US.

"One of the reasons we chose to do this was because we wanted them to undergo a college-like experience before coming to UF," says Jeanna Mastrodicasa, associate director of the UF Honors Program. "They are very young, cognitively, and the reason we liked Merida was because it is a really intense cultural experience. By taking them out of their comfortable high school environment and placing them into an unfamiliar one, they matured very quickly."

The scholars were selected in late March out of I47 applicants. Supported by a fund at the UF Foundation, the program was based on high caliber academic programs from peer institutions, such as the University of Georgia's Foundation Fellows and the University of Tennessee's Whittle Scholars. The Lombardi Scholars knew when they were chosen that there was a possibility they would be going away for the summer, but they did not find out until late April they were going to Merida. By the end of June, they were on a plane to Mexico.

"When I first found out I would be going to Mexico, I was very excited," says Todre Allen of Immokalee. "At the same time, I did not want to go on a trip to a foreign country without my close friends or family. It turns out that I found an additional set of both in Merida." The scholars were matched with a Meridan family, with whom they lived and studied during their stay. Since most of the families had children of their own, the scholars fit right in. "The family I lived with was extremely nice and accommodating," says Casey Furman of Bradenton. "Right from the beginning the father of the host family I lived with said, 'you are my son here.""

Each day the students would get up early and find their way to the University of Yucatan, where they attended a Spanish class taught by University of Yucatan professors and an anthropology class taught by Allan Burns, professor and chair of UF's anthropology department. The scholars earned five hours of anthropology credit and two hours of honors credit. "What we learned in the classroom allowed us to enjoy and understand more deeply what we saw on our excursions and in everyday life in the city," says Furman. The students took day trips to key points of interest, led by Burns and Mark Brenner, director of the Land Use and Environmental Change Institute at UF. They explored Mayan ruins and historic sites, learned to make pottery, swam in caves, learned about herbal medicines and studied plants and wildlife.

Though the students faced new challenges, they adapted to their new environment and learned to thrive in Merida. "The social, academic and life survival skills I acquired in Merida will help to ease my transition to UF," says Jennifer Bonds of Tallahassee. "I believe I have matured, become more independent, and gained a large amount of knowledge on cultural differences and how to work around them."

This group of scholars will get together again next summer and probably travel to somewhere in Europe, possibly France. First-year Lombardi scholars will continue to visit Merida.

President Bush Nominates Neikirk Term Professor for National Council

In mid-October, President George W. Bush nominated History Professor **Stephen A. McKnight** to serve as a member of the National Council on the Humanities. The council is a 25-per-



son advisory board to the National Endowment for the Humanities, which is an independent grant-making agency of the federal government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation and public programs in the humanities. Council members serve six-year terms.

Along with McKnight, the president nominated eight other individuals to serve on the council. The Senate must confirm all nominations. Once confirmed, McKnight would be the

first person from UF to serve on the council. A professor of European history and the history of science, McKnight has been at UF since 1972. Last year, he was the first Waldo Neikirk Term Professor in the college.

Teacher of the Year Awards

Geography Professor Peter Waylen won the 2002 UF Teacher of the Year Award. He was recognized in April at a reception at UF President Charles Young's home and was honored at the college's spring commencement ceremony in May.

Waylen has been teaching at UF for 17 years and was promoted to full professor in 1997. A native of southern England, Waylen earned his BS from the London School of Economics in 1975 and his MA and PhD from



McMaster University in 1976 and 1982, respectively. Before coming to UF, he was on the faculty at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada.

Waylen's primary research area is the effects of El Niño on hydroelectric power production, and he is an affiliated faculty member with UF's Center for Latin American Studies. He teaches several undergraduate and graduate classes including Introduction to Physical Geography, Hydrology, and Hydrologic Modeling.

Waylen was one of nine faculty members who received a CLAS Teacher of the Year Award and was in competition with faculty members from other colleges for the top honor. The other CLAS Teachers of the Year are listed below.

