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What's going on in the above photo? To find out, see the next issue of *Times* featuring summer vacation photos from faculty and staff.

■ Snap it and send it!

Whether you're traveling around the world or not going any farther than your backyard, share your favorite summer images for the 16th-annual summer vacation photo spread to appear in the Aug. 26 issue of *Times*. E-mail your digital images to larryw@mailbox.sc.edu. Include yourself in the photograph, if possible, and please include IDs of family and friends and information about the location.

Improving suicide prevention hinges on identifying risk factors

By Chris Horn

Suicide has nearly tripled since the 1950s among young adults, and an estimated 12 percent of students report experiencing thoughts of suicide at some point during college.

But getting professional help for students at risk for suicide is problematic: 80–85 percent of students who have suicidal thoughts—a precursor to suicide attempts and completed suicide—never seek contact with a counselor. A Ph.D. student in clinical/community psychology at USC thinks a more indirect approach to assessing students' suicide potential might have merit.

"Many of the assessment models used by clinicians to determine if someone is suicidal rely on asking direct ques-



Lamis

tions, and students often won't admit they're having suicidal thoughts," said Dorian Lamis, a fourth-year doctoral student from Atlanta, Ga.

"My research with Dr. Patrick Malone [an associate professor in the Department of Psychology] points to several risk factors that are more easily identified—depressive symptoms, alcohol use and related problems, impulsive/aggressive behaviors, lack of social support, and life strains—which, when present together, point to the potential for suicide or other life-threatening behavior."

Lamis is the primary author of two recently published research articles that use data analysis to measure the cor-

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I.S. Leevy Johnson to address summer commencement

Columbia attorney Isaac Samuel Leevy Johnson will speak at summer commencement exercises for baccalaureate, master's, and professional degree recipients for all eight campuses at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 7 in the Colonial Life Arena. Johnson will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Commencement exercises for doctoral candidates will be held at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 7 in the Koger Center. David S. Shields, a professor in the Department of English Language and Literature, will be the speaker.

The University expects to award more than 1,000 degrees from the Columbia campus, including one associate degree, 552 baccalaureate degrees, eight law degrees, one pharmacy degree, 10 graduate certificates, 388 master's degrees, five graduate specialist degrees, and 90 doctoral degrees.

Graduates of the University's regional and four-year campuses also will receive degrees, including 61 baccalaureate and two master's degrees from USC Aiken; 38 baccalaureate degrees from USC Beaufort; 14 associate degrees from USC Lancaster; five associate degrees from USC Salkehatchie; 10 associate degrees from USC Sumter; eight associate degrees from USC Union; and 239 baccalaureate and four master's degrees from USC Upstate.

Born in Richland County, Johnson attended public schools and graduated from C.A. Johnson High School in 1960. He earned an associate in mortuary science degree from the University of Minnesota in 1962, a BS from Benedict College in 1965, and a JD degree from the USC School of Law in 1968.

In 1970, Johnson made history when he became one of the first African Americans elected to the S.C. General Assembly since Reconstruction. Five years later, he and law school class-



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Ambler named dean of College of Engineering and Computing

Anthony "Tony" Ambler has been named dean of the College of Engineering and Computing effective Jan. 1, 2011.

Ambler said he was drawn to USC because of the University's reputation, the quality of the research, the faculty at the College of Engineering and Computing, and the Centers of Economic Excellence programs.

"Obviously it's a great school," Ambler said. "The college is being endowed with tremendous support from the University. The importance they apply to engineering education is tremendous, and it's an exciting opportunity to be part of. I look forward to working with the faculty and the staff to take the College of Engineering and Computing to the next level."

Ambler has been chair of the electrical and computer engineering department at the University of Texas at Austin since September 2001. He is the Annis and Jack Bowen endowed professor in electrical engineering and the founder and director of the master's program in engineering management at the University of Texas. He was the associate chair of the department from 1998 until 2001.

Before moving to Texas, Ambler was a professor at Brunel University in West London. A native of the United Kingdom, he earned his undergraduate, graduate, and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

Provost Michael Amiridis, a former dean of the College of Engineering and Computing, said Ambler brings expertise in developing university-industry collaborations.

"Tony Ambler's command of the highest levels of technical research, plus his knowledge of the interface between the laboratory and the marketplace, were key criteria in our search," Amiridis said.



Ambler



Moonfaced

Moon Shine (2010), a ceramic work by artist Pat Gilmartin, a retired geography professor, is one of the featured pieces in "Summertime ... and the art is good lookin'" at McKissick Museum through Aug. 20. The annual invitational exhibition of works by local artists includes painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, and other media. A gala fund-raising event and reception sponsored by the McKissick Museum Advisory Council will be held Aug. 20. Tickets are \$60 per person. For tickets, call the museum office at 7-7251 (see story page 4).

■ Disaster information

Report cites need for quality improvement in TV Web sites

By Marshall Swanson

Another hurricane season is brewing, which could signal an opportune time for TV stations to review disaster-related information they post on their Web sites.

A recent study by two professors at the University found that more work needs to be done to ensure the quality of the Web site information for it to be completely useful to the public during emergencies and natural disasters.

"This is an area where journalists can improve," said Andrea Tanner, an associate professor of journalism and mass communications, who, with Daniela B. Friedman, an assistant professor of health promotion, education, and behavior in the Arnold School of Public Health, conducted the 2009 study.

The two reviewed the content of 119 local television news Web sites and discovered that emergency information being disseminated on the



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Briefly

CTE TO OFFER TEACHING WORKSHOPS:

The Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) will begin a new Custom Teaching Workshops Initiative for the fall 2010 semester. The goal is to offer workshops and presentations that are tailored to the instructional needs of individual departments, schools, and colleges across all USC campuses. Workshops can be requested for any group whose members are engaged in teaching at USC, including faculty, adjuncts, instructors, and teaching assistants. Each workshop will be designed with the audience, specific purpose, schedule, and goals in mind. Because the number of sessions that can be offered is limited, workshops should be scheduled as soon as possible. To complete an online request form, go to www.sc.edu/cte/customworkshops. For more information, contact the CTE at 7-8322 or cte@sc.edu.

UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATES NAMES OFFICERS:

Jodie W. McLean, president and CIO of Edens & Avant Inc., has been elected president of Carolina's University Associates for 2010-11. Alan B. Kahn, chair of M. B. Kahn Construction Co. and president of Kahn Development Co., will be president-elect; Pamela P. Lackey, president of AT&T-South Carolina, was elected vice president; and J. Cantey Heath, special assistant to President Pastides, was elected secretary-treasurer. University Associates is a "town and gown" organization made up of Midlands area business, community, and professional leaders who are committed to supporting and promoting the University. Meetings throughout the year feature addresses by Pastides and highlight special programs and activities.

BEST INSTITUTE OFFERS FREE CLASSES:

University Technology Services and the Center for Teaching Excellence will co-sponsor the BEST Institute 2010 Aug. 16-18. More than 40 classes will be offered that focus on classroom technology trends, Blackboard, Adobe tools, and University learning initiatives. The classes are free to faculty and instructors throughout the University system. Classes include Adobe Connect, Blackboard Basics, Camtasia and Jing, Dreamwater Basics, Effective Online Instruction, iTunes U Podcasting, Web 2.0 Technologies, and others. Registration is required. To register and learn more about the BEST Institute and available classes, go to www.sc.edu/best

PART-TIME JOB FAIR IS AUG. 17: The Opportunity Knocks Part-time Job Fair is scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. Aug. 17 in the Russell House Ballroom. The event allows on- and off-campus departments and organizations to showcase both part-time work-study and non-work-study positions. The fair is free and allows campus offices to meet many students in a group setting. The fair is for students interested in part-time jobs on or near the University campus. For more information and registration instructions, go to www.sc.edu/career/Fairs/PTJweb/employers.htm or contact Erica Lake at erlake@mailbox.sc.edu or 7-3969.

TIAA-CREF OFFERS FINANCIAL COUNSELING:

Schedule an appointment with a TIAA-CREF consultant to discuss personal finances confidentially. A consultant will be available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 10-12 at the Columbia campus Benefits Office, Suite 803, 1600 Hampton St. The consultant can discuss how to meet financial goals with products such as mutual funds and annuities. Other financial topics include:

- simplifying finances through consolidating assets
- finding the right allocation mix
- developing an investment strategy that makes sense
- understanding available investment choices
- learning about TIAA-CREF retirement income flexibility
- identifying what is needed to prepare for retirement.

To schedule an appointment, call the Servicing and Scheduling Group at 800-732-8353.

