



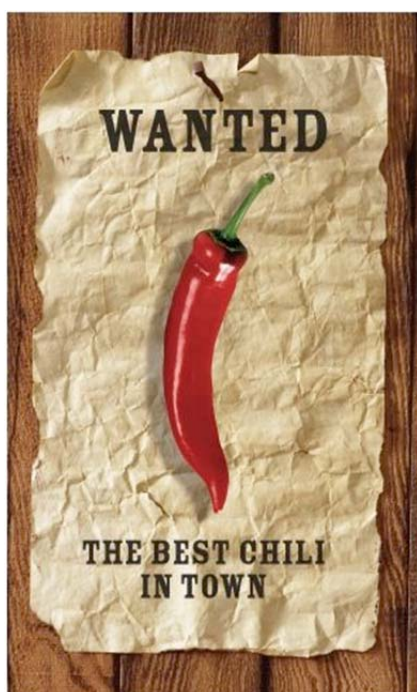
As most of you know, I have been out traveling. It is always good to come back home. Although the pile of work that builds up when one is away is not very welcoming. ☹ Next week is the Annual Chili Cook-off. Also, at the end of the next week (on Saturday) is Preview Day. Both events are important and it would be great to see a good turn-out for both events.

There is also the call for Faculty awards. Please feel free to speak to me about any of the awards. I would be more than happy to nominate some of the very well qualified faculty members from PES for one or more of these awards. ☺

Have a great week-end.

--Lou

Department News



Annual Chili Cook-off

Mark your calendars for Wednesday 20 February from 11:45 to 1:00 PM for the annual chili cook-off. Sign ups are being accepted on the mail-room door. We are looking for some new "blood" (or capsicum) in the contest this year. This is always a great event. Be certain to spread the word. The more chili and the more tasters we have, the better the event. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Spring Preview Day 23 Feb

Spring Preview Day is fast approaching. Please see Stephen Tsikalas if you can help out. It is important to have faculty members from all our disciplines represented to answer questions from prospective students and their parents.

Congratulations to Winners at the JSU Arts and Sciences Symposium



Congratulations to Abigail Jacobs, and Adam Smart (JSU Geography Students) for taking top honors in the Physical and Earth Sciences Section of the Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Ms. Jacobs' presentation to the Symposium "Social Stress as an Indicator of Crime: Correlating Crime and Social Stress at the Census Block Level" is a report on a collaborative effort between the City of Piedmont Police Department and JSU's Geography Department. Her research with the city looks into the statistical relationship between Community Stress at the city block level and its association with spatial distribution of crime. This data will be used by the City Police department in an effort to curb crime by targeting specific areas for enhanced surveillance and monitoring.

Mr. Smart's research and presentation "The Development and Social Implications of Gated Communities in the Democracy of India: The Trappings of a Newly Developing Middle Class" is a unique look at a new phase of economic social stratification developing in India. His research re-addresses age old questions concerning class, segregation, and spatial distance between communities. Is this the new caste system in India? Mr. Smart suggests that the globalized economy may be profoundly affected by the new increasingly divisive social structure.

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.

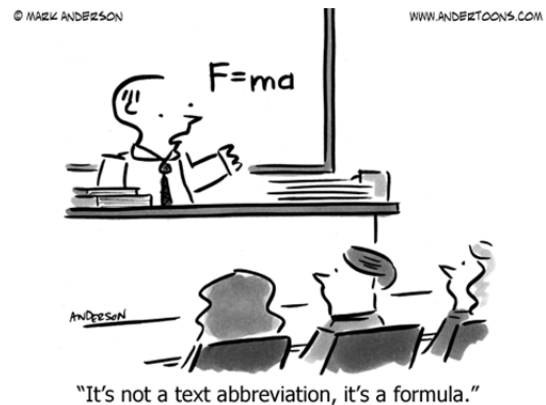
6. Note that a faculty member is limited to the submission of one proposal as a principal investigator per year.

iPad News

Thought for the Day

iPad Users Group Meeting

We will have our next iPad Users Group meeting on Wednesday, 27 February at 12:30 -1:30 in 202 Martin Hall. At our next meeting Glaucio Scremin will lead a discussion on using the iPads for "clickers" (student response systems). This will be another low-key meeting to answer questions and share ideas. You are most welcome to attend. Bring your iPad. We will discuss printing from the iPad. Please note the change in date to 27 Feb. for this meeting.



College and University News

Faculty Awards Nominations Sought

The Faculty Senate is pleased to announce that nominations are sought for the following faculty awards:

- Faculty Scholar Lecturer Award
- Outstanding Teacher Award
- Ringer Faculty Development Award
- Thomas Award for Outstanding Community Education/Service
- Faculty Research Activity

All full-time faculty members are eligible. Nominations by self, students, colleagues or department heads are encouraged. Please refer to [Faculty Awards](#) for guidelines. The recipients will be recognized at the Faculty Awards Reception on May 14, 2013

Four Hands, One Piano- February 15 Foothills Piano Festival to Feature Drs. Seth Bechman and Gail Steward

Don't miss an exciting performance of piano literature for four hands, one piano, as Dr. Seth Beckman of Florida State University joins with Dr. Gail Steward, Professor of Music at JSU. Beautiful works by Schumann, Dvorak, Ligetti and Ravel will be featured. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Mason Hall Performance Center. It is free and open to the public.

JSU Chamber Winds, Ole Miss Wind Ensemble to Present Joint Concert February 17

On Sunday, February 17, Jacksonville State University's Chamber Winds will perform a joint concert on campus with the Ole Miss Wind Ensemble. The Ole Miss Wind Ensemble will be conducted by their Director of Bands, David Willson. Assistant Band Director Dr. Bill DeJournett will also be a featured conductor. Dr. DeJournett is a graduate of Jacksonville State University. The JSU Chamber Winds are under the direction of JSU Director of Bands, Dr. Kenneth G. Bodiford.

African-American Soldiers in the Civil War are Subject of February Library Lunchtime Lecture

JSU Instructor of History Ms. Antionette Hudson will speak about African-American soldiers serving in the Union Army during the Civil War at the February Library Lunchtime Lecture at the Houston Cole Library. The event will take place on February 22 at 12:30 p.m. on the tenth floor of the Library. Admission is free. For more information, please email [Charlcie Pettway Vann](mailto:Charlcie.PettwayVann@jsu.edu). (cvann@jsu.edu)

JSU Drama Presents 'Brigadoon' Feb 21 - Mar 3

Jacksonville State University department of Drama is proud to present "BRIGADOON," February 21 - March 3 at the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center Theatre.

PERFORMANCE TIME AND DATES

- February 21-23 at 7 p.m.
- February 24 at 2 p.m.
- February 28-March 2 at 7 p.m.
- March 3 at 2 p.m.

TICKET PRICES

- \$10 for Students and Military
- \$12 for JSU Faculty/Staff and Senior Citizens
- \$15 for Adults

For reservations, please call (256)782-5648.



Contact Details

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