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Human sciences professor receives Fulbright

Dr. Phyllis Bell Miller, associate professor of human sciences, will travel to Bulgaria this summer on a Fulbright Scholarship for teaching and research. While in the East European nation, she will collect information for an Internet database of the country's traditional dress. She also



Miller

will assist students in designing current fashions based on traditional dress.

The Fulbright organization was established by Congress in 1946 to enhance mutual understanding among nations of the world.

"Bulgaria will be the prototype for a database of traditional dress and folk costumes from around the world," Miller said. "The Bulgarian fashion industry is growing, and I want to stimulate international interest in the industry itself, as well as in the country's traditional styles and colors."

The veteran member of the School of Human Sciences pioneered the art of apparel design on personal computers in the 1980s.

Her programs have been used by teaching institutions, manufacturers and the U.S. Navy, among others. She has worked with the developers of AutoCAD, a computer program originally used by architects and engineers, and has modified the program for

the apparel industry.

Miller already has traveled to 33 countries collecting information on both men's and women's national dress, colors and customs.

"The Fulbright Scholarship will allow me to collect information at museums and cultural sites throughout Bulgaria," she said. "I'm especially interested in collecting information that will allow designers to make exact color matches."

Miller will travel to Bulgaria's capital, Sofia, in July and will teach at either the Bulgarian Academy of Fine Arts or the

New Bulgarian University from September until returning to MSU in early February.

At Mississippi State, she teaches courses in computer-aided design for apparel, textiles, and merchandising and for interior design.

Miller received a certificate from the Academy Nvart, School of French Couture in Michigan, and earned a bachelor's degree in clothing and textiles from Mundelein College in Chicago. Her master's degree is in design and rehabilitation from Michigan State University, and she holds a doctorate in design and journalism from the University of Tennessee.

Senators vote on officers, parking/traffic proposal

Drs. Mark Goodman and Peter Wood continue as president and vice president, respectively, of the Robert Holland Faculty Senate.

Goodman, an associate professor of communication, defeated Dr. David Nagle, extension professor of plant and soil sciences, for the top position. Both had been nominated in advance of the April 15 meeting, the final regular session of the 2004-05 school year.

Wood, an associate professor of sociology, was unopposed.

Since no candidate was nominated in advance to replace longtime secretary LaDonne Delgado, nominations from the assembly was required. Delgado, an associate professor at Mitchell Memorial Library, has served as secretary for both of her two consecutive three-year terms on the advisory body.

When the ballots for secretary were counted, associate professor Dr. Carlen Henington had defeated Dr. Jacquelyn Deeds. Henington is an associate professor of counselor education, education psychology and special education; Deeds, a professor of agricultural information science and education.

Henington, a doctoral graduate of Texas A&M University, has been an MSU faculty member since 1995 and is beginning her fourth year in the senate. She recently was re-elected to a second term.

In other matters, senators:

—Voted 27-4 in favor of a resolution submitted by senators Louis D'Abramo of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Michael Berk of the College of Architecture, Art and Design asking that the university administration reject a parking and traffic improvement proposal (see the March 21, 2005, Memo for details) "and any other future proposal that continues to negatively impact the salary and benefits of the

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New leader named for student counseling, testing services center

Dr. Beatrice A. Tatem is the new director of student counseling and testing services.

A staff psychologist at the center for the past two years, she begins her new duties May 2.

Tatem succeeds Dr. Linda M. Cox, who left last year for a similar position at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Staff counseling psychologist Philip M. Drumheller has served as interim center director since Cox's departure.

A doctoral graduate of Western Michigan University, Tatem was a staff psychologist at the Texas Tech University counseling center and center director at the University of Louisiana at Monroe before coming to MSU.



Tatem

"Dr. Tatem is experienced, knowledge-

able and devoted to the role and scope of the department," said Dr. Jimmy Abraham in making the announcement. "She will do an outstanding job in this important campus position."

Abraham is associate vice president in the Division of Student Affairs, of which the center is a part. Last year, center offices relocated from the YMCA Building to 103 Lee Hall.

The center offers a variety of direct student services ranging from preventative psycho-educational programming, student mentoring, supportive counseling, group counseling, intensive psychotherapy, and 24-hour crisis intervention. Members of the professional staff also serve as consultants and training resources for faculty and staff.

Tatem also holds master's degrees in counseling psychology from the State University of New York at Albany and in political science from Villanova University. Her bachelor's degree in psychology was completed at Fisk University.