CHOOSE TO LOSE: Ready to lose weight? Student Health Services Campus Wellness makes it easier by offering students, faculty, and staff Choose to Lose, a free, 10-week weight management program. Included are tailored workout plans, bi-weekly exercise classes, a weight room orientation, a consult with a registered dietician, a grocery store tour, and a group environment for support. Women must have a body fat percentage greater than 30, and men must be greater than 25. Measurements will be taken at a pre-assessment appointment. Exercise classes will be offered from 7 to 8 a.m. and from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday from Sept. 14 to Nov. 18 at an on-campus location to be determined. To register, go to www.sa.sc.edu/shs. The deadline is Sept. 7. For more information, call 576-9393.

CHANGES MADE TO LOAN PROGRAM: Effective with the 2010-11 academic year, the University is transitioning to the Federal Direct Loan program. Students receiving a Federal Direct Subsidized or Unsubsidized Loan must accept these loans on VIP before receiving the funds. This requirement is new. To complete this requirement, log onto VIP, choose "Financial" from the navigation, and then choose "Show Me My Financial Aid Awards for 2010-2011." The student can then accept the loan online or decline the loan online by following the instructions provided. Students needing assistance with this process can be directed to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at 1714 College St. Students can contact the office at 7-8134 or usfaid@sc.edu. For more information about the loan program, go to www.sc.edu/financialaid/DLfaq.html.

Fund helps individuals affected by economy

The University's Continuing Education and Conferences Department is offering scholarships for its professional certificate programs to those adversely impacted by the economy.

"Many South Carolinians are currently out of work or underemployed because they have not been given an opportunity to improve their skills to match the marketplace," said Eric McGee, director of Continuing and Professional Education. "The University's Professional Education Certificate Programs help participants develop those skills and become more marketable in as little as five days."

McGee said the programs include Web site design, paralegal studies, sustainability, grant writing, and Six Sigma. The scholarship fund will enable 20 candidates to pursue professional certification. Scholarships up to \$500 will be awarded to offset tuition costs. The programs are:

■ **Web site design**—This program includes the fundamentals of starting and managing a Web site. Students will get hands-on software training and create a fully functional Web site to include in a professional portfolio.

■ **Paralegal studies**—Taught by lawyers and members of the State Bar of South Carolina, this six month, six-module



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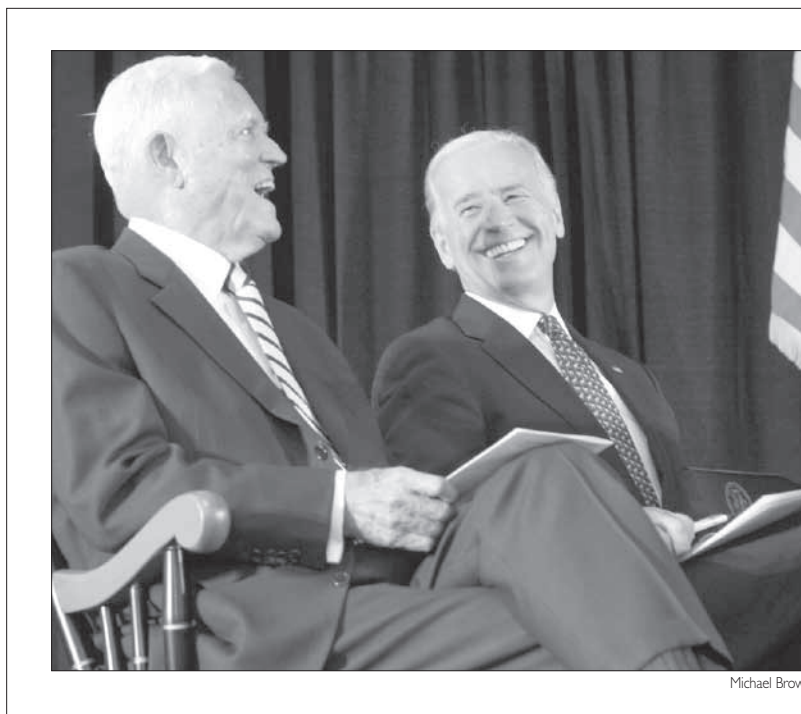
program concentrates on areas ranging from legal research and analysis to locating and interviewing witnesses. USC's program is approved for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funding.

■ **Sustainability**—Participants earn a nationally recognized certificate in one week with the Building Performance Institute (BPI) energy auditor certificate program. With BPI certification, graduates are qualified to perform home energy audits, the foundation of this rapidly growing industry.

■ **Grant writing**—The four-course program prepares participants to write successful grant proposals in response to grant announcements and to seek unsolicited proposals.

■ **Six Sigma**—Professionals who earn a Six Sigma certificate from USC will be prepared to examine the effectiveness of operations, implement improvements to reduce costs, and define long-term growth opportunities. Participants will work on an independent project addressing specific challenges of their organization. Applicants must have explored and/or exhausted Workforce Investment Act funding options and submit a letter stating how the program will assist their career search. Once awarded, the scholarship must be applied to classes that start before June 30, 2011.

For more information about USC's certificate programs and full application details, go to discover.sc.edu.



Hollings library opens

Former U.S. Sen. Ernest F. "Fritz" Hollings and Vice President Joe Biden share a laugh during the dedication of the new Ernest F. Hollings Special Collections Library July 23. Hollings and Biden served together in the Senate. Hollings was instrumental in securing the \$14 million in federal funds for the building, which houses the Irvin Collection of Rare Books and Special Collections and the S.C. Political Collections. Hollings' personal papers are the cornerstone of the S.C. Political Collections. In addition to the library, a second building on campus bears Hollings' name. The Ernest F. Hollings National Advocacy Center, a training facility for the Department of Justice, opened in 1998. President Pastides and U.S. Rep James Clyburn also spoke at the dedication.

Michael Brown

Carolina tops SEC freshman honor roll

Carolina topped the 2010 SEC Freshmen Academic Honor Roll with 67 student-athletes on the list.

For the fifth time in the past two years, the Gamecocks have led the SEC in numbers on the honor roll, which is released four times a year. Next in line were the University of Florida (58), Auburn University (56), and Mississippi State University (50).

Each student-athlete must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above at the nominating institution; be on scholarship or a letter winner; have completed 24 semester hours of non-remedial credit at the nominating institution; and have been a member of the varsity team for the sport's entire NCAA Championship segment.

A total of 547 freshmen student-athletes were named to the 2010 SEC Freshmen Academic Honor Roll. A total of 2,424 student-athletes around the league earned Academic Honor Roll recognition in 2009-10. The honor roll is based on grades from the 2009-10 academic calendar.

For the list of Gamecocks on the list, go to <http://gamecocksonline.cstv.com/sports/acad/spec-rel/071910aaa.html>.

Blatt Center changes operational hours

The Solomon Blatt Physical Education Center has changed its operational hours to 7:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, and the center will be closed on weekends and University holidays.

The change will allow the center to operate within budget for the upcoming year. The reduction is designed to affect the least number of facility patrons.

Operational hours at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center remain unaffected by budget reductions. Membership options are available for full-time faculty and staff. For more information about memberships, go to <http://campus-rec.sc.edu/WFC/membershipnew.html>. Student membership to the Strom remains unaffected.

For questions or more information, contact Herbert Camp at <mailto:hcc@mailbox.sc.edu> or Kim Dozier at <mailto:kimm@mailbox.sc.edu>.

Beaufort appoints Varnet vice chancellor for academic affairs

USC Beaufort has appointed Harvey Varnet executive vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Varnet's background encompasses work at the university, college, and community college level, covering four states. He was a Fulbright Professor at the University of Calabar, Nigeria, and was a member of the project team that developed and built the Sultan Qaboos University in Oman.

"USC Beaufort has a unique leadership role in our region," Varnet said. The academic programs that we have developed are building on regional strengths and meeting regional needs in new and exciting ways. I look forward to working with the faculty at USC Beaufort to create even more opportunities for student accomplishment and success."

Before joining USC Beaufort as director of libraries in 2008, Varnet was library director at the American University of Kuwait. A librarian for almost 40 years, he has been involved at every level of university administration.

Varnet received his BA in English from the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth. He earned two masters degrees, an MS in library science from Simmons College and an M.Ed. in instructional media from Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts. He completed his doctor of arts degree in library administration at Simmons College.

"Harvey Varnet has done an exceptional job as interim executive vice chancellor," Chancellor Jane Upshaw said. "Academic Affairs has moved forward under his leadership. USC Beaufort looks forward to continuing this progress. Dr. Varnet's experience in all aspects of our core mission of teaching, research, and service will be of significant value to the campus."



Varnet

Upstate sociology professor honored with human rights award from Germany

Brigitte Neary, an associate professor of sociology at USC Upstate, traveled to Stuttgart, Germany, to accept a human rights award for her research and publications dealing with the expulsion of 15 million Germans from east central Europe in the aftermath of World War II.

The award is the Menschenrechtspreis der Volksgruppe der Donauschwaben, or Human Rights Award of the Ethnic German Danube Suevians. The organization presenting the award, Volksgruppe der Donauschwaben, is one of several groups in Germany that direct attention to the plight of Germans expelled from their homes and homelands in East Central Europe and forced to bear suffering and death in what some scholars are now calling ethnic cleansing.



