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Elmore fills Henry Chair in Chemical Engineering

An award-winning veteran faculty member at Louisiana Tech University is the new holder of the Hunter W. Henry Chair in Chemical Engineering.

Dr. Bill B. Elmore recently joined the Bagley College of Engineering after 15 years at the Ruston, La., institution. An associate professor in the Swalm School of Chemical Engineering, he replaces the recently retired Irvin Atly Jefcoat.

“We are excited about Dr. Elmore joining the faculty of our engineering school,” said

college Dean Kirk H. Schulz. “His enthusiasm for teaching will encourage our chemical engineering students towards continued academic excellence.

“Dr. Atly Jefcoat set a very high standard of excellence for the Hunter Henry Chair holder, and I am confident Dr. Elmore will set an even higher standard for the chair,” Schulz added.

Elmore earned bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in chemical engineering at the University of Arkansas, the latter in 1990.

While at Louisiana Tech, Elmore was honored as outstanding faculty adviser for the College of Engineering and Science in 1999. He served the university as academic director for a variety of programs that included biomedical engineering, chemical engineering, industrial engineering, civil engineering, construction engineering technology, and geosciences.



Elmore

“I was very excited at this stage of my career to have the opportunity to re-engage fully with student mentoring through scholarship and research,” Elmore said of his MSU appointment. “The warm reception my family and I have received from everyone at Mississippi State and at

Starkville has been a wonderful affirmation of this move.”

Hunter Henry, a Canton native and 1950 MSU graduate, is the former executive vice president and a former member of the board of directors of Dow Chemical Co. He also served as president of Dow Chemical USA and Dow Brazil prior to his retirement.

Anderson exhibit to open this month

An exhibition of 17 landscape paintings—none ever featured publicly before—and other works by the late Gulf Coast artist Walter Anderson will open as scheduled Sept. 19 at Mississippi State.

The public reception for “The Voluptuous Return: Still Life of Walter Inglis Anderson” will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sept. 22, in the McComas Hall Gallery.

Because their Ocean Springs property sustained damage from Hurricane Katrina, members of the Anderson family will be unable to attend, as had been planned by the sponsoring Art Department and College of Architecture, Art and Design.

Also on display will be eight Anderson watercolors from the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel, 17 pen-and-ink drawings from private collections and nearly 30 decorative objects and sculptures from the Brooks Museum of Art in Memphis, Tenn.

Other exhibition sponsors include the MSU Honors Program; offices of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Vice President for Research; Greater Starkville Development Partnership; and Mississippi Arts Commission.

“Plans for a campus visit by John and Leif Anderson, the artist’s son and daughter, have been put on indefinite hold as they work to save remnants of their father’s legacy,” said art professor Brent Funderburk.

The exhibition now will focus on raising funds for the Mississippi Museum Fund, which seeks to conserve and restore museums and collections affected by Katrina’s devastation, he added.

“While there is no admission charge, a donation box will be available at the gallery for those who wish to support the fund,” Funderburk said. Donations also may be made immediately by visiting the Web site, www.msmf.org, he added.

Anderson (1903-65) was a New Orleans native and graduate of New York’s Parsons Institute of Design and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. His most widely known works were completed while frequently visiting uninhabited Horn Island during the last 18 years of his life. Most works were discovered by family members after his death.

McComas Hall Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays-Fridays, and 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. Group tours may be booked by contacting the department at 325-2970 or coldfusion.art.msstate.edu/.

Bulldogs IN Response

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

More than 35 staff members headed for the Gulf Coast Sept. 9 to assist with Hurricane Katrina relief work. Dean of Students Mike White coordinated the weekend effort, with volunteers wearing T-shirts that identified them as "Bulldogs in Response" team members.



Paul Welch (far right) and Chris Nettles provide a little barbecue.



What's left of the Hard Rock Hotel



One of many decimated streets



Bill Broyles checks a survivor's blood pressure.



Thomas Bourgeois welcomes a member of the Mexican military to the coast.



Five new professorships endowed

Five members of the faculty are new appointees to endowed professorships in the James Worth Bagley College of Engineering.

They include:

- Mechanical engineering professor David L. Marcum,
- Electrical and computer engineering professor Robert J. Moorhead II,
- Electrical and computer engineering associate professor Noel N. Schulz,
- Mechanical engineering department head W. Glenn Steele, and
- Computer science and engineering professor Rayford B. “Ray” Vaughn Jr.

The college currently has 23 endowed faculty positions, including 14 endowed chairs and nine endowed professorships. The new endowed positions were formally recognized during a recent investiture dinner.

Marcum, Moorhead and Vaughn all were named to professorships honoring Billie J. Ball of Starkville, professor and head emeritus of the electrical and computer engineering department.

These professorships were established earlier this year by Jean and Jim Bagley to acknowledge the impact Ball had on the engineering college and the university, and to perpetuate excellence in research and teaching.

A native of Louin and Laurel, Ball served on the MSU faculty from 1964 until his retirement in 1992. His leadership and support provided a substantial foundation for the National Science Foundation-MSU Engineering Research Center—now known simply as the ERC—that was established in 1990.

