Summer Research Opportunity 2011: “Sustainasphere”

For our eighth summer research opportunity (SRO) at FGCU, David Green and Sasha Wohlpart focused on the concept of sustainability and the way in which this concept relates to the four spheres of an ecosystem: the hydrosphere, the geosphere, the atmosphere, and the biosphere. The SRO drew 29 middle school students from Charlotte and Lee Counties who had participated in the regional science fair. These students were selected out of over one hundred applicants to the program.

The idea of “Sustainasphere” was generated out of a desire to infuse sustainability and interdisciplinary scientific investigation into the SRO for students. Ecosystems, in their natural state, operate sustainably. Human activity, however, has the potential to impact these systems in such a way that they no longer are self-sustaining. To truly understand ecosystem function and the potential response to human activity, one must consider the complex interactions of all components within an ecosystem. These interactions take place within and between four basic spheres.

Participants in this year’s SRO investigated various aspects of ecosystem function within each “sphere” and used their data to: 1) identify interactions between biotic and abiotic components of an ecosystem and 2) theorize the impact of human activity on ecosystem sustainability. This experience was designed to illustrate how knowledge gained through scientific research can be used to inform our decisions and to help us live more sustainably.

Students completed the following activities and assignments in order to advance the program goals: a scientific journal, a research project, a project poster, and an oral presentation of their research experience to their peers, the faculty, and the students’ parents. In addition, the students had the opportunity to hear from several faculty at FGCU and local research scientists.

Finally, the students also completed a collaborative competition. The students were introduced to the idea of competing collaboratively, that is of challenging themselves and each other in a series of activities while also working together to maximize results. The activities included a team-building exercise, “Survivor!”, an information scavenger hunt in the library, games out on the library lawn (including marble toes, wear that frozen t-shirt, and balloon toss), and development of an ecological handprint. The groups had to complete all activities with no more than a ten-point spread in between teams in order to get a special prize at the end of the week, a pizza party with cupcakes.
Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back to another exciting year with even more faculty and students than before. The coming year promises to offer a unique opportunity for us as a college as we undergo a conversation about college reorganization with the integration of some programs from the College of Professional Studies (really, this time).

We expect 12,900 students in academic year 2011-12, with about 2,450 new first year students. Many of these students will become majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. Fortunately, we will have 25 new faculty members joining us, adding both depth and breadth to our high level of teaching, service, and scholarship in the College.

We look forward to several exciting events taking this place semester, including the continuation of the Teaching Innovation series (page 3), the sixth annual Sanibel Island Writers Conference in November (page 7), and many other noteworthy happenings.

We also celebrate 11 of our faculty members who earned promotions to Professor, Associate Professor, Instructor II, and Advisor II. To read more about these accomplishments, please see page 13.

I hope you enjoyed a restful summer, and are ready for an eventful semester.

Best regards,

Donna Henry
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Professor of Biology

From the Dean

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CAS Welcomes New Department Chairs

As Drs. Myra Mendible (Language & Literature), Eric Strahorn (Social & Behavioral Sciences), and Barry Cavin (Visual & Performing Arts) step down from their Chair positions, Drs. Brad Busbee, Marty Bourgeois, and Morgan Paine will step up.

Brad, new Chair of Language and Literature, joined FGCU in 2006 and is Associate Professor of English, focusing on early medieval literatures and cultures.

Marty, Psychology Professor in the Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences, also joined FGCU in 2006 and studies social influence, which includes the areas of conformity, compliance, obedience, persuasion, and behavioral mimicry.

Morgan Paine is the founding faculty member of the Art Program, coming to FGCU in 1997. A practicing painter, he has been the Art Program Leader for the majority of his time at FGCU.

We thank Myra, Eric, and Barry for their work in their departments and on the Leadership Team, and we welcome Brad, Marty, and Morgan into their new roles.

