

# Patriot Digest

*The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter*

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## Center of Excellence to hold Fall Colloquium, Oct. 18

The Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty at Francis Marion University will hold its Fall Colloquium, Wednesday, Oct. 18, with a speech by Yale University researcher Fay Brown.

The speech will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the McNair Science Building auditorium. Admission is free. Reservations are being accepted through the Center of Excellence at 843-669-3391, ext. 28, or by e-mail at [COE@fmarion.edu](mailto:COE@fmarion.edu). Seating is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first-come,

first-served basis.

The colloquium will feature a brief lecture followed by a discussion with attendees. The topic is "Teachers' Interpretations of Student Behavior and the Influence of Those Interpretations on Student School Success."

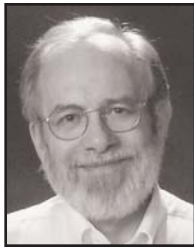
Brown is an associate research scientist at the Child Study Center at Yale University and director of child adolescent development. She has written extensively on child development issues, the reading achievement of struggling elementary school students, and

teachers' interpretations of African-American students' behavior. She holds degrees from the University of Connecticut and Howard University.

The FMU School of Education was awarded a five-year grant that established on campus the Center of Excellence. The grant includes a component that supports staff development and in-service training for teachers in the Pee Dee region. Visit the center's website at [www.fmucenterofexcellence.org](http://www.fmucenterofexcellence.org) for more information.

## Jordan appointed to Walter D. Smith Chair in Psychology

Mike Jordan, a psychology professor at Francis Marion University, has been appointed to an endowed chair at the university.



Jordan

Jordan has been appointed to the Walter D. Smith Chair in Psychology. This chair is named

for FMU's first president, who served from 1970 to 1983.

Jordan has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1972. He serves as coordinator of the psychology program and as director of institutional research. He was the university's Distinguished Professor for 2003-2004. He earned the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in psychology from Georgia State University.

"Mike Jordan is one of the founding members of the Psychology Department and has ably served it since 1972," said John Hester, chair of the FMU Psychology Department. "This chair recognizes his exemplary teaching and scholarship. Over the years Mike's intellect and energy have enriched every aspect of the department's work."

## Patriots to hold Baseball Alumni Weekend, Oct. 7-8

The Francis Marion University baseball program will hold its sixth-annual "Baseball Alumni Weekend" with activities on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7-8.

The "Old Timers" will take part in a golf tournament on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Country Club of South Carolina, beginning at 1 p.m. That evening at 6 p.m., all former players are invited to a "pig picking" dinner at the home of former FMU baseball coach Gerald Griffin, located within the Country Club of South Carolina.

On Sunday, Oct. 8, at 1 p.m., the Patriot Old Timers will play a game against the 2007 Francis Marion squad on Cormell Field at FMU. Admission is free.

Any former Patriot baseball player interested in participating in the weekend's events can contact current head coach Art Inabinet (843-661-1242/[ainabinet@fmarion.edu](mailto:ainabinet@fmarion.edu)) or just show up at the activities. The FMU staff is making an effort to reach all former players and invite them back for these festivities.

**Mark your calendar for the Pee Dee  
International Festival, Saturday, Oct. 21!**

## Faculty/Staff News

**Hari K. Rajagopalan**, assistant professor of management, has had three papers accepted for publication: "Developing Effective Hybrid Meta-Heuristics For A Probabilistic Location Model Via Experimental Design" in *European Journal of Operational Research*; "A Multi-period Set Covering Location Model for Dynamic Re-deployment of Ambulances" in *Computers and Operations Research*; and "Applications Of Complex Adaptive Systems To Pricing Of Reproducible Information Goods" in *Decision Support Systems*.

**Jerry "Buddy" Bilbrey**, assistant professor of computer science, and his wife are the parents of a baby boy, Dylan Thomas Bilbrey. He was born Sept. 14 weighing 8 lbs. 12 oz.

**Craig Alberty**, assistant professor of music, had his jazz composition "Bloozeberry Jam" reviewed in the September 2006 issue of *The Instrumentalist*. The work was one of only two jazz compositions to earn the distinction of "highly recommended."

**Mike Jordan**, professor of psychology, presented an invited address for the History of Departments of Psychology in the Southeast Symposium at the 2006 annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association in Atlanta. Jordan's paper, "Psychological Sciences at a Small

Liberal Arts College: Department of Psychology at Francis Marion University," detailed the biographical and academic history of the department throughout the 36 years of the department's existence.

Jordan and **John Hester**, professor of psychology, presented a paper at the 2006 annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago. The paper, "Terror Management Theory and the Acceptance of Science," examined the effect of fear of mortality on acceptance of scientific methods. Increasing the saliency of one's mortality resulted in significantly higher acceptance of scientific methods than increased saliency of dental pain or the commonness of humans and other animals.

