Dr. Angela Shaw-Thornburg, Assistant Professor in the Department of English and Modern Languages was selected as the University’s 2009-2010 Professor of the Year and was recognized at the 113th Founder’s Day Convocation.

Dr. Thornburg was born in New Haven, Connecticut to Ernest and Dolores Shaw, natives of Williamsburg County, South Carolina. She spent her early years in Bishopville, SC, where she says she fell in love with books and the art of storytelling. She attributes a great deal of what she knows about reading critically in the context of history and culture to professors she encountered as an undergraduate student at Wofford College.

She attended graduate school at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ, where she became acquainted with the single best professor she ever had, Cheryl Wall, an African-American woman.

According to Dr. Shaw-Thornburg, “A statement that appears on every syllabus I distribute is that students should be doing more talking than I in any given class. I structure my courses so that this statement is true. Instead of seeing the classroom as a space in which students simply receive the content I deliver in lectures or notes, I build my classes around dialogue and student conversations, some of which they let me participate.”

Last year, Dr. Thornburg had the opportunity to use her knowledge and interest in technology in the classroom; she offered a fully-online section of English 151 and a web-enhanced section of American Literature, incorporating streaming video, digitally-recorded lectures, and high-quality materials from other universities into the classroom space.

Angela Shaw-Thornburg is married to Chris Thornburg, a Spanish instructor also in the Department of English and Modern Languages, and they are the proud parents of an eight-year-old, Joseph Thornburg.

The College of Education, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CEHSS) has had a busy and productive year. Our faculty and students have been involved in numerous activities that improve the College and sustain the mission of the University. Some of the most recent activities include the publication of “PLENUM”, our interdisciplinary journal of research; “Inkwell,” a compilation of student literary works, published in the Department of English and Modern Languages; the annual “Arts Festival,” which is a celebration of art, music, drama, and dance; and the “Faculty Triennial Exhibition”, a showcase of faculty artistic works.

Our faculty members do an excellent job of informing and preparing our graduates for the future and instilling in them the skills that will be needed to succeed in a global community. Our departmental chairs review and revise curriculums regularly for their relevance and application in today’s society. Faculty members are also researching relevant graduate programs that will satisfy the needs and interest our graduates.

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to experience the culture and rich intellectual exchange that is a part of the College of Education, Humanities, and Social Sciences. Your perspective, as well as your intellect, will be enhanced.

Welcome New Faculty and Staff Members (2009-2010)

English and Modern Languages

Dr. Susan Stein, Spanish
Dr. Justin Niati, French

Department of Human Services

Dr. George Pittner, Counselor Education
Dr. Rebecca George, Counselor Education
Chief Gregory Harris, Criminal Justice
Ms. Jamie Rogers (SW, MSW)
Mr. Julian Green (SW, MSW)
Mr. Simeon Moultrie, Coordinator, Us Dept of Education Grant, under Dr. Michelle Maultsby and Dr. Varnum
Lorraine Johnson, Program Manager, Us Dept of Education Grant, under Dr. Michelle Maultsby and Dr. Varnum
Faculty Achievement

Education

Dr. M. Evelyn Fields, Chair of the Department of Teacher Education:

*Article: South Carolina Teacher Education Journal Fall 2008.
“Teaching With Differences In Mind: What A Difference It Makes.”

*Received the Ralph Witherspoon Award from The South Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children (SCAEYC) an affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). (See SCSU Website)

*Presentation: National Black Child Development Institute in Chicago, Ill.

*Speaker: Southern Early Childhood Regional Conference on the topic “Gap-Closing Teachers”

*Presentation: National Association for the Education of Young Children in Dallas, TX.

*Speaker: Association for Childhood Education International Conference in March 2009 on the topic “Enhancing the Academic Achievement of African-American Students in Reading, Math, and Science in Chicago, Ill.

* Presentation: 2009 Conference on Research Directions on the topic “Culturally Relevant Pedagogy”

Dr. M. Evelyn Fields and Dr. William Whitaker, Assistant Professor of Family & Consumer Sciences presented at the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education Conference on the topic “President’s Leadership Academy: Building the Next Generation of Leaders for Colleges and Universities in Atlanta, Ga.