Ronald H. Carpenter, English Marsha Bryant, English
Steven Noll, History Pham Huu Tiep, Mathematics
Alexandre Turull, Mathematics Lise Abrams, Psychology
Terry L. Mills, Sociology Marta L. Wayne, Zoology

around THE college

Chemistry Professor Receives Sloan Foundation Fellowship

Michael Scott has received a two-year Alfred P. Sloan Research Foundation Fellowship. The fellowships were established in 1955 and are awarded to young scientists in the fields of mathematics, chemistry, physics, computer science, economics and neuroscience. The award includes an unrestricted grant of \$40,000, which Scott is using to support his research on the development of biomimetic copper oxidation catalysts.



Scott received his PhD in inorganic chemistry from Harvard University in 1994 and held a post-doctoral fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before coming to UF in 1997.

Faculty Receive Fulbright Awards

Anthropology Professor Anthony Oliver-Smith received a Fulbright Senior Specialists Award to conduct research in Peru this summer. Oliver-Smith is among the first grantees under the new Fulbright Senior Specialists short-term grant program, which offers two-to-six-week grants to leading US academics. During May and June, Oliver-Smith spent two weeks at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perù in San Miguel, consulting in the design of a program to evaluate the impact of development programs, urban expansion and natural disasters.

Richard Scher, a political science professor, has received a Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program Award for the 2002-2003 academic year. The award is among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholars Program. Scher is the John Marshall Chair of American Politics in Hungary and teaches courses on US government, politics and political institutions at the Central European University in Budapest and the University of Debrecen.

Left to Right: Leonardo Villalon, Irene Odotei, Todd Leedy, Issiaka-Prosper Laleye, Kofi Anyidoho and Boubakar Barry. from the University Cheikh Anta Diop in Politiques in Paris in 1985 before earn-

Center for African Studies Hosts West African Professors

To build ties with UF, four West African professors visited campus in late July to map out a long-term partnership with their colleagues in the US. "This is the beginning of exploring this opportunity," says Leonardo Villalón, new director of the Center for African Studies. "We hope to have broad-based exchanges of students and faculty in teaching positions." A partnership between UF and West African universities would allow UF faculty and students to study in Africa to heighten their international role. The visitors were Irene Odotei and Kofi Anyidoho from the University of Ghana, Boubakar Barry

from the University Cheikh Anta Diop in Senegal, and Issiaka-Prosper Laleye from Gaston Berger University in Senegal.

Leonardo Villalón joined UF this summer as the new director of the Center for African Studies and a faculty member in the Department of Political Science. Before coming to UF, he was an associate professor of political science at the University of Kansas and also directed the undergraduate major in international studies. Villalón received his DEA (Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies) from L'Institut d'Etudes Politiques de la Fondation Nationale des Sciences

Politiques in Paris in 1985 before earning his PhD from the University of Texas at Austin in 1992, where he specialized in comparative politics and international relations.

As a Fulbright professor and visiting professor, Villalón has taught at two universities in Senegal and also has lectured at other institutions in a number of countries in West Africa. His research focuses on the politics of the former French colonies of West Africa, and especially the Sahelian countries of Senegal, Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso.

New Associate Deans



Yumiko Hulvey, an associate professor of Japanese languages and literatures in the African and Asian languages and literatures department, is the new associate dean for academic affairs. French Professor Carol Murphy, who held the position since 1999, returned to full-time teaching and research in the Romance languages and literatures department on July I. Hulvey, who has taught at UF since 1990, specializes in Japanese prose and poetry of the IOth-I4th centuries.



Distinguished Professor of Zoology Lou Guillette is the new associate dean for research. Guillette has taught at UF since 1985 and is internationally recognized for his work in the field of reproductive biology and developmental endocrinology. In 1998, UF recognized Guillette with the Teacher/Scholar of the Year Award, the highest honor given to a faculty member.



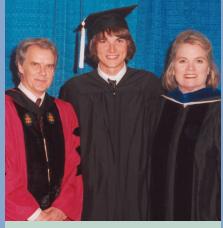
James Mueller is the new associate dean for administrative affairs. He succeeds Chemistry Professor Lisa McElwee-White, who held the position since 1998. Mueller is an associate professor of religion and also serves as a faculty member in the Center for Jewish Studies. His research interests are in the area of Greco-Roman period Judaism and Christianity.