Literacy Education to Expand Services with Guidance of CAS Faculty

With the assistance of CAS faculty, literacy services in Lee County are taking an important new direction with the merger of its two major literacy groups. Literacy Volunteers of Lee County, based in Fort Myers, is merging with the Literacy Council of Bonita Springs. The result is a new, expanded organization, the Literacy Council Gulf Coast, which will bring more literacy programs to the people of the county.

Douglas Harrison, associate professor of English, has served on the board of Literacy Volunteers for the past four years, the past three as board president. Rebecca Totaro, professor of English, is a past board member of LVLC as well. Sheila Bolduc-Simpson, English instructor, has served on the Literacy Council board for the past three years. Both Harrison and Bolduc-Simpson will remain on the board of the Literacy Council Gulf Coast. Harrison will also chair the agency’s Committee on Curriculum and Programs.

The merger brings together complementary skills, experience, and partnerships from each agency that will strengthen the services and programs being offered by the other. The new agency is built on a shared vision at both Literacy Volunteers and Literacy Council of literacy as a life skill that transforms the lives and communities of those who learn to read, write, and speak English.

The Literacy Council of Bonita Springs, a non-profit agency founded in 1989, serves more than 2500 students. Its popular Moms and Tots Family Literacy program serves more than 900 mothers and their children at seven locations, including its building at 26820 Old 41 Rd. in Bonita Springs. Approximately 600 volunteers assist the council in teaching group and individual classes in English language, pronunciation, writing, conversation, computer classes, GED readiness and U.S. citizenship. The agency also offers workplace literacy programs at 11 area golf communities and at the Grande Oak Publix in Estero. Programs are funded by United Way, grants and individual donations.

Literacy Volunteers was also founded in the 1989 and brings to the table its expertise in providing literacy programs for English-speaking adults (those with dyslexia and those who never learned to read), speakers of other languages and its financial and health literacy programs. Literacy Volunteers serves more than 650 adults with 130 tutors and partners with 20-30 other nonprofits to provide adult literacy services to their clients.

Together, the Literacy Council Gulf Coast will serve over 3,000 students, making it one of the largest literacy organizations in the country.

Fall 2011 Teaching Innovation Series

Kicking off this fall’s teaching series in late September (details to follow by email) will be instructors Mary Kay Cassani and David Green, with “Students, take out your crayons: Using sequenced drawings in the classroom.” Mary Kay and David are both in the Department of Marine and Ecological Sciences.

Our Teaching Innovation Series enjoys presentations from faculty members across various disciplines in the College. Visit the web page to view the schedule for this semester, past semesters, as well as resources that faculty have used in their presentations www.fgcu.edu/CAS/tis.htm.
This fall, we are welcoming the newly-appointed Backe Chair, Professor Joseph Simmons, who will be starting the Renewable Energy Institute at FGCU. Simmons was the Founding Director of the Arizona Research Institute for Solar Energy; he will bring expertise on novel PV development and energy storage, as well as an alliance with other universities world-wide, such as the University of Arizona and Queensland University in Australia.

The use of renewable energy for electricity generation and transportation can have a high national impact by reducing dependence on foreign oil, and greenhouse gas emissions. The potential economic development associated with its deployment can be a major driving force in the US today.

The State of Florida receives mixed reviews in its progress in implementing renewable energy programs. We have a strong biofuels effort, second only to California, and a good potential for solar and wave energy generation. The latter two, however, are far behind other states. In particular, solar energy development lacks a state renewable energy standard and the accelerated development that it stimulates. As a result, the potential for growth is here but it has not been developed to the extent of other states, including, most notably, New Jersey.

In anticipation that the lure of tremendous economic development will stimulate growth in solar and renewable energy in Southwest Florida, and in support of this growth, Florida Gulf Coast University plans to build upon its large PV installation that powers most of 3 buildings on campus by developing a research and education-based renewable energy institute with national and international recognition. The institute will focus on both biofuels and solar energy and will assist in the development of a BS degree in renewable energy, as well as the development of a renewable energy innovation hub (the I-Hub). Most importantly, the institute will focus on energy storage which is the most critical step in the widespread deployment of renewable energy. Combined with biofuels this puts FGCU in a strategic place in the renewable energy future of America and the world.

