Achievements/recognition by Southern Miss faculty and staff

Publications

Dr. David Walker, associate professor in The University of Southern Mississippi Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education (CISE), has co-authored two articles accepted for publication, including “Response to Intervention and the Courts: Litigation-based Guidance,” in the Journal of Disability Policy Studies; and “The Legal Basis of Response to Intervention: Analysis and Implications,” in the journal Exceptionality.

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Dr. Christopher Barry, an assistant professor in The University of Southern Mississippi Department of Psychology, is co-author of the recently published book “Clinical Assessment of Child and Adolescent Personality and Behavior,” a valuable updated resource for graduate students and clinicians across disciplines, including clinical child and adolescent psychology, school psychology and counseling psychology.

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Dr. Frances A. Karnes, Distinguished University Professor of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education and one of her former graduate students, Dr. Kristen Stephens, an assistant professor of practice at Duke University have written a book entitled “The Book of Questions” for students, parents, grandparents, and teachers. The book provides young people with a variety of questions on multiple topics. It is also a valuable resource for parents, grandparents and teachers of the gifted.

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Dr. Tom Lansford, academic dean and political science professor at The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast, served as a co-editor with Robert Maranto and Jeremy Johnson for the volume “Judging Bush,” an analysis of the presidency of George W. Bush. The book is a collection of 16 essays that resulted from a conference, also titled “Judging Bush,” held at Villanova University last November and subsequently broadcast on C-Span. The conference was co-sponsored by the Southern Miss College of Arts and Letters, Villanova University and the University of Arkansas.

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Awards/Honors

Four veteran members of the Southern Miss faculty have earned the designation of University Distinguished Professor for 2009. The recipients include Dr. Chang-Tseh Hsieh, the McCarty Distinguished Professor of Management Information Systems; Dr. Frances Karnes, professor of gifted education and director of the Frances Karnes Center for Gifted Studies; Dr. Philip Kolin, professor of English and first Charles W. Moorman Distinguished Professor in the Humanities; and Dr. Frank Moore, professor and chairman of the Department of Biology and 2009 University Grand Marshal.

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Five university faculty members received the Faculty Senate/University President Award this year in recognition of achievement in research, teaching, mentoring and community service. Recipients and award categories include assistant professor of history Dr. Max Grivno, Junior Faculty Research; professor of educational studies and research Dr. Kyna Shelley. Mentoring; associate professor of history Dr. Deanne Nuwer, Community Service; and assistant professor of English Dr. Luis Iglesias, Junior Faculty Teaching.
Assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Dr. Anthony Bell earned national recognition when he was bestowed a Ralph E. Powe Jr. Faculty Enhancement Award from the Oak Ridge Associated Universities, which works in partnership with the Oak Ridge National Research Laboratory.

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Associate professor of marketing Dr. C. Michael Wittman is one of three recipients of the coveted Hormel Teaching Excellence Award for 2010. Winners are considered for the Hormel Master Marketing Teacher designation.

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Read Herndon, a fisheries biologist at Southern Miss, was honored as the 2009 Mississippi Wildlife Federation Fisheries Conservationist of the Year at the organization's awards banquet in Jackson Feb. 27.

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Dr. Mark Wrighton, associate dean and associate professor of political science at The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast, was chosen to participate in the U.S. Air Force's 2010 Distinguished Educators Visit at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala.

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Brigette Burgess, associate professor and area coordinator in the Department of Marketing and Fashion Merchandising, received the Excellence in Teaching Award during Founder's Day Activities March 30.

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Accounting professor Dr. Charles Jordan was honored with the Joseph A Greene Excellence in Teaching Award at the College of Business' annual awards banquet held March 31 at the Thad Cochran Center.

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History professor Dr. Max Grivno won the Reed Fink Award in Southern Labor History from Georgia Southern University, home of the Georgia Southern Labor Archives, which gives the award annually to two or more individuals whose research will lead to a book, article, dissertation or other substantive product.

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Dr. Robin Overstreet, professor in the Department of Coastal Sciences, was named recipient of the Grand Marshall Distinguished Professor Award and fulfilled that role at Southern Miss' historic Centennial Commencement May 15 at M.M. Roberts Stadium.

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Dr. Tulio Sulbaran, associate professor in the School of Construction and director of its Center for Logistics, Trade and Transportation, was presented the 2010 John Trimmer Excellence in Teaching Award at this year's Associate Builders & Contractors (ABC) National Convention Earlier in San Diego.

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Associate professor Claire Hamilton, along with several University of Southern Mississippi interior design students, earned special recognition at the American Society of Interior Designers South Central Design (ASID) Conference Oct. 17, 2009 in Jackson, Miss. Hamilton, interim director of the Interior Design program at Southern Miss, received an ASID Service Award and Presidential Citation. She also collected the chapter level's highest honor by taking home the Educator Medalist Award.

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Accuri Flow Cytometers, a company specializing in cell analysis products and software, presented one of two Creativity Awards last fall to two Department of Marine Science faculty members. The award to assistant professor Karen Orcutt and assistant research professor Kjell Gundersen comes with a full-featured analytical Accuri C6 Flow Cytometer System worth $44,000. The portable system, which may be used aboard research vessels, includes a workstation computer, software, flow cytometer and custom filters. The two earned the award for their winning abstract detailing research they would perform if provided access to the system, which includes using the flow cytometer system to better understand the nitrogen cycle in the northern Gulf of Mexico.

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For the second consecutive year, a University of Southern Mississippi faculty member has captured the Mississippi Society of CPA (MSCPA) Accounting Educator of the Year award. Dr. Stan Clark, a professor in the Southern Miss School of Accountancy, follows in the footsteps of colleague Rod Posey as the 2010 recipient. Since the award’s inception in 1987, this marks the first time that instructors from the same school have captured the honor in successive years.

Presentations

Dr. Stan Kuczaj, professor of psychology and director of the Marine Mammal Behavior and Cognition Laboratory, organized a symposium on animal communication for the meeting of the International Society for Comparative Psychology held in Awaji, Japan. He also gave a talk on dolphin social cognition at this meeting.

Service

Dr. Rowena Elliot, associate professor in the School of Nursing, was elected national president-elect of the American Nephrology Nurses Association.

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Dr. Chris Crenshaw, director of the Department of Residence Life at The University of Southern Mississippi, served as a facilitator for the Association of College and University Housing Officers’ International Professional Standards Institute, held June 23-26 at Texas State University in San Marco, Texas.

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Dr. Thelma Roberson, an associate professor in Department of Educational Studies and Research, is serving as an assessor this summer for the national principal licensure exam, SLLA (School Leader’s Licensure Exam) for Educational Testing Service in Princeton, NJ. She also served the National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) evaluating principal preparation programs across the country, and is in the process of completing an evaluation of 21st Century Grant Programs for Lumberton Schools.

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Dr. Mina Li, coordinator for health services and research at the Institute for Disability Studies (IDS) at Southern Miss, has been selected to serve on the Health Equity Board of Region IV of the Office of Minority Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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Grants

Robin Carr, associate professor of voice and acting, is a recipient of the National Teaching Artist Grant from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival; in conjunction with the grant, she presented her voice and movement research at the International University Global Theatre Experience in April. She was also named a recipient this year of the Higher Education Award from the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education.

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A U.S. Department of Education grant providing support for area school districts to advance elementary school students’ performance in language arts is being administered through The University of Southern Mississippi’s Center for Gifted Studies, directed by it namesake Dr. Frances Karnes. Titled “Continuous Progress Curriculum Model for Elementary Schools in Language Arts,” the project is designed to organize schools around the acceleration of students through their established elementary...