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[Nelson named FMU's Distinguished Professor](#)

Larry E. Nelson of Florence has been selected the J. Lorin Mason Distinguished Professor for the 2008-09 year at Francis Marion University.

Announced at a campus banquet April 23, this award has been given since the 1975-76 school year and is based upon a faculty

member's contributions to teaching, professional service and scholarly activities.

The award, named in honor of the former chairman of the FMU Board of Trustees, is the highest honor to be bestowed upon a faculty member. It will be presented at FMU's spring commencement Saturday, May 9. The award carries a cash prize.

As a result of his selection, Nelson will be the Francis Marion University nominee for the Governor's Professor of the Year Award competition next fall.

"This award is given annually to one member of this faculty whose career work is regarded as being truly distinctive and distinguished. Larry Nelson has excelled in every effort that he's undertaken at this university for the past 35 years," said FMU President Fred Carter. "He's an extraordinary teacher and a prolific scholar. He has also devoted immense time and effort in service to the university and the community. He has earned our respect and admiration and is richly deserving of this recognition."

A 1967 graduate of Brigham Young University and the University of Utah, Nelson began his professional career as a high school teacher in Ogden, Utah, teaching courses in English and history. Upon completing his Ph.D. at Duke University, Nelson accepted a position at Francis Marion University to teach courses in both American and European history. In particular, Nelson has taught United States History to 1865, United States History Since 1865, Honors United States History to 1865, The American West, History of the United States in World Affairs, Reform Movements in American History, Emergence of Modern America, 1865–1898, Historiography, and a graduate-level course, Reconstruction after the Civil War. [→more](#)

Three Professors Recognized for Teaching, Research, Service

Three Francis Marion University faculty members were honored for outstanding individual work during the past year at a faculty recognition banquet on April 23.

Tamatha R. Barbeau of Gainesville, Fla., was given the Award of Excellence in Teaching; Jeannette M. Myers of Central was presented the Award for Excellence in Service; and Kirk E. Dineley of Pittsburgh, Pa., received the Award for Excellence in Research. Each award carries a cash prize.

"For almost 40 years, Francis Marion's professors have exemplified the very highest standards in teaching, scholarship and service," said FMU President Fred Carter. "The efforts of Jeannette, Kirk and Tamatha continue this tradition in service to our students, our community and our state. I am very proud of them and their accomplishments." [→more](#)

New alumni affairs director named

Francis Marion University recently tapped Julian Young to lead its Office of Alumni Affairs. He has served the university for nearly four years, most recently as a community relations and events coordinator in the Office of Public and Community Affairs. Young brings a proven record of leadership, event planning, and marketing to his new role as director of alumni affairs for FMU. He replaces Kim Turbeville who resigned to pursue other opportunities.

In this position, he will be responsible for developing and managing an effective alumni relations program to stimulate interest, build loyalty and increase involvement.

"I am excited about meeting new people and building stronger relationships with those I already know," said Young. "I'm looking forward to helping shape this top tiered alumni affairs program, making it possible for the students of today and beyond to experience the life changing impact that I and countless others have felt while at Francis Marion."

He will also work with key administrators to position the University positively within the greater Pee Dee area.

"Julian has proven his ability to represent the essence and mission of Francis Marion. His desire for excellence and professionalism in tandem with his experience will help us connect with our alumni both around the world," said Libby Cooper, FMU's vice-president for community and public affairs. [→more](#)

Recent FMU News

[A nationally renowned women's basketball coach, a long-serving FMU administrator and a Pee Dee legislator to receive FMU honorary degrees, May 9](#)

FMU will award honorary degrees to a nationally renowned women's basketball coach, a long-serving FMU administrator and a Pee Dee legislator during spring commencement ceremonies at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9, in the Smith University Center gymnasium.

Selected to receive honorary doctoral degrees are: University of North Carolina's Head Women's Basketball Coach Sylvia Hatchell of Chapel Hill, N.C., FMU's Vice President of Public and Community Affairs Elizabeth I. "Libby" Cooper of Florence and Rep. Denny Woodall Neilson of Darlington representing House of Representatives District 56.

Hatchell will also be commencement speaker for the 368 candidates for FMU degrees. Candidates include 336 students for undergraduate degrees and 32 for graduate diplomas. [→more](#)

[FMU presents academic awards](#)

Francis Marion University presented academic awards to outstanding students during a ceremony recently in the McNair Science Building's Chapman Auditorium on campus.

Individual awards were given to students judged to have the most promise of success in their respective academic programs. [→more](#)

[Non-Profit Leadership Institute graduates seventh class](#)

Thirty-one South Carolina residents participated in commencement exercises for the seventh class of the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at Francis Marion University, April 24.

Remarks were given by FMU President Fred Carter.

Institute participants were each presented with a certificate. The institute is a seven-month training program for leaders of non-profits. Topics included leadership; program development and delivery; human resource development, including board members and volunteers; effective financial resource development and management; programmatic and organizational issues related to data collection and reporting; visibility, including managing external relations; and case studies. [→more](#)

[FMU students, faculty and staff members inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa](#)

Thirteen Francis Marion University students and eight faculty and staff members were recently initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa.

A national leadership honor society, Omicron Delta Kappa recognizes and encourages achievement in scholarship; athletics; social service and religious activities; campus

government; journalism, speech and the mass media; and creative and performing arts. [→more](#)

[Allen scholarship established at FMU](#)

An endowed scholarship has been established at Francis Marion University in honor of a longtime professor in the department of mathematics, Roger "Bucky" Allen Jr.

The Allen Mathematics Scholarship will be awarded to a South Carolina student majoring in math. The scholarship recipient must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. The members of the Math Department will choose the recipient. [→more](#)

Other news

[Nominations sought for Staff Service Award](#)

Do you want to recognize an employee dedicated to the university? Do you know one who is always ready to help, and who makes the university a great place to work? Well, take a moment and nominate them for an award so that the rest of the university can appreciate them also.

The Outstanding Staff Service Award, established in 1999, honors two permanent, full-time, non-academic employees of Francis Marion University for sustained exceptional service in their jobs. These awards, which carry a \$1,000 cash prize and a plaque, will be presented at the annual staff luncheon, scheduled for July 22. The awards recognize the outstanding contributions of employees to the university and community at large.

One award is designated for the university's service areas, including physical plant staff, custodians, groundskeepers and dining services. The second award is designated for academic and administrative support staff.

Nominations are encouraged to honor those employees who are truly making a difference for Francis Marion University. Employees are encouraged to nominate colleagues who consistently go above and beyond to achieve excellence in their jobs. Nominations should be submitted no later than May 8, 2009, to the Public and Community Affairs Office, 101 Stokes Administration Building. [Nomination forms](#) can be submitted electronically or at the Office of Public and Community Affairs Office.

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