The FGCU renewable energy institute, today in the planning stage, will quickly jump into testing novel porous graphene supercapacitors as back up energy storage for its installed single-axis tracking PV field, and a prototype compressed air energy storage (CAES) system for demand-peak shifting. The supercapacitors have promise for electric transport as well and the CAES has the potential for large scale energy storage which will lead into smart grid R&D.

The Backe Chair in Renewable Energy at Florida Gulf Coast University was established by John D. Backe of The Backe Foundation, Inc. through a generous $1 million gift to Florida Gulf Coast University that will be matched by the State of Florida through the state’s matching gift program for an additional $750,000. Dr. Simmons currently heads the Arizona Research Institute for Solar Energy (AzRISE) at the University of Arizona. He holds a Ph.D. in Physics from the Catholic University of America, a Master of Science in Physics from John Carroll University, and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Maryland.
Tropical Island Biology, San Salvador Bahamas

For the 4th consecutive year, the Department of Biological Sciences offered Tropical Island Biology, an intensive two-week field immersion course taught at the Gerace Research Centre on San Salvador Island, Bahamas. Professors Randy Cross and Rob Erdman led a great group of 16 students who survived the heat, humidity, rain squalls, and mosquitoes to learn about the biology, ecology, history and culture of this remote and sparsely populated Bahamian Island.

Students were in the water every day, identifying and studying corals, sea grasses, mangroves, fishes, invertebrates, and learning about the complex interdependence and ecology of these marine environments. The class also snorkeled in marine lakes in the interior of the island, explored Lighthouse Cave, trekked through “haul-back” to the ruins of colonial era plantations, and visited “Iguana Island.”

A new aspect of the course this year was attending the 14th Symposium on the Natural History of the Bahamas. This conference provided the opportunity for students to learn about other research projects underway on the island and to interact with student researchers from other universities. They were also able to view posters presented by FGCU Biology students who participated in the course in previous years and conducted independent research projects on the island. We plan to expand field research opportunities in future courses and hope that, by attending the conference, our students will be encouraged to get involved in undergraduate research while at FGCU.

Visit the program’s blog at [http://fgcubahamas2011.blogspot.com](http://fgcubahamas2011.blogspot.com)
**CHAD Serves the People of the Dominican Republic**

“It was amazing and eye-opening” was the response that all members of CHAD (Community Health Aid Development), FGCU students and faculty, gave after traveling to Santiago, Dominican Republic to help economically disadvantaged children and community members. From May 2-7, participants worked with a Dominican Republic non-profit school, Niños con Una Esperanza in Cienfuegos west of Santiago, delivering medical supplies and providing education in Spanish to the children. FGCU students led the children in activities surrounding hygiene, including hand-washing, teeth-brushing, and safe drinking water, while providing donations of hygiene products such as soaps, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and shampoo for the children.

CHAD also traveled up into the mountains to the non-profit organization, “A Mother’s Wish Foundation.” The foundation operates Pequeños Pasitos (Spanish for “small steps”), a clinic and community center that serves 1,500 people who live in five rural communities in the mountains outside Santiago, Dominican Republic.

CHAD students worked with community groups, high school students, Pequeños Pasitos medical clinic, and youth groups providing personal and community hygiene, including HIV awareness and prevention. Students led groups of all ages in activities promoting self-awareness and sex education, including condom use.

CHAD president, Lis Chimaras, and vice president, Vitor Suguri, were instrumental in the organization of members and activities. Faculty advising for this service project were Drs. Richard Coughlin (Political Science) and Jo Ann Wilson (Biological Science). Student participants included Lis Chimaras, Vitor Suguri, Michael Paz, Kathleen O’Connell, Albaro Perez, Melissa Hendricks, Geoffrey Rosenaw, and Benjamin Garrott.