In addition to being licensed by the National Board of Certified Counselors Inc. and the State of Mississippi, Tatem holds licensure in Louisiana and Texas. While at Texas Tech, she was honored with the school's Quality Service Award.

Student affairs administrator is honored by peers

Dr. Lisa Harris is receiving a major career honor from the regional professional organization of registrars and admissions officers at higher education institutions.

Harris, an associate vice president in the Division of Student Affairs, is this year's selection for the Distinguished Service Award of the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. She is a former president of the organization.

Established in 1986, SACRAO represents more than 3,100 individuals and some 600 two- and four-year schools in a 13-state region stretching from Virginia to Texas, and including Puerto Rico.

A member of the Mississippi State administration since June 2004, Harris is responsible for admissions, enrollment services, and financial aid and scholarships at the state's largest university.

Before coming to MSU, she was assistant vice president for academic affairs at the University of Alabama. Previous to that, she was responsible for U.A.'s undergraduate admissions and financial aid.

Harris holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Clemson University and a doctorate from Louisiana State University.

In addition to being educated at Clemson, she has served as the South Carolina university's assistant admissions director. At LSU, she was dean of undergraduate admissions. She also was coordinator of high school relations at the University of Tennessee.

Mississippi State University complies with all applicable laws regarding affirmative action and equal opportunity in all its activities and programs and does not discriminate against anyone protected by law because of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, handicap, or status as a veteran or disabled veteran.

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faculty." Two senators abstained from voting on the issue, which the two faculty veterans said was meant to be "symbolic" and to "make a statement."

D'Abramo and Berk said lingering effects of a national economic turndown and years of limited state funding have resulted in "insignificant salary adjustments, non-existent merit raises and continued decreases in employee benefits."

Prior to the vote, Vice President for Finance and Administration Ray Hayes explained reasons behind the proposal and answered questions from senators. During the discussion, he was assured by D'Abramo and Berk that they appreciated the severity of campus traffic and parking problems and, basically, had no issue with the plan itself—only the process for funding it.

A complete summary of these and other matters at the final regular meeting of the 2004-05 school year is available at the senate home page. Also, in time, a University Television Center-developed video replay of the entire meeting will be available for viewing at this site.



Library site included in National Geographic guide

A new tourism map produced by National Geographic magazine and the Appalachian Regional Commission is directing travelers to a Mississippi State attraction.

The John Grisham Room in Mitchell Memorial Library is among fewer than 400 sites—and one of only 17 in Mississippi—featured in a new tourism guide. The Grisham Room is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays.

The new directory covers attractions in a 13-state Appalachian region stretching

ies,” said Frances N. Coleman, dean of libraries. “The Grisham Room currently draws about 6,000 visitors annually, and we anticipate that more soon will discover its resources.”

Dedicated in 1998 and located on the repository’s third floor, the room features displays of papers and materials donated by Grisham, a 1977 MSU graduate and best-selling novelist. In addition to manuscript materials, photographs, correspondence, and promotional materials, the public exhibit features foreign language versions

“Sites were selected after extensive research to show the region’s rich, diverse, and in many cases, undiscovered assets,” he explained. Among other Mississippi sites in the Golden Triangle are Waverley Mansion in West Point and the Tennessee Williams birthplace in Columbus.

Calling cultural heritage tourism “the fastest-growing sector of the travel market,” Armour said, “We hope that travel and tourism-related businesses will realize increased benefits from this project and that travelers will have enjoyable and educational experiences.”

Presently, the National Geographic “Traveler” Web site receives between four and seven million hits each month, he added.

Armour said the project’s successful launch owes much to the “invaluable support” of Gov. Haley Barbour, the Mississippi Development Authority’s tourism office, MDA Deputy Director Bill Crawford, and the Golden Triangle Planning and Development District.

For more information on the Grisham Room, telephone 325-2559 or visit library.msstate.edu/grisham_room/.

For the Map Guide to Appalachia, visit www.nationalgeographic.com/appalachia.



John Grisham Room of Mitchell Memorial Library

from Pennsylvania to the Deep South. More than 1,000 sites originally were nominated.

Nearly a million copies of the Map Guide to Appalachia are inserted in the April issue of National Geographic’s Traveler magazine. The maps also will be available while supplies last through the Mississippi Division of Tourism.

