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to the faculty and staff of Mississippi State University

Marszalek to deliver address

Dr. John F. Marszalek, a William L. Giles Distinguished Professor of History at Mississippi State, will deliver the university's Dec. 17 commencement address.

Some 1,230 students are candidates for degrees at the conclusion of the fall semester. Diplomas will be awarded at ceremonies beginning at 10 a.m. in Humphrey Coliseum.

Marszalek, who has written or edited 10 books, is a specialist on the American Civil War, the Jacksonian Period and race relations. In addition to lecturing throughout the nation, the 26-year MSU faculty veteran has appeared on ABC, CBS, CNN, and NBC news and public affairs programs.

Marszalek is best known for his award-winning books, "Sherman, A Soldier's Passion for Order" (1993) and last year's "The Petticoat Affair: Manners, Mutiny

and Sex in Andrew Jackson's White House." "Sherman" was a finalist for the Lincoln Prize and winner of non-fiction honors from the Ohioana and Mississippi library associations.

"Petticoat Affair" took the Southeastern Library Association Non-Fiction Prize.

His first book in 1974, "Court Martial," was made into a Showtime motion picture and reissued as a 1994 paperback, both under the new title "Assault at West Point."

With retired MSU history department head Charles D. Lowery, Marszalek co-edited "The Encyclopedia of African-American Civil Rights," named by Library Journal as one of the best reference books of 1992.

He holds degrees from Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., and the University of Notre Dame.



Marszalek



Tuck

Dec. 9 reception to honor Amy Tuck

Lt. Gov.-elect Amy Tuck, an Oktibbeha County resident and Mississippi State graduate, will be honored at a Dec. 9 campus reception sponsored by the Starkville Area Chamber of Commerce and the university.

The free public event is set for 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Bost Extension Center auditorium. Chamber and local government officials, President Malcolm Portera, and Tuck are among those expected to speak briefly or make presentations during the Thursday event. The Starkville Restaurant Association will provide food.

Tuck, the Democratic nominee for the state's second-highest office, was elected on Nov. 2. She defeated Republican Sen. Bill Hawks, also a Mississippi State graduate.

"Mississippi State is pleased to join the Chamber of Commerce in honoring the first Mississippi State graduate to win the office of lieutenant governor," said John Tomlinson, MSU coordinator of government relations. "We look forward to a long and productive working relationship with Lt. Gov. Tuck as she continues to build on her already impressive career in public service."

Tuck received a bachelor's degree in political science from Mississippi State in 1985 and later added a master's degree in public policy and administration. She served in the Senate 1990-95 and was secretary of the Senate from 1996 until she resigned earlier this year to run for lieutenant governor.

When she takes office in January, Tuck

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Three psychology professors publish books

Three Department of Psychology faculty members recently had textbooks published in their specialties.

Department head and professor Stephen B. Klein wrote "Biological Psychology"; professors B. Michael Thorne and J. Martin Giesen co-wrote "Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences."

Klein's 540-page book, published this fall by Prentice Hall, is designed for sophomore-senior-level courses such as psychology, behavioral neuroscience, biological psychology, or psychobiology. Through the use of numerous

clinical examples, the text offers students with little or no background in the sciences an introduction into the basic concepts of the biology of behavior.

Thorne and Giesen's text, a third edition, is published by Mayfield Publishing Co. It presents sophisticated statistical concepts in simple and logical steps, using relevant examples drawn from research in psychology to help ease the anxiety students often feel when first taking a statistics course.

The 439-page edition contains a number of new features and ancillary

materials not found in previous ones. Contributed primarily by Giesen, the new features include easy-to-find and easy-to-read section summaries, a decision tree graphic diagram to help choose the correct inferential test, a look at new topics and controversies, and additional end-of-chapter exercises.

Klein earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1968, and a master's degree and doctorate from Rutgers University in 1969 and 1971, respectively; Giesen

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Greenhouse complex sets open house for Dec. 10

The Horticulture Greenhouse Complex is throwing open its doors for a Christmas Open House Dec. 10.

The 9 a.m.-4 p.m. event is free to the public. Although no plants will be for sale, the open house will feature tours of the greenhouses and facilities, displays of the poinsettia variety trials, workshops, and door prizes.

"We're planning to host the second annual greenhouse open house and will highlight the different poinsettia varieties we have available," said Dr. Richard Mullenax, head of the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences.

Dr. David Tatum, Extension Service

horticulturist, said the open house has several purposes. It will let consumers look at the different poinsettia varieties available and offer them decorating and plant-care tips. It also will introduce commercial growers to new business opportunities.

"We will ask consumers about their preferences for the different poinsettia varieties and arrangements," Tatum said. "We're trying to look at things growers can take and use to increase their markets. We're trying to find poinsettia plants consumers will pay a premium for."

Visitors will be asked to fill out a short form rating what plants and arrangements

they liked. Organizers are hoping for a large crowd to garner the most feedback possible on preferences.

Workshops will be conducted by florists and horticulture students. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day and will include some of the poinsettias grown at the greenhouses.