Steele is the Bobby Shackouls Professor in Engineering, a position established in 1998 by the Burlington Resources Foundation to further advancements in research, education and service within the engineering college. Steele’s endowed chair is named for the 1972 MSU chemical engineering graduate now serving as president and chief operating officer of Burlington Resources Inc., one of the world’s largest independent oil and natural gas exploration and production companies.

Schulz was named to the Tennessee Valley Authority Professorship in Power Systems Engineering, established by TVA in 2000 for a professor in electrical and computer engineering. Focusing on research and teaching power systems and energy systems, her professorship was instituted to provide leadership in the areas of power generation, distribution and management.



Newly endowed professors are (l-r) Ray Vaughn, Glenn Steele, Noel Schulz, David Marcum, and Robert Moorhead.

MSU, Denver share \$2.4 million in federal funding

The National Center for Intermodal Transportation—an academic partnership between the University of Denver and Mississippi State—is receiving a \$2.4 million federal grant.

NCIT officials said the funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation will be equally shared by both institutions for transportation research and education projects over the next four years.

“We have enjoyed a productive and rewarding six-year relationship with University of Denver faculty and look forward to continuing our work to improve the nation’s intermodal transportation system,” said Dr. Royce Bowden, NCIT co-director and head of the Department of Industrial Engineering, which is a part of the Bagley College of Engineering.

Patrick Sherry—associate professor in the counseling program and a board member of the Intermodal Transportation Institute at Denver and the other co-director—said the university collaboration “is resulting in significant contributions to the body of knowledge of intermodal transportation, and to the public awareness and information of the benefits of an integrated system for the movement of both passengers and freight.”

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Calendar of Events

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To list calendar events online, access www.ur.msstate.edu/news/today.asp and follow the instructions.

Ongoing Events

WMSV radio's free Live and Stripped Down Acoustic Series is held every Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., on the new patio in front of the State Fountain Bakery. Local acoustic musicians are featured in a relaxed atmosphere. In case of inclement weather, the series moves to the DawgHouse Coffee Shoppe in the lower level of the Colvard Union. 325-8481.

Art Exhibition: "The Voluptuous Return: Still Life of Walter Inglis Anderson," Sept. 19-Oct. 28, McComas Hall gallery. Opening reception is Sept. 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. For additional information or to book tours, contact the department at 325-2970.

September 19

All new faculty and staff members are invited to attend the MSU Newcomers Club's welcome meeting at 1766 Hawks Crest in Browning Creek, 7-9 p.m. Cathy Shepard, 615-5514.

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Career Day, Humphrey Coliseum concourse, noon. 325-3344.

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IRB recertification session, "How to Navigate the IRB Process," Mitchell Memorial Library auditorium, 2 p.m. Register at www.msstate.edu/dept/compliance/irb/irbrainschedule2.htm.

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Workshop: "Formatting Your Thesis or Dissertation," ELI Electronic Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2:30 p.m. 325-0778.

HRM Workshop: "Recognizing and Resolving Workplace Harassment: It's Not Just About Sex," Officials' Training Room, Joe Frank Sanderson Center, 2-4 p.m. Open to all employees. Registration required. 325-3713; helms@hrm.msstate.edu.

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Workshop: "Avoiding Plagiarism: Strategies for Research," ELI Electronic Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 3 p.m. 325-0810.

HRM Workshops: "Completing the Employment Action Form (EAF)," 150 McArthur Hall, 10 a.m.-noon. For employees who process EAFs. Registration required. "Managing the Conflict in Your Life," Officials' Training Room, Joe Frank Sanderson Center, 2-4 p.m. Open to all employees. Registration required. "Employment of Internationals: Paperwork and Procedures," 150 McArthur Hall, 2-4 p.m. For employees who process employment paperwork. Registration required. 325-3713; helms@hrm.msstate.edu.

Lyceum Series: guitar virtuoso Jesse Cook, Colvard Union ballroom, 7:30 p.m. 325-4201.

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MSU vs. Florida, women's volleyball, Newell-Grissom Building, 7 p.m.

Workshop: "Research and Dissertation Basics (Survival Skills for Graduate Students)," ELI Electronic Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 10 a.m. 325-0810.

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MSU vs. Georgia, football, Scott Field, time to be announced.

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MSU vs. Georgia, women's volleyball, Newell-Grissom Building, 1:30 p.m.

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Workshop: "Developing a Literature Review (Survival Skills for Graduate Students)," ELI Electronic Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2 p.m. 325-0810.

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Workshop: "Talking About the Government: Exploring U.S. Government Documents)," ELI Electronic Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2 p.m. 325-7660.

October 1

MSU vs. LSU, Scott Field, time to be announced.

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Workshop: "Landing on the Tenure Track: Job Hunting in Academe (Survival Skills for Graduate Students)," ELI Electronic Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2 p.m. 325-0810.

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Workshop: "EndNote 101: Managing Your Citations and More!" ELI Electronic Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 3:30 p.m. 325-0810.

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Workshop: "Research and Dissertation Basics (Survival Skills for Graduate Students)," ELI Electronic Classroom, Mitchell Memorial Library, 2 p.m. 325-0810.

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MSU vs. Auburn, women's soccer, MSU Soccer Field, 7 p.m.

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