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## Speakers set for lecture series

A noted Louisiana historian and an award-winning student writer specializing in Civil War history will be featured March 24 at Mississippi State's John F. and Jeanne A. Marszalek Lecture Series.

James F. Sefcik, who retired last year as Louisiana State Museum director and Office of State Museums assistant secretary, will deliver the keynote address. The 3 p.m. public program takes place in the John Grisham Room of Mitchell Memorial Library.

Prior to Sefcik's presentation, Virginia Tech University graduate student Jared Peatman, last year's nominee for Virginia social studies teacher of the year, will read a research paper titled "Richmond's Reaction to the Gettysburg Address."

Honoring retired MSU historian John Marszalek and his wife, the lecture series was established in 2002 to encourage the use of primary source materials related to American history, the Civil War and Reconstruction, Jacksonian America, and race relations. The format includes papers given by students and a lecture by an established historian of national reputation.

Sefcik's topic will be "Primary Sources, Museums, and the Study of American History." He is the author of 14 publications on history, fund raising and museum issues.

Marszalek is an MSU Giles Distinguished Professor Emeritus and author of an award-winning biography of Gen. William T. Sherman. His latest book, "Commander of All Lincoln's Armies: A Life of General Henry W. Halleck," is published by Harvard University Press.

A Troy, N.Y., native and New Orleans resident, Sefcik now serves as assistant to the president at Our Lady of Holy Cross College, a church-affiliated institution in the Crescent City. He also is an adjunct professor of history at OLHCC and the University of New Orleans.

Sefcik has been active with numerous associations that include the American Associa-

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Some 7,500 koi, bluegill and bass minnows are new residents of the recently refurbished Eckie's Pond. Built in the 1890s as a horticulture demonstration project by Professor A.B. McKay—whose student nickname was "Eckie"—the campus landmark is located near the President's Home. The renovation project is being supported by private donations, including the minnows provided by alumnus Paul Picard of the Dixie Fish Farm in Houma, La.



The MSU Foundation's telephone solicitation operations recently relocated from an off-campus office to the Hunter Henry Center. The Bulldog Calling Center employs more than 50 students to help raise funds for a variety of campus needs. MSU first lady Pat Lee (center) led a recent cord-cutting ceremony that also included (l-r) center coordinator Mandi Alexander and foundation leaders John Rush, Dennis Prescott and Laura Kitchens.



## National computer security expert to speak

A nationally recognized authority on computer security and electronic commerce will discuss “Information Policy Issues in the Post-Attack Age” during a March 8 public program at Mississippi State.

Dr. Lance J. Hoffman, who established and led to prominence the computer security program at George Washington University, will begin his presentation at 9:30 a.m. in 100 Butler Hall, home of the Computer Science and Engineering Department.

He is visiting campus as a special guest of the Center for Computer Security Research, which is a unit of the department. In February, Hoffman was named to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Data Privacy and Integrity Advisory Committee.

The author or editor of five books and numerous articles on computer security and privacy, Hoffman currently serves as GWU’s Distinguished Research Professor of Computer Science. He founded what

now is that university’s Cyber Security Policy and Research Institute.

“Dr. Hoffman’s first book in 1973 was used in what may have been the first university course

entirely devoted to computer security—a class he initiated at the University of California-Berkeley,”

said Dr. Ray

Vaughn, director of the MSU center.

“His teaching innovations three decades later include multidisciplinary courses on electronic commerce and network security, and the development of a portable educational network for teaching computer security,” Vaughn added.

Under Hoffman’s leadership, the GWU program gained national recognition as a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education. He also directs the U.S. Defense Department and National Science Foundation computer security scholarship programs at the Washington, D.C.-based institution of higher learning. Additionally, he heads research efforts there in capacity building and computer security curriculum development.

A Fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery, Hoffman has served on a number of advisory committees—including those of the Center for Democracy and Technology, IBM, Federal Trade Commission, and ACM Conference on Computers, Freedom and Privacy. He occasionally testifies before Congress on security and privacy-related issues.

Hoffman received a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Carnegie Mellon University before completing master’s and doctoral degrees from Stanford University, both in computer science.