The Department of Education continued its BRIDGE Program this summer. The BRIDGE program is an outreach program designed to increase the number of African-American students choosing teacher education as a major. 100 students were chosen from six school districts: Orangeburg Consolidated 5, Allendale, Hampton 2, Williamsburg and Clarendon I and Dillon II. The students spent two weeks on SCSU’s campus this summer engaging in various activities, including prepping for PRAXIS I. This fall, the students are taking dual credit courses in math and English. The Project Coordinator is Dr. Gail Joyner-Fleming, Interim Dean of the CEHSS.

Dr. Helen Brantley & Dr. George Hicks, Professors of Education, presented in Chicago, Ill. with three Teacher Education students at the Association for Childhood Education International Conference in March on the topic “STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics on the Cell”

Dr. Gloria Hayes, Assistant Professor of Special Education was awarded a $20,000 Gifted and Talented Education grant from the South Carolina State Department of Education.

Dr. George Johnson, Assistant Professor of Special Education presented a paper at the National Association of Multicultural Education in New Orleans in the fall of 2008,

Dr. Loretta Leaphart, Assistant Professor, presented at the Association for Childhood Education International Conference in March on the topics “Defining Characteristics of Elements in Early Childhood System, in particular, Personnel Preparation and Program Funding and “Comparative Perspectives of Quality Caregiving - The Professionals’ Perspective.”

Carol Apt, Ph.D. Professor of Sociology
*Grant: The Jack and Anita Hess Foundation to attend a seminar at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC,


Dr. Carol Apt was elected Vice President of the South Carolina Action Council for Mental Health and Human Services and serves as a member of the South Carolina Pandemic Task Force.

Dr. Edwin Ayers published articles in Neuropsychiatric Disease and Treatment and in the Journal of Anxiety Disorders.

Dr. Marguerite Garvey, a member of the QEP team, attended the Institute on Quality Enhancement and Accreditation in Houston, Texas.

Dr. Stan Harrold continues to bring recognition to the University as co-editor in the “Southern Dissent” series published by the University Press of Florida.


Dr. Larry Watson published a chapter on “Elizabeth Evelyn Wright and Martha Fell Shofield: Women Founders of South Carolina Colleges in South Carolina Women: Their Stories, Their Lives,” edited by Littlefield and Spruill and published by the University of Georgia Press.

Dr. Larry Watson presented a paper on “South Carolina Women: Their Lives and Their Times” – Martha Shofield, Bathsheba A. Benedict and Elizabeth Evelyn Wright: Founders of South Carolina Schools at the Southern Conference on African-American Studies in Charlotte, North Carolina.

English and Modern Languages


Department of Social Sciences

Dr. Tajuana Massie presented papers at the Midwest Political Association meeting in Chicago and the South Carolina Political Association meeting in Greenville.
**Department of Visual and Performing Arts**

Dr. Julia Quick continues to play with both the Long Bay Symphony in Myrtle Beach and the Florence Symphony with a few of her students. She also played for the North Charleston Festival of Arts May 7, 2009.

**The Criminal Justice Program**

Several faculty members of The Criminal Justice Program attended the 2009 Southern Criminal Justice Association Conference, September 16-17, 2009, Charleston, SC. Faculty and students attended the 2009 Gang Prevention and Intervention Summit on Friday, September 18, 2009 at the Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. Ms. Margie Ballard-Mack and Ms. Giselle White-Perry were selected to serve on the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) 2010 Program Committee. They are responsible for collecting and organizing online abstract submissions into panels and roundtable discussions. The upcoming annual meeting will take place February 23-27, 2010, San Diego, California. The conference theme is “Beyond Our Boundaries: The Inclusivity of Criminal Justice Sciences.”

Eduardo K. Curry has been selected to moderate several panel discussions. The Criminal Justice Program kicked off an Alumni Reclamation Fundraiser, accepting $6,000.00 in pledges from faculty, students, and alumni. The second phase of the fundraiser was to contact the alumni and invite them to make a financial contribution to the program. The final phase was to create an alumni directory of criminal justice graduates as a resource guide. The Criminal Justice Program endorsed the Orangeburg Kidney Walk as a community service project. This event took place on October 22, 2009 at the Edisto Memorial Gardens, downtown Orangeburg. This event provided information on the prevention and recognition of kidney disease.

