

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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Spring Faculty Meeting

Tuesday March 27, 2007

3:00 p.m., 227 Gallalee Hall



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Agenda**

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| 1. Welcome | Dean Olin |
| 2. Call for nominations: Faculty Senate | Associate Dean Tom Wolfe |
| 3. Call for nominations: Graduate Council | Senior Associate Dean Joe Benson |
| 4. Dean's Spring Report | Dean Olin |
| 5. New Business | |
| 6. Adjournment | Dean Olin |

Call for Nominations Faculty Senate

Dean Wolfe

Faculty Senate Nominations

Humanities and Fine Arts

(three seats)

- Thomas Atkins, Department of Theatre and Dance
- Seth Panitch, Department of Theatre and Dance
(nominated from the floor)

Faculty Senate Nominations

Natural Sciences and Mathematics

(four seats)

- Carolyn Cassidy, Department of Chemistry
- Shane Street, Department of Chemistry
- Arun Gupta, Department of Chemistry
- Bruce Trace, Department of Mathematics
(nominated from the floor)

Faculty Senate Nominations

Social Sciences

(two seats)

- Karen Steckol, Department of Communicative Disorders
- Priscilla Davis, Department of Communicative Disorders

Call for Nominations

Graduate Council

Senior Associate Dean Joe Benson

Humanities and Fine Arts

- Davies, Catherine (EN)
- Marshall, Sarah (ART)
- Martone, Michael (EN)

At-Large

- Findlay, Bob (BSC)
- **Blitz, John (ANT) (nominated from the floor)**

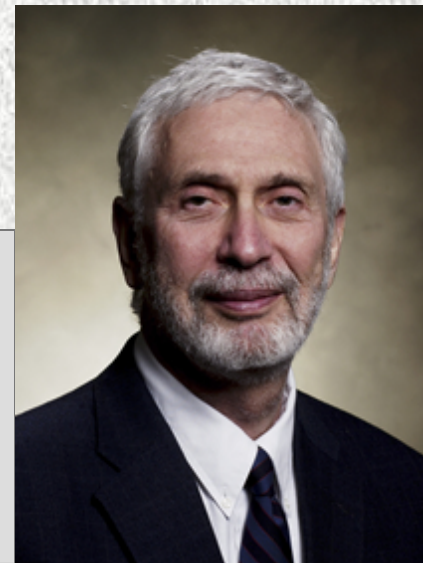
**Spring 2005 Report
Dean Robert Olin**

Congratulations

**Best Young Investigator Award Movement Disorders Society,
Assistant Professor Kim Caldwell
Department of Biological Sciences**
Presented at the 3,000 person International Congress on
Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders in Kyoto, Japan.



**National Alumni Association Outstanding
Commitment to Teaching Award
Professor Rich Megraw
Department of American Studies**



**American Psychology-Law Society Award
Professor Stan Brodsky
Department of Psychology**

For distinguished contributions in psychology and
law. One of the most prestigious awards given by
the American Psychological Association.

UA Premier Award Recipients

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award

- Kristi Wilcox, English major
- Dean Robert Halli
Honors College,
Department of English

Morris Mayer Award

- Professor Norvin Richards
Department of Philosophy
- Stephanie Emens
English and Spanish majors



Premier Award recipients recently recognized by President Robert E. Witt are (L-R) Dr. Kristi M. Wilcox, Emeel B. Salem, Dr. Norvin Richards, Stephanie Emens, Dr. Robert Halli Jr., Jack Trey Hayes III and Melissa R. VanKirk.