Hoffman



Starkville author and MSU alumna Kathryn L. Hayes (seated) autographed copies of her new book during a recent Mitchell Memorial Library program. The 50-page “From My Heart to His: A Collection of Prayers” is a release of the iUniverse Publishing Co. of Lincoln, Neb. Sheila Coleman (center) and Peggy West were among those getting copies signed by the former development director at Driscoll Children’s Hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas.

### Looking for a job?

View and apply for current MSU positions (executive, faculty, professional, and support staff) on the Human Resources Management Online Employment System at [www.jobs.msstate.edu](http://www.jobs.msstate.edu). For more information, telephone HRM at 325-3713, e-mail [employment@hrm.msstate.edu](mailto:employment@hrm.msstate.edu) or visit 150 McArthur Hall.

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# Blaine receives Mississippi's top agronomy award

A Mississippi State Extension Service specialist with almost 20 years of experience working with the state's soybean producers has received a top honor.

Extension soybean specialist Alan Blaine was named the Mississippi Society of Agronomy's Agronomist of the Year during the February Mississippi Crop College at MSU.

A native of McCool, Blaine joined the extension service in 1987 and has worked with soybean producers enrolled in the Soybean Management by Application of Research and Technology—or SMART—program since its inception in 1992. SMART is a total management program for soybean crop production.

Blaine has earned numerous other

awards for his work with Mississippi row crop producers, including a United Soybean Board Meritorious Service Award.

He earned a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's and doctorate in agronomy at Mississippi State.

The Mississippi Society of Agronomy is the state chapter of the American Society of Agronomy.



Blaine



A luncheon recently concluded a series of events held by Facilities Management to celebrate Black History Month. Taking part were (l-r) Robert Chandler and Benny Yarbrough, Campus Landscape; E. Maria White, Holmes Cultural Diversity Center; Debbie Miller, Custodial Services; and Donna Baptist, Physical Plant. Facilities Management consists of Campus Landscape, Custodial Services and the Physical Plant. Its newly created diversity team offered several February programs including vision screening and heart, diabetes and nutrition information.

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tion for State and Local History, Southeast Museums Conference, Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Society, New York State American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, and Southeast Museums Conference.

Peatman earned a bachelor's degree in history from Gettysburg (Pa.) College in 2002 and currently is pursuing a master's degree in U.S. history at Virginia Tech. An award-winning student, writer, teacher, and presenter of historical papers, he has had work published in *The Gettysburg Magazine* and the *Gettysburg History Journal*.

For more information on MSU Libraries, the Marszalek Lecture Series and the upcoming lecture and presentation, visit [www.library.msstate.edu](http://www.library.msstate.edu) or contact Sheila Coleman at 325-2559 or [scoleman@library.msstate.edu](mailto:scoleman@library.msstate.edu).

## Surplus property offered

Surplus property will be offered to the public by the Department of Facilities Management each Wednesday.

Items will be sold at a fixed price 7 a.m.-9 a.m. at the Cooley Surplus Property Store, 600 Russell St.

Typical items include desks, chairs, carpet, wallpaper, hardware, cabinets, fencing, furniture, and various salvage items.

For more information, visit [www.msstate.edu/dept/physplant/cooley.html](http://www.msstate.edu/dept/physplant/cooley.html).

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## Calendar of Events

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To list calendar events online, access [www.ur.msstate.edu/news/today.asp](http://www.ur.msstate.edu/news/today.asp) and follow the instructions.

### Ongoing Events

Jim Kuethel's photo exhibit, "MSinterpretations: Images of Mississippi," and documentation photography of David Perkes, through March 25, College of Architecture, Art and Design Gallery, Giles Hall. Also, "Stories of the Community: Self-Taught Art from the Hill Collection," through March 25 at the Department of Art Gallery, McComas Hall. 325-2970.

### March 8

Workshop: "SciFinder Scholar: Chemistry and More!" ELI/Giles electronic classrooms, Mitchell Memorial Library, 3 p.m. Registration required. Deborah Lee, 325-0810 or [dlee@library.msstate.edu](mailto:dlee@library.msstate.edu).

Lyceum Series concert: Freddy Cole Quartet, McComas Hall theater, 7:30 p.m.

