

Blaney honored nationally for advising students

A Mississippi State foreign languages professor is receiving national recognition for his skills in advising students.

Dr. Benjamin Blaney recently was selected for a 2000 National Academic Advising Association Certificate of Merit. He is among 28 who will travel in October to the association's annual awards ceremony in Orlando, Fla.

Nearly 60 persons were considered this year for top advising honors. Alabama-Birmingham, Illinois State, Minnesota, Texas A&M, and Oregon State are among

other universities with 2000 certificate of merit winners.

The advising association, along with American College Tests Inc., established the national recognition program in 1983 "to honor individuals making significant contributions to the improvement of academic advising."

MSU has produced a number of honorees in recent years. The most recent, curriculum and instruction professor R. Dwight Hare, was among 24 receiving 1999 certificates of merit.



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Based at Kansas State University, the association has some 5,000 members. In

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Music education names new head

Dr. Michael R. Brown is the new head of the Department of Music Education.

Brown assumed the duties July 1, replacing Randi L'Hommedieu, who left the university last year.

For the past eight years he served as division chair of fine arts at Indiana

Wesleyan University in Marion.

Previously, he was director of bands at Augusta State University and principal trumpet in the Augusta (Ga.) Symphony Orchestra.

A native Georgian, Brown earned an

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Newly appointed state College Board members Scott Ross (c) of West Point and Amy Whitten of Oxford recently toured the university's National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center with administrator Brad Carter. Formal confirmation of the two by the state senate is expected in early 2001. Ross is a 1982 Mississippi State graduate and the university's first Harry S. Truman National Scholar.

Cultural diversity center names director

Stacy M. Roberson is the new director of the Richard Holmes Cultural Diversity Center.

Roberson, the center's former program coordinator, assumed the position July 1. She replaces Samuel T. Miller, who resigned in June to become vice president for student affairs at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus.

"Stacy is a very capable young professional," said Dr. Roy Ruby, vice president for student affairs. "She will provide good leadership to the center through her ideas and her rapport with students."

A Shreveport, La., native, Roberson joined the center staff last year. Previously,

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Property personnel in the Office of Receiving and Property Control recently earned standard property certification from the National Property Managers Association. Newly certified are (front row, l-r) Scott Alexander, assistant property officer; Sharon Hamlin, property officer; Harold Linley, property auditing assistant; and Betty Rawlings, assistant property officer. Looking on are Gerald Tomasovsky (l), president of the Magnolia Chapter of the NPMA, and Bill Pope, director of the Property Control Division, Office of the State Auditor.

DataBasics

By Kerry Smith
MSU Libraries

Mitchell Memorial Library has upgraded its MEDLINE Express database to MEDLINE Advanced, a more powerful and flexible version enhanced through the addition of more precise searching features.

MEDLINE Advanced offers powerful searching tools, such as field-specific indexes, full journal titles, fully searchable source fields, age limits, floating sub-headings, and more. The database also can be searched by journal code and the date the journal was added to the system.

The library's MEDLINE subscription includes access to the entire SERLINE database. SERLINE, an important complement to the MEDLINE subscription, contains bibliographic records for all serials catalogued in the National Library of Medicine collection and all titles indexed in MEDLINE.

MEDLINE Advanced includes such topics as microbiology, delivery of health care, nutrition, pharmacology, and environmental health. The categories covered in the database include anatomy, diseases, chemicals and drugs, psychiatry and psychology, biological, physical and social sciences, and education, and technology.

MEDLINE, the NLM's premier bibliographic database of international biomedical literature, provides comprehensive information on every aspect of medicine and health care. MEDLINE contains more than eight million citations and abstracts of articles from 3,700 journals published in 70 countries.

Individuals affiliated with Mississippi State are permitted access to MEDLINE and all other library databases via the library's web site at <library.msstate.edu>. If access is denied, users should telephone the MSU Libraries Systems Department during regular business hours at 325-2842, or by e-mail at <systems@library.msstate.edu>.

If problems occur after business hours, telephone the Ready Reference Desk at 325-7667 or e-mail <readyref@library.msstate.edu>.

Promotions for faculty announced

The following faculty members have been promoted for the 2000-01 fiscal year.

Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station

Coastal Research and Extension Center: Patricia Knight, assistant horticulturist to associate horticulturist.

Delta Research and Extension Center: Menghe H. Li, assistant fishery biologist to associate fishery biologist.