**Emanuel Johnson** of Darlington, craftsman supervisor, electrician, died Sept. 21. Funeral services were held Sept. 26, at Macedonia Baptist Church. Burial followed in Florence National Cemetery.

The **American Heartwalk** is an event that is held at FMU for a great cause. Florence is trying to raise \$330,000.

Several items are available for help in raising money. Attractions Dining and Value guides are being sold for \$20. These guides contain hundreds of dollars in savings. Also available are red dress pens for \$5, bracelets for \$2,

and paper hearts for \$1.

These items are available from the following FMU faculty and staff members: Angie Bessenger, Media Center; Sylvia Lufkin, Nursing; Janis Mc Wayne; Education; Valecia Tedder; Athletics; Jomia Mack, nursing student; Robert Barrett, Business; Peter King, Biology; Teresa Herzog; Psychology; and Donald Jackson, Accounting (SAB).

Faculty, staff, and students are invited on a two-week field course/trip to Greece in May 2007. The focus of this trip is on the classical landscapes of Greece and includes a tour of world-renowned archaeological sites on the mainland (Athens, Corinth, Mycenae, Olympia, Delphi) and a cruise around the Greek Island of the Aegean (including Mykonos, Patmos, Rhodes, Santorini, and Crete), which are known for great food, beautiful idyllic villages, and archaeological sites of the ancient Minoans, classical Greeks, Romans as well as Byzantine and Ottoman Turkish architectural gems.

FMU college credit of up to three hours is available. The package includes airfare, hotel, island cruise, food, transportation, etc. for nearly two weeks for approximately \$2,000.

Geography professor **Scott Brown** will hold an interest meeting with more details and a slide show Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 3:30 p.m. in Founders Hall Room 140B.

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## Student entries sought for Americanism scholarship

The Lewis E. Beasley Americanism Scholarship is awarded to the student who submits the most effective paper arguing for (1) the form of government established by the U.S. Constitution, and (2) the American private enterprise system. Competition for this scholarship is limited to undergraduate students enrolled in Francis Marion University. The winner of the Lewis E. Beasley Americanism Scholarship, valued at \$500, will be announced at Academic Awards Program in the spring semester.

Papers will be judged on strength of argument, presentation, and style. Throughout the paper the principles of effective writing will be observed. Manuscripts must be

typewritten, double-spaced, with standard margins and a commonly accepted font.

Each manuscript must be no less than eight and no more than twelve pages long, exclusive of the title page. Where appropriate, the paper should be documented. The selection committee will read each paper without knowledge of its author.

To be considered for this competition, papers must be received in the Office of the Provost by 5 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2007.

The selection committee encourages all interested students to enter this scholarship competition.



# Student designs paint scheme for NASCAR truck

You can bet that Francis Marion University student Josh Chandler watched the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race from Loudon, N.H., on television Saturday, Sept. 16.

And he was rooting for the No. 59 HT Motorsports Toyota Tundra driven by Chad Chaffin. That's because Chandler, a senior marketing major with a minor in graphic design, designed the paint scheme that the truck sported.

The white truck features red flames on the hood, roof and door panels, with the HT Motorsports logo on the hood and bright yellow numbers on the doors and roof.

Chandler's opportunity came through his employer, K&L Chrome Shop of Florence. K&L provides custom stainless and aluminum fabrication for tractor-trailers. Carolina Custom Lettering and Graphics, a related business located inside K&L, does custom paint and design.

An avid NASCAR fan, Chandler designs paint schemes for his cars in online racing games. One day, he shared some of his designs with K&L's owners, Kelvin and April Locklear, who had recently built a custom hauler



**FMU student Josh Chandler designed the paint scheme for this HT Motorsports NASCAR truck.**

for HT Motorsports. Carolina Custom handles HT's graphics.

HT was looking for a new paint scheme to mark its change from Ford to Toyota trucks, and as a result, Chandler's red flames adorned the No. 59 Tundra at New Hampshire and at Las Vegas on Sept. 23. "They want me to come up with two more schemes to run later this season," said Chandler, a graduate of The King's Academy in Florence.

Chandler visited the race team's shop in Martinsville, Va., to help apply

the decals to the Las Vegas truck, and also met the company's president, James Harris. Chandler explained that the truck schemes are a combination of paint and decals. "In the Nextel Cup Series, it's all decals," he said.

After graduating in May, he hopes to parlay his venture with HT Motorsports into a full-time NASCAR career in marketing and graphic design.

Whatever the future holds, Chandler certainly enjoyed watching the truck he designed race around New Hampshire International Speedway.

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## Patriots to host soccer match, baseball showcase Saturday

The Francis Marion University men's soccer team will play host to Peach Belt Conference foe North Georgia College & State University, Saturday afternoon (Sept. 30) on Florence Soccer Association Appreciation Day.

The match will begin at 2 p.m. on the FMU Soccer Field. Admission is free.