Constance Shehan, a professor of sociology, is the new associate dean for special projects. Shehan has been at UF since 1982 and recently served as the director of the University Center for Excellence in Teaching. Her research focuses on children and families, gender roles, and aging and adult development.



Left: Jade Pasayan, a computer and information sciences and engineering major and member of the Florida Cicerones/Student Alumni Association presents Dean Neil Sullivan with the senior class gift, a check for \$30,776.74 to be used for student facilities and programming on campus.



Above: Dean Neil Sullivan poses before the ceremony with economics major Fred Roberts and his mother, Carolyn Roberts, who is a member of the Florida Board of Education. On May 3, 2002, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences held its own commencement ceremony for the first time. The ceremony's keynote speaker was Robert Weisbuch, president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The Stephen C. O'Connell Center was filled almost to capacity with family, friends and guests of more than 1,700 students who received their degrees.

graduation 2002



Above: Associate Dean Ron Akers presents Jean and Robin Gibson with CLAS Distinguished Achievement Awards for their long-standing commitment to the college and the university. Janet and Kenneth Keene and Joan Ruffier also received Distinguished Achievement Awards during the ceremony.

Below: The CLAS Student Council inducted six graduating seniors into the CLASSC Hall of Fame for their scholastic achievement and service to CLAS and UF. (From left to right): Rani Hasan, Michael Jansen, Richard Fagerer, Ondina Brusso, Dean Neil Sullivan, Jennifer McHone, John Dominy and CLASSC president Tim Tinnesz.



The thing Eric Faden likes best about owning a movie theater is not the free popcorn or the unlimited tickets, but the fact that he only has to walk downstairs from his apartment to get to it.

Faden, who earned three advanced degrees from UF-an MA in mass communication (1993) and an MA and PhD in English (1994 and 1999)—is known throughout Lewisburg, Pennsylvania as the guy who saved the hisbeen reheating popcorn made elsewhere. He also bought an ice machine to end the theater's bad reputation for selling warm sodas. An empty space above the lobby was turned into his apartment.

Faden hired a small staff of part-time employees to sell tickets, play the reels and run concessions. Ironically, Faden found a fellow UF English alumnus, Mary Bannon (MA, 1990), to manage the theater. Bannon takes care of the day-today operations of the theater, managing staff and obtaining films from studios.

> Together, they decide what films to bring to the

Alumni Spotlight

Campus Theatre from an uncertain fate. After accepting a job as an assistant professor in the English department at Bucknell University in May 2000, he started looking for a place to call home. What he found was a 60-year-old singlescreen movie theater in danger of being demolished.

"There is not much you can do with an old theater," he says. "They are bulky and awkward. Some people turn them into swimming pools because of the slanted flooring. This one would have probably become a parking lot." Faden looked around at the building's ornate Art Deco design and decided he could not let that

With the guidance of Bucknell's Small Business Development Center and aided by a small grant from the university, he bought the Campus Theatre and began renovations. He replaced the 1930s wiring and plumbing and installed a computer system to replace the old handwritten ticket reports. He cut out about 200 of the original 700 seats to make space for tables and chairs in the back of the theater for those who want to nibble on soup and sandwiches from the new café he installed in the lobby. Faden had to purchase a popcorn popper, since the theater had

June 6, 2001, the first movie under Faden's leadership aired.

'The theater had been showing only very mainstream movies," he says. "And I really wanted to shake things up. I decided to initiate the public the hard way." The theater had been running Columbia Picture's A Knight's Tale, a light-hearted romantic comedy about a peasant who wants to be a knight. Faden left A Knight's Tale on the marquee but instead showed the crowd Memento, a dark and suspenseful drama about a man plotting revenge for the death of his wife, while suffering from amnesia. "No one walked out," he said. "They liked it."

