



Don't blink, in 2 weeks and 2 days the semester will be over. This weather makes me think we are in October. I still have tomato plants with ripening tomatoes in the garden.

There are several concerts and plays this week-end and the next week-end. They are listed below. I also encourage everyone to attend the seminar next Friday (it is on a Friday afternoon when no one is teaching). Dr. Roberts is a geographer; however, his talk is an environmental talk and the nutrient loading is chemistry - so everyone should find this interesting.

I also note that the change in the MS degree in education will probably spread across to nearly all graduate degrees at JSU. Keep that in mind as you plan new courses.

Have a great week-end.
--Lou

Department News

Friday Seminar

Allen Roberts will give a seminar next Friday (16 November) on: ***The Effects of Changes in Land Cover and Land Use on Nutrient Loadings to the Chesapeake Bay Using Forecasts of Urbanization.*** The talk is at 3:00 PM on 332 Martin Hall. Please plan to attend.

Education MS Degree to Become Totally On-Line

The School of Education has decided that their MS Degree program will be totally on-line by Fall 2013. That means that any of our courses at the graduate level for education students must be on-line (if they are not, already). This change is being driven by the students—fewer and fewer students are enrolling in JSU's traditional-course based master's degree. Without making this change, the Dean of Education said that JSU's MS degree in Education would cease to exist.



Proposed Calendar for 2013-2014 Academic Year

The draft calendar for the next academic year has us starting the semester a bit earlier in August and then getting the entire week off for Thanksgiving (a fall break). Finals would be just after fall break. The spring semester would look very similar to this academic year. The important (proposed) dates are:

21 August (Wednesday) Start of Fall 2013 semester

2 September (Monday) Labor Day holiday

22 November (Fri) Last Day of Classes

25-29 November (M-F) Fall Break

2-7 December Finals Week

6 January (Monday) Start of Spring 2014 semester

20 January (Monday) MLK Day

24-28 March (M-F) Spring Break

11 April (Friday) Last Day of Classes

14-19 April Finals Week

University News

JSU Foothills Piano Festival, featuring Guest Artists Kris Carlisle (Piano) and Jonathan Adam Hayes (Trumpet)

Friday (tonight) November 9, 7:30pm - 9:00pm at the Mason Hall Performance Center

FREE CONCERT

Fall Concert of JSU Show Choir, Encore!

Encore!, the JSU Show Choir, will present a rousing evening of song and dance on November 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mason Hall Performance Center. The event will feature hit songs from such well-known movies as Footloose, Risky Business, Wayne's World, Eragon, and Animal House. The ensemble of 30 singers and instrumentalists will entertain the young and old. Admission is free.

A Cappella Choir Combines Winter Concert with Food Drive

On Sunday, November 11, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels in Anniston, the Jacksonville State University A Cappella Choir will have its Winter Concert. The concert will feature a wide variety of choral works from many musical periods, including works for percussion ensemble and choir. A Cappella Choir is under the direction of JSU Director of Choral Activities, Dr. Patricia Corbin, and the choir's accompanist is Meg Griffin.. "This concert is in preparation for our January performance at the 2013 Alabama Music Educators In Service Conference in Montgomery," says Dr. Corbin. "We are very excited at the opportunity to perform at such a prestigious event." A food drive to benefit the St. Michael's Food Ministry will also be held at the concert. Concert attendees are being asked to bring in canned food, peanut butter, cereal, dry pasta, and other non-perishable food items. Donation boxes will be located in the lobby. The Church of St. Michael and All Angels is located at 1000 West 18th Street in Anniston. For further information about the concert or the food drive, please contact the JSU Office of Choral Activities: (256) 782-5544.

JSU Drama Presents 'The Illusion' November 15-18

At the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center on November 15-18 (Thurs-Sat at 7 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.) In this comedy based on the 17th-century French play *L'Illusion Comique* by Pierre Corneille, a father seeks news of his estranged son from a sorcerer named Alcandre. The magician conjures three episodes from the young man's life, each one filled with romance, action, comedy, and pathos. The father's angry heart softens as he follows his son's quest for perfect love, while the sorcerer delights in sending the father (and the audience) on an exciting adventure that culminates in an unexpected twist. Tickets: \$10 (Adult), \$8 (Senior Citizen/JSU Personnel), \$5 (Student/Child/Military). To order tickets, please call 256-782-5648



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.

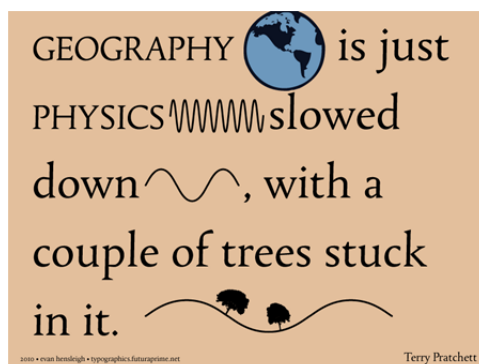
The Office of the Provost invites applications to receive professional travel support to Wuhan. Interested faculty members should apply using the Professional Development Leave Program application available on the Academic and Student Affairs web site under "[Faculty Resources](#)." Applications should 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.

Other News

Input Sought for Livability Survey

The East Alabama Regional Planning Commission is inviting citizens who reside within the 10 county region to take about five minutes to complete a Livability Survey for the CLEAR Plan 2030 project. The survey is 9-10 questions and will not take very long. The following link will take you to



the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/clearplan2030> Please feel free to share with friends, colleagues, and all others who reside in the East Alabama Region. If you have questions or if you will like to participate in one of the committees for this effort contact: Robin Caler at robin.caler@earpdc.org or (256) 237-6741.

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 or phone (256) 782-5232.