



Bryant returns to UNCP to lead campus police and emergency planning

Travis Bryant has returned to UNC Pembroke as associate vice chancellor for campus safety and emergency operations. He will lead the 21-member campus police and emergency planning and operations

Bryant, who is a 1992 UNCP graduate, has 19 years of experience with municipal and higher education law enforcement. He teaches criminal justice courses at Robeson Community College (RCC) and provides firearms training to local law enforcement agencies.

Bryant was a police officer at UNCP for five years before serving as police chief for the Town of Pembroke. He then became director of the Basic Law Enforcement Training and Criminal Justice program at RCC. In 2008, he joined Fayetteville State University as associate vice chancellor for police and public safety before emergency operations was added to his title.

Bryant reports to Dr. Diane Jones, vice chancellor for the Office of Student Affairs.

“We welcome Mr. Bryant back to UNCP!” Dr. Jones said. “We look forward to his leadership, coordination and communications for preventive and emergency preparedness and response planning efforts he will bring to this position. Our goal,” she continued, “is to streamline campus safety, emergency planning efforts, threat assessment, and disaster recovery planning across university departments culminating in a single point of reference for the maintenance and dissemination of information.

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“Travis has the past experience and expertise to provide this service to the UNCP community,” she said. “This is a vitally important position to the university and we welcome Mr. Bryant’s enthusiasm and leadership in this area.”

Bryant said, “It’s good to be back home.” A Pembroke native, he said the move is a good one for his family. “My wife, Teresa, is very happy, and I have two boys, six and nine, who are growing up. I have a personal interest in making sure everyone is safe on this campus because many of my family and friends work and go to school here,” he continued.

UNCP has 16 police officers and five administrative personnel who protect a campus that Bryant calls “the second largest city in our county.” On a daily basis, policing is an important job, but because of several recent tragic incidents on college campuses, Bryant’s role leading emergency planning and operations has been elevated in importance.

“I will be spending the first few months on the job evaluating the current status of campus safety,” he said. “I will assess the status of police training and develop short and long range plans.”

“Then, I will begin reviewing the current Emergency Operations Plan to make sure it covers all the bases and is easy to understand and implement,” Bryant said. “During the next fiscal year, we plan an emergency response exercise, first as a table-top and then as a full-scale training exercise.”

A variety of situations confront emergency planners, including fire, severe weather, contagious disease, chemical or other hazardous materials, a shooter on campus and more.

“We are looking at a possible exercise in one of the large residence halls,” Bryant said. “A residence hall presents many challenges for emergency planners.”

Bryant is excited by what he sees at UNCP.

“Everybody has been welcoming and ready to work together for the safety of this campus,” Bryant said. “I have a full staff with many well-trained veterans who provide quality service.”

There are many challenges, he continued. “Parking is always an issue, and we’re evaluating our procedures to make sure we deliver good customer service at all times.”

Bryant said he would continue to teach basic law enforcement, which keeps his skills up to date. Besides basic criminal justice courses, he has taught criminal and constitutional law and organizational management.

After earning an undergraduate degree in criminal justice, Bryant took classes in UNCP's Master of Public Administration program and earned a Master of Arts degree in liberal studies with a concentration in criminal justice from NC State University. He has also completed 18 hours towards a Master of Science degree in criminal justice at East Carolina University.

Dr. Canada named acting dean of Arts & Sciences



Dr. Mark Canada (Arts & Sciences/English) has accepted an offer to become acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Canada will begin his new duties on June 20. He replaces **Dr. Martin Slann** who has served as dean since 2008.

Dr. Canada joined the faculty of UNCP in 1997. His previous administrative positions include service as assistant chair of the Department of English and Theatre in 2008-09, chair of the department in 2009-10 and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 2010 to the present.

In his new role, Dr. Canada will supervise 18 academic departments and work alongside his fellow deans as a member of the leadership team in the Office of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Hunt to direct Engaged Outreach at UNCP



Dr. Cammie Hunt (Business) has accepted an offer to become associate vice chancellor for the Office of Engaged Outreach. Dr. Hunt will begin her duties on July 1 and will be located in the Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development at COMTech.

