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McNair Auditorium named after FMU Provost Richard N. Chapman



FMU President Fred Carter dedicates Chapman Auditorium.

McNair Auditorium, the principal academic arena of Francis Marion University, has been named after FMU Provost Richard N. Chapman.

"Chapman Auditorium" was dedicated during a ceremony at the auditorium Aug. 20. At the ceremony, FMU President Fred Carter said it is Chapman's numerous contributions to the university that merit such an honor.

"Dr. Chapman has successfully established a true provost system at Francis Marion in a fashion that has won the faculty's confidence and restored their faith in academic administration," Carter said. "He approaches his job with charm, grace, style and an abundance of integrity, and every, single day he uses these traits to solve seemingly insolvable problems, defuse catastrophic situations, distill potential faculty divisiveness, and focus his president in a productive direction."

A native of Sikeston, Mo., Chapman earned an undergraduate degree at Washington University in St. Louis and two master's degrees and a doctorate from Yale University. His major field of research and teaching is 20th century United States political and

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U.S. News & World Report ranks FMU in top 100

Francis Marion University has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine as one of the south's top 100 master's level universities for the seventh year in a row.

The rankings were published in the magazine's book *America's Best Colleges*, 2008 Edition, which made it to news stands on Aug. 20. The magazine released the rankings Aug. 17.

FMU is among schools that are classified as master's level institutions under the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, the grouping system that *U.S. News* uses as the basis for its ranking categories. There are 574 universities in the master's level category, ranked within four geographic areas—North, South, Midwest and West—because they generally draw students heavily from surrounding states.



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The method that *U.S. News* uses to rank colleges and universities consists of three basic steps. The schools are categorized primarily by mission and in some cases, region, using data in 15 indicators of academic excellence. The indicators used to capture academic quality fall into seven categories: academic reputation through peer assessment, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and graduation performance. The ranking formula gives greatest weight to academic reputation.

FMU is classified by the magazine as a regional university, an institution that offers a wide selection of undergraduate programs and master's degrees, but few, if any, doctoral programs. FMU offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in more than 40 areas of study.

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economic history. Chapman first came to FMU in 1989 as the A.R. Avent Professor of History, serving as department chairman until 1996 when he was appointed director of the Honors Program. He left FMU in 1999 to become chairman of the Department of History at the State University of West Georgia, but returned as provost in 2000.

He has taught at Yale University, Wells College in Aurora, N.Y., Meramec Community College in St. Louis, Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, and at the University of Hartford in Connecticut.

At each campus, Chapman has held a number of committee appointments, including secretary of the faculty and chair of the Humanities Division at Wells College. His academic honors include a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, a Yale University Fellowship and a Yale Prize for excellence in teaching. He also is a recipient of three National Endowment for the Humanities awards.

The author of numerous publications, Chapman's "Federal Housing Laws During the 1960s" in *The Sixties in America*, was published by Salem Press in 1999. Among his many professional presentations, while at FMU, he conducted a forum on "The Greying of South Carolina" and was project director for a television series on local history. His works have been published in the Oxford University Press Companion to the Second World War Encyclopedia USA: The Encyclopedia of the United States of America—Past and Present, and in the *Journal of American History*.

Chapman is married to the former Marilyn Conrad of Sikeston, Mo., and they have one son, Keith.



Chapman

FMU launches its Rural Assistance Initiative

Francis Marion University President Fred Carter recently announced plans to launch the Rural Assistance Initiative, a two-fold program aimed at enhancing economic vitality in rural South Carolina.

The Rural Assistance Initiative Programs – Advancing Rural Community Health Project and Rural Leadership Capacity Building Project – funded through the General

Assembly and the Psaras Foundation, have enabled FMU to move forward with plans to go into rural communities to provide health awareness services and extensive leadership training for non-profit and civic organizations throughout the state. In addition, this initiative has created opportunities for FMU students to engage in service-learning opportunities in these communities.

"We are most appreciative to the General Assembly and the Psaras Foundation for providing the funding for services to rural areas across the Pee Dee," said Carter. "This public and private support will enable us to address community needs in the areas of leadership development and health education."

The health component offers screenings and awareness seminars and preventative health education programs in these communities. Under the direction of Medical Director Paul DeMarco of Marion, FMU students enrolled in programs leading to health care related professions will take an active role in providing these services. DeMarco, who practiced Internal Medicine in Marion assumed his position on Aug. 1. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina's School of Medicine and has been in the profession for nearly two decades.

These health awareness programs will be provided in community-based venues to

include schools, community centers and churches.