The students volunteered for the trip as a part of the mission of their student organization, and they had the added value of experiencing life in a developing country firsthand. The students also earned FGCU service learning hours for their participation in this opportunity for community involvement. Dr. Wilson remarked, “What a remarkable group of FGCU students. I would travel with them again and again. They were highly effective with their enthusiasm and hard work. No one complained of living without hot water or air conditioning or eating beans and rice for most meals, as we knew we had so much more than the people we served.”

CHAD is planning additional trips to third world communities in 2012.
John Sayles and Henry Rollins to headline the 2011 Sanibel Island Writers Conference

Veteran filmmaker & novelist John Sayles will deliver the keynote address at this year’s Sanibel Island Writers Conference on Saturday, November 5. Sayles’s most recent novel is the critically acclaimed A Moment in the Sun (2011, McSweeney’s). His previous novels include Pride of the Bimbos, Los Gusanos, and the National Book Award-nominated Union Dues. He has directed seventeen feature films, including Matewan, Lone Star, and Eight Men Out, and received a John Steinbeck Award, a John Cassavetes Award, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Writer’s Guild of America, a John D. MacArthur Award (aka “The Genius Award”), and two Academy Award nominations. His latest film, Amigo, was completed in 2010. The keynote address will begin at 6 p.m. in Schein Hall at Big Arts and is open to the general public once all the registered conference attendees have been seated.

Author Steve Almond (Candyfreak, God Bless America) will open for Mr. Sayles.

Henry Rollins brings “An Evening of Spoken Word” to the conference on Friday, November 4. “Rollins is many things,” says the Washington Post: “diatribist, confessor, provocateur, humorist, even motivational speaker…his is an enthusiastic and engaging chatter.” Entertainment Weekly’s list includes “Punk-rock icon. Spoken word poet. Actor. Author. DJ. Is there anything this guy can’t do?” TV Guide has more concisely called him a “Renaissance Man”—but if Henry Rollins could be reduced to a single word, that word would undoubtedly be “workaholic.” For the last thirty years, Rollins has toured the world as a spoken word artist, as frontman for both Rollins Band and Black Flag and—without a microphone—as a solitary traveler with insatiable curiosity bypassing the resorts in favor of places like Siberia and Senegal, or Burma and Bangladesh. He’s done multiple tours of the Midwest, entertaining troops with the USO. When he’s not living out of a suitcase, Rollins is constantly at work as an actor, radio DJ, author of more than 20 books, and running his publishing company and record label 2.13.61. Henry currently hosts a weekly radio show on L.A.’s renowned NPR affiliate KCRW, is a regular contributor to VanityFair.com with his “Straight Talk Espresso” blog, and recently joined forces with National Geographic as host of a series of television specials. Rollins’s performance will begin at 5 p.m. in Schein Hall at Big Arts and is open to the general public once all the registered conference attendees have been seated.

John K. Samson is the singer and songwriter for The Weakerthans, an acclaimed Canadian rock band that has released five CDs, including the award-winning Reconstruction Site (2004) and Reunion Tour (2008). John’s poetry and prose has appeared in Matrix Magazine, Geist, The Believer, and Post-Prairie—an Anthology of New Poetry.

The concert will begin at 6 p.m. in Schein Hall at Big Arts and, as with Rollins & Sayles, is open to the general public once all the registered conference attendees have been seated.

In addition to the artists mentioned above, the conference offers workshops, presentations, panels and readings from celebrated authors, editors and literary agents.

To see the full list of presenters and their bios, please visit the website.
Will you sign me into your class?
Automated Waitlist

The waitlist function allows students to waitlist themselves when a course has reached capacity. If/when a seat becomes available in the course, students will receive an automatically generated e-mail from the Registrar’s Office giving them 24 hours to register themselves for the course. If they do not register themselves for the course within the 24 hour window, they will be dropped from the waitlist and the next student on the waitlist will be offered the available seat.