The greenhouse is located on Stone Boulevard between Dorman Hall and the intramural tennis courts. The open house and seminars are sponsored by the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, the Mississippi State Cooperative Extension Service, and plant and soil sciences.

The seminar schedule follows:

- 10 a.m., "A Christmas Table," centerpieces for the holidays;
- 11 a.m., "Deck the Halls," information on Christmas tree varieties, care and recycling; "Decorating with Mississippi Ornamentals," selection and care of plant materials available in Mississippi gardens;
- Noon, "The Meaning of Christmas," floral demonstration featuring the symbolism and legends about traditional holiday flowers and foliage;
- 1 p.m., "A Colorful Christmas," tips for growing and caring for midwinter blossoms: Poinsettia Pointers; Colorful Christmas Cactus; Forcing Bulbs Indoors for Winter Color; and
- 2 p.m., "Holiday Hands-On Workshop." There is a \$5 per person fee for this workshop, a hands-on activity where participants make their own holiday centerpieces to take home.



Extension horticulturist Dr. David Tatum (l-r), research assistant Jesse Quarrels and technical aide Yeang Tran check some of the poinsettias that will be on display Dec. 10.



Funding Opportunities

Below are funding opportunities received from various sources such as the Grants Resource Center. Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA), 325-7404, will assist you in obtaining information and applications necessary for submission to governmental or private sources. For complete listings and other opportunities, see the Sponsored Programs World Wide Web page on the MSU server: <<http://www.msstate.edu/Dept/SPA/index.html>>.

TITLE: Bioengineering Research Partnerships

DOC#: PAS-00-006

INSTITUTE: National Cancer Institute; National Center for Research Resources; National Eye Institute; National Human Genome Research Institute; National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; National Institute on Aging; National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; National Institute on Drug Abuse; National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; National Institute of Dental Research; National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; National Institute of General Medical Sciences; National Institute of Mental Health; National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; National Institute of Nursing Research; National Library of Medicine

ITEM: Notice requesting applications for RO1 awards for basic bioengineering research addressing important biological and medical research problems, through multi-disciplinary research teams applying an integrative, systems approach, to develop knowledge and/or methods to prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat disease and to understand behavior.

ACTION: Letters of intent are due by December 1, 1999, and June 30, 2000. Applications are due by January 7, 2000, and August 10, 2000. Application kits are available from the Division of Extramural Outreach and Information Resources, 301/435-0714. E-mail: grantsinfo@nih.gov. See also, <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>.

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Education; Office of Educational Research and Improve-

ment

ITEM: Notice requesting applications for new awards for FY 2000 for the Field-Initiated Studies Education Research Grants Program, which awards grants to conduct education research in which topics and methods of study are generated by investigators.

ACTION: Application packages will be available on December 9, 1999, and applications are due by February 16, 2000. See also, <http://www.ed.gov/GrantApps/> or <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OERI/FIS/> for access to electronic information. Applications are also available through the Education Publications Center, 877/433-7827. Fax: 301/470-1244. E-mail: Edpubs@inet.ed.gov. See also, <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html> for access to applications. Electronic access to this document is available at <http://ocfo.ed.gov/fedreg.htm> or <http://www.ed.gov/news.html>.

CONTACT: Delores Monroe, 202/219-2229. E-mail: Delores_Monroe@ed.gov.

TITLE: Social Work Research Development Program

DOC#: PAR-00-008

INSTITUTE: National Institute on Drug Abuse

ITEM: Notice announcing the availability of funding support for a Social Work Research Development Program, focusing on the development of social work research in all areas of drug abuse intervention and services research.

ACTION: Applications are due by February 1, June 1, and October 1, of each year. Application kits are available from the Division of Extramural Outreach and Information Resources, 301/435-0714. E-mail: grantsinfo@nih.gov. See also, <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm> for electronic access to application forms.

CONTACT: Peter Delany, 301/443-4060. E-mail: PD32N@NIH.GOV. Jerry Flanzer, 301/443-4060. E-mail: JF199I@NIH.GOV.

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Education; Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

ITEM: Notice requesting applications and announcing a pre-application meeting for a new award for a Rehabilitation Research and Training Center for FY 2000, for rehabilitation of minorities with disabilities.

ACTION: Applications are due by February 4, 2000, and applications packages will be available on November 10, 1999. The pre-application meeting will take place on December 13, 1999, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at OSERS, U.S. Department of Education, Switzer Building, Room 1002, 330 C

Street, SW, Washington, D.C. Applications are available from the Education Publications Center, 877/433-7827. Fax: 301/470-1244. E-mail: edpubs@inet.ed.gov. See also, <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>. Electronic access to this document is available at <http://ocfo.ed.gov/fedreg.htm> or at <http://www.ed.gov/news.html>.

CONTACT: Delores Watkins, 202/205-9195. E-mail: Delores_Watkins@ed.gov.

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy; Office of Science

ITEM: Notice of interest in receiving grant applications under the Experimental and Computational Structural Biology Program, for experimental and computational biological studies on the structural biology of proteins involved in DNA repair or in bioremediation.