Several students and criminal justice faculty will attend the SC-Chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, The Brookland Baptist Convention Center, Columbia, SC, December 4, 2009.

**Speaker’s Forum**

Dr. Tajuana Massie, Assistant Professor of Political Science, has launched the Speaker’s Forum in the College of Education, Humanities and the Social Sciences. According to Dr. Massie, the Political Science Speakers Forum is another avenue whereby faculty at South Carolina State University are able to uphold the mission of the institution by preparing students to become competent, economically and socially aware graduates who are able to meet life’s challenges head-on and who have the ability to be productive in a highly competitive and demanding global community.

Dr. Gail Joyner-Fleming noted that these occasions provide an opportunity to introduce our students to a variety of accomplished individuals who could provide first-hand knowledge and experience on how to become successful in their chosen fields and involved in service projects to improve the communities in which they live.

The first Speaker was Judge Matthew Perry, a renowned Civil Rights activist and lawyer and a 1951 SCSC Law School graduate, who is presently a Senior United States District Judge. In his talk, Judge Perry provided students with vital information concerning preparation for law school matriculation as well as strategies for successful degree completion.

Additionally, Judge Perry gave students a real world view of practice in the legal field as an attorney and judge. Following Judge Perry was Mr. Dickie Brunson, Chief United States Probation Officer (D/SC) for the United States Probation Office. An alumni of Claflin University, Mr. Brunson provided students with vital information on preparing for and obtaining government jobs (both federal and state levels) as well as employing best practices for successful careers in government.

**Social Science News**

Dr. William McCarthy joined the Department of Social Sciences as an Assistant Professor of History. He has a PhD in History from the University of West Virginia, has worked as a Visiting Professor of History at Chadron State College in Nebraska, and has worked as an instructor at the Glasgow Campus of Western Kentucky University and Bowling Green Community College. Dr. McCarthy brings to the program expertise in the history of technology and historical archeology that it presently lacks. He has done extensive research in these realms. Notably, he was a field crew member in the Phase 1 Survey of the Corridor H Project in West Virginia as well as the Phase 1 survey of Monocacy Junction/Aqueduct in Montgomery County, Maryland and worked as Project Historian at the Center for Cultural Resources Research at the University of Pittsburgh.

Three lecturers currently benefit from 1890 research grants. Dr. Margarette Garvey is composing “Internal Barriers to Parents’ Participation in Education” (Orangeburg District 5 Elementary Schools). Dr. Jutta Scott is working on “Obstacles to the Implementation of Nutrition Guidelines in South Carolina: Historical Perspectives on the Nutritional Behavior in South Carolina Populations”. Dr. Willie Legette’s project on “Understanding the Effects of Citizen Participation and Community Development in Selected Rural and Urban Cities in South Carolina” will be completed in May 2010. He has also benefited from another grant that would enable him to work on “Political Participation, Representation, Mayoral Leadership, and the Distribution of Public Services in Rural Communities in South Carolina”.

So far, preliminary results from these projects have been presented at various forums. Additionally, Dr. Jutta Scott presented a paper at the 1890 Research Forum on “Antebellum Attitudes toward Nutrition in South Carolina,” and Dr. Garvey presented a paper, “From Their Own Perspective - Images of Self and Identity among Ex-Slaves in S.C.,” at the Statewide Conference of the SC of Association for African-American Studies.

Other faculty members that are not funded have presented their research findings at various academic conferences.
The Social Work program is the recipient of a $97,000 grant from the South Carolina Education Consortium which is administered by the Center for Children’s Studies at the University of South Carolina on behalf of the State Department of Social Services. The project is designed to increase the number of professional social work employees in local offices of the Department statewide. The first “scholar” to complete the program is Ms. Bathsheba Rooks, a May 2009 graduate of S.C. State and is pictured with Dr. Hayes, the director of the State Department of Social Services. Ms. Rooks received a $5,000 stipend and was guaranteed a job, which she did receive and is now working as a Human Services Specialist in Union County South Carolina. The principal investigator is Ms. Marie H. Artis, LMSW, Interim Coordinator of the Social Work Program.