The Library of Congress brought a two-week film festival to the Campus Theatre in October of last year, playing 37 movie classics. Actress Janet Leigh introduced Touch

of Evil, which she starred in with Charlton Heston. Faden says there are fewer places, these days, for festivals such as these to run. In the 1940s, there were about 17,000 single-screen movie theaters in the US. Today, there are fewer than 300. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has placed historic movie theaters first on its list of the nation's most endangered his-

Luckily, there is hope for the Campus Theatre. It is slated to become a nonprofit organization, which will open the doors to grant funding. "To keep a singlescreen theater open you have to either go non-profit or win the lottery, and since I've never had much luck with the lottery, I'm relieved to be getting non-profit status." Faden, who had no aspirations of becoming a businessman, is glad his financial struggle will soon be over. "This has been the toughest two years of my life, but I know I'll look back on it with pride," he says. "There was nothing rational about this process. This project had nothing to do with common sense. The next property I buy will be a pre-fabricated house in the suburbs."

-Buffy Lockette



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1956

George B. Kauffman (PhD, Chemistry) is a professor emeritus of chemistry at California State University, Fresno. A Guggenheim Fellow and contributing editor of nine journals, Kauffman has published more than 1,750 scientific papers and 16 books, many of them intended for the general reader and for high school students and their teachers. He was recently awarded the 2002 Helen M. Free Award for Public Outreach by the American Chemical Society for helping people understand how chemistry affects their lives.

1970

Joyce Roberta Miller-Alper (BA, History) was one of sixty US teachers chosen to attend the Supreme Court Institute in Washington, DC this summer. Miller-Alper is a government and economics teacher at the School of Choice in the Spring Branch independent school district in Houston and was the 1989 recipient of the Texas Teacher of the Year award. In addition to a BA, she also received a master's in social studies education and an education specialist degree in curriculum and instruction from UF in 1974. She resides in Sugar Land, Texas with her husband Stephen K. Alper, an assistant principal.

1979

Russell W. Eggert (BS, Interdisciplinary Studies) is a colonel in the US Air Force, serving as a senior flight surgeon at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio. He graduated from the University of Miami's School of Medicine in 1984 and is a consultant to the Air Force surgeon general for preventative medicine.

<u> 1980</u>

Tom Steiger (BA, Sociology) has been promoted to professor of sociology at Indiana State University. He is currently on sabbatical writing an alternative textbook for the university's introductory sociology course.

1982

Bradley Mason (BA, Political Science) retired from the US Navy in April as the record holder for the most flight hours in the Navy's T-34. During his 20-year career, Mason logged 4,438.8 hours in the T-34—the most in the training plane for an active-duty Naval aviator. Mason trained students and instructors at Whiting Field in Pensacola. He resides in Pensacola with his wife, Becky, and their three children and plans to pursue a career as a commercial airline pilot.

1984

Laura Jane Deleruyelle (BA, Speech Pathology and Audiology) is a family nurse practitioner for Health Essentials, Inc. in Bradenton. She received the Top Gun award in nursing in 1991 and is board certified in family practice. She resides in Palmetto with her husband, Jeff Friedlorden, a neurologist.

Vicky Hughes Medlock (BA, Communication Processes and Disorders) was recently promoted to associate vice president for advancement services and executive director of the University of South Florida Foundation.

1991

Larry Marks (BS, Psychology) received a PhD in counseling psychology from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1999. He is a staff psychologist in the Counseling and Testing Center at the University of Central Florida.

1993

Dan Durda (PhD, Astronomy) was profiled in the September issue of Science magazine for his research as an astronomer for the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado. While seated high above land in a NASA F-18 jet, Durda scours the twilight sky for asteroids that orbit closer to the sun than Mercury. An asteroid has been named after him-"6141 Durda"-and he is well-known in his field for creating models that have helped reveal how collisions shape the evolution of the asteroid belt. Durda made the top 12 percent of astronaut hopefuls during

NASA's last selection two years ago. In the next round, set for summer 2003, he hopes to make the final cut.

