

# What's New?



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## **National Science Foundation Grant awarded to Department of Biological Sciences**

Fayetteville State University has been recently awarded a National Science Foundation grant in the amount of \$295,149 for three years, 2017-2020. Dr. Lieceng Zhu, Assistant Chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, is the recipient serving as the FSU principal investigator. The grant is to study plants and parasite interaction in the context of environmental change and global warming. This study is in collaboration with North Carolina State University, US Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) in Manhattan, Kansas, and Kansas State University.

## **Forensic Science Program Accredited by FEPAC**

The FSU Forensic Science Program (FSU-FORS) has received accreditation from the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) for the next 5 years. FSU-FORS is the first such program to be accredited in North Carolina and one of only 45 programs accredited by FEPAC (<http://fepac-edu.org/accredited-universities>). Dr. Khalid Lodhi, Assistant Professor of Biology and Director of the Forensic Science Program, is to be commended for this achievement, as well as other faculty and administrators in the Department of Biological Sciences/College of Arts and Sciences. FEPAC accredits forensic science education programs that lead to a bachelor's or master's degree in forensic science or in a natural or computer science with a forensic science concentration.

**I'm True to my Blue:** FSU is making a special effort to recruit new students for Fall 2017. The Project True Blue campaign is a collaborative initiative involving the entire campus and being led by Institutional Advancement Marketing, Academic Affairs, and Admissions. On March 9, an on-campus Project True Blue Rally was held at the Rudolph Jones Student Center and the Amphitheater between the Butler and School of Business and Economics buildings for all employees to learn about the campaign. Faculty, staff and supporters were asked to stop by and commit to recruiting two potential students to attend Spring Open House on March 25<sup>th</sup>. On March 14, students, alumni, faculty, staff, and all Bronco Supporters have been asked to wear their "I'm True to My Blue" shirt or button or any other blue/Bronco item and let the entire nation see Bronco blue with the intent of filling the FSU campus with prospective Broncos on March 25. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions.

## **FSU Contracts Hanover Research for Proposal Development**

Hanover Research has been contracted to provide grant services to FSU including prospecting and proposal development. Their services will be coordinated by Dr. Daryush Ila, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Technology Transfer Officer. For more information, contact Dr. Ila at [dila@uncfsu.edu](mailto:dila@uncfsu.edu).

## **School of Education:**

### **Held Two Successful Graduate Program Open Houses**

SOE recently held two successful Open Houses for the doctoral program and the Master of School Administration program. Participants heard presentations from Admissions, Financial Aid, and University Testing along with testimonials from currently enrolled students. Ninety-three inquiries to the Doctoral (Ed.D.) program have since been received and three Principal Fellows are seeking admission to the MSA program.

### **Hosted the NC School Counselors Association**

On March 3<sup>rd</sup> and for the second year, SOE collaborated with NCSA Sandhill Region 4, Cumberland County Schools, and NCDPI s for a professional development activity. FSU Admissions and the Summer School office made presentations about their respective programs and processes so that the counselors can share and enlighten potential students.

## Kudos! Faculty

**Dr. Beatrice Carroll, Dr. Brian Phillips,** and Elementary Education methods students made a presentation at J. W. Seabrook Elementary School for Black History Month on the life of Dr. Seabrook and the worthiness of the school being named after him. The event allowed FSU to demonstrate its authentic ties to the local P-12 education community. Research was conducted in the archives of the FSU Charles W. Chesnutt Library, requiring special handling of original and historical information and artifacts.

**Ms. Phoebe Hall,** professor of theatre in the Department of Performing and Fine Arts, was recently elected National Vice-Chair of Alpha Psi Omega, the National Theatre Honor Society. Hall was initiated into the society in 1983 and has remained active since that time. Proudly she states, "It's a tremendous honor and privilege to serve in this capacity in an honor society so dear to my heart."

## Pre-Registration for Fall and Summer School 2017 Terms Begins April 10<sup>th</sup>

Research has shown that students who pre-register are more likely to return the next semester and ultimately earn their degrees in a timely manner. Students also benefit by getting the classes they need and have the added benefit of selecting and maintaining on-campus housing assignments early. Faculty and advisors should assist student in getting their Alternate PIN and courses. Students must not have any holds on their record.

## Continuing Education: MyCAA Program (Military Spouse Career Advancement Account) Scholarship

MyCAA is a workforce development program and benefit for military spouses of active duty service members in selected pay grades. Recently, FSU Continuing Education has made it possible for these spouses to utilize the Online Courses *On Demand* model at FSU. For more information, visit the Continuing Education website at: <http://www.uncfso.edu/continuing-education/mycaa-program>

## Student Research and Internships: College of Arts & Sciences Students Selected for Awards and Conference Participation

- Ms. Chibu Umera, a chemistry major, will receive a travel award for the 2017 Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Conference in STEM.
- Ms. Laura Lynn Lovell, another chemistry major, has been selected to participate in the Department of Energy's (DOE) Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI) program at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) for the Summer 2017 term.
- Ms. Emily Oshita recently made a presentation entitled, "Studio Classroom as a Student-Centered Active Learning Environment at Fayetteville State University" at the Emerging Researchers National Conference in STEM.

## Upcoming Events:

- **Provost's Blog:** Stay up-to-date with programs and trends in higher education. Visit <http://jyoung.fsufaculty.uncfso.edu/>
  - **March 17:** Call for Proposals for Fostering Innovation in Teaching and Learning
- **March 9:** Project True Blue Rally @ RJSC by the FSU Seal, 11 am – 1 pm
- **March 14:** "I'm True to My Blue" Recruitment Day
- **March 23:** FSU Board of Trustees Meeting
- **March 25:** Spring Open House @ FSU (*Hosted by Admissions*)
- **March 29:** Career Services – Spring 2017 Career and Graduate School Fair, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
- **April 10:** Pre-Registration for Fall 2017 and Summer School 2017 begins
- **April 20:** Founders Day, 2:00 pm, Seabrook Auditorium
- **May 13:** Spring Commencement 2017 – The exercises in the spring will be streamlined, providing a model for future Commencement events.
- **May 16:** Academic Affairs Year-End Luncheon, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, Student Center