Neary

Neary's research was compiled in two books, *Voices of Loss and Courage: German Women Recount Their Expulsion from East Central Europe, 1944-1950* and *Frauen und Vertreibung*. The books

focused specifically on the women and young girls who were forced from their homelands in East Prussia, Pomerania, East Brandenburg, Silesia, Sudetenland, in the Hungarian plains, in the Balkan mountains of Yugoslavia, and Romania.

As socio-historical research projects, the books contribute to a growing body of scholarship on the wounds of women in both war and peace and focuses attention on ethnic cleansing that was sanctioned overtly or tacitly by the victors of WWII, including the Russians, Poles, Serbs, British, and Americans.

The project is also "a memorial to the women who were stigmatized because they were German," Neary said, a difficult position to be in when the world equated all Germans as Nazi enemies. "Germans," she said, "are aware if they evoke victim status they typically evoke strong reactions."

"Women were responsible for everyone at this time, including the elderly, the very young, and the sick" Neary said, "because most of the men were gone, drafted, killed, or missing in action."

The 40 women she interviewed for her two books were between the ages of 6 and 24 during the years between 1944 and 1950. They were "glad finally to be given a voice" and to share their stories of survival despite loss of shelter, starvation, systematic plundering, rape, torture, and murder.

The issue of ethnic cleansing is a personal one for Neary, born in West Germany after her parents had experienced the upheaval of expulsion from their homelands—her father from Yugoslavia and her mother from Breslau Silesia.

"I grew up with the consequences of the displacement, initially experiencing absolute deprivation," Neary said. "The shadow of the tremendous loss to my parents lingered on and was like a concrete presence in our lives."

Her research and interviews were conducted from 1998 to 2001 and again from 2006 to 2007 and included visits to the Office for Expellee Affairs, a department of the German government located in Bonn.

Neary teaches Introduction to Sociology, Women and Armed Conflict, Displaced Persons, Sociological Theory, and Social Change. For more information, call 52-5834 or send an e-mail to bneary@uscupstate.edu.

Edgar named laureate by education hall of fame

USC historian Walter Edgar has been selected as the 2010 laureate for the S.C. Higher Education Hall of Fame.

Given by the S.C. Higher Education Foundation's Lightsey Society, the award honors individuals who have made significant contributions to higher education in South Carolina and, by example, inspired others to excel in their efforts on behalf of higher education.

President Pastides said the award recognizes Edgar's success in taking his scholarship beyond the classroom and sharing it with the people of South Carolina.

"Walter Edgar is a true South Carolina treasure," Pastides said. "Through his painstaking research, he has contributed immensely to our understanding of South Carolina history. But his true achievement lies in his ability to connect with students and the people of our state by sharing stories about the many colorful and fascinating events and individuals who have shaped the Palmetto State. Anyone who thinks history is not exciting hasn't met Walter Edgar."

Craig Garner, president of the S.C. Higher Education Foundation, said Edgar was selected for his scholarship, classroom teaching, scholarly publications, and community outreach through multiple avenues, including broadcast media, museums, and historical societies.

"What better choice for the Lightsey Society's third Hall of Fame laureate than a scholar of Dr. Edgar's caliber whose influence and reach extend far beyond the classroom and South Carolina," Garner said. "His passion for learning is contagious and inspires his students to succeed and countless others to seek out knowledge and

learn more about topics that interest them. Walter Edgar combines the intellectual honesty, thoughtful scholarship, energy, warm personality, initiative, and natural communication skills to increase every day the number of South Carolinians who are touched by higher education."

Edgar is the author of *South Carolina: A History*, regarded as the definitive book on the Palmetto State's history, and is editor of *The South Carolina Encyclopedia*, the first encyclopedia about the Palmetto State.

He holds four professorships: Carolina Trustee Professor, George Washington Professor of History, Claude Henry Neuffer Chair in Southern Studies, and Louise Fry Scudder Professor of Liberal Arts.

Edgar is the director of the Institute for Southern Studies and was the founder and first director of the University's Public History Program. He hosts *Walter Edgar's Journal*, a statewide program on S.C. Educational Radio that looks

at contemporary events in context.

The Lightsey Society was named after the late Harry M. Lightsey Jr., a long-time advocate for and contributor to higher education in the state. The society was created by the S.C. Higher Education Foundation to support its efforts to advance and enhance the quality of higher education in our state. Edgar, who will be inducted into the Higher Education Hall of Fame at a banquet on Oct. 7, joins Lightsey and former S.C. Governor and U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley Jr. as past laureates.

For information on the banquet or the work of the S.C. Higher Education Foundation, call Gail Ginsberg at 788-7001 or 2600221.



Walter Edgar has a program on S.C. Educational Radio.



On the mound Sarge Frye Field, the Gamecock baseball team's home field from 1980 through 2008, is in the final stages of demolition. In its place will be new tennis facilities set to open for the 2012 season. A plaque honoring Weldon "Sarge" Frye, USC's legendary groundskeeper, is at the new baseball stadium near the Congaree River.

Michael Brown

Students receive NSF Graduate Research Fellowships

Ten USC students and recent graduates have been awarded 2010 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowships (GRF). They are Beth Ann Bell, David Coats, Denise Dunovant, Cynthia Krafft, Elizabeth LaBone, Joey Montoya, Alisha Owensby, Christopher Poirel, Brad Setzler, and Amanda Whaley. Recent graduates Alexander Lesov and Aaron Warren were selected for Honorable Mentions.

Bell is a 2008 Honors College graduate with a degree in geology. She was a McNair Scholar and a 2007 Barry M. Goldwater Scholar. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in geochemistry at UCLA.

Coats is a December 2009 graduate in electrical engineering and is continuing his graduate education at Carolina in electrical engineering. He was named Outstanding Electrical Engineering Senior, was a Palmetto Fellow, and received a NASA Space Consortium Grant.

Dunovant is a 2008 graduate with a degree in geography. As an undergraduate, she studied and conducted research in Ghana, Kenya, and Uganda. Dunovant was awarded a 10-month Fulbright Grant upon graduation to conduct research in northern Uganda. She will use her NSF GRF for graduate study in the United Kingdom.

Krafft is a 2008 graduate with a degree in experimental psychology. She is currently at the University of Georgia pursuing a Ph.D. in cognitive/experimental psychology, researching the effects of exercise on the cognition of overweight children.

LaBone is a 2010 graduate of the Honors College with a degree in biology. As an undergraduate, she was active in SAGE, Students Advocating a Greener Environment, and did research in the Department of Biological Sciences. LaBone will pursue a Ph.D. at LSU.

Montoya is a 2010 graduate of the Honors College in chemical engineering and mathematics with a minor in music performance. He is a 2008 Barry M. Goldwater Scholar, 2010 Rhodes Scholar Finalist, a Carolina Scholar, and a member of Pi Mu Epsilon Math and Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honors Fraternities. He will pursue graduate work in

catalysis and chemical reaction engineering at Stanford.

Owensby is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a 2006 graduate of the Honors College with a degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. She was a voluntary elementary school English teacher with WorldTeach in the Marshall Islands following graduation and is currently a Ph.D. student in botany and plant pathology at Oregon State University.

Poirel is a 2008 graduate of the Honors College with a degree in mathematics. As an undergraduate, he conducted research in hypergraph theory under the direction of Joshua Cooper in the Department of Mathematics. Poirel is pursuing a Ph.D. in computer science at Virginia Tech. His research interests include applications of graph theory and computational techniques to difficult biological problems.

Setzler is a 2010 graduate of the Honors College with degrees in mathematics and philosophy and a minor in economics. He was president of the Cultural Exchange Association, chair of the Waverly Economic Development Committee, and president of Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor Society. He also was a Magellan Research Scholar. Setzler began a Ph.D. in economics at the University of Chicago this summer.

Whaley is a 2004 graduate with a degree in physics. She is a graduate student at Rice University.

Biology professor Erin Connelly chaired the NSF committee. Committee members were Michael Matthews, chemical engineering; Melayne McInnes, economics; Edsel Pena, statistics; Roger Sawyer, arts and sciences; and Ken Shimizu, chemistry.

The Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs identifies and recruits students to apply for nationally competitive fellowships and scholarships. The fellowships provide a stipend of \$30,000 per year for full-time graduate study. NSF also provides an annual cost-of-education allowance of \$10,500 in lieu of all tuition and required fees at U.S. institutions and a \$1,000 travel grant.

GRF Fellowship winners include David Coats, right; Denise Dunovant, below left; Elizabeth LaBone, below right; Joey Montoya, bottom left; and Brad Setzler, bottom right.



August & September

Calendar



Iris in Bloom (2009), a sculpture in copper by David Walker, is one of the featured works in McKissick Museum's "Summertime" exhibit.