UA Ties for Most *USA Today* Academic Team Members in Nation

Four UA Students Named *USA Today* All-USA College Academic Team Members, UA ties with Washington University -St. Louis

Honorable Mentions

- Katie Boyd, Dance Major, two time-USA Today Honorable Mention
- Kristi Wilcox, English Major

Other winners

Second Team: Michelle McGaha and Jennifer Phillips, both College of Engineering



Kristi Wilcox, Katie Boyd

Three 2007 Goldwater Scholars

- Andrew Vincent, chemistry major
- Jackson Switzer, biochemistry major
- Daniel Roberts, biology major

Truman Scholar

- Phillip Harbison, political science minor; health care management major, College of Commerce and Business Administration

Dean's Undergraduate Awards of Merit

- Jacob R. Batson, chemistry major
- Jennie Katharine Boyd, dance major
- Perry D. Guevara, English/Spanish majors
- Kathryn T. Picard, biology/philosophy majors
- LeNa' M. Powe, New College
- Robyn L. Thomas, biology major

Distinguished Undergraduate Scholars

- Mary Beth Dearmon, biology major
- Laura L. Hays, biology major
- Peter L. Jernigan, biology major
- Emily Amanda Ray, political science major
- Abby L. Smith, psychology/Spanish majors
- Virginia Anne Thomas, political science major

National Alumni Association Outstanding Senior Awards

Outstanding UA Male Senior

Maroun Ghossein

4.0 biological sciences major, Blount Undergraduate Initiative,
A&S Ambassador

Outstanding UA Seniors

- **Katie Boyd**

Dance major, USA Today Academic All-American, A&S
Ambassador

- **Perry Duevara**

English and Spanish majors, Harry Truman Scholarship finalist,
A&S Outstanding Sophomore

- **Kristi Wilcox**

English major, Ramsey Award winner, Truman Scholarships
finalist

Congratulations

EPA Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Award Daniel McGarvey, Department of Biological Sciences, Freshwater sciences program

- One of 40 doctoral students in U.S. selected. Annual stipend of \$27,000, plus tuition



McGarvey

Teach American's Amgen Fellowship Robyn Thomas, biological sciences major

- Fellows work to improve math and science education in underserved high schools
- 50 students in country selected from 19,000 applicants



Thomas with lab mentor Professor Guy Caldwell

College Takes Six of Seven Graduate Student Awards

Outstanding Dissertation

Elizabeth “Beth” C. Western
Department of Chemistry

Outstanding Thesis

Thomas Shelby
Department of Art

Outstanding Teaching, Master’s Student

Jennifer Ridgeway
Department of English, creative
writing program

Outstanding Teaching, Doctoral Student

Laura Phillips
Department of Psychology

Outstanding Research, Doctoral Students

Keith E. Gutowski
Department of Chemistry

Outstanding Service, Graduate Student

Avani Shah
Department of Psychology

Faculty Governance Committees

- Enhancing Learning with Technology
- Diversity
- Undergraduate Programs, Undergraduate Student Learning, and Curriculum

Enhancing Learning Through Technology

- Technology program review, internal and external reviewers
- New computer labs
 - Manly Hall, 35 seats
 - ten Hoor Hall, seats 94
 - McMillan Hall, appx 50 seats, opening this summer
- Automated the office computer inventory
- Implementation of Tegrity continues

Pilot Courses Using Tegrity

- GY 101: Principles of Physical Geography I: Atmospheric Processes and Patterns
- ARH 252: Survey of Art I
- ARH 253: Survey of Art II
- HY 476: History of Religion in Latin America
- BSC 469: Histology of Vertebrates
- BSC 465: Principles of Toxicology
- REL 220: Survey of Asian Religions
- CHE 254: Chemical Engineering Calculations
- MTE 155: Energy, Environment, & Materials
- NHM 201: Nutrition In the Life Cycle
- NUR 326: Pharmacology for Nursing Practice
- FI 331: Principles of Real Estate

- **Total student viewing time: 1570 hours**
- **Total count of times viewed: 6689**

On-line Courses

Developed or Underway

- GY 110 (revision): Principles of Human Geography
- HY 203, 204: American Civilization to 1865, American Civilization since 1865
- MATH 100, 112, 121: Intermediate Algebra, Precalculus Algebra, Calculus and Application
- SP 101, 102: Introductory Spanish I and II
- PSC 101, 103: Introduction to American Politics, Introduction to Public Policy
- REL 112, 220: Introduction to the New Testament, Survey of Asian Religions
- TH 114: Introduction to Theatre



