



My schedule seems to be full-on every day, every week this semester. Tracy has been extremely helpful. Thanks, Tracy. I expect everyone is feeling a bit of the extra teaching with the open faculty positions. I am working as hard as I can to get those positions filled.

The call for Distinguished Professors was made on 1 November. If you have any questions, please let me know or contact the Dean. He has been very up-front with me when I ask questions. It would be nice to have a Distinguished Professor in the Department.

I thank Joe Morgan for the update on one of our recent graduates, Billy Bonner. It is great to see that our graduates are doing well.

Have a great week-end.  
--Lou

#### Department News

##### Friday Seminar

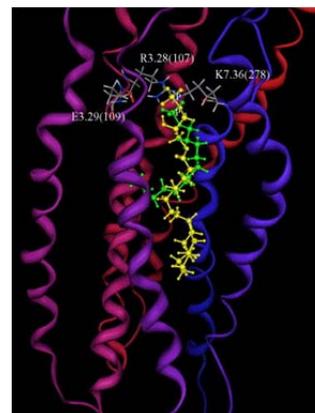
Donna H. Perygin will give a double-header seminar (or 2 mini-seminars): **Non-Lipid LPA Receptor Agonists and Antagonists and Practical Alternatives to Multi-Color Screen Printing**. The talk is at 1:30 PM on 332 Martin Hall. Please plan to attend.

##### IDEA Faculty Information Forms

Faculty received an email on 22 October about completing the Faculty Information Form for IDEA. The deadline is 4 November. If you have not completed the form, please get it done.

##### Distinguished Professor

The call for nominations for Distinguished Professor will be made on 1 November. The portfolios for the special promotion are due 1 January. If you are thinking about applying, there will be only 5 of these awarded across the campus. Why only 5? Well, this is a 5 year appointment and in 5 years, there will be 25 distinguished professors on campus. There are 80-90 full-professors on campus according to the Fact Book. Limiting the number to 25, will keep the honor "prestigious."



### **Congratulations to Billy Bonner**

Congratulations are in order for one of our recent Geography Graduates. Billy Bonner (BJ) Graduated in the summer 2012 with a BS in Geography and a Minor in Mathematics, and has now landed a job (get it landed) been selected by NOAA for their Ship Pilot Program. BJ will enter training in January 2012. He was working onboard a NOAA vessel in the Fall of 2011 as a representative of Jacksonville State University. His primary job at that point was the collection of sediment and fish samples and recording scientific data to be used in continuing research by Jacksonville



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Chemistry, Biology and Environmental Science programs. See, you can find a meaningful career playing in the mud. So if you are on the high seas (or at least in the Gulf of Mexico) next year, give BJ a horn, and steer clear. Ahoy BJ and congratulations. I am sure you will make us proud (no pressure).

**The Pisces in the Gulf of Mexico**

### **University News**

#### **JSU Faculty and Staff:**

Below is a list of upcoming Digital Measures training sessions. Sessions typically do not last longer than 30 minutes.

Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. in Ayers 361

Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. in Ayers 361

To sign up, please go to the URL: <http://www.doodle.com/352mk4ivfqbv8hkx>

Remember to bring a copy of your curriculum vita with you to training.

#### **Wuhan Scholar Exchange**

Begun in the early 1990's, JSU's partnership with Wuhan University (WU) provides an opportunity for professors, staff and students from JSU to travel to Wuhan, China, to teach and study, as well as allowing professors from Wuhan to conduct research, teach classes and observe educational practices here in the US.

The Office of the Provost invites applications to receive professional travel support to Wuhan. Interested faculty members should apply using the Professional Development Leave Program application available on the Academic and Student Affairs web site under "[Faculty Resources](#)." Applications should include a detailed proposal for lecturing and research (or performance and research, if applicable) at Wuhan University during May Term of 2013. The deadline for applications is November 15, 2012.

Faculty selected for this honor will be notified at the beginning of the Spring 2013 term.

## Student News

### **Campus Invited to Compete in November 13 Honors Bowl**

Put your gray matter to the test and help the JSU Honors Program in the process. Go head to head with the competition in the 2012 Honors Bowl! JSU students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in the annual Honors Bowl, which will be November 13 at 4:30 p.m. on the eleventh floor of the Houston Cole Library. Teams consist of five players, one of whom can be a faculty or staff member. Remaining players must be students at JSU. Teams cost \$20 to form (\$5 from each student). To register, please contact Janet Whitmore at the Honors House, ext. 5696, by Friday, November 9.

## Contact Details

If you have items of news or interest that you would like included in the Department of Physical and Earth Sciences newsletter, then contact **Tracy Casey** before noon on Thursdays at: [tscasey@jsu.edu](mailto:tscasey@jsu.edu) or phone (256) 782-5232.