ACTION: Potential applicants are encouraged to submit a brief pre-application by January 12, 2000. Those submitting pre-applications will receive an e-mail reply encouraging or discouraging submission of a formal application, which will be due by May 2, 2000. See also, <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html> for electronic access to the application package.

CONTACT: Roland Hirsch, 301/903-9009. Fax: 301/903-0567. E-mail: roland.hirsch@science.doe.gov. See this notice for additional contact information.

TITLE: Millimeter Wave Capability

SOL: DAAD13-00-R-0006

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Defense; U.S. Army Materiel Command

ITEM: Notice of intent to award a contract to include the integration and installation of the Millimeter Wave Pre-Planned Product Improvement module into two large smoke generator systems.

ACTION: A pre-proposal conference will take place on December 15, 1999, at the Aberdeen Proving Ground. Send registration materials to the contact listed by November 24, 1999. The RFP is scheduled for release on January 31, 2000, after a draft RFP is released on November 17, 1999. See also, <http://www.sbccom.apgea.army.mil/srs/amcac/index.html> for access to electronic information.

CONTACT: Bob Foote, 410/436-2515.

Fax: 410/436-4290. E-mail: robert.foote@sbccom.apgea.army.mil.

ADDRESS: CDR, AMC Acquisition Center, Edgewood Branch, Attn: STEAA-AP-E, 5183 Blackhawk Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5424



Calendar of Events

Send your calendar items to

Kay Fike Jones, 102 George Hall; Mail Stop 9512; FAX 325-7455; e-mail <jonesk@ur.msstate.edu> at least **TWO WEEKS** in advance. For updates, check <www.msstate.edu> and click on "News" for msu.NOW!

December

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Madrigal Dinner, Bost Extension Center auditorium, 6 p.m. 325-3070.

Last day for all new students to apply for 2000 spring semester admission.

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MSU vs. South Carolina State, men's basketball, Humphrey Coliseum, 7 p.m.

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Faculty and Professional Women's Association holiday party: Cary Sutphin and Dr. Charlotte Oakley, "Christmas Flavors of 20th Century Mississippi." A.B. McKay Enology Lab, North Farm, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 325-8643.

Seminar: "Bio-based Economy of the 21st Century," Dr. Ralph Hardy, president, National Agricultural Biotechnology Council, 118 Thompson Hall, 2-3 p.m. 325-9511.

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MSU vs. Centenary, men's basketball,

IRB Handbook revised

The MSU Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research (IRB) recently published the latest revision of its handbook.

The IRB Handbook is a combination of policies, procedures and templates for faculty, staff and students doing human subject research. It is available online at <www.msstate.edu/dept/spa> on the Regulatory Compliance page. Paper copies may be obtained by telephoning Tracy Smart Arwood at 325-3994 or by e-mail at <tarwood@spa.msstate.edu>.

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Humphrey Coliseum, 2 p.m.

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Commencement, Humphrey Coliseum, 10 a.m.

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Mississippi State Classic, women's basketball tournament, Humphrey Coliseum, 1 and 3 p.m.

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Mississippi State Classic, women's basketball tournament, Humphrey Coliseum, 5 and 7 p.m.

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received a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas, '69, a master's and doctorate from Kent State University in '72 and '73, respectively; and Thorne earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Louisiana State University in '64, '67' and '69.

Remote library information desk opens in union

MSU Libraries has opened a remote information desk for students in the first-floor booth across from the MSU Bookstore in the Colvard Union—just in time for exams.

Reference librarians will man the "Quick Stop Information Desk" through Dec. 10, noon-3 p.m. each day, as part of the library's outreach initiative. They can assist students with identifying and

MSTV schedule

The latest schedule for MSTV, cable channel 30, is as follows:

Dec. 5: 6:30 p.m. Bullyboard, 7 p.m. MSU Basketball Game Replay (vs. W. Kentucky), 8:45 p.m. Bullyboard, 9 p.m. The Learning Channel.

Dec. 6: 6:30 p.m. Bullyboard, 7 p.m. MSU Basketball Game Replay (vs. W. Kentucky), 8:45 p.m. Bullyboard, 9 p.m. The Learning Channel.

Dec. 7: 6 p.m. Bullyboard, 6:30 p.m. Lily: original opera by Douglas McConnell, 8 p.m. TLC. (Last day of local programming for the year.)

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will become the second woman in Mississippi history to serve as lieutenant governor. Evelyn Gandy held the post 1976-1980.

choosing resources for papers, projects and presentations. In addition, they can explain how to use the virtual library resources on the reference web page <<http://nt.library.msstate.edu/reference/index.htm>>. A printer also is available.

Students who can't make it over to the booth during its open hours can use Mitchell Memorial Library's computer commons 24 hours a day.

The United Way campaign recently surpassed its fund-raising goal for the year. The UW thermometer at Five Points reflects the \$108,630 contributed by faculty, staff and students. Campaign volunteers include (l-r) Susie Latham, Michelle Lemmons, Barbara Rhoades, Joy Odom, Peggy Childers, Skip Jack, and Debbie Vaughn. The student campaign, which ends soon, should raise the total even more.