Lee Ann Newsom (PhD, Anthropology) is an associate professor of archaeological anthropology at Pennsylvania State University. She was recently named a MacArthur Fellow by the MacArthur Foundation and will receive a \$500,000 award in support of her research. Newsom investigates ancient plant life in Southeastern North America and the Caribbean. In addition to her PhD. Newsom also earned her BA from UF in 1982 and MA in 1986.

1994

Rosalie De Fini (BA, English) is the executive director of the Humane Society of Catawba County, North Carolina. She resides in Hickory, NC with her husband, Joe Ley.

Celia C. Perez (BA, English) works in the library at Harold Washington College, which is part of the City College of Chicago. Until recently, she served as a reference librarian at the University of Chicago. Perez earned a Master's of Education in English education from UF in 1997 and an MA in library and information science from the University of South Florida in 2001. She resides in Chicago with her husband, Brett C. Zeeb, who is also a UF gradu-

1995

Kathryn Grant (MS, Anthropology) is a PhD candidate at UF and was recently awarded the Margaret Clark Award for outstanding graduate writing by the Association for Anthropology and Gerontology. Her paper "Age, Gender and Ethnicity in Physician-Patient Encounters: Cultural Semantics and the Hierarchical Relations of Biomedicine" will be published in the association's next newsletter.

1997

Liza Aranda (MA, Sociology) began her career this fall as an assistant professor at the University of Miami, where she served as a visiting professor during the 2001–2002 academic year. Aranda earned a PhD in 2001 from Temple University.

1998

Isaac Nyamongo (PhD, Anthropology) has been appointed as the director of the Institute of African Studies at the University of Nairobi in Africa. Nyamongo also works as a senior research fellow at the university and is actively involved in malaria research.

2001

Jason Alicea (BS, Physics) has received a 2002 LeRoy Apker Award from the American Physical Society for his outstanding achievement in physics as an undergraduate at UF. The prestigious award is given annually to two undergraduate physics students in the US. Alicea has also received a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to pursue his PhD in physics at the University of California at Santa Barbara, where is currently studying.

Grand Guard Inducts Class of

On September 26–28, CLAS welcomed to campus its Grand Guard alumni—those who graduated 50 or more years ago. Hosted by the UF Alumni Association, the weekend celebration included a formal induction ceremony of new members, lectures about the college's latest research, campus tours and the home football game against Kentucky. The following 1952 CLAS graduates were inducted: Billy Clifton, Richard Cooper, Jose Gonzalez, Melvin Kahn, Arthur Leon, Merili McCoy, Connie McManus, Albert Rosillo and Terrell Sessums. Also in attendance were: Martha Cochran ('51), Melvin Fried ('48), Joyce Glicksberg ('50), Yale Gunn ('50), Don Heald ('47), Harold Henderly ('37), Herbert Kay ('40), Edward Kissam ('49), Charles Lasley ('43), Marion Lasley ('44), Wallace Prophet ('51), Fred Rose ('50), Norman Wheelock ('42) and Julian Williams ('40).

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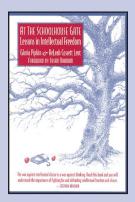
Sociology senior Christina
Christian may be a familiar face to
those who watched this summer's
FOX television show "American
Idol." Christian was one of ten
finalists who competed each week
before a television audience of
IO million. Viewers called in and
voted for their favorite performer,
and Christian finished in sixth
place overall. The 21-year-old



from Miami is currently on tour with the rest of the finalists. Her rendition of "Ain't No Sunshine" is included on the "American Idol: Greatest Moments" CD. Christian will return to UF after her "American Idol" commitments are fulfilled and plans to graduate December 2003.