Diversity

- Diversity Committee focused on recruiting minority undergraduate students
- With the College of Engineering, co-sponsored Bama Grad Expo to recruit minority graduate students to STEM disciplines
- Recruited McNair Scholars as prospective graduate students at the SREB Conference
- Recruiting at Regional Graduate School Fair, Univ. South Carolina, March 30
- Assisted departments in diversifying applicant pools for faculty positions
- Co-sponsored the Martin Luther King, Jr. 2006 Distinguished Lecture Series. Dr. M.V. Krishnayya, Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence, was the guest speaker
- Supported diversity programming in several departments
- Co-sponsored the presentation given by Mr. George E. Curry, editor-in-chief of the National Newspaper Publishers Association News Service and Black Press USA
- Met with university officials to begin planning the visit by Children of Uganda, a performing arts group
- Co-sponsoring Minority Graduate Student Recruitment Seminar April 18 conducted by Dr. Orlando Taylor, vice provost for research and dean of the Graduate School at Howard University

Undergraduate Programs

- New Learning Communities Recruitment Video featuring New College, Parker-Adams Freshman Experience and Blount Undergraduate Initiative
- Successful First Year for Freshman Learning Communities
- New Round of Freshman Learning Communities for fall
- Successful Fourth McCollough Pre-Medical Scholars Forum
- Record Fall Enrollment of 6,189 Undergraduates, including 1530 freshmen

Undergraduate Programs

**Undergraduate Research and
Creative Activity Poster or Oral
Presentation Competitions**
*April 9, 2007, 3-6 p.m., Ferguson
Center*



- Received 88 abstracts from 16 departments, 106 participants
- College will present a paper at the AAC&U's conference, The Student as Scholar: Undergraduate Research and Creative Practice, April 19-21, 2007, Long Beach, California.

Research/Creative Activity Competition

Fine Arts/Humanities Oral Presentations

- “Lake Nicol, a Milestone in the History of Tuscaloosa,” Andrew Bishop, Department of English
- “Digital Pinhole Photography,” Ali Clark, New College
- “In Defense of More Torture,” Chase Espy, Department of Philosophy
- “Origins of Gender Bias in Music: The Effect of Age on Perceived “Feminity of a Flute Performance,” Anna Elizabeth Gordon, School of Music
- “A Conceptual and Theoretical Evaluation of Walter Murch in Experimental Animation,” Cody Head, New College
- “The Events of May 12, 1920,” Brian Hubble, New College
- “Danger: High Voltage, creative non-fiction on The High Energy Amateur Science Festival and Swap Meet,” Ashley Jordan, Department of English
- “Familial Speech Patterns in Vernon, AL,” Jamie Lee McReynolds, Department of English
- “Costume Design of Angel Street,” Sarah Widgeon, Department of Theatre

Fine Arts

- “The Effect of Three Pitch Performance Conditions on Intonation Preferences of Adult Beginning String Musicians,” Katie Andrzejewski, School of Music
- “The Effect of Background Music with and Without Audible Distractors on Arithmetic Performance of Middle School Students,” Carri Lyn Burgjohann, School of Music
- “Workers Memorial,” Whitman Dewey-Smith and Marra Lattanzi, Department of Arts
- “Fort Morgan: Still Significant to Alabama,” Patricia Elmore, Department of English
- “Single-frame Animation: What is real?” Jenna Hastreiter, New College
- “Intersections of Animation and Technology,” Stephen Spikes, New College
- “Girls of All Ages: Third Wave Feminism and the Intergenerational Figure of the Girl,” Lee Steely, Department of English