"Our mission is two-fold – to increase the level of access to health screenings and the level of awareness of health related issues in rural areas and to provide students an opportunity to be involved in a service-learning project that focuses on community health in a rural area," said Darryl Bridges, vice president of student affairs, who will oversee the RAI Program.

Leadership training is the focus of the second component. FMU already houses the state's premier training for non-profit leaders through the Non-Profit Leadership Institute (NPLI). Led by NPLI Director Fred Sheheen, and Jay Dowd, executive director of the FMU Foundation, the initiative is an extension of these services but will also include leadership training for civic organizations. In addition, to receive this training, leaders won't have to leave their communities.

"A number of non-profit and civic organizations assist with various needs throughout the region, but often do not have access to the resources they need to make their job easier," said Sheheen. "This initiative will provide the on-site professional development needed by leaders to respond effectively to current and future challenges in their communities."



DeMarco

Jobs on Campus

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- ◆ Part-Time Press Operator
- ◆ Instructor/Assistant Professor of Economics
- ◆ Instructor/Assistant Professor of Science
- ◆ Director of Network Security and Project Management
- ◆ Human Resources Assistant
- ◆ Custodian
- ◆ Lead Groundskeeper
- ◆ Assistant/Associate Professor of History

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FMU announces new faculty members

Officials at Francis Marion University have announced the addition of new faculty members for 2007-2008.

Richard A. Almeida of Conway, S.C., has joined the faculty as assistant professor of political science. He earned the B.A. degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts, the M.A. degree in political science from the University of Memphis, and the Ph.D. degree in political science from the University of Missouri.

Thomas J. Anderson of Fayetteville, Ark., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of chemistry. He received the B.S. degree in chemistry from Louisiana State University, the M.S. in chemistry and Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Arkansas.

Tracy Bushee Aniello of Florence has joined the faculty as an instructor of nursing. She earned the B.A. degree in research psychology and liberal arts, a B.S. and an M.S. in nursing from the University of South Carolina.

EunJung Chang of Bloomington, Ind., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of art education. She received the B.A. degree in studio arts from Duksung Women's University, the M.S. degree in education and the Ph.D. degree in art education in curriculum and instruction from Indiana University.

Terri L. Earnest of Russellville, Ark., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of sociology. He earned the B.B.A. degree in marketing, the M.S. degree in sociology and the Ph.D. degree in sociology from Mississippi State University.

Karen K. Gittings of Darlington has joined the faculty as an instructor of nursing. She received the B.S. degree in nursing from University of Maryland and the M.S. degree in nursing education from Duquesne University.

Jack G. Griffith, Jr. of Myrtle Beach has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of speech communications. He received the B.A. degree in history/political science from High Point University, the Master of Divinity from

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, the Master of Theology in biblical studies from Duke Divinity School, the M.A. degree in communication, radio and television from Wheaton College Graduate School in Wheaton, Ill., and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Kathryn G. Haselden of Sellers has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of education. She received the B.A. degree in special education and learning disabilities from Converse College, and the M.Ed. degree in special education and learning disabilities and the Ph.D. in research, cross-categorical disabilities from the UNC.

Crystal R. Hill-Chapman of Effingham has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of psychology. She received B.A. degrees in psychology, English and education in 1997, the M.S. degree in school psychology in 2000 from FMU, and the Ph.D. degree in philosophy from Texas A & M University.

Rodger G. Holland of Gray, Ga., has joined the faculty as an associate professor of accounting. He earned the B.S. and the M.A. degrees in accounting from the University of Alabama and the Ph.D. in accounting from Ohio State University.

Audrey D. Johnson of Pullman, Wash., has been appointed an assistant professor of English. She received the B.A. degree in secondary education/English and the M.A. degree in literature from Clemson University, and the Ph.D. degree in British literature from Washington State University.

Bernadette J. Johnson of Effingham has been appointed reference librarian. She received the B.A. in English/liberal arts from FMU in 2002 and the M.S. in library and information science from the University of South Carolina.

Lara L. Jones of Athens, Ga., has been named an assistant professor of psychology. She earned the B.S. degree in human nutrition and foods from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

(Virginia Tech), the B.S. degree in psychology from the University of North Carolina, the master of human resources from the University of South Carolina and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in cognitive/experimental psychology from the University of Georgia.

Kristin A. Kiely of Tallahassee, Fla., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of Spanish. She received the B.A. degree in Spanish and psychology and the M.A. degree in Spanish from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and the Ph.D. in Spanish from Florida State University.

Dawn L. Larsen of Gallatin, Tenn., has joined the faculty as an associate professor of theatre history. She earned the A.A. degree in speech and theatre from Cottey College in Nevada, Mo., the B.A. degree in speech and theatre from the University of Missouri, the M.A. degree in communication arts from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn., and the Ph.D. in speech communication from Southern Illinois University.