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recent publications from CLAS faculty and alumn

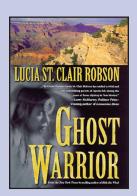


At the Schoolhouse Gate: Lessons in Intellectual Freedom Gloria Pipkin (BA, English, 1968) Heinemann Press

Over the last two decades, UF graduate Gloria Pipkin and ReLeah Lent have worked together to build a tradition of intellectual freedom within public schools. Their book describes their struggles as cultural workers, the pedagogical and legal strategies

they employed, the resistance they encountered, the lessons they learned, and the impact they have seen on the lives of the students they serve. Their story brings vividly to life some of the most important questions in public education today: Do First Amendment protections apply to teachers and students in K–I2? Who controls what we can read and write in schools? Is inquiry or indoctrination at the heart of schooling? Through two intertwined stories spanning nearly two decades, the authors address these questions. They also provide specific strategies for teachers trapped in similar circumstances. Emotionally intense, yet practical, At the Schoolhouse Gate provides for every teacher what every good teacher wants for his or her students: inspiration and elevation.

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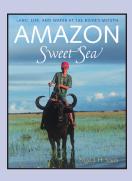


Ghost Warrior
Lucia St. Clair Robson
(BA, Sociology, 1964)
Forge Press

Lucia St. Clair Robson has a penchant for discovering little-known women in history and weaving tales around these unlikely heroines. In *Ghost Warrior*, Robson introduces readers to her newly discovered heroine, Lozen, a war-

rior woman of the Apaches and sister of Chief Victorio. Set in the last half of the 19th century, *Ghost Warrior* tells the tale of the revered Apache warrior and her people's struggle to defend their freedom and their homeland. As the US army prepares to move the Apache tribe to an Arizona reservation, the Apaches organize their rebellion. Lozen, aware since childhood that she has been chosen by the spirits to defend her people, forsakes marriage and motherhood to fight at the side of her brother. Her reputation as a valiant warrior, a revered shaman and a woman of stunning beauty soon grows. Well-researched and poignant, *Ghost Warrior* is a powerful contribution to the annals of western frontier history.

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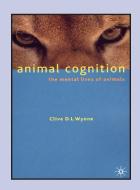


Amazon Sweet Sea: Land, Life and Water at the River's Mouth Nigel Smith, Professor and Chair of Geography University of Texas Press

Far into the Atlantic Ocean, the outflow from the Amazon River creates a sweet sea of fresh water. At the river's mouth, a vast delta of river channels and marshes, floodplain and upland

forests, open and scrub savannas, floating meadows, and mangrove swamps hosts an astonishingly diverse assemblage of plant and animal life. So rich is this biological treasure house that early European explorers deemed it inexhaustible. In this highly readable book, Nigel Smith explores how human use of the Amazon estuary's natural resources has been affected by technological change, rapid urban growth, and accelerated market integration. Avoiding alarmist rhetoric, he shows how human intervention in the estuary has actually diversified agriculture and helped save floodplain forests from wanton destruction. His findings underscore the importance of understanding the history of land use and the ecological knowledge of local people when formulating development and conservation policies. The book will be of interest to everyone concerned with the fate of tropical forests, conserving biodiversity and developing natural resources in a sustainable manner.

-Book jacket



Animal Cognition: The Mental Lives of Animals Clive D.L. Wynne, Associate Professor of Psychology St. Martin's Press

Following a history of animal study in the west, animal minds are probed in terms of consciousness, recognition of cause and effect, physical perception, abstract cognition, memory, reason-

ing, and communication and language. A large part of the book is devoted to explaining how scientists get animals to perform and how scientists arrive at conclusions from both controlled performances and from partially or uncontrolled field observation. Covering a wide range of key topics, from reasoning and communication to sensation and complex problem solving, this engaging text presents a comprehensive survey of contemporary research on animal cognition. Written for anyone with an interest in animal cognition but without a background in animal behavior, it is a clear, complete introduction to the way animals think about—and act on—the world around them.