Celebrate 'Summertime' at McKissick Museum

McKissick Museum will hold its 16th-annual gala, "Summertime ... and the art is good lookin'," from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Aug. 20.

The gala will be in conjunction with "Summertime," a McKissick exhibit and art sale that will close with the gala.

Tickets to the gala are \$60 per person and are available at the museum office.

The gala will feature more than 60 artists who are native South Carolinians or have strong ties to the state and will provide an opportunity for the public to meet local artists.

Featured artists will include Ann Baker, Aiken; Tuula Ihamakki-Widdifield, USC art faculty; Marcello Novo, Columbia; Nikolai Oskolkov, Columbia; Renee Rouillier, USC art faculty; Richard Wells, Hopkins; and Ellen Emerson Yaghjian, Columbia.

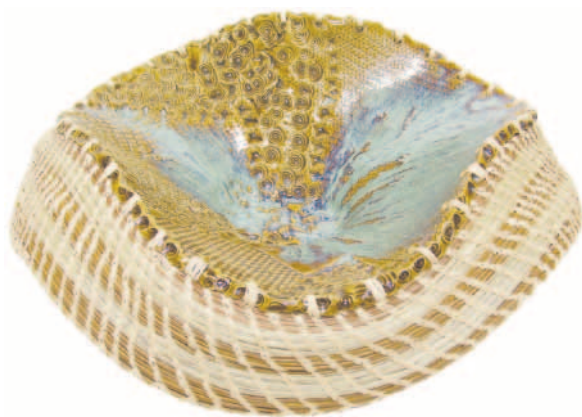
Works by all artists will be for sale during the gala, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the museum. The gala will feature music, food, and drink.

Coordinated by McKissick's Advisory Council, the gala is one of two annual fundraisers held by the museum to support acquisitions and public programs.

McKissick is the only Columbia museum that offers free regular admission. Located on the University's historic Horseshoe, the museum features two permanent exhibitions and a number of rotating temporary exhibits and provides educational and cultural programming. Many of McKissick's offerings are available through grants and private funding.

McKissick is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. It is closed on Sundays and holidays.

For more information about "Summertime ... and the art is good lookin'" or McKissick Museum, call 7-7251 or go to www.cas.sc.edu/MCKS/.



Georgette Sanders created *Baheja St. Louis: A Tribute to Breast Cancer Awareness* (2009), a coastal sweetgrass, bulrush, and pine needles work attached to a hand-built ceramic base.

Exhibits

Aug. 14-Dec. 14 McKissick Museum: "The Art of Environmental Awareness: The Batiks of Mary Edna Fraser." Known internationally, Fraser uses batik, an ancient medium of waxing and hand dyeing cloth, to express issues of climate change and the long-term effects on the environment. Her vivid, large-scale aerial views of barrier islands, coastal regions, and rivers reference the geological and geographical studies used to document the changing face of the landscape. Flying in an open canopy 1946 Ercoupe airplane, with her brother as pilot, Fraser observes what few people clearly see of the earth—change. Her batiks have come to serve as both an art form and a vehicle for inspiring global awareness.

Through Aug. 21 South Caroliniana Library: "Beautiful Places: Early Images of South Carolina State Parks." Lumpkin Foyer. This exhibit features early 20th-century images of some of the beautiful and historic locations that became part of the South Carolina state park system.

Through Sept. 5 Columbia Museum of Art: "Innovation and Change: Great Ceramics from the Ceramics Research Center." This exhibition highlights 75 masterworks by many of the leading contemporary, international ceramic artists, offering a panoramic survey of the potential of clay as an expressive art form. The art objects on display range from functional ware for everyday use to more expressive sculptural forms. Located at the northwest corner of Main and Hampton streets, the museum is open 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Tuesday–Friday; 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday; and noon–5 p.m. Sunday. The museum is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. the first Friday of every month (until 5 p.m. in December). The museum is closed on Monday. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors age 65 and over and military, and \$5 for students. Admission is free for museum members and children age 5 and under. Admission is free every Sunday courtesy of BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina. For more information, call 799.2810 or go to www.columbiamuseum.org/index.php.

Through Sept. 19 Columbia Museum of Art: "SC6: Six South Carolina Innovators in Clay." Drawn from public and private collections, six innovative ceramic artists who are, or have been active in South Carolina are featured in this Gallery 15 installation. The works illustrate a diverse range of technique, glazes, and forms for which the artists are best known. Featured artists include: Russell Biles, from Greenville, whose figural sculptures are laden with social and political commentary; Jim Connell, whose vessels are decorated with elaborate glazes, many of which are inspired by ancient Chinese ceramics; Georgia Henrietta Harris, a member of the Catawba Nation, who is credited with reviving the Catawba pottery tradition; Peter Lenzo, whose complex sculptures recall the 19th-century Southern "face jug" tradition yet remain unique; Ron Meyers, whose functional ceramics are brightly slip-painted in a gestural, expressionistic style that can be provocative and confrontational; and Virginia Scotchie, current chair of the ceramics department at USC, who incorporates familiar shapes when creating her vessels that possess complex and luminous glazes. Located at the northwest corner of Main and Hampton streets, the museum is open 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Tuesday–Friday; 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday; and noon–5 p.m. Sunday. The museum is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. the first Friday of every month (until 5 p.m. in December). The museum is closed on Monday. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors age 65 and over and military, and \$5 for students. Admission is free for museum members and children age 5 and under. Admission is free every Sunday courtesy of BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina. For more information, call 799.2810 or go to www.columbiamuseum.org/index.php.

Through Sept. 19 S.C. State Museum: "Pirates, Privateers, and Buccaneers." In the heyday of piracy (approximately 1600–1718), the Carolina coast was ravaged by rambunctious buccaneers such as Blackbeard, Anne Bonney, and Stede Bonnet. The exhibit brings the world of pirates alive with many artifacts and reproductions such as doubloons and "pieces of eight," cannon balls, pewter plates, a pirate ship's bell, and other items. Hands-on elements heighten the pirate experience for guests as they handle reproduction clothing, swords, muskets, and pistols. Visitors can learn to tie a variety of sailor's knots, walk off paces from a treasure map, and learn to speak like a pirate. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children (ages 3–12) plus regular museum admission. The museum is at 301 Gervais St. For hours and admission, go to southcarolinastatemuseum.org.

Exhibits

Through Jan. 10, 2011 S.C. State Museum: "Palmetto Portraits." The purpose of this multi-year collaboration of the S.C. State Museum, the Medical University of South Carolina, the Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art at the College of Charleston, and noted and emerging photographers from throughout the state was to create a collection of art to display within MUSC's educational and clinical buildings and to remind students, faculty, staff, and visitors of those they serve at MUSC and throughout South Carolina. The collection reflects the full range and diversity of the state's citizens, occupations, and recreational activities. An identical set of the photographs was donated to the permanent collection of the S.C. State Museum and is on display for the first time. The museum is at 301 Gervais St. For hours and admission, go to southcarolinastatemuseum.org.

Through 2012 S.C. State Museum: "Tangible History: South Carolina Stoneware from the Holcombe Family Collection." The exhibit consists of stoneware from the extensive collection of the Holcombe family of Clinton, most of which has never been on public display. The works include some classic pieces by Dave (a slave potter who worked in clay from the 1830s into the 1860s in Edgefield County), plus Upstate examples from Thomas Owenby and other important 19th century potters. The collection will be supplemented with pieces from the State Museum collection and a traditional treadle potter's wheel that contemporary potters will use to demonstrate their craft on selected weekdays. The museum is at 301 Gervais St. For hours and admission, go to southcarolinastatemuseum.org.

Sports

Sept. 2 Football: Southern Miss, 7:30 p.m., Williams-Brice Stadium.

Sept. 11 Football: Georgia, noon, Williams-Brice Stadium.

Sept. 18 Football: Furman, 7 p.m., Williams-Brice Stadium.

Aug. 27 Women's soccer: Louisville, 7:30 p.m., Stone Stadium.

Aug. 29 Women's soccer: Ohio, 2:30 p.m., Stone Stadium.

Aug. 28 Men's soccer: College of Charleston, 7 p.m., Stone Stadium.

Sept. 3 Men's soccer: Clemson, 7 p.m., Stone Stadium.

Sept. 5 Women's soccer: Arizona State, 2 p.m., Stone Stadium.

Sept. 10 Women's soccer: Clemson, 7:30 p.m., Stone Stadium.

Sept. 12 Women's soccer: Furman, 2:30 p.m., Stone Stadium.

Sept. 16 Women's soccer: Minnesota, 7 p.m., Stone Stadium.

Sept. 17 Men's soccer: Iona, 7:30 p.m., Stone Stadium.

Sept. 19 Men's soccer: Connecticut, 1 p.m., Stone Stadium.



