



As you may know, Ted K. teaches a geography course on Wednesday afternoons. He was around the Department as some of the snow predictions were being made on the TV and internet on Wednesday. Ted looked at the weather maps and said with absolute assurance: "Yes, we might some snow falling in Jacksonville, but no accumulation." It is nice to know that someone can forecast the weather without needing to "over-hype" the forecast. It is also nice to see that we will have a very sunny week-end. While I understand that we need the rain, it has been a wet and cloudy all week.

There are meetings scheduled for the week after next. Student learning outcomes are a part of assessment and I realize that we all look forward to assessment like we look forward to a root canal. However, creating an appropriate list of outcomes is not an option. It is absolutely required. Hopefully we can get this accomplished quickly.

Enjoy the Monday holiday. Do not forget to apply for a travel grant and a research grant. It is very nice to have your own funds that you can budget and spend as you desire.

--Lou

Department News

Meeting with the Chemists

On Monday 28 January at 12:30 in Lou's office. We must create a list of student learning outcomes for all 100 level courses. This is required for SACS accreditation.

Meeting with Geographers

On Wednesday 30 January at 12:30 in Lou's office. We must create a list of student learning outcomes for all 100 level courses. This is required for SACS accreditation.

Travel and Self-improvement Grants

The University Travel and Self-improvement Grants program is intended to provide opportunities for faculty self-improvement or renewal. The program guidelines are intentionally broad so that faculty throughout the University can propose innovative and diverse projects in a variety of areas. Presentations of scholarly papers or creative activities at regional, national, or international professional meetings will be supported with these funds. Travel grants are not made for normal course development. Also eligible are faculty who hold

official positions or offices in professional organizations and who are not compensated for expenses associated with attendance at organizational meetings.

Attached please find the application for University Travel and Self-improvement Grants. The guidelines and application are also available at

http://www.jsu.edu/academicaffairs/travel_grant.html.

Applications are due to the Dean's office by February 5, 2013.

Faculty Research Grants

I hope you will apply for the JSU Faculty Research Grants. The deadline for receipt of these in the **Associate Dean's** office (246 Martin Hall) is **Monday, March 18**, to provide time for review prior to the University deadline. Faculty should follow these instructions in preparing an application:

1. Please go to the Academic Affairs website for information on the Guidelines for Research Proposal Format.

http://www.jsu.edu/academicaffairs/research_grant.html

2. Submit the original signed copy of the submission form, using the current form available online at the above address. Please do not use old forms! Also, please do not send multiple copies of the application; our office will get the Dean's signature, make the Faculty Research Committee's requested ten copies, and deliver them to the committee chair, Dr. Jimmy Griffin.

3. Please print the detailed line item budget, in the requested format, on its own page on white paper. Our office will copy this onto the requested colored paper.

4. If you received a faculty research grant in 2012-2013, please attach the progress report for that grant to the back of the 2013-2014 proposal submission. These progress reports are also due to Dr. Griffin by March 1.

5. Please include a current CV for each researcher.

6. Note that a faculty member is limited to the submission of one proposal as a principal investigator per year.

iPad News

Apple's Jack Quattlebaum to Conduct iPads in Education Training on Jan. 25

Jack Quattlebaum, Apple Presenter from the Executive Briefing Center in Cupertino, California, will conduct a session for JSU faculty and staff on the use of iPads in education. The session will be on January 25 at 2 p.m. in Room 355, Ayers Hall. If you have an iPad, be sure to bring it so that you can follow along. (An iPad is not required for participation.)

iPad Users Group Meeting

We will have our next iPad Users Group meeting on Wednesday, 23 January at 12:30 -1:30 in 202 Martin Hall. This will be another low-key meeting to answer questions and share ideas. You are most welcome to attend. Bring your iPad. We will demonstrate what AirPlay is on an "older" iPad -- and the capabilities. We will share techniques, discuss using the iPad for PowerPoint and see if we can learn about great apps.



This seems most appropriate today.
Thanks to Tracy Casey!

College and University News

Instructions for consenting to receive W-2 Form electronically, then printing your W-2.

1. Login to your MyJSU account.
2. Look to the left for "Employee Links."
3. Click on "Tax Forms."
4. Click the second link - "Electronic W-2 Consent." Read the three paragraphs preceding "Selection Criteria."
5. Check the box under "My Choice" and to the right of "Consent to Receive W-2 Electronically."
6. Click "Submit."
7. Click "Return to Tax Forms Menu."
8. Click on the third link - "W-2 Wage and Tax Statement."
9. From the drop down menu, select the year.
10. Click "Display."
11. On the lower left of the page, select "Printable W-2." From this screen you may print as many copies as needed.

Snails Trails and Canyon Tales: An Educator's Conference

*Presented by Environmental Education Association of Alabama (EEAA) at
Jacksonville State University's Little River Canyon Center*

March 7-9, 2013

Keynote speaker, Dr. Bill Deutsch (Alabama Water Watch), will be sharing his amazing international stories with the conference group and teaching participants more about Alabama's global role in water issues. This conference is open to informal educators on all levels and classroom teachers. Educators and teachers will benefit from three days of experiential environmental education courses that include social studies, arts, literature, storytelling, math, and science. Teachers will receive CEUs for participation.

Field trips offered during the conference include: **Trail of Tears Journey** (National Park Service), **Mosaic Workshop** (Auburn University's Environmental Institute), **Wild Thyme Tea**

Party (DeSoto State Park), **Native American Pottery Workshop** (JSU Field Schools), or **Kayaking & Caving Little River** (One World Adventure Company).

Registration is required by February 20, 2013 and includes all meals. To register, visit www.eeaa.us, email [Renee Morrison](mailto:Renee.Morrison), president of EEAA & Assistant Director JSU Field Schools, or call 256-782-5697.

DeSoto State Park is reserving their facility for lodging at a special rate. To make lodging reservations call 1-800-ALA-Park option 2 and ask for EEAA rates (by 2-20-13).

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.