Once a course is full and all 10 slots on the waitlist are full, students will not be able to add themselves to the waitlist for that class. They can continue to check Gulfline for seats to become available in the course or on the waitlist.

You can view the waitlist for your course at any time when you log into your Gulfline account. The “Summary Waitlist” shows you all of the students on the waitlist in the order in which they registered for the waitlist. The “Detailed Waitlist” gives you more information about students on the waitlist, including their major.

Below is an example of how the Waitlist is set up for Fall 2011:

Students will no longer be able to add themselves to the waitlist as of 11:59 pm on Sunday, August 21 (the day before classes begin). However, students on the waitlist at that time will remain on the waitlist until a) they receive a notification that a seat is available and either register themselves for the course or drop themselves from the waitlist or b) 5:00 on Wednesday, August 24. At 5:00 on August 24 (midway through Add/Drop period), the waitlist will shut down. Once the waitlist is shut down, any students still on the waitlist will be removed from the waitlist and the course will become “first-come, first-serve.” For the remainder of the Add/Drop period, any student can register him/herself should a seat become available in the course (just like a course that never had a waitlist).

Please Note: If a waitlist is active for your course, it is very important that you NOT sign students into your course over the cap. Please advise students that they need to waitlist themselves for your course.

Stay tuned! Advisors will be coming to departmental meetings to discuss the Waitlist and how you can get a Waitlist added to your course for Spring 2012!
Student Priscila Navarro Wins Competition in Peru

Piano Music Performance Major Priscila Navarro was chosen as winner of the Chopin Competition of South America in Lima, Peru on July 24, 2011. A 17-year old sophomore student, Ms. Navarro studies with Dr. Michael Baron, Head of Keyboard Studies at the Bower School of Music of Florida Gulf Coast University. The competition was open to all South American pianists up to the age of 30 and consisted of three rounds. As part of her award she will be sent on an all-expense paid trip to study Chopin for two weeks at the Warsaw Conservatory in Poland.

Earlier in the summer, Ms. Navarro was awarded a full scholarship to study piano at the Tanglewood Festival in Lenox, Massachusetts. In August she will be performing as soloist in a Chopin Concerto with the National Orchestra of Peru. This past year Ms. Navarro was the winner of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Senior Competition for the State of Florida, winner of the MTNA Piano Duet Competition for the State of Florida, winner of the Regional Senior MTNA Competition in which the winners of nine states compete against each other, winner of the Regional Piano Duet MTNA Division Competition. She was also a winner of the Ars Flores National Concerto Competition in Fort Lauderdale.

“I am very proud of Priscila in winning this latest major competition,” said Dr Michael Baron. “She has brought significant distinction to the Bower School of Music on an international level while maintaining a 3.88 GPA.”

Priscila Navarro
The **artGallery** is located within the Arts Complex on FGCU’s main campus. The university is located off Ben Hill Griffin Parkway, east of I-75 between exits 123 and 128.

11th Annual Pottery Sale and Empty Bowls Soup Luncheon
Friday, December 2, 2011, 11am - 6pm
Soup Luncheon runs from 11:30am until the soup runs out.

The **artLab** is located within the FGCU Library on our main campus. Parking is available in Lot 7 for gallery visitors; parking passes are available at the parking kiosk located at the university’s entrance.

**Dark ARTS Exhibition and Projections**
Friday, October 28, 2011, 6 - 9pm
ArtLab and southern exterior of Library

**Pressing the Point: An Exhibition from Printmaking**
Organized by Art Faculty Andy Owen, November 1 - November 11, 2011

### A Painting Show
Organized by Art Faculty Carl Schwartz
November 15 - November 30, 2011

### Pictures of Resistance: The Wartime Photography of Jewish Partisan Fay Schulman
December 1, 2011 - January 14, 2012
Presented by FGCU’s Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Human Rights Studies

**New Program Leaders for Art and Theatre**
Professor Tricia Fay, who has been promoted to Professor of Art this past spring, will become the new Art Program Leader. Associate Professor of Theatre, Dr. Michelle Hayford has been named as the Theatre Program leader. We welcome both of them into their new roles.