List your events

The *Times* calendar welcomes submissions of listings and photographs for upcoming campus events. Information should include the title of the event, starting time, location, speaker or presenter and their affiliation, cost to attend, and the host department or program. Send information or direct questions to Jane Jeffcoat at jwj@mailbox.sc.edu or 7-3683. The deadline for receipt of information is 11 business days prior to the publication date of issue. The next publication date is Aug. 26.

Online calendar

USC Calendar of Events is at <http://events.sc.edu>. To add events here, contact Cassandra Pope at popcel@mailbox.sc.edu or 7-0019.

If you require special accommodations, please contact the program sponsor.

■ Around the campuses

Aug. 10 USC Salkehatchie: West Campus New Student Open House, an opportunity for new students to tour the campus, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Admissions Office, West Campus. For more information, call Chrissy Holiday at 803-584-3446.

Aug. 11 USC Salkehatchie: East Campus New Student Orientation, freshman orientation required for all new students. 9 a.m., Gym, East Campus. For more information, call Jane Brewer at 843-549-6314.

Aug. 12 USC Salkehatchie: West Campus New Student Orientation, freshman orientation required for all new students. 9 a.m., Atrium, West Campus. For more information, call Jane Brewer at 803-584-3446

Aug. 13 USC Salkehatchie: East Campus New Student Open House, an opportunity for new students to tour the campus, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Main Office, West Campus. For more information, call Chrissy Holiday at 803-584-3446.

Through Aug. 19 USC Sumter: “Life,” featuring works by Laura Smits, a Dutch artist living in Sumter. Smits’ work in oil paint explores flora and fauna at a detailed photorealistic level and beyond into abstracted color and texture. Smits has a background in art restoration, and to the viewers of her art, she has said, “Flowers speak with their colors, and animals speak with their eyes. If you follow your senses and never stop looking for the things that make life more beautiful, then you have found color in your life.” 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday, Upstairs Gallery, located on the second floor of the Administration Building. For more information, contact Cara-lin Getty, gallery director, at cgetty@uscsumter.edu or Laurel Jordan, gallery assistant, at jordalau@uscsumter.edu.

Aug. 25 USC Salkehatchie: West Campus SGA Welcome Party, featuring free food and fun for all Salkehatchie students, noon, Atrium, West Campus. For more information, call Mandy Smith at 584-3446, ext 115.

Aug. 26 USC Salkehatchie: OSP Open House, featuring free food and fun for all Salkehatchie students, noon, OSP Offices, West Campus and East Campus. For more information, call Carolyn Banner at 803-584-3446.

Through Aug. 26 USC Sumter: “Daufuskie,” featuring photographer Donny Floyd. Floyd is a well-known artist in Sumter. “Daufuskie” is a selection of photographs taken from thousands that will soon be published in a photography-driven book that documents the entire history of South Carolina’s southernmost island. Floyd has been working with writer Susan Osteen to build a portrait of Daufuskie today. The photographs in this exhibit focus on the island’s unique landscapes and also take an intimate look at its structures. 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday, Umpteenth Gallery in the Arts and Letters Building. For more information, send an e-mail to Cara-lin Getty at cgetty@uscsumter.edu or Laurel Jordan, gallery assistant, at jordalau@uscsumter.edu.

Aug. 27 USC Salkehatchie: Opening Faculty Meeting, welcome and information for all USC Salkehatchie faculty, 9 a.m., Science Building, Room 112, West Campus. For more information, call Ann Carmichael at 803-584-3446, ext 130.

Aug. 31 USC Salkehatchie: East Campus SGA Welcome Party, featuring free food and fun for all Salkehatchie students, noon, Marvin Park, East Campus. For more information, call Dawn Rizer at 843-549-6314.



Ruby, by Sumter artist Laura Smits, is one of the works featured in “Life,” an exhibit in the Upstairs Gallery at USC Sumter. Smits works in oil and explores flora and fauna in photorealistic detail.

■ Miscellany

Aug. 13 Fall 2010 Provost’s Meeting: The meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to noon in the Russell House Theater.

Aug. 16–18 University Technology Services: The BEST (Blackboard and Educational Software Technologies) Institute is looking for faculty who want to upgrade their instructional technology skills and pedagogy. The institute offers more than 30 training sessions on different technologies and how to use them to enhance teaching and learning. Sessions are facilitated by experienced instructors and faculty. Topics include Blackboard basics and advanced features, Web 2.0 technologies, connecting and communicating with today’s students, and other topics. For more information on sessions, go to uts.sc.edu/events.

Aug. 17 Career Center: Opportunity Knocks Part-time Job Fair, for students interested in part-time jobs on- or off-campus, noon–3 p.m., Russell House Ballroom.

Aug. 23 Fulbright Workshop: 4 p.m., Gressette Room, Harper College, Third Floor. Workshop is for graduating seniors and graduate students who articulate a well-defined program involving study, research, or teaching English to be carried out in a particular international academic setting for one year. Fluency in the host language is preferred, and an appreciation for cross-cultural exchange and a strong background in American culture and current events of the host country are critical in selection. For more information, call 7-0958, e-mail ofsp@sc.edu, or go to www.sc.edu/ofsp. Sponsored by fellowships and Scholar Programs.

Aug. 25 Gates Cambridge Workshop: 4 p.m., Legare College, Room 322. The workshop is for students who are well informed on global issues and have a record of superior academic achievement and outstanding service and leadership. This highly competitive scholarship covers one to three years of graduate study at Cambridge. For more information, call 7-0958, e-mail ofsp@sc.edu, or go to www.sc.edu/ofsp. Sponsored by Fellowships and Scholar Programs.

Aug. 26 Center for Teaching Excellence: “Getting Good Student Teaching Evaluations,” 3:30–4:45 p.m., The best way to get good teaching evaluations from students is to be a good teacher. Good teaching involves both content mastery and interpersonal rapport. Jed Lyons will share responses from veteran faculty about how to maintain rigor in course content in such a way that the students are educated as well as engaged. Required and suggested methods for student feedback on instruction also will be discussed.” Center for Teaching Excellence, Thomas Cooper Library, Room 511. RSVP by e-mail at cte@sc.edu, by phone at 803-7-8322, or online at www.sc.edu/cte/workshops/goodstudentevaluations/.



Lyons



Landscape is one of Donny Floyd’s photographs featured in the exhibit “Daufuskie” at the Umpteenth Gallery at USC Sumter.

■ Miscellany

Aug. 26 McCutchen House: Lunch buffet opens, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Tuesday–Friday. Call 7-4450.

Aug. 31 Center for Teaching Excellence: “Under the Bigtop: What to Do with the Large Lecture,” David Miller, Carolina Distinguished Professor of English and Comparative Literature., 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m., College of Nursing, Williams-Brice Building, Room 409. Miller, who also is director of USC’s Center for Digital Humanities, specializes in English renaissance literature but regularly teaches ENGL 283, a large course for non-majors. He received the department’s Teacher of the Year Award in 2008–09. In this seminar, Miller will share his wisdom and experience when it comes to playing ringmaster in a large lecture course, whether for a crowd numbering 80 or one of 300. Miller will begin with a brief PowerPoint presentation and accompanying set of maxims based on his own experience in English 283, which typically enrolls 150 non-majors and has proven over the years to be a graveyard for instructor evaluations. He’ll talk about strategies he has employed to bring his ratings back from the dead (without pretending that student evaluations measure anyone’s learning but his own) and will explain the thinking behind those strategies. His presentation will be the lead-in to a collective brainstorming session in which the group will collectively devise solutions to the challenges facing instructors who teach large lecture classes. To attend the seminar, RSVP by e-mail at cte@sc.edu, by phone at 7-8322, or online at www.sc.edu/cte/davidmiller/.

Sept. 2 Center for Teaching Excellence Proposals: “Using an Apple iPad™ to Enhance Teaching and Learning.” All full-time teaching faculty can apply to this competitive loan program to investigate how an iPad™ can enhance teaching and learning. The iPad™ is a flat, rectangular, high resolution LED-backlit computer with responsive multi-touch screen that is designed for Web browsing, e-mail, video viewing, and other functions. Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) staff are looking at how this technology can be used in education and seeking help from faculty members in exploring the possibilities. Successful applicants will be loaned an iPad™ for the academic year. Participants will meet several times to exchange ideas and address common challenges. Faculty who already have an iPad™ and want to join the group meetings can contact the CTE to add their names to the group meeting participant list. CTE, Thomas Cooper Library, Room 511. For more information and applications, go to www.sc.edu/cte/ipads or contact the CTE at 7-8322 or cte@sc.edu.

■ Lectures

Aug. 26 History Center, Julie Hardwick, University of Texas, 3:30–5 p.m., Gambrell Hall, Room 152.

Sept. 13 History Center, Gary Gerstle, Vanderbilt University, 3–5 p.m., McMaster College, Room 214.