All Florence Soccer Association

players and coaches are invited to attend the match and players are encouraged to wear their uniforms. Those in attendance will be recognized.

The FMU baseball program will hold a Baseball Showcase for high school age players on Saturday (Sept. 30) from 1 to 5 p.m.

The pro-style workout, followed by an inter-squad game, will be held on

FMU's Cornell Field. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$50.

A registration form is posted on the Francis Marion website ([www.fmariion.edu/sports](http://www.fmariion.edu/sports)), or you can call 1242 for more information. Walk-up registration will also be available on Saturday.

Several in-state college coaches will be on hand to observe the event.

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## Woods to perform First Tuesday Chamber Music Series concert, Oct. 3

Pianist Benjamin Woods will perform in concert, Oct. 3, as part of Francis Marion University's First Tuesday Chamber Music Series.

The performance will begin at 8 p.m. in the Hyman Fine Arts Center's Kassab Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public. The concert will consist of works by

Brahms, Beethoven, Debussy, Ravel and Rachmaninoff.

An FMU Board of Trustees Research Scholar and the university's 2005-2006 J. Lorin Mason Distinguished Professor, Woods has given numerous concerts at FMU during the past 35 years. This will be his only full recital of the season in Florence.



## Flu vaccine clinic to be offered Oct. 11

There will be a flu vaccine clinic at FMU's Student Health Services on Oct. 11, from noon to 6 p.m. It is provided by Maxim Health Services in coordination with the meningitis clinic. The cost of the vaccine is \$25. It is available to all at FMU: students, faculty, and staff. (Sorry, no family members at this time.)

Student Health Services is located across Francis Marion Road from the main campus and is numbered 29 on

the campus map which is posted on the FMU website at <http://www.fmarion.edu/home/article-1999933815.htm>.

No appointment is needed. This is the only flu vaccine clinic planned for this year at FMU. However, to locate other clinics in our area provided by Maxim Health Services, go to [www.findaflushot.com](http://www.findaflushot.com), enter your zip code, and a listing of available opportunities will be displayed.

## Kaiser wins Peach Belt weekly award

Francis Marion University sophomore setter Jenna Kaiser has been selected as the Peach Belt Conference women's volleyball Specialist of the Week for the week ending Sept. 24.

The Broomfield, Colo., native averaged 11.27 assists, 3.82 digs, 0.73 kills, and 0.36 service aces per game

last week, while compiling a .241 hitting percentage.

She helped lead Francis Marion to three conference wins. In the process, the Patriots improved to 15-4 overall and now sit atop the Peach Belt standings at 5-0.

# Jobs On-Campus

(as of 9-27-06)

- Grant Writer for Center of Excellence Activities (Part-time, Temporary)
- Chief Information Officer
- Lead Groundskeeper
- Craftsman – Electrician
- Accounts Receivable Manager
- Police Officer
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting - Managerial/Cost Accounting
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Accounting - Financial Accounting
- Assistant Professor of Political Science
- Chair, Department of History
- Assistant Professor of Sociology (Criminal Justice)
- Assistant Professor of Sociology (Gerontology/Health)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Management
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Mass Communication (Broadcast Journalism)
- Assistant Professor of Psychology (Cognitive Psychology)
- Assistant Professor of Psychology (School Psychology)
- Assistant Professor of Psychology (Experimental Psychology)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Elementary Education)
- Assistant/Associate Professor of Education (Special Education)
- Interim Assistant Director of Donald E. Kelley Small Business Institute
- Computer Technician – Academic Computing Services
- Supervisor of Maintenance Support/ Maintenance Pool
- Assistant Professor of English  
Visit Human Resources,  
SAB 105, or call 1140.

## Coming Up On Campus

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| through Oct. 26 |         | Art Gallery Series: Paintings by Dr. John W. Baker, UC gallery                        |
| 3               | 8 pm    | First Tuesday Arts Event: Concert: pianist Benjamin Woods, Kassab Hall, HFAC          |
| 3-Nov. 16       |         | Art Gallery Series: "4-Series," Drawings and Sculptures by Linda McCune, HFAC gallery |
| 3-Nov. 16       |         | Art Gallery Series: "Predicated by Loss" Ceramics by Doug Gray, HFAC gallery          |
| 8               | 3 pm    | Dooley Planetarium Show: "The Star Next Door," CEMC                                   |
| 10              | 3:45 pm | AAUP Fall 2006 Faculty Forum, The Cottage   |
| 18              | 4 pm    | COE Fall Colloquium: Speaker Fay Brown, McNair auditorium                             |
| 19-21           | 8 pm    | University Theatre: "Dark of the Moon," HFAC Theatre                                  |
| 21              |         | Pee Dee International Festival  |
| 22              | 3 pm    | Dooley Planetarium Show: "Universe of Dr. Einstein," CEMC                             |
| 31              | 8 pm    | Concert: University Wind Symphony, McNair auditorium                                  |

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