MSU Extension Service

Animal and Dairy Sciences: W. Blair McKinley, associate specialist to specialist, and Allen R. Williams, assistant specialist/assistant animal scientist to associate specialist/associate animal scientist.

Central Research and Extension Center: Judy L. Goddard, associate specialist to specialist.

Forestry: Robert A. Daniels, associate specialist to specialist, and H. Glenn Hughes, associate specialist to specialist.

Pinecote honored

Although less than 15 years old, Pinecote Pavilion at MSU's Crosby Arboretum is now an official Mississippi Landmark.

Located near Picayune, Pinecote recently received the designation from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History on the basis of its "significant architecture."

A complex wooden structure, the pavilion is one of only a few buildings in Mississippi designed by nationally known architect E. Fay Jones of Fayetteville, Ark.

Jones, born in 1921, was an apprentice to Frank Lloyd Wright, from whom he learned the principles of organic architecture. Jones received the American

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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>>.

Program: Grants Program

Agency: Elizabeth Firestone-Graham Foundation

Next Deadline: Sep 15, 2000

Supports the production and appreciation of the contemporary arts, particularly the visual arts. Projects should promote the range of art being created by all populations in all media. Eligible projects include exhibitions, publications, acquisitions, visiting artist programs, filmmaking projects, and special events. The Foundation especially aims to advance the work of emerging and mid-career artists, to provide exposure of contemporary art where it may otherwise not be seen, and to promote awareness of the collections of grantees. The Foundation requests that interested parties approach the Foundation with a letter of intent to apply that requests guidelines.

CFDA Number: N/A

Contact: Ray Graham, President of Elizabeth Firestone-Graham Foundation
c/o Bank One Ohio Trust Co.
P.O. Box 2003
Akron, OH 44309-2003

Program: Collaborative Research

Agency: National Endowment for the Humanities

Next Deadline: Sep 01, 2000

Supports original research undertaken by a team of two or more scholars, or research coordinated by an individual scholar that because of its scope or complexity requires additional staff or resources beyond the individual's salary. Projects may include basic research, editions, translations, and research conferences. Awards may fund travel and technical support. Grants usually range from \$10,000 to \$200,000; matching funds are encouraged. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a draft proposal at least 6 weeks before deadline. See <http://www.neh.gov/>. E-mail: research@neh.gov.

CFDA Number: 45.140

Contact: Division of Research Programs

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Room 318
Washington, DC 20506
202/606-8200

Program: Grants for Alcohol Research

Agency: Alcoholic Beverage Medical Research Foundation

Next Deadline: Sep 01, 2000

Supports research in the following areas of interest: the effects of the moderate use of alcohol; factors influencing the transition from moderate to excessive drinking; alcohol and youth, traffic accidents, and work related issues; and mechanisms underlying the biomedical effects of alcohol. Funds are available for research project grants, new scientist awards (for career development), project supplement grants, data analysis grants, and pilot/preliminary studies. For program details and a list of past grant recipients, see <http://www.abmrf.org/grants.html>. E-mail: info@abmrf.org.

CFDA Number: N/A

Contact: Albert Pawlowski, Vice President
1122 Kenilworth Drive
Suite 407
Baltimore, MD 21204-2189
410/821-7066

Program: CRFA Research and Education Grants and Fellowship Program

Agency: Cancer Research Foundation of America

Next Deadline: Sep 15, 2000

Supports basic, clinical, translational, and applied research; educational projects; and early cancer detection projects. Annual stipends of \$30,000 for up to 2 years are awarded for the Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. Research Grant Program offers general project support, including salaries, with awards ranging in size from \$5,000 to \$35,000. Application materials vary from year to year. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope (extra postage) to above address. One of several priorities is primary and secondary prevention research on breast, cervix, colon, lung, prostate and skin cancers. For details, see <http://www.preventcancer.org/research.htm>.

CFDA Number: N/A

Contact: Joscelyn Silby, Program Officer
1600 Duke St.
Suite 110
Alexandria, VA 22314
703/836-4412

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

ITEM: Notice requesting applications for new awards for FY 2000 under the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Foreign Language—Item Development Program, the main purpose of which is to develop items for the national assessment of foreign language proficiency in 2003. The program will also develop a block design or designs and screening process, and will assist in field test and scoring activities, and in the writing of reports.

ACTION: Applications are due by August 21, 2000. Go to <http://ocfo.ed.gov/fedreg.htm> or to <http://www.ed.gov/news.html> for electronic access to this document.

CONTACT: Janis Brown, 202/502-7400.