Free recreation programs available

USC Outdoor Recreation continues its Weekly Excursions program, offering slacklining, climbing wall orientation, tubing, and mountain bike riding programs free to USC faculty, staff, and students.

To participate, call the Outdoor Recreation Office in the Strom Thurmond Fitness and Wellness Center in advance at 576-9397. Equipment will be provided.

Outdoor Recreation summer office hours are from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday and Friday. Bike shop summer hours are from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday and Friday. Wall summer hours are from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday–Friday. Faculty, staff, and students who want to use the climbing wall must be members of the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center. Summer hours run through Aug. 13.

Activities include:

- Slacklining at 4 p.m. Mondays. Participants should meet at the new permanent slackline facility located behind the Blatt PE Center in the Triangular Plaza.
- Tubing at 1 p.m. Tuesdays. Tube with Outdoor Recreation on the Broad River Meet at the Riverfront Park located at off Huger Street at 312 Laurel St.
- Climbing wall orientation at 5 p.m. Wednesdays, the Strom Thurmond Fitness and Wellness Center.
- Mountain Bike Rides at 4 p.m. Thursdays. Every Thursday, Outdoor Recreation will meet at Harbison State Forest located at 5600 Broad River Road.

Briefly

BLACK ALUMNI TO HOLD REUNION: Black alumni who attended the University from 1963 to 1983 will have a reunion Aug. 6–8 in Columbia at the Marriott, located at Hampton and Main streets. Events will include a campus tour, receptions, a dance, and a worship service Sunday morning. The cost is \$55 per person or \$90 per couple. Willie Odom is chair of the reunion. Alumni can register online at www.MyCarolina.org or by calling the Carolina Alumni Association at 7-4111.

KITCHEN TO BE DEDICATED: McCutchen House's new teaching kitchen will be dedicated at 3 p.m. Aug. 12 in the historic Horseshoe building with remarks from President Pastides. The kitchen features 10 pieces of energy-efficient cooking equipment for students enrolled in HRTM 270 (Quantity Food Production), a basic course for students in the School of Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management. The kitchen will qualify to be certified by the American Culinary Federation.

CHEMISTRY CHAIR NAMED ACS FELLOW: John Dawson, chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, has been named a member of the 2010 class of Fellows of the American Chemical Society. The ACS Fellows program honors members who have demonstrated excellence in contributions to the chemical sciences. Dawson will be recognized Aug. 23 during the society's national meeting in Boston.

DSS SIGNS PARTNERSHIP WITH USC: The Department of Social Services (DSS) and the University have signed a partnership agreement. The partnership is an expansion of an agreement with the USC School of Social Work that will provide all DSS staff training needs in the areas of child welfare, adult services, and economic assistance.

NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION IS AUG. 15: The New Student Convocation will be held at 4 p.m. Aug. 15 in the Carolina Coliseum. A reception will follow on the concourse level of the Coliseum. For more information, go to <http://saeu.sc.edu/convocation/>.

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mate William T. Toal and former legislative aide Luther J. Battiste organized the Johnson, Toal, and Battiste Law Firm in Columbia.

Johnson has practiced law for more than 40 years. In 2010, he was named to the S.C. Super Lawyers list. He was elected president of the S.C. Bar and was inducted as a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

In 1995, Mr. Johnson became owner of Leevy's Funeral Home in Columbia, which had been established in 1932 by his grandparents.

Johnson has received numerous professional awards, including the Durant Distinguished Public Service Award; the Compleat Lawyer Award from the USC School of Law; the John W. Williams Jr. Distinguished Service Award from the Richland County Bar; the Matthew J. Perry Medallion from the Columbia Lawyers Association; and the Founders Award from the S.C. Association for Justice. He also received the Hyman Rubin Award from the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council and, in 1999, the Order of the Palmetto, the state's highest civilian award.

Johnson is a major force in the development of Columbia, the Midlands, and South Carolina and is a major advisor to and supporter of the University, serving as chair of its Community Advisory Committee.

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sites was not easily accessible and lacked specific instructions on how to act in response to the emergency that was being reported on the sites.

The results of their first-of-its-kind survey conducted with journalism graduate student Daphney Barr and public health graduate student Alexis Koskan were published in the Dec. 21, 2009, issue of *The Journal of Health Communication*.

While the two found that emergency information was present on nearly all (96 percent) of the sites they examined, so-called "mobilizing information" that provided "clear, specific instructions to help readers act appropriately" appeared in fewer than half of the stories (44 percent).

Previous research by Friedman and Tanner found that health information on local TV Web sites was often written at a level that would be difficult for average readers to understand, despite the fact that many individuals now report going to the Internet for their news.

The two categorized the types of mobilizing information that would "cue an individual to action" as that which "dealt with the time, place, or both of a particular activity, names and contact information relevant to the news story, and explicit and implicit instructions for certain behaviors."

Examples included "evacuation information, help-line telephone numbers, checklists for preparedness supplies, Web sites with more information concerning the disaster, and instructions on what to do in the case of an emergency."

In an interview, Tanner, a former TV news reporter, noted

University/ETV win Telly Award and pair of Emmys

Three ETV documentaries produced with the University have won a 2010 bronze Telly Award and 2010 Southeast Regional Emmy Awards.

Finding Clovis, part of ETV's weekly documentary series, *Carolina Stories*, won a Telly in the documentary category. The documentary featured USC archaeologist Al Goodyear and research on the sudden disappearance of the Clovis people, an ancient tribe of hunters and skilled toolmakers who flourished in South Carolina more than 13,000 years ago.

Produced by Steve Folks, the documentary was set at the University's Topper excavation site in Allendale and featured Dennis Stanford from the Smithsonian Institution and geophysicist Allen West from Arizona. Goodyear began working with West in 2007 to investigate the possibility of a massive comet that might have contributed to the decline of the Clovis People. Called the Younger-Dryas Event, the theory has received international attention.

USC's Topper archaeological dig site is considered one of the most important Clovis sites in the United States and is home to some of the most significant research on earliest man in America. Goodyear's findings suggest an occupation of an earlier pre-Clovis people who date back some 50,000 years, research that has sparked scientific debate and interest.

Take on the South, a series of eight, one-hour debates about the American South, won a Southeast Regional Emmy Award for set design. The winning broadcast, titled *What Is the Most Influential Southern Novel of the 20th Century?*, featured a debate among USC Southern historian Walter Edgar and Southern scholars Trudier Harris, University of North Carolina, and Noel Polk, Mississippi State University. The broadcast also was nominated for an Emmy in programming excellence.

USC's Institute for Southern Studies produces *Take on the South* under a grant provided by the Watson-Brown Foundation of Thomson, Ga. Edgar, who holds four professorships in the University's College of Arts and Sciences, is director of USC's Institute for Southern Studies. He hosts *Walter Edgar's*

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relation of risk factors and suicidal behaviors. One paper, published in *Partner Abuse*, focuses on data collected from more than 700 college women at USC that identified involvement in intimate partner psychological abuse and alcohol-related problems as strong predictors of suicide proneness.

Another paper, published in *Crisis*, examined data from a previous study to suggest that body investment (how someone feels about and cares for his or her own body), depression, and alcohol use create a path model that can lead to suicidal proneness.

"It's important to educate people about risk factors," Lamis said. "Ninety percent of suicides involve mental disorders and substance abuse; 60 percent involve depression. College students are at a particularly high risk because they're in new environments, they're often experiencing financial and academic stress, and they don't have the usual social support from family that's a protective factor for suicide."

"Suicide is a complex phenomenon, and we hope, through our research, to gain a better understanding of why people choose to end their lives."

Besides conducting data analysis research on suicide, Lamis is co-editing *Understanding and Preventing College Student Suicide* (under contract with Charles Thomas Publishers) that will be the first book on the topic in 20 years. His co-editor, David Lester of Richard Stockton College, and many of the chapter contributors are experts on various aspects of college student suicide.

the broad range of recent disasters and public health emergencies that have been in the news that are, in most instances, regional and local in scope.

"People turn to local TV and to the Internet for emergency and disaster preparedness information, and TV stations are producing information for those screens, as well as hand-held mobile devices, which are becoming more important for crisis communication," she said. "A lot of TV stations are telling people to go to their Web sites for this information. That was the primary reason we wanted to look at this."

The study was one of the first to emerge from a new science and health communication research group at the University, a multi-disciplinary and cross-campus organization directed by Tanner that is also involved in a new post-graduate certificate program to help health communication practitioners.

The program also helps academics create and measure the effectiveness of media messages and interventions using communication and health behavior theory and methods.

Tanner said one outcome of the study was the recommendation that journalists in some local markets receive more disaster preparedness training, that they have disaster plans in place, and that TV stations' Web sites have more interactivity.

"It will be interesting to see what they do over the next couple of years to make them better," said Tanner, adding that a follow-up research project is planned for the fall at which journalists from around the country will probe "the why" of the study's findings.