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Cynthia Butler CLAS Senior Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

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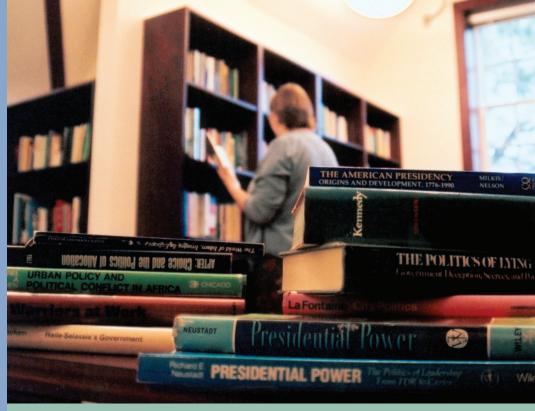
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The University of Florida Alumni Association invites you to come back to Gator Country for your 30, 25, 10 or 5-year class reunion weekend on April II-I2, 2003. Get back in touch with old Gator friends from the undergraduate classes of 1963, 1978, 1993 and 1998. Call the UF Alumni Association at I-888-FLALUMNI or visit www.ufalumni.ufl.edu/reunion for more information.



Library Opens Its Doors

The Political Science Department Library opened its doors recently, thanks to a private donation made by a generous alumnus. The library is housed on the restored third floor of Anderson Hall, which was destroyed by a fire in 1971. "When we rebuilt, we saw the need for a departmental library," says Jeff Gill, library director and political science professor. "We have been able to acquire some donations from our retirees, but what this gift has allowed us to do is obtain reference materials faculty members would never give away when they retire." The third floor of Anderson was refurbished and reopened in 2001, and the library occupies one beautifully restored room with high-vaulted ceilings and gleaming hardwood floors. Floor to ceiling cherry oak shelves hold political commentaries, professional journals, texts and reference materials. The library is enjoyed by political science faculty and students as a place to study, research and meet for discussion groups.

Anderson and Flint Halls Receive Historic Preservation Awards

The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation has presented Outstanding Restoration Achievement Awards to UF for the recent restoration of Anderson and Flint Halls. Each year, the organization recognizes significant contributions of individuals, societies, businesses and government entities that have demonstrated outstanding achievement. Following a determined campaign to restore historic campus buildings, a generous gift from Kenneth and Janet Keene in 1997, together with state funding, allowed the university to restore both Anderson and Flint Halls. The buildings underwent renovations from 1999–2001 under the direction of Rowe Architects and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Former CLAS Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs Lisa McElwee-White accepted plaques on behalf of the university at the 2002 Annual Statewide Preservation Conference in St. Petersburg in May.



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The University of Florida Research Foundation (UFRF) recently recognized its annual class of UF Research Foundation Professors. The three-year professorships were created by the UFRF to recognize faculty who have established a distinguished record of research and scholarship that is expected to lead to continuing distinction in their field. Six CLAS professors received the awards this year, which include a \$5,000 annual salary supplement and a one-time \$3,000 research grant. The following CLAS professors received the professorships this year.

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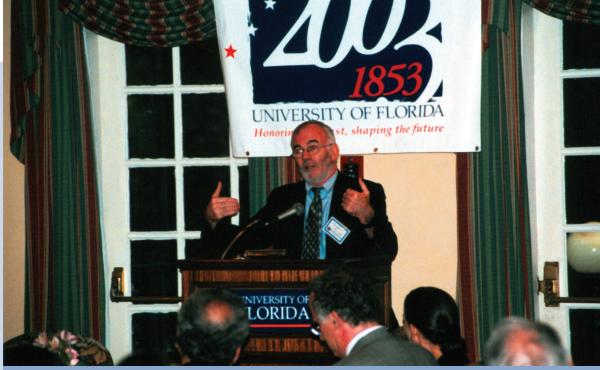
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Ruth McQuown Scholars

The Ruth McQuown Scholars were recognized recently at the fall reception of the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research. Twelve female undergraduate and graduate students were given scholarships in honor of Ruth McQuown, a former political science professor and the first woman to serve as an associate dean for the college.

McQuown, who received her PhD from UF in 1961, was known for her activism on campus, particularly for her support of affirmative action and women's rights. She died in 1984, and is remembered fondly by her friends and colleagues as a strong, influential administrator with a great sense of humor. "Ruth had that really rare quality of being able to support an issue without alienating people," says Phyllis Meek, retired associate dean of students. McQuown proved to be a key player in bringing the women's studies program to campus. "If it hadn't been for Ruth, that program would have never gotten off the ground," says Meek. "She was the one working behind the scenes who got the faculty to accept the program."