Social Sciences Oral Presentations

- Analyzing Child Murder in Social Contexts: Historical, Social, Legal, and Theoretical Perspectives,” Thomas Allen, Brittany Hannum, Sarah O’Rear, Suzanne Baker, Department of Criminal Justice
- “Women’s Violence against Intimate Partner: The Impact of Life-Course Exposure to Deviance,” Tiffany Finklea, Department of Criminal Justice
- “Methamphetamine Users Versus Crack Users: Policy Implications”
- Garrett Grothoff, Department: Criminal Justice
- “If *Atkins* Fails, Do Jurors Stop Listening? Christopher R. Harper, Department of Psychology
- “Loyalty,” Ashley Camille Henson, Department of Political Science
- “The Impact of The University of Alabama on My Life,” Adam Rozen, Department of Political Science
- “The Politics of Football,” Kyle Shirley, Department of Political Science
- “Perceptions of Campus,” Matthew Sterley, Department of Advertising and Public Relations
- “Something to Give,” Taylor A. Williams, Department of Political Science

Social Sciences Poster Presentations

- “Reception of Vocal Emotional Expression in Autism Spectrum Disorder,” Christina Brothers, Department of Psychology
- “The Effects of Social Context and Expressive Writing on Pain-Related Catastrophizing and Pain Behaviors,” *Chalanda M. Cabbil*, Department of Psychology
- “The Role of Nonverbal Reasoning in Developmental Differences in Implicit Learning,” Angela J. Macon, Department of Psychology
- “In The Eye of the Storm: The Reality of Hurricane Katrina,” Tara S. Myers, Department of Political Science
- “A Study of Two Examples of One-Party Political Systems,” Sam Norton, Department of Political Science
- “Like Father Like Son?: The Influence of One’s Parents on Criminal Behavior,” Rebecca Scott, Department of Criminal Justice
- “The Equal Rights Amendment: How Long Must Women Wait for Constitutional Equality?” Rachel Watts, Department of Women’s Studies
- “Sickle Cell: Who it affects and how it relates to Speech Language Pathology,” Tiffany Dawn Watson, Department of Communicative Disorders
- “End-of-Life Decision Making and Memory Complaint: The Role of Enhanced Information,” Jessica Yeakle, Department of Psychology

Natural Sciences/Mathematics: Poster Presentations

- "The Prediction of the Energetics of Chemical Hydrogen Storage Compounds Derived from Borane Amine," Kevin Anderson, Department of Chemistry
- "The Electronic Structure Predictions of doped TiO₂ Nanoparticles," Caroline Ball, Department of Mathematics
- "Exposure to Paraquat in Larval Stage and Early Adult Stage *Drosophila* Model Leads to Parkinson Like Effects," *Jeala Barnett and Amellia Cannon, Department of Biological Sciences*
- "Computational Study of the Acidities of Polyglycines," Jacob Batson, Department of Chemistry
- "Investigating Potential Bacterial Sources of Dopaminergic Neuron Toxicity in *C. elegans*," Jeana Blalock and Jafa Armogost, Department of Biological Sciences
- "Systematics and Biogeography of *Digenea simplex*, a Cosmopolitan Marine Red Alga," Stephanie Brennan, Department of Biological Sciences
- "Synthesis of Hydrophilic Precursors to Carbene Ligands and Their Metal Complexation," Fallon V. Brown, Department of Chemistry
- "Garnet Provides a Record of Crustal History for Gondwana Rocks from Fiordland, New Zealand," Tanya Chavez, Department of Geological Sciences
- "Comparison of the Effect of Strip Mining on Two Streams near Lake Harris, Tuscaloosa, County, Whitney Clanton and Chad Reeves, Department of Geological Sciences
- "Identification and Characterization of Mutations (L10 and G5) that Interact with GTPCH-deficient Mutation (*PunchK5-2*) in *Drosophila melanogaster*," J. Gavin Daigle and Rebekah Cook, Department of Biological Sciences
- "Sediment Thickness at the Rifting-Spreading Transition in the Woodlark Basin, Papua New Guinea," Adrina Durham, Department of Geological Sciences
- "Investigating the Relationship between Dystonia and Lipid Biosynthesis," Stacey Fox, Department of Biological Sciences