Web offers information about documentaries

Get more information about the University's award-winning programs at the sites below.

- The University's Topper archaeological dig site—home to some of the most significant research on earliest man in America—has been the subject of several documentaries that have aired statewide and nationally. For more information, go to www.allendale-expedition.net/.
- ETV's *Carolina Stories* airs at 9 p.m. every Thursday on ETV. The series highlights South Carolina's rich cultural and historical landscape. For more information, go to www.sctev.org/carolinastories.
- ETV's *Take on the South* is an occasional series that explores various aspects of Southern culture, including politics, the economy, sports, and the arts. The next program is slated to air in the fall of 2010 on ETV and will debate which sport is more important to the South: football or NASCAR. For more information, go to www.sctev.org/takeonthesouth.

Journal, a program that airs statewide at noon Fridays on ETV Radio and looks at contemporary events in context.

The *Carolina Stories* won an Emmy for outstanding achievement for its installment titled *Carolina Caught*. Narrated by USC naturalist-in-residence Rudy Mancke, the program examined the challenges of South Carolina's shrinking industry and followed Errol Hattaway, one of the remaining shrimp-boat fishermen in McClellanville.

Mancke, whose long tenure on ETV's syndicated *NatureScene* program made him a household name in South Carolina, was appointed USC's first naturalist-in-residence early this year. His undergraduate course, "Natural History of South Carolina," is among the University's most popular.

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—Dorian Lamis

Lamis also serves on the South Carolina chapter board of directors of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, which is sponsoring a facilitator's training group in August, educating family and friend survivors of suicide victims. The foundation also will sponsor Out of the Darkness suicide awareness walks in October around the state.

"I'm collaborating with suicide researchers all over the country and regularly attend and present my work at the annual meeting of the American Association of Suicidology," Lamis said. "I'm hoping to have 15 published articles and the book completed by the time I graduate."

Lamis, whose wife is a student in the Moore School of Business' International Master of Business Administration Program, plans to pursue an academic teaching and research career following the completion of his Ph.D. in 2013.



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Paul Allen Miller, languages, literatures, and cultures, "Persius, Irony, and Truth," *American Journal of Philology*.

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Daniela Friedman, health promotion, education, and behavior, **DeAnne Messias**, nursing, and Alexis Koskan (USC graduate student in health promotion, education, and behavior), "Health Literacy Among Hispanics: A Systematic Research Review (1992–2008)," *Hispanic Health Care International*.

Linda S. Shimizu, chemistry and biochemistry, Y. Xu, M.D. Smith, M. Geer, P. Pellechia, J. Brown, and A. Wibowo, "Thermal reaction of a columnar assembled diacetylene macrocycle," *Journal of the American Chemical Society*.

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William H. Brown, education, and H.S. Googe, "Preschool Inclusion: Then what are we to do?," Early Childhood Inclusion Institute of the National Professional Development Center on Inclusion, Chapel Hill, N.C., and, with **Kerry L. McIver**, exercise science, "Teacher arranged and implemented physical activities for preschool playgrounds," Head Start's National Research Conference, Washington, D.C.

Caryn E. Outten, chemistry and biochemistry, "Monothiol Glutaredoxins and BolA-like Proteins: Partners in Iron Homeostasis," *Frontiers in Metallobiochemistry*, Penn State University, State College, Pa.

Toni M. Torres-McGehee, physical education and athletic training, "Athletic training in the performing arts: athletic trainers' role in managing health & wellness issues in the performing arts," National Athletic Trainers' Association and Clinical Symposium, Philadelphia, Pa., and, same conference, with **Eva V. Monsma**, physical education and athletic training, J. Gay, D.M. Minton, and K. Zachowitz, "Perceptions of body image and prevalence of disordered eating in collegiate female track and field athletes," and, with M. Cathey, "Biological, contextual, and psychological correlates of exercise dependence among female track and field athletes," *American College of Sports Medicine*, Baltimore, Md.

F. Wayne Outten, chemistry and biochemistry, "Exploring the in vivo mechanisms of Suf Fe-S cluster assembly in E. coli," *Gordon Research Conference on Iron-Sulfur Enzymes*, New London, N.H.

Thomas P. Domplier, physical education and athletic training, and B.G. Ragan, "Readability statistics and the appropriateness of commonly used region specific outcomes surveys," *National Athletic Trainers' Association and Clinical Symposium*, Philadelphia, Pa., and, same conference, with **James M. Mensch**, physical education and athletic training, A. Carlow, and K.W. Williams, "Return on investment analysis of the Certified Athletic Trainer-Forward Program," and, same presenters, "Athletic trainer referral and taping patterns of soldiers during basic combat training."

Richard D. Adams, chemistry and biochemistry, "Mixed-metal cluster complexes and their use as precursors to bimetallic nanoparticles for superior heterogeneous catalysts," *International Conference on Molecular and Functional Catalysis*, Singapore, and, "Rhenium Carbonyl Cluster Complexes containing Antimony and Bismuth Ligands," *International Conference on Organometallics*, Hong Kong Baptist University, City University of Hong Kong, and Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Sophya Garashchuk, chemistry and biochemistry, "Time-dependent perspective on quantum mechanics in chemistry," *ORNL*, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Michael L. Myrick, chemistry and biochemistry, "Discrimination and Chemical Sensing Using Single-Cell Fluorescence Excitation Spectroscopy of Phytoplankton," *Pacific Congress on Marine Science and Technology*, Hilo, Hawaii.

Natalia Taylor Poppeliers, library, Aiken, "Open Access and African Scholarly Publishing: A Usage and Accessibility Study," *American Library Association*, Washington, D.C.

Linda S. Shimizu, chemistry and biochemistry, "Porous crystals from self-assembling macrocycles," *Gordon Research Conference on Crystal Engineering*, Waterville Valley, N.H.

Mark A. Berg, chemistry and biochemistry, "Water Dynamics Near DNA," *Gordon Research Conference on Water and Aqueous Solutions*, Holderness, N.H.

Toni Torres-McGehee, **Eva V. Monsma**, and **Jeremy R. Searson**, physical education and athletic training, S. Washburn, and D.M. Minton, "Prevalence of Eating Disorder Risk and Body Image in NCAA Collegiate Cheerleaders," *American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting*, Baltimore, Md.

Charley Adams, communication sciences and disorders, and Cristobal Loriente (Madrid, Spain), "Are You Transfluent? (A New Paradigm for Stuttering)," *National Stuttering Association*, Cleveland, Ohio, and, same conference, with Nina Reeves (Dallas), and Isabella Reichel (Tuoro College), "What is Cluttering? The Other Fluency Disorder."

■ OTHER

John H. Dawson, chemistry and biochemistry, elected to the 2010 Class of Fellows of the American Chemical Society.

Lizette Mujica Laughlin, languages, literatures, and cultures, conducted a workshop on proficiency and the development of proficiency-based activities for teachers of Arabic participating in the STARTALK, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

■ Job vacancies

For up-to-date information on USC Columbia vacancies and vacancies at other campuses, go to uscjobs.sc.edu. The employment office is located at 1600 Hampton St.

Pate testifies during U.S. Senate hearing

USC exercise scientist Russell Pate said that his 25 years of research experience underscores the need for the FIT Kids Act, a congressional proposal encouraging quality physical education and activity for all public school children through grade 12.



Pate

The Arnold School professor testified in May in support of the legislation during a Capitol Hill hearing of the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, chaired by U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa.

The FIT (Fitness Integrated with Teaching) Kids Act, which already has been approved by the U.S. House of Representatives, includes amendments to the No Child Left Behind Act that would

encourage public schools to provide regular and quality physical education and activity and hold them accountable for meeting national standards.

Pate said his years of research and service on national panels and federal advisory committees on physical activity and prevention of childhood abuse have led him to conclude:

"To achieve and maintain good health, our young people should engage in 60 or more minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity per day," he said. "The vast majority of American children and youth do not meet that guideline; indeed, most do not come close to meeting it. If our students are to meet physical activity guidelines and accrue the associated health benefits, our schools must deliver physical activity programs of the highest quality.

"An essential step toward ensuring that our schools effectively provide and promote physical activity in their students is to hold those schools accountable for providing physical education and other physical activity programs that meet best-practice standards."

Pate, who led the coordinating committee that developed the national plan, was assisted by Arnold School colleague Steve Blair, the senior scientific editor on the Surgeon General's *Report of Physical Activity and Health*, and research assistant Dan Bornstein, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Exercise Science.

Rink receives SUNY Cortland alumni award

Judith Rink, a professor of physical education at Carolina, recently received the SUNY Cortland Alumni



Rink

Association's highest honor, the Distinguished Alumni Award, during that campus' alumni reunion weekend.