The Visual and Performing Arts Department (VPA) has just under 200 majors in Art and Theatre, 12 full-time faculty, three staff members and nearly one dozen adjunct faculty. New to the VPA this year will be Assistant Professor of Digital Media, Michael Salmond, MFA from the University of South Florida and PhD candidate at Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne in the UK and Visiting Instructor of Drawing and Painting, Jessica Tam, MFA, Yale University.

Join us for another exciting adventure into extreme art-making as we gather diverse groups of daring students who are willing to put aside their normal studious methods and actually wait until the last minute for once. Students are given a short 24 hours to produce complete works of theatre, film, music, and visual art. Come see the results of their fast work and take part in the act of extreme creativity.

### Three Sisters
written by Anton Chekov, contemporary translation by Libby Appel
Directed by Barry Cavin
November 9 - 13 and November 16 - 20

Chekhov’s great classic tale of sisters who long to escape their dreary lives and yearn to return to a city of their dreams. This bittersweet, deeply romantic comic drama weaves together wasted opportunities and missed personal bliss for an evening that will have everyone pondering their own pivotal choices.

### Thistletoe Cabaret
December 17, 2011, 7 - 8pm Reception and Silent Auction
8pm Curtain
(Silent Auction winners announced after performance - there will be an intermission allowing you to update your bids.) The second annual holiday sweet treat that’s full of spirit and loads of fun, great food, and opportunities to bid on some wonderful auction items. All proceeds go to the fund to send theatre students to the Edinburgh Fringe!
Student Highlights

Undergraduate students working with Dr. Rob Erdman and Dr. Randy Cross in the Department of Biological Sciences made presentations at the 14th Symposium on the Natural History of the Bahamas held on June 16-20, 2011 at the Gerace Research Centre on San Salvador Island, Bahamas. All of the student research projects were components of Tropical Island Biology, which is offered at the GRC each summer.

Courtney Bennett, Matt Nicholson and Rob Erdman. First record of *Copula sivickisi* (Cnidaria: Cubozoa) in the tropical Western Atlantic Ocean: an enigmatic occurrence from San Salvador Island, Bahamas.

John Dudley, Darren Rumbold and Rob Erdman. Mercury bio-accumulation in limited trophic level anchialine lakes on San Salvador Island, Bahamas.

Gina Hendricks, Randy Cross and Marilyn Cruz-Alvarez. DNA variability in several populations of Red Mangrove (*Rhizophora mangle*) on San Salvador Island.

Former student Corrie Edwards graduated from FGCU in 2008 with a BA in Communications and minors in Marketing and Interdisciplinary Studies. She has been with the PGA of America (Professional Golfers Association) in the South Florida Section Office for the past year and a half as Marketing Coordinator.

Samantha Holland a Spring ’11 alumna and former Communication major with PR concentration landed a job at FOX SPORTS in Manhattan.

The Green Technology Research Group (GTRG) is an informal group of science researchers at FGCU; we are focused on developing and inventing technologies in order to solve environmental problems, here are some notable GTRG achievements from Spring, 2011:

Cristina Coates (a former post-doc), has obtained an Assistant Professor position at Nicholls College, Louisiana.

Megan Fox was accepted into the graduate chemistry program at UNC, Chapel Hill.

Maria Irianni-Renno was accepted into the graduate Bio-engineering program at Colorado State University.

Shane Finn was accepted into the graduate chemistry program at Vanderbilt.

Jessica Strnad was accepted into the graduate molecular biology program at Vanderbilt.

Steven Cullipher, (former MS graduate student) is now in University of Boston Environmental Chemistry Ph. D. program.