John Porter Lillis of Birmingham, Ala., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of sociology. He earned the B.S. degree in sociology from Columbus State University, the M.S. degree in sociology from Auburn University, and the Ph.D. degree in medical sociology from the University of Alabama.

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Events Calendar

September

Artist Series Aug. 7-Sept. 27
Addicted to Pots: Selected Works from the Huggins' Collection

Stitched!: Embroidery by Fiber Artist Susan Lentz
 8:30 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri • FAC Gallery

Artist Series Aug. 7-Oct. 25
Textiles from the Orient: Chinese and Japanese Kimonos
 8:30 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri • UC Gallery

New faculty . . . *Continued from page 3*

Maria M. Lundberg of Florence has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of mass communication. She received the B.A. degree in education from the University of Connecticut and the M.A. degree in journalism and mass communication from the University of Oklahoma.

Cynthia A. Nixon of Timmonsville has been named special projects coordinator and adjunct professor of education. She earned the B.A. degree in secondary education from Fairmont State College in Fairmont, W.Va., the M.A. degree in special education/mental retardation and the Ed.D. degree in special education from West Virginia University.

Frances B. Roberts of Bishopville has been named child care director for the Gail and Terry Richardson Center for the Child. She earned the B.S. degree in early childhood education from Winthrop University, the M.Ed. degree in early childhood from Francis Marion University in 1981 and received certification from the University of South Carolina as an early childhood specialist.

Marla S. Sanders of Florence has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of education. She received the B.A. in history (summa cum laude) and M.Ed. in divergent learning from Columbia College, and the Ph.D. in educational research and policy studies from North Carolina State University.

Hubert H. Setzler III, of Charlotte, N.C., joined the FMU faculty as a visiting assistant professor of management. He earned a B.A. degree in English and business from Newberry College, and the M.B.A. and the Ph.D. degrees in information technology from the University of North Carolina.

Laura K. Sims of Knoxville, Tenn., has been named director of the Performing Arts Center. She received the B.A. degree in theatre from Auburn University and the M.F.A. degree from the University of Missouri in stage management.

Timothy E. Sprano of Florence has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of mathematics. He received the B.S. degree in mathematics from Liberty University, the M.S. degree in mathematics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech), and the Ph.D. degree in mathematics from the University of Idaho.

Todd R. Vaccaro of Palm Bay, Fla., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of physics. He earned the B.S. degree in physics/astronomy from Vanderbilt University, the M.S. degree in astronomy from San Diego State University and the Ph.D. in astronomy from the University of Florida.

E. Natasha Vanderhoff of Louisville, Ky., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of biology. She received the B.S. degree in biology from Loyola University of Chicago, and the M.S. in biology and Ph.D. in ecology, evolution and behavior at the University of Louisville.

NEW TEMP/PERMANENT PART-TIME FACULTY/STAFF

Deborah Berry-Taylor of Marion has joined the faculty as an instructor of nursing.

Lisa Ferree of Florence has joined the faculty as an instructor of speech communication.

Elaine D. Harrington of Florence has joined the faculty as an instructor of mathematics.

Derrick L. Hoeben of Florence has joined the faculty as an instructor of English.

Chireen H. Hyler of Florence has joined the faculty as an instructor of nursing.

Frances C. Long of Conway has joined the faculty as an instructor of nursing.

Gayle P. Morgan of Pamplico has joined the faculty as an instructor of English.

P. Evans Myers V, of Florence has joined the faculty as an instructor of biology.

Regina Smeltzer of Darlington has joined the faculty as an instructor of nursing.

Jane Terry of Florence has joined the faculty as instructor of English.

COACHES

Anthony L. Addorisio has been named assistant men's soccer coach.

TENURE/PROMOTIONS

Promotions to professor are: **D. Keith Best**, theatre arts; **Neil F. Riley**, business administration; and **Richard D. West**, mathematics.

Promotions to associate professor are: **Fangjun H. Arroyo**, mathematics; **Travis W. Knowles**, biology; **Jennifer L. Kunka**, English; **Damon A. Scott**, mathematics; **Timothy E. Shannon**, biology; **Ann M. Stoeckmann**, biology; and **David R. White**, political science.

Promotion to assistant professor is: **Marsha P. Taylor**, English.

Earning tenure are: **Kunka**, English, modern languages, and philosophy; **Sylvia R. Lufkin**, nursing; **Scott**, mathematics; **Stoeckmann**, biology; **Taylor**, English, modern languages, and philosophy; and **White**, political science and geography.



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