A 28-year USC faculty member, Rink was recognized for her career accomplishments, outstanding community service, and representation of her alma mater. She has authored or co-authored six books, written more than 40 articles in refereed publications, and delivered more than 60 national or international presentations in her field.

At the state level, Rink has directed the S.C. Education Assessment Program, which is a comprehensive model for state assessment emulated by New York state. The National Association for Sport and Physical Education named Rink to its Hall of Fame in 2000 and, in 2007, presented her with its Teacher Educator Honor Award.

Aiken's Samaha begins term as chair of NACA

Ahmed Samaha, director of student involvement at USC Aiken, has been elected chair of the Board of Directors for the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA). His term began May 1.

Samaha has been at USC Aiken 16 years and previously was director of student life, director of student activities, and assistant director of student activities.

He also has been an NACA volunteer for 16 years and has been on the NACA Board of Directors since 2006. A Key West, Fla., native, Samaha received a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Mercer University and a master's degree in higher education from the University of Georgia. He is completing a doctorate in higher education at USC.

■ Lighter times



It had a classic story arc with deception, failure, and redemption, but none of it made it into the minutes.

Coming up: An archaeologist's research could boost heritage tourism. Read about it in the Aug. 5 issue of Times.

Award for Outstanding Teaching in University 101

Weingarth helps freshmen learn to be real Gamecocks

By Melanie Griffin

Jeannie Weingarth gets a little misty-eyed watching a video her University 101 students produced for YouTube. To her, their eleven-minute work demonstrates the independence and eagerness to learn that she wants her students to find in themselves.

Weingarth's guiding approach earned her the first Award for Outstanding Teaching in University 101 at the University 101 Building Connections Conference. Three of her students sent nominations detailing how Weingarth, house manager for the Koger Center, stood out from the 24 other candidates.

"I can honestly say I would be comfortable talking to Jeannie about anything," one student nominator wrote. "She was always sensitive to our needs and created a learning atmosphere that made me want to wake up early just to go to her class. Most of all, I know if I ever need something or am having a problem throughout the next four years, Jeannie will be just a phone call away."

In her teaching, Weingarth concentrates on giving her students information about resources and opportunities so they can maximize their college experience without getting overwhelmed or confused. University 101 is the perfect program for conveying this information, Weingarth said.

"It's one of the crown jewel programs here," she said. "It's the best way for students to see the internal workings and interact one on one to truly understand being a Gamecock."

Working within course objectives outlined by the general University 101 program, Weingarth keeps her lesson plans flexible and tailors them to the distinct personality of each class. She encourages constant, honest feedback from her students to make sure activities are worthwhile. And if

she doesn't know how to answer a student's question, she finds someone who does, bringing in speakers to talk about the National Student Exchange Program, studying abroad, the counseling center, grants for undergraduate research, and whatever else can help her students dig deeper into their interests.



Weingarth

"Her teaching style allows students to hear from notable speakers from around campus, get out of the classroom to explore and learn about the history and legacy of the University, develop lasting relationships between fellow students, discover the opportunities available on campus, and understand how each student fits in best at the University," another student nominator wrote.

As an example, Weingarth's fall 2009 class put together the YouTube video for a student-driven, all-inclusive final project. What they learned from the semester comes through both on and off the screen.

Over a soundtrack written and performed by students Aaron Kronz and Daniel Simons, student Sam Snelgrove directed Capitan U101, a character in the video played by student Greg Priest, to show a series of bored, overwhelmed, and struggling students how to solve their college problems through what they learned from Weingarth.

Every student had a hand in the production, meeting outside class hours to put everyone's talents into a productive whole. And working together and making that extra effort, Weingarth said, is what University 101 is all about.

"If they know they have a voice, the excitement is maintained," she said. "This wasn't a class they had to come to. This was a class they wanted to come to, and that is the pivotal difference."



The commemorative envelope is available at the main Columbia post office and the USC post office at 1600 Hampton St.

Envelope, postmark honor national championship

On July 19, the U.S. Post Office gave the USC baseball team its stamp of approval by unveiling a commemorative envelope and a special postmark in honor of the national champions.

President Pastides and Coach Ray Tanner helped celebrate Gamecock College World Series Champions Day at the main Columbia Post Office on Assembly Street.

"The state is on fire with a passion for this team and its accomplishments," Columbia Postmaster James Antill said.

Pastides spoke of his love for the game, going back to his days growing up in New York City.

"Baseball was not only a pastime," Pastides said. "For me, it was a passport to growing up as part of an immigrant family, for being a true American, because it is the quintessential American sport. Whereas my parents had an accent and maybe they talked a little bit funny, if I could hold a bat or do something with a glove or a ball, I was going to be accepted into that community. That's what baseball meant to me."

Pastides also spoke of his pride in the baseball team's academic accomplishments, noting that USC had the highest team GPA of the eight teams competing in the College World Series in Omaha and the highest of the baseball teams in the SEC.

"We would have been winners even without the College World Series championship," Pastides said. "As the postmaster said, what a great thing this is for Columbia and our state."

The front of the envelope features a graphic marking USC as the NCAA Baseball National Champions, while the back includes a synopsis of Carolina's run through the College World Series. The envelopes are available for \$5 at the USC Post Office at 1600 Hampton St. and the main Post Office on Assembly Street. Mail-in orders can be sent to Gamecock Envelope, Box 69, Columbia, 29202-0069.

The special postmark—National Champions Station—was available free for items bearing first-class postage at the main Post Office and the USC Post Office on July 19. The postmark will be available by mail for 30 days. To mail in items for the special USC postmark, send to USC Postmark, Box 69, Columbia, 29202-0069, or send to Gamecock Postmark, 1600 Hampton St., Columbia, 29208.

Support the Gamecocks on the road this fall

Tickets are available for faculty and staff for on-the-road games at Auburn, Kentucky, Vanderbilt, and Florida for the 2010 Gamecock football season. The schedule is:

- Gamecocks at Auburn University, Sept. 25, \$65 per ticket
- Gamecocks at University of Kentucky, Oct. 16, \$46 per ticket
- Gamecocks at Vanderbilt University, Oct. 23, \$50 per ticket
- Gamecocks at University of Florida, Nov. 13, \$55 per ticket.

To order tickets, call the Gamecock Athletics Ticket Office at 7-4274. Season tickets are still available for the 2010 football season. For more information, call 7-4274.



Peter Schmolze

Bravo! Brava!

Who knew that a hedgehog, a rabbit, and a wolf had such lovely voices? Opera studies director Ellen Schlaefter did. She and other School of Music faculty and staff organized the University's first Children's Opera Camp, a weeklong day camp for ages 9 to 14. The camp took place July 12-16. On the final day, campers performed their original creation, *A Ten-Minute Opera*, for family and friends in the school's Recital Hall.

Pettus completes her first triathlon to raise awareness and funds

By Melanie Griffin

After completing her first full triathlon, Karen Pettus, director of the Office of Student Disability Services, knows how it feels to accomplish a difficult personal goal and help others at the same time.

For the Tri Latta Triathlon in Charlotte, N.C., Pettus swam 750 meters, biked 17 miles, and ran 3.1 miles in the Latta Plantation Nature Preserve on June 12 as part of a charity team dedicated to leukemia and lymphoma research.

"A lot of it is about mental endurance and pushing yourself," Pettus said.

A fondness for running and a chance encounter with the 2007 Ironman in Hawaii started her interest in the sport.

To prepare for the triathlon, Pettus and her team members started training in January by running two to three miles on Tuesday nights and completing long "bricks" (alternating swimming and biking for 10 to 15 miles) on Saturdays, stepping up the intensity in the last few weeks before the event.

Pettus also trained on her own but preferred the group dynamic, especially during swimming, with which she had the least experience.



Karen Pettus, left, and her daughter Jennifer ran a practice triathlon.

"Growing up, I never lived around water, so I had to overcome this fear of being in the middle of a lake and being so far from something and not being able to touch it," she said.

Preparing for such a monumental physical task gave Pettus a better understanding of what students with disabilities face every day and how she can help them overcome challenges

through shared experiences with other people.

"An overwhelming task becomes easier when you know people out there who want you to succeed," she said. "Knowing that encouragement kept me going, [I think] faculty and staff can be that to students. I don't think we know how much all those little things can make a difference."

In addition to physical conditioning, Pettus' group raised money for their cause through letter campaigns, a silent auction, and a Web site. Pettus dedicated her fundraising efforts to the memory of former University administrators Paul Fidler and Daphne Sipes, "as an opportunity to say thank you for the impact they had on my life."

At the Tri Latta Triathlon, the group members competed as individuals but encouraged each other. Pettus said the support system, along with her daughter in the Air Force and the memory of the people she was honoring, helped keep her motivated.

"You start to question yourself, but when you know you're doing this for someone, you can't let them down," she said.

Pettus plans to participate in more triathlons and said she wants to keep pushing herself to improve for each one.