Computer security expert Lance J. Hoffman to speak, 100 Butler Hall, 9:30 a.m. 325-7450. (see story page 2)

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Workshop: "Developing a Literature Review," ELI/Giles electronic classrooms, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2 p.m. Registration required. Brad Brazzeale, 325-3834 or [bbrazzeal@library.msstate.edu](mailto:bbrazzeal@library.msstate.edu).

Writer Robert Antoni reads from his works, Colvard Union small auditorium, 7 p.m. 325-3644.



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Workshop: "Copyright or Copywrong?" ELI/Giles electronic classrooms, Mitchell Memorial Library, 1 p.m. Registration required. Brad Brazzeale, 325-3834 or [bbrazzeal@library.msstate.edu](mailto:bbrazzeal@library.msstate.edu).

### 14-18

Spring Break.

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Workshop: "Who's Citing You?" ELI/Giles electronic classrooms, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2 p.m. Registration required. Deborah Lee, 325-0810 or [dlee@library.msstate.edu](mailto:dlee@library.msstate.edu).

Compliance seminar: "Protecting Confidentiality," presented by Duane Gill, Mitchell Memorial Library auditorium, 8:30 a.m. Register at [www.msstate.edu/dept/compliance/irb/irbtrainschedule2.htm](http://www.msstate.edu/dept/compliance/irb/irbtrainschedule2.htm).

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Workshop: "EndNote 101," ELI/Giles electronic classrooms, Mitchell Memorial Library, 3 p.m. Registration required. Deborah Lee, 325-0810 or [dlee@library.msstate.edu](mailto:dlee@library.msstate.edu).

John F. and Jeanne A. Marszalek Lecture Series, featuring historian James F. Sefcik and student writer Jared Peatman, John Grisham Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 3 p.m. 325-2559. (see story page 1)

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University closed for holiday.

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Outstanding Woman Awards ceremony, Grisham Room, Mitchell Memorial Library, 3 p.m. 325-7390.

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Workshop: "Research and Dissertation Basics," ELI/Giles electronic classrooms, Mitchell Memorial Library, 3 p.m. Registration required. Deborah Lee, 325-0810 or [dlee@library.msstate.edu](mailto:dlee@library.msstate.edu).

IRB training, Mitchell Memorial Library auditorium, 2 p.m. Register at

[www.msstate.edu/dept/compliance/irb/irbtrainschedule.htm](http://www.msstate.edu/dept/compliance/irb/irbtrainschedule.htm).

### April 1

Workshop: "Developing a Literature Review," ELI/Giles electronic classrooms, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2 p.m. Registration required. Deborah Lee, 325-0810 or [dlee@library.msstate.edu](mailto:dlee@library.msstate.edu).

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Workshop: "EndNote 101," ELI/Giles electronic classrooms, Mitchell Memorial Library, 5:30 p.m. Registration required. Deborah Lee, 325-0810 or [dlee@library.msstate.edu](mailto:dlee@library.msstate.edu).

### 6

Workshop: "Bringing the World to Mississippi: United Nations Resources," ELI/Giles electronic classrooms, Mitchell Memorial Library, 1 p.m. Registration required. Deborah Lee, 325-0810 or [dlee@library.msstate.edu](mailto:dlee@library.msstate.edu).

### Facilities Management group is honored

Facilities Management employees recently were recognized for their assistance after a Jan. 13 storm damaged the Raspet Flight Research Lab.

The crews were presented certificates by Executive Director Jim Jones for "outstanding professionalism and superb response in mitigating damage and clearing of the debris-scattered area."

Honorees included Kathy Collins, Merline White, Peter Rook, Rodney Gammill, Billy Kelly, Terry Skinner, John Johnson, Willie Collier, Richard Huffman, Jackie Kelley, Joe Keeton, James Wright, William Hubbard, Dwight Dempsey, Todd Rogers, Phillip Allen, Jerry McGinnis, John Warner, Ronnie McMinn, Kenneth Hood, Dallas Stephens, Sean Swisher, Jessie Green, Rob Stumpf, Ronnie Coleman, Ricky Tate, Dean Fielder, Jim Parrish, Timmy Shaw, Tracy Hill, Doug Paden, and Jimmy Upchurch.