Natural Sciences/Mathematics Oral Presentations

- "Production and Test of a Low Cost, Highly Versatile Nuclear Fusion Reactor," Adam Parker, Department of Political Science
- "Genetic Perturbation of Proteins Implicated in Cancerous Cell Division,"
- Robyn Thomas, Department of Biological Sciences

Advising and Teaching Initiative

- College of Arts and Sciences Academy of Advisers and Teachers
- Review of College advising processes
- Review of University-wide degree requirements

Learner-Centered College Initiative

- Second New Faculty Workshop (30 participants)
- First Instructor Workshop (15 participants)
- Continued emphasis on learner-centered instruction in evaluation of retention and tenure/promotion files

UA Cuba Initiative

- December 2006: Humanities, fine and performing arts faculty trip to Havana.
- April 2007: Science and mathematics faculty trip to Havana.
- Official student exchange agreement established between UA and University of Havana
- First undergraduate semester in Cuba planned for spring 2008.



Facilities



- \$10 million Brewer Porch Children's Center Expansion
 - Three residence halls, 36 beds
 - Administration area expansion
- Lloyd Hall Reconstruction
- New Science and Engineering Complex Underway
- McMillian Building



2006-2007 Budget Update

- Course fee allocation increases departmental operating budgets for teaching

- First significant increase in departmental budgets in decades

- Total revenue to College
~\$1,540,000

- Departmental share -
\$385,000 to \$770,000

- Soft money
- Raises comparable to last year expected



Faculty Searches for 2007-2008

- 38 Faculty searches underway
- 16 successful thus far
- “410 by 2010”
 - Faculty growth 50 new positions (from fall 2006) by 2010

Cluster Hires

- Freshwater Studies
- Nanoscale Science and Engineering
- Stress Responses
- Youth Violence

New Position Requests for 2007 in Support of College's Agenda

- **Latino/Latina Studies (AMS)**
- **Neurobiology (BSC)**
- **Plant Physiological Ecology (BSC)**
- **Chemical Educator (CH)**
- **Juvenile Delinquency (CJ)**
- **Sedimentary Systems/Microbial Geochemistry (GEO)**
- **Historian of Gender (HY)**
- **Atlantic World History (HY)**
- **Scientific Computing (MATH)**
- **Spanish Linguistics (MLC)**
- **Music Theory (MUS)**
- **Arts/Arts Policy (NEW)**
- **Philosophy of Law (PHL)**
- **Experimental Particle Astrophysics (PHAY)**
- **Comparative Politics (PSC)**
- **American Politics (PSC)**
- **Cognitive Neuroscience (PY)**
- **Social/Developmental Neuroscience (PY)**
- **Youth Violence and Antisocial Behavior (PY)**
- **Dance (THD)**

Sabbatical Requests

Guidelines

- Continuing record of quality teaching and scholarly productivity must be demonstrated for sabbatical consideration
- Multiple requests for sabbatical leave must take into consideration the ability of the unit to cover teaching

Faculty Activity Reports

- Working with Fox-Wyndrum Consultants to complete on-line Faculty Activity Report design.
- Expected completion next two months.
- Reminder: FAR time frame is April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007.
- Data entered in old FAR will convert.