Program: Unsolicited Grants Program

Agency: United States Institute of Peace

Next Deadline: Oct 01, 2000

Grants are offered across a broad range of disciplines, skills and approaches with no disciplinary restrictions set by the Institute. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, international conflict resolution, diplomacy, negotiation theory, international organizations and law, arms control, and psychological theories about international conflict. Deadlines are 3/1 (notification in late June) and 10/1 (notification in early February). For applications, call 202/429-3842 or E-mail: grant_program@usip.org. See the 1/31/00 Federal Register, or http://www.usip.org/grants/Unsolicited_Grants.html.

CFDA Number: N/A

Contact: April Hall, Grants Administrator
1200 17th Street, NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036-3011
202/429-3842

Program: Group Projects Abroad (Fulbright-Hays Act)

Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Next Deadline: Oct 27, 2000 (tentative)

Supports projects to help institutions improve and develop their programs in modern foreign languages and area studies through overseas group projects in research, training and curriculum development. Projects may include short-term seminars, curriculum development, group research, or advanced intensive language projects. Projects cannot focus on Western Europe, Canada, or Australia. For more information, see <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/OHEP/iegps/gpa.html>.

CFDA Number: 84.021A

Contact: Lungching Chiao, International Educ. and

Grad. Prog. Serv.
1990 K Street, NW
Eighth Floor
Washington, DC 20006-8544
202/502-7624



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!

July 27

Lab Animal Training Class, Dr. John Harkness, 126 Bowen Hall, 3 p.m. 325-0994.

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Fabulous Falcons: falcons trained by Camp Tiak ranger Michael Musgrave, Crosby Arboretum, Picayune. Members \$3; non-members \$5. (601) 799-2311, extension 21.

August 3, 4

Final exams.

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Commencement.

Creating Hummingbird Gardens, Crosby Arboretum, Picayune, 10 a.m. (601) 799-2311, extension 22.

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MSU-Meridian Campus New Student Orientation, MSU-Meridian Multi-Purpose Room, 9 a.m. Lesa Aymami, (601) 484-0136.

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Cotton Field Day, Delta Research and Extension Center, Stoneville. Registration, 8 a.m.; tours, 8:30 a.m. Jody Stovall, (662) 686-3216.

MSU-Meridian Campus New Student Orientation, MSU-Meridian Multi-Purpose Room, 9 a.m. Lesa Aymami, (601) 484-0136.

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Rice/Soybean Field Day, Delta Research and Extension Center, Stoneville. Registration, 8 a.m.; tours, 8:30 a.m. Jody Stovall, (662) 686-3216.

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Final registration.

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Classes begin.

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associate's degree from Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Ga., a bachelor's from Berry College in Mt. Berry, Ga., and a master's and doctorate from the University of Georgia in Athens.

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addition to faculty members, the organization represents professional advisers, administrators, counselors, and others in academic and student affairs concerned with the intellectual, personal and vocational needs of students.

Blaney, a member of the MSU faculty since 1972, previously was honored at MSU with a Burlington-Northern Foundation Award for Outstanding Teaching, John Grisham Master Teacher Award and a Schillig Special Teaching Project Grant. He also received the Mississippi Foreign Language Association's 1997 Distinguished Service Award.

A teacher of German, he holds a bachelor's degree from Colby College in Waterville, Maine, a master's from Middlebury (Vt.) College and a doctorate from the University of Colorado.

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Institute of Architects Gold Medal in 1990.

Dedicated in 1986, Pinecote has been featured in many national publications and is the only building in Mississippi to win the AIA's Honor Award.

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she was coordinator of student organizations for the Office of Student Activities at Jackson State University and a graduate assistant in JSU's Office of Alumni Affairs.

Roberson holds a bachelor's degree in social science education and a master's in counseling and guidance, both from JSU. Currently, she is working on a doctorate at MSU in counselor education.

The Holmes Cultural Diversity Center works to enhance the college experience of culturally diverse students through its many programs and services.



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The center is named for the first African-American to enroll at Mississippi State. Now a Birmingham, Ala., physician, Holmes earned bachelor's and master's degrees from MSU in 1969 and 1972, respectively.

Lab animal training set

Dr. John Harkness, lab animal veterinarian with the College of Veterinary Medicine, is holding a lab animal training class July 27.

The classes are mandatory for persons whose names appear—or will appear—on an Animal Care and Use Protocol Review Form. Those who have participated in one of the training classes within the last four years do not have to attend.

The class begins at 3 p.m. in 126 Bowen Hall.

For more information, telephone 325-0994.