Several of the aforementioned students, including Shane Finn, Jessica Strnad, and Megan Fox, along with faculty and staff members Jose and Patricia Barreto, published a paper, “A Screening Technique Useful for Testing the Effectiveness of Novel ‘Self-Cleaning’ Photocatalytic Surfaces” in the peer reviewed, flagship journal Photochemistry & Photobiology. The manuscript describes an ongoing project that is focused on developing a commercializable technology that can destroy environmental toxins.

Megan Fox also attended the ‘Pittsburgh Analytical Chemistry Society’ meeting (PITTCON), an annual, national, peer reviewed analytical chemistry conference, with Jose and Patricia Barreto. They presented two posters related to photocatalytic decontamination projects. Several other aforementioned students were co-authors.

During May 2011, a group of GTRG students and faculty researchers attended FAME in Innisbrook, Florida. FAME is a state-wide chemistry conference sponsored by the Florida American Chemical Society. The attendees and presenters are typically chemistry faculty and students from all 11 state and private Universities in Florida, along with members from industry. Jose and Patricia Barreto, along with staff member Jorge Torres accompanied the following CAS and engineering science student poster presenters:

- Jordan Brown
- Maria Irianni-Renno
- Shane Finn
- Jonathan Shute
- Jessica Strnad
- Vincent Rosa
- Megan Fox
- Paulo Leon-Silva
- Branko Bulakovski

Oral presentations were earned by students Jonathan Shute§ and Paulo Leon-Silva§ from our FGCU Bio-engineering department.

Two students, Andy Griffith and Cristoph Radtke co-authored FGCU Research Day posters with Drs. Darren Rumbold and Aswani Volety (Environmental Studies).
Faculty Highlights

We are pleased to announce the promotion of CAS faculty, as approved by the University Board of Trustees on June 21, 2011. Congratulations to our colleagues on this well-deserved accomplishment!

TO PROFESSOR:

**Patricia Fay**
Department: Visual and Performing Arts  
Education: MFA, University of Massachusetts  
Appointment to FGCU: August 7, 2000  
Specialty: Art

**Darren Rumbold**
Department: Marine & Ecological Sciences  
Education: Ph.D., University of Miami  
Appointment to FGCU: August 7, 2006  
Specialty: Marine Science

TO: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

**Brad Busbee**
College: Arts & Sciences  
Department: Language & Literature  
Education: Ph.D., University of California  
Appointment to FGCU: August 7, 2006  
Specialty: English

**David Fugate**
Department: Marine & Ecological Sciences  
Education: Ph.D., The College of William and Mary  
Appointment to FGCU: January 3, 2006  
Specialty: Environmental Science

**Douglas Harrison**
College: Arts & Sciences  
Department: Language & Literature  
Education: Ph.D., Washington University  
Appointment to FGCU: August 7, 2006  
Specialty: English

**Jayanga Menaka Navaratna**
Department: Chemistry & Mathematics  
Education: Ph.D., Texas Tech University  
Appointment to FGCU: August 7, 2006  
Specialty: Mathematics

**Alexander Sakharuk**
College: College of Arts & Sciences  
Department: Marine & Ecological Sciences  
Education: Ph.D., Moscow State University  
Appointment to FGCU: August 7, 2006  
Specialty: Physics

Ken Watanabe
Department: Marine & Ecological Sciences  
Education: Ph.D., Clemson University  
Appointment to FGCU: August 7, 2006  
Specialty: Physics

TO: INSTRUCTOR II

**Amy Benvie**
Department: Chemistry & Mathematics  
Education: MA, Florida Gulf Coast University  
Appointment to FGCU: September 28, 2004  
Specialty: Mathematics

**Sandra Maldonado**
Department: Chemistry & Mathematics  
Education: MS, Bowie State University  
Appointment to FGCU: August 7, 2006  
Specialty: Mathematics

TO: ADVISOR II

**Melanie Stanis**
Program: Advising  
Education: MA, University of Florida  
Appointment to FGCU: February 20, 2006  
Specialty: Education

Dr. Irvin Winsboro won the FGCU Senior Faculty Scholarship Excellence Award, as well as the 2011 Florida Historical Society's Stetson Kennedy Book Award for Florida's Freedom Struggle: The Black Experience from Colonial Time to the New Millennium (2010).