Faculty Senate Policy Review Committee

- Chair: Professor Jim Salem, Department of American Studies
- Charges
 - Review policies for representation
 - Review policies for run-off ballots

Gifts and Endowments

October 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007

Collegiate Fund	127,419.22
Departmental Gift Funds	14,805.00
Scholarships and Other Endowed Funds	1,349,943.11
Other Support Funds	122,507.71
In-Kind Gifts	132,519.00
TOTAL RECEIVED IN ALL FUNDS	1,747,194.04
Formal Pledges	411,866.00
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	2,159,060.04



Details regarding individual gifts may be obtained from the Office of the Dean

Capital Campaign

- College Campaign goal is \$27 million
- Raised \$13.818 million as of February, 2007
 - 51.18 percent of our goal
 - Raised \$3.5 million since April 2006.
 - \$1 million in new art scholarships in last two years

College Events

- **March 2-3, Leadership Board meeting and Benefactors Dinner held with record attendance.**



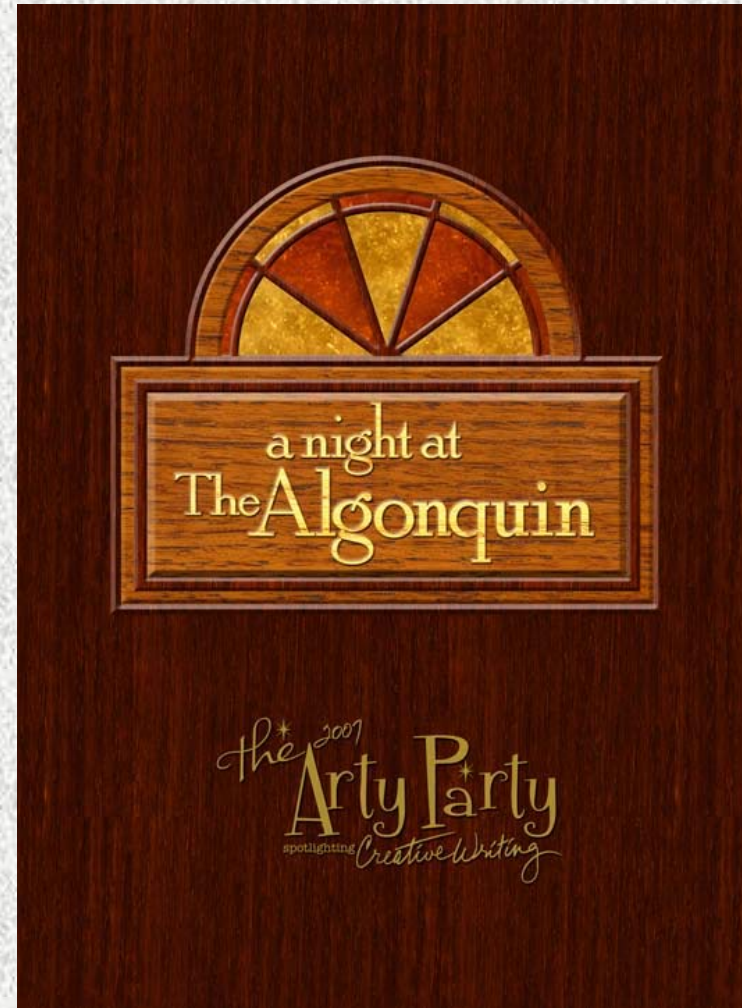
- **April 17, College of Arts and Sciences 175th Birthday Party at Bryant Conference Center 4:30 to 6 p.m. Watch for your invitation in the mail.**





College Events

- **April 20, 6 p.m. Smith Hall**
- \$100 ticket, \$150 Patron, \$1,000 Table, \$2,500 Benefactor
 - Sponsored by
The Leadership Board
 - Dinner, silent and live auctions
 - Raised \$35,000 last year
 - Benefits fine and performing arts programs, focus this year is on creative writing



Events

- **May 31-June 29, SummerTide Theatre, George C. Myers Theatre, Gulf Shores, Alabama: *Little Shop of Horrors***

Thank You Outgoing Chairs

- **Ed Williams**, Department of Theatre and Dance
- **Jim Salem**, Department of American Studies
- **Larry Clayton**, Department of History
- **Martha Powell**, Department of Biological Sciences
- **Mike Picone**, Department of Modern Languages and Classics
- **Jerry Webster**, Department of Geography
- **Jim Otteson**, Department of Philosophy

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