Calendar of Events:

- **Mini-sessions begin**
  - August 3, 2015
- **Fall Orientation and Registration**
  - Gulf Park Campus
  - August 12, 2015
- **College Leadership Retreat**
  - August 12, 2015
- **Deadline for Fall Transfer Admission**
  - August 14, 2015
- **Deadline for Fall Readmission**
  - August 18, 2015
- **Fall Classes Begin**
  - August 19, 2015

**2015 MAHPERD Convention hosted by The School of Kinesiology**

- **November 5-6, 2015**
- **To sponsor, present or attend**, visit the event page [here](http://www.msahperd.com/mahperd-conventioninfo/)

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**College of Health Newsletter**

College of Health Newsletter contains news and events from our schools, departments, and centers to keep you informed and engaged with the College. Health care and health promotion are crucial to the well-being of our state and nation, and Southern Miss is leading the way. Please continue to stay involved with the College of Health and your respective academic program in order to help take Southern Miss to the Top!

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### Molaison Named Chair of Southern Miss Department of Nutrition and Food Systems

*By Hanna Knowles*

Dr. Elaine Molaison has been named the new chair of the Department of Nutrition and Food Systems in Southern Miss’ College of Health, effective July 1. Molaison replaces Dr. Kathy Yadrick, who after serving 12 years as chair, wishes to spend more time in the classroom.

“We are very fortunate to have such an able individual assuming the leadership of our Department,” said Yadrick. “Dr. Molaison is a national leader in nutrition and dietetics education, and brings great initiatives to expand opportunities for undergraduates who are interested in careers in nutrition and related fields.”

Molaison joined the Southern Miss faculty more than a decade ago and has served as director of the Dietetic Internship Program since 2006.

“The Department of Nutrition and Food Systems has a long-standing history of success in both research and teaching, and I am honored to be appointed to a position that allows me to have a role in the advancement of our unit,” said Molaison.

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### Goshorn Named Chair of Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences at Southern Miss

*By Hanna Knowles*

Dr. Edward Goshorn is replacing Dr. Steven Cloud, who had served as chair since 2009. Cloud will continue to teach, conduct research and serve the University as a faculty member.

“I look forward to assuming the role of chair because I firmly believe that the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences is providing extremely valuable clinical services to the community, and is providing a source of professional speech-language pathologists, audiologists, deaf educators, and early oral interventionists to the local health care community as well as across the United States,” said Goshorn.

In 2007, Goshorn joined the faculty at Southern Miss as director of the Doctor of Audiology Program. He is especially proud of this role as it is the only accredited Doctor of Audiology Program in Mississippi.

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### Southern Miss School of Human Performance and Recreation Gets New Name, New Director

*By Hanna Knowles*

The School of Human Performance and Recreation at Southern Miss has adopted a new name—the School of Kinesiology—and a new director in Dr. Scott Piland.

After a year-long process, the name change was officially approved in April by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning.

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### Alumni Spotlight

**Dr. Courtney Turner, Au.D., CCC-A, F-AAA** recently became the first Educational Audiologist to join the staff of The Children’s Center for Communication and Development at Southern Miss. Courtney provides diagnostic and rehabilitative audiology services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with hearing impairment. She also educates families and teachers on the impacts of hearing loss, appropriate hearing assistive technology, and strategies to facilitate listening and spoken language. Her professional goal is to improve social and educational outcomes for children with hearing loss through advocacy, research, and family-centered care.

Dr. Turner graduated from Southern Miss with a B.A. in Speech Pathology and Audiology (2011) and a Clinical Doctorate in Audiology (2015). While a student, she served as a College of Health Ambassador and a graduate assistant at The Children’s Center for Communication and Development. Courtney was the recipient of the Outstanding Audiology Academic Award.

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**Dean’s Blog:**

Click [here](http://www.msahperd.com/mahperd-conventioninfo/) to see updated posts from Dr. Michael Forster.
Kinesiology, the study of human movement, is derived from the Greek terms kinesis, movement, and kinein, to move. The American Kinesiology Association defines kinesiology as an “academic discipline which involves the study of physical activity and its impact on health, society, and quality of life.”

In addition to a new name, Piland has been named the School of Kinesiology’s new director, effective July 1. Piland will lead the School in creating the best educators, clinicians and scientists.

Piland joined Southern Miss faculty in 2004. His first assignment in the School was to serve as Clinical Coordinator for the Athletic Training Program. Piland has also served in administrative roles as the School’s assistant director for faculty development and research promotion and assistant director for undergraduate studies.

“As a senior professor and key member of the administrative team for several years, Dr. Piland is well suited to offer leadership to a rebranded ‘School of Kinesiology,’” said Dr. Michael Forster, dean of the College of Health. “He understands both the School’s past and its great potential for the future.”

Medical Laboratory Science’s Bryant Named President of State Organization

By Hanna Knowles

Dr. Sabrina Bryant, assistant professor in Southern Miss’ Department of Medical Laboratory Science, has been elected president of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science—Mississippi (ASCLS-MS). She served as president-elect during 2014, and will become president in July.

ASCLS-MS aims to ensure quality patient care by providing continuing education opportunities and promoting excellence in the medical laboratory science profession. The Mississippi chapter is a constituent state society of the nationwide American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science.

“My role as state president is to serve as a liaison between the grass roots members and the national leadership for clinical laboratory professionals,” said Bryant. “The primary responsibility is to communicate with laboratory professionals and work towards the goals of the society.”

Bryant also served as ASCLS-MS president in 2005. “Being selected to represent your profession is always an honor, and since this is a volunteer organization it is important to proudly serve, if asked.”

Southern Miss Faculty Member Awarded NIH Grant for Health Disparities Research

By Hanna Knowles

Dr. Jennifer Lemacks, assistant professor in The University of Southern Mississippi’s Department of Nutrition and Food Systems, has landed a National Institutes of Health grant for research focused on examining community-based solutions for health disparities in underserved populations.

The three-year, $439,291 R15 Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) will support Lemacks’ Church Bridge intervention project.

“The proposed project will provide an evidence-based and technology supported, health intervention model for Southern, African American, and rural populations who continue to be disparately burdened by obesity and associated chronic disease such as hypertension, diabetes and cardiovascular disease,” said Lemacks.

The project will assess the feasibility of church-based intervention, with a telehealth component, to reduce obesity and related chronic disease risk in rural, African American young families. Research will also determine the possibility of a mobile application for patient engagement with interventionists and health care providers, such as primary care providers and registered dietitians.

“By targeting young adults, ages 21 through 50 with families, the project will contribute to the long-term reduction of preventable chronic disease and related health care costs for the public,” said Lemacks.

Heritage Vision Center Offers July Proceeds to Benefit Children’s Center

By Van Arnold

Heritage Vision Center in Hattiesburg is sponsoring its annual July promotion with a portion of prescription eyeglass sales during the month benefiting The Children’s Center for Communication and Development at The University of Southern Mississippi.

The Children’s Center, a clinical division in the Southern Miss Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, serves infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with disabilities while providing training for University students.

Heritage Vision Center, located on Highway 98 West in front of Sam’s Club, is owned by Southern Miss alumnus Kevin Harrison. Last year Heritage Vision presented a check for $1,500 to The Children’s Center from July sales.

Congratulations go to Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences faculty members who received awards at the 2015 Student Activities Awards Ceremony Faculty/Staff Community Builder: Dr. Steve Cloud Outstanding Student Organization Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Ward