Dr. Jason Bahr, of the Bower School of Music, had two movements of my Symphony No. 2 for choir and orchestra accepted for performance at the College Music Society National Conference in Norfolk, VA in October.
Alumni Association Happenings:

For a complete listing of event details and registration, please visit [www.fgcu.edu/alumni](http://www.fgcu.edu/alumni)

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<td>Beacon Bowl, 5400 Tamiami Trl, Naples</td>
<td>Gather friends and family for an event that’s right up your alley, join us for a night of glow bowling to benefit student scholarships. Register a team of 5 or sign up as an individual for fun, food, a silent auction and lots of contest prizes! Don’t want to bowl but still want to join in the fun and support the cause? Come out and be a spectator and eat for $10. Life members are invited to join us for a behind-the-scenes tour at 6 p.m. E-mail <a href="mailto:alumnirelations@fgcu.edu">alumnirelations@fgcu.edu</a> or call (239) 590-1087 to register. Prizes will be awarded to winners of the following categories: Top bowler, Best team costumes, Most spirited team, Top turkey. Register by Sept 7 by clicking here <a href="https://itech.fgcu.edu/secured/alumni/events.asp?ID=90">https://itech.fgcu.edu/secured/alumni/events.asp?ID=90</a> Includes two games, shoes, Nemo buffet and beverages. Just going to be a spectator? Click here <a href="https://itech.fgcu.edu/secured/alumni/events.asp?ID=91">https://itech.fgcu.edu/secured/alumni/events.asp?ID=91</a> to register.</td>
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Editor’s Farewell

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As many of you know, my time at FGCU is coming to an end. I have accepted a full-time teaching position at Tallahassee Community College, and I will be moving there in August. So, given that this issue is my last as managing editor, I’m going to take advantage of what has become a great publication in which to say my thank you’s.

So, here it goes. When I first interviewed with Dean Donna Henry and Associate Dean Jim Wohlpart in October of 2007, I could not have possibly imagined how FGCU—and the people in it—would become so very dear to me. In nearly four years, I have been Executive Secretary in the CAS Dean’s Office, graduate student in the English M.A. program, Graduate Teaching Assistant, and Adjunct Composition Instructor. To say that I was given opportunities to get involved and grow would be a gross understatement. CAS Quarterly was one of many tasks that may have fallen under “other duties as assigned,” but it fast became a labor of love for me and enabled me to work with so many of you to highlight the truly great work taking place in our college. The newsletter has come a long way from the first issue three years ago. I like to think of its evolution like my own while at FGCU—improved in depth, diversity, and appearance (the latter is probably a stretch for my part).

Jokes aside, several faculty and staff members—Kris De Welde, Susan Holland, Jo Ann Wilson, Ricky Pires, and Lindsey Touchette among those—have consistently contributed content over the years, even from the very first issue, which relieved me from a lot of scrounging for stories. Also, Jim Wohlpart and Bob Klein have been instrumental in developing the newsletter; as a result of their help with editing, design, and layout, our faculty, staff, and students have been able to shine even more.

A special thank you to my colleagues, mentors, and dear friends in the CAS Dean’s office and in the Department of Language and Literature—and to all of you who have played a special part in my life. I achieved some lifelong dreams here. It’s safe to say I feel like an eagle now. And I’m ready to soar some more!

Yours truly,

Niki Costantino
Mark Your Calendar

CAS New Faculty Meeting
August 15
Noon – 3:00 p.m. in AB7 115

CAS All-Faculty Meeting
August 17
1:00-5:00 p.m. in AB7 114

CAS Program Leader Meeting
August 18
Noon in AB7 115

CAS Department Meetings
August 19

Classes Begin
Monday, August 22

Fall Break
October 10-11

Last Day to Drop/Withdraw without Academic Penalty
Friday, November 4