“This is a tremendous honor for Mississippi State and for the MSU Librar-

ies of the author’s novels, as well as media accounts and other items about the author and his works.

The partnership between the ARC and National Geographic was launched last fall. The common goal of each is to promote geotourism through the region’s culture and heritage, said Mike Armour, director of the Mississippi ARC office.

Memo is published for the faculty and staff of Mississippi State University by the Office of

University Relations. It is published weekly during the fall and

spring semesters and twice a month during the summer. It also is available on the Web at msuinfo.ur.msstate.edu/msu_memo/. Editorial material should be sent to Kay Fike Jones, Mail Stop 9512, or via e-mail to jonesk@ur.msstate.edu.

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Calendar of Events

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Ongoing Events

Senior art students' exhibition, "Thesis Pieces," through April 29, Department of Art Gallery, McComas Hall basement. 325-2970.

April 25

Women's Studies Spring Lecture Series: MSU faculty member Kitty Robbins-Herring, "The King of France's Daughter: Class and Gender Roles in Celtic Fairy Tale," Women's Studies Resource Center, ground floor of Rice Hall, noon. Lunch will be provided to first 25 who RSVP by telephone 325-1466 or e-mail msuws@hotmail.com.

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Circle of Sisterhood meeting: Dr. Noel Schulz speaking on "The Women Wide Web-Networking," faculty lounge, Colvard Union, noon-1 p.m. 325-2091.

Classroom Response System Demonstration: will show how lecturers can get answers to questions from students via keypads attached to desks, co-sponsored by the Department of Physics and Astronomy and Brooks/Cole Publishing, 250 Hilbun Hall, 3 p.m. Amy Massey, 325-2159.

27-29

Student Showcase featuring student-written and directed one-act plays, McComas Hall lab theater, 7 p.m. General admission is \$5. 325-3203.



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Children's Charity Play: "Sort of Beowulf: A Sort of Comedy," sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta, English honorary, Simrall Hall auditorium, 4 p.m. No admission fee, but any money collected during the performance or from the bake sale that follows will be donated to the Starkville Boys and Girls Club. Alicia Aiken, 325-3644; www.msstate.edu/org/sigmataudelta/.

May 2-6

Final exams.

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Dedication and unveiling of former congressman G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery statue, southwest corner of the Drill Field north of Allen Hall, 10 a.m. 325-3221.

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Commencement, Humphrey Coliseum, 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. 325-2022.

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Service Recognition Program, Humphrey Coliseum, 9 a.m. 325-3713.

Staff Appreciation Day, Humphrey Coliseum, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Student Association to unveil statue of 'Mr. Veteran' and alumnus Montgomery

Paying homage to a statesman whose career spanned three decades, Mississippi State student leaders soon will unveil a statue of former congressman G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery.

During a May 6 public ceremony, the life-sized bronze sculpture by Raymond artist Tracy H. Sugg will be dedicated at the university. The 10 a.m. program will take place on the southwest lawn of the Drill Field.

Rep. Chip Pickering, R-Miss., who succeeded Montgomery as the state's 3rd District congressman, will join MSU President Charles Lee, Student Association President Adam Telle and other campus, local and state officials. Montgomery, a 1943 Mississippi State graduate and former student association president, also is scheduled to attend.

MSU students launched the project in 2002 to honor a Mississippian and MSU alumnus "who has been an outstanding example of public service," said Telle, a May communication and computer science graduate from Northport, Ala.

"Sonny Montgomery not only represents the caliber of person attending Mississippi State; he also has been one of the university's and one of Mississippi's most outstanding ambassadors," Telle said.

First elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1966, Montgomery held the office for 15 two-year terms and a span of seven presidencies.

The former Meridian businessman and state senator was the author of 1988 congressional legislation that came to be known as the Montgomery G.I. Bill, which extended benefits of the original 1947 legislation.

His longtime advocacy for military veterans, as well as three decades of military service that included active duty both in World War II and the Korean conflict, helped earn Montgomery the Capitol Hill title "Mr. Veteran." He retired from the Mississippi Army National Guard with the rank of major general.

Dr. William Kibler, vice president for student affairs, commended student leaders for their vision in initiating the recognition.

"Mr. Montgomery is a great American servant, leader and one of our most beloved alumni," Kibler said. "The statue that will be dedicated on our campus is a fitting tribute to his legacy at Mississippi State, the state of Mississippi and the nation."

For more information about the May 6 event, telephone Kibler at 325-3045.