Two students enrolled in the Social Work Program completed an internship experience with the S.C. Rural InternshipPartnership Training (SCRIPT) program this summer. The students worked with staff at the Colleton Medical Center and Beaufort Memorial Hospital along with students from MUSC, USC, and fellow students from S.C. STATE enrolled in nursing. The students were, Ms. Tonisha Maddox and Ms. Lauren Glears, both graduating seniors in the social work program.

The Department sends a special welcome to Ms. Jamie Rogers, program administrator for the Child Welfare Consortium grant in the Social Work program. The administrative specialist is former retiree, Ms. Hazel Irick.
SC State’s Fourth Annual Student Research Forum was held on the afternoon of Thursday, April 23, in the Computer-Assisted Writing Center in Turner Hall, A-Wing (third floor). Mr. Mark Summerall, Instructor of English and program organizer, presided. The program is sponsored each year by the Department of English & Modern Languages (EAML) in SCSU’s School of Education, Humanities, and Social Sciences. On this occasion, a small but highly attentive audience listened to four student papers on topics in the humanities and physical sciences.

The opening presentation was delivered by Amid Hamidi, a senior Chemistry major. His paper, entitled, “The Charming Candles,” explored the environmental hazards inherent in a seemingly innocuous item of everyday use, the candle. Mr. Hamidi’s discussion emphasized the significant risk posed by frequent use of candles as a light source in developing countries. He concluded that soybean wax was the “safest base material” for candle production and that increased use of this substance could also prove helpful for the American economy since the U.S. is a soybean producer.

The next presenter was Charika Mack, a senior majoring in Professional English. Her paper was entitled, “To Be or Not to Be: Innocence, Experience, Mortality, Immortality, and the Pre-Existent Soul.” Ms. Mack provided a detailed look at William Blake’s The Book of Thel and how this often mystifying poet here “utilizes his unique brand of cryptic allegory to examine the human soul.” She was followed by Ms. Je’Ana Oliver, also a senior Professional English major, who spoke on Milton’s widely studied ode, “On the Morning of Christ’s Nativity.” Ms. Oliver focussed on how this poem on the birth of Jesus emphasizes his sacred role and foreshadows his eventual demise. The final presenter was Josalyn Woodruff-Lee, another senior majoring in Professional English, who delivered a paper entitled, “Elizabeth Barrett Browning - Feminist.” This paper was concerned with how “Aurora Leigh” and other works by Browning reveal a “departure from the expected feminine behaviors” of the Victorian era. Ms. Woodruff-Lee argued that this nineteenth-century poet’s “ability to take control of her life is what makes Elizabeth Barrett Browning an influential figure of the early feminists.”

Mr. Summerall, organizer of the event, has pointed out that the research forum was initiated in 2006 “as a vehicle through which students might share their research experiences with other students and faculty. The format centers on individual and group presentations before an audience from all disciplines across the campus, and a winner is selected by a panel of judges. The forum has invited graduate students to participate as well. Our aim has been to foster collaboration between student researchers and faculty mentors in an interdisciplinary environment that celebrates learning and scholarship.”

Amid Hamidi’s presentation was selected as the best offering at this year’s Student Research Forum. He was awarded an engraved plaque from the Department of English & Modern Languages in recognition of his accomplishment. A graduating senior, Mr. Hamidi is originally from Iran and plans a career in medicine. Among his many achievements during his four years at SCSU, Mr. Hamidi served as a Research Intern at Harvard University’s Children’s Hospital in Boston during the summer of 2008. Judges for the event were Professors Alex Johnson and Shafiqur Rahman (EAML), and Cassandra Sligh-Dewalt (Associate Professor and Chair, Human Services). All of the student presenters were mentored by faculty members in their discipline while preparing their talks. Mr. Hamidi was sponsored by Rouhollah Massoudi, Professor of Chemistry. William Rampone (Assistant Professor, EAML) sponsored Ms. Mack’s paper while Je’Ana Oliver and Josalyn Woodruff-Lee worked with Nathaniel Wallace (Professor, EAML) and Ghussan Greene (Professor and Chair, EAML) respectively.

The annual SCSU Student Research Forum is under the direction of a committee in the Department of English & Modern Languages. While the current committee members are primarily EAML faculty, membership by faculty in other departments is welcomed and encouraged.