Students who received a McQuown scholarship are: Nadia Abdulhaq, Speech-Language Pathology; Julia Albarracín, Political Science; Ronique Bundrage, Psychology; Yvonne Combs, Sociology; Nour Kawa, Political Science; Heidi Lannon, Geography; Ellen Marie Maccarone, Philosophy; Shuala Martin, Anthropology; Laia Mitchell, Anthropology; Kavita Rajasekhar, Sociology; Brooke Schoeffler, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Qian Zhan, Philosophy.

The newly created Carolyn Osterhoudt Fabal Memorial Scholarship was also awarded at the reception. Established by members of the Munoz family, who are relatives of Fabal, the award supports undergraduate and graduate women's studies students who show a creative approach to problem solving and compassion when helping others in the community. Fabal earned her PhD in education from UF in 1991. History graduate student Ondina Brusso is the first recipient of the scholarship.

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Knowledge Never Ends at the Institute for Learning in Retirement

At age 70, Joyce Bell has slowed down a bit but her mind has not. She exercises five days a week, has lunch every Friday with her friends and is planning a trip to Prague. Now the retired Gainesville resident—along with 250 other retired citizens—has decided to go back to school.

Through the new Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) at UF, retired citizens like Joyce can continue to sharpen their minds during their retirement years. Created by the Institute on Aging and the Oak Hammock retirement community, the ILR offers intellectual stimulation and networking opportunities for people who share an interest in learning. The institute is a non-profit, community-based organization run by retirement-age members.

Advisory council member, Ed Lyon, 70, is a retired UF faculty member from the College of Dentistry. "We are a great mass of information, all of us coming from different backgrounds," he says. "There are journalists, photographers, doctors, architects, mathematicians, English professors and even farmers."

Courses cover many subjects, including genealogy, art, music appreciation, history, computer use, philosophy and current events. Programs will be offered quarterly, with sessions ranging from four to six weeks. Membership is open to all older adults, regardless of previous academic achievement. The annual membership fee is \$25 and includes early registration for courses, mailings and members only special events.

Joyce looks forward to her time spent at the ILR and says she would go everyday if she could. "It's a great crowd, a casual setting and a lot of listening and discussing," she says. "I've made a lot of friends and role models."

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The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has awarded a \$50,000 grant to the University of Florida Foundation to be used by the Center for Gerontological Studies in support of the Leighton E. Cluff student research program.

Created to increase student interest in aging studies, the Leighton E. Cluff Award for Aging Research honors the best research papers written about older adults and the aging process. Students from all fields of study submit their papers each year to the center, which are reviewed by a faculty committee. A \$1,200 prize is given for the best paper in the graduate and professional category and \$600 is given for the best undergraduate writer.

The award was established through a donation from Leighton E. Cluff, professor emeritus in the UF College of Medicine. Cluff is the retired president of the Robert Wood Johnson

Foundation, the nation's largest foundation devoted to improving the health and health care of all Americans. The new grant will boost the fund established by Cluff.

"The Center for Gerontological Studies has as one of its primary missions the preparation of



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students who will be able to address the special challenges associated with a graying America," says Patricia Kricos, director of the center.
"The generous gift provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to supplement the Cluff Award ensures that today's university students will be encouraged to prepare to meet the future needs of older Americans."

-Buffy Lockette



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The celebration officially kicks off on January 10, with a special convocation involving state leaders, dignitaries and key figures from UF's past. As part of the year-long celebration, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is presenting the Florida Frontiers Lecture Series, which will bring prominent speakers and performers to campus during the spring and fall 2003 semesters to talk about the frontiers of their specific areas. The series is free and open to the public and is also being offered as a one-credit class to UF students. Lectures will take place on Wednesday evenings. Visit www.clas. ufl.edu/I50 for more information about the series and UF's sesquicentennial celebration.