Nathaniel Wallace, Ph.D., Professor  
Department of English & Modern Languages

The Orientation to Mobility Program Making Strides

White Cane Day was held on October 16, 2009 in the Bulldog lounge of the K.W. Green Student Center. Registration began at 9:00 a.m., and the program ended at 3:00 p.m. The theme of the program was “Investing in Persons with Disabilities: Diversity and Change We Can Celebrate.” Ms. Shirley Madison was the contact person.
Rho Lambda Mu Inductions

On December 5, 2008, the Counselor Education program inducted 39 students with a GPA of 3.5 or better to the Professional Honor Society, Rho Lambda Mu Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota. We are very pleased to announce the following students:

Angela Bright, Allen Grant Davis, Dana Quattlebaum, Vernessa Brooks, Latosha Hill, LaSandra Robinson, Janice Byrd, Cathy Huger, Sydnie Shaw, Tawanda C. Owens, Shelia Inabinett, Katrina Shivers, Ykwanda Coakley, Makesha Jackson, Latasha Simon, Shanika Cooper, Emily Johnson, Claire Steverson, Kayla Crooks, Carla Kearsie, Courtney Sweeney, Debra Darby, Hirlene Mack, Joel Taylor, Angela Dingle, Barbara Scott, Lynn Williams, Dainese Finley, Shanika McKinley, Sanquenetta Williams, Serena Foxworth, Simeon Moultrie, Fedrick Wilson, Tawanna Freeman, Michael Oliver, Natasha Witcher, Diane Grant, Karen V. Platt, and Jameka Young.

The purpose of Rho Lambda Mu Chapter is to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, and excellence in counseling to recognize high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence in the field of counseling.

New Music Fraternity at SCSU

The Sigma Alpha Iota National Vice President of Extension and Fraternity Development, Anna Ratliff presided over the installation of its newest chapter, Lambda Xi. The fraternity, which supports and encourages female musicians of all ages, races and nationalities, has a mission to support, encourage and promote the art of music.

Following are the inductees in the new chapter: LaQuita Alford, DeVlin Boswell, Lekeatra Daniels, Sheneise Ford, Lekretia Gonzalez, Sabrina Green, Candace Grier, Taylor Harrison, Treasure Holland, Megan Martino, Doneisha Reynolds, Brittany Salley, Kadina Sangster, Deana Scott, Amy Simmons, Joy Vaughn, and XyvinaSt Williams.

Fab Gallery

FAB Gallery hosted an exhibition by artist Sara Schneckloth. The exhibition was available for view February 18, 2009-March 13, 2009, and Sara Schneckloth made an appearance on campus to discuss her work.

A 2006 graduate of the Master of Fine Arts program in painting and drawing at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sara Schneckloth joined the Art department at the University of South Carolina as an assistant professor of drawing. Known for large-scale, bold drawings that explore the relationship between our memories and our physical selves, Schneckloth has won numerous grants, fellowships, and other honors, and has exhibited her work as far away as South Africa. Schneckloth’s work deals primarily with imagined microbiological systems rendered on a macro-scale. She integrates traditional techniques with non-traditional mediums and approaches to create large installation pieces of fantastic design. Of her work, Schneckloth says, “I believe that the act of drawing is a way of residing in multiple states of awareness, of present, past, future of what one is, has been, and hopes to become of the physical, the mental, and the formal. I draw as a way to see more deeply, both inside and out, and to elevate the act of seeing to a process that is fully engaging of both body and mind.”

The FAB Gallery is located in the Visual and Performing Arts Center in room 106. Gallery hours are M-F 8:30-4:00. The gallery is closed weekends and all University holidays. For more information contact James Arendt, Gallery Director at (803)536-8918 or email JARENDT@SCSU.EDU or visit the web at http://www.scsufabgallery.blogspot.com/>

Scholarship and award recipients

A reception celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Criminal Justice Program. The theme of the program was “celebrating 30 years of producing change agents for justice”. The reception was sponsored by the Curry Law firm. The photo features, Giselle White-Perry Assistant Professor for Criminal Justice, Terrace Smith, President of the Criminal Justice Club, Isaac Haigler, the first graduate of the Criminal Justice Program, Class of 1978, Allen Hunter, President of the SCSU Chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, and Mrs. Margie Ballard-Mack Program Coordinator for Criminal Justice