Dr. Hunt has 14 years of service to UNCP. She served as assistant director for the Small Business and Technology Development Center in 1997-98, then she joined the faculty of the School of Business. She was named assistant dean of the school in 2007 and the following year was appointed to her current position as acting dean.

In her new role, Dr. Hunt will supervise the work of the Regional Center staff and the Office of Distance Education. She will serve the entire campus community in providing leadership for outreach activities, continuing education and the development of off-campus, collaborative programs for diverse constituents.

University enters a new round of strategic planning

Strategic planning, a structured approach to anticipating the future, is alive and well at the university. UNCP's Strategic Planning and Resources Council (SPARC) will kick off the most recent round of strategic planning with a full-day retreat on June 16 at the Regional Center.



SPARC was created in 2006 at the beginning of the last strategic planning cycle. Its membership was recently revamped to include a wider variety of campus representatives and new co-chairs have been appointed by Chancellor Carter. The co-chairs are **Dr. Kenneth Kitts**, (Provost), left, and **Dr. Mario Paporozzi** (Sociology &

Criminal Justice).

The retreat will allow SPARC members to get to know one another as well as to engage in some “planning-to-plan” and data gathering exercises. The data gathering exercises will be ones that SPARC members will subsequently utilize as they go out this fall among constituencies and collect information. In late November or early December, SPARC will identify major strategic themes based on the information gathered and break into teams responsible for developing concept papers for these themes.

In spring 2012, the first (and busiest) year of strategic planning will conclude with both a “vision” conference and a “goals” conference. The purpose of the vision conference is to bring together stakeholders to discuss the concept papers and create a “preferred future.”

During the goals conference, SPARC, together with key stakeholders and selected implementation leaders, will create a set of goals and action plans. By the end of March, the fully developed strategic plan should be ready to proceed through the governance structure for approval.

From 2012 to 2016, strategic planning activities will consist mainly of implementing the plan. Unlike in the 2006-11 strategic planning cycle, UNCP will not need to start from scratch in creating a strategic plan. Although they will be reviewed, portions of the existing plan (such as the mission and institutional distinctiveness statements) may not need to be rewritten.

Questions about strategic planning or SPARC can be directed to **Dr. Beverly R. King** (Institutional Effectiveness), who is acting as facilitator for the retreat and coordinator for strategic planning activities.





UNCP Teaching Fellows from left: Briana Tencati, Victoria Newkirk, Gary Wright, Kyle Hussey, Brandi Scott, Britney Strickland, Samantha Schroeder, Katelyn Maness

Teaching Fellows' Discovery Bus came to campus

On May 17, the university hosted the third night of the annual N.C. Teaching Fellows Discovery Bus Trip.

The Discovery Trip follows the freshman year for fellows statewide in May. It is a five-day trip that offers a firsthand look at the state from an economic, educational and



cultural point of view. They see every possible aspect of the state, including industry, farms, high-tech businesses, corporations, schools and the arts. The Teaching Fellows see the various effects this rich diversity has on our schools.

Dr. Jenkins brings greetings

Fellows attended a cultural event at GPAC during the evening. **Dr. Charles Jenkins**, (Education)

welcomed students and encouraged them to continue their dreams to become teachers.

Fellows saw performances from the Lumbee Ambassadors as well as student dancers, drummers and singers. Brandi Scott, current Miss Lumbee and a UNCP Teaching Fellow who participated in the discovery trip, sang a moving rendition of "At Last" by Etta James.

Miss Lumbee and UNCP Teaching Fellow Brandi Scott



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Campus Scene

N.C. Southeast's Regional Profile is published

The “North Carolina’s Southeast Regional Profile,” unveiled on May 25 at the Regional Center is a testament to how institutions of higher education work together to support the economic development of the region and state.

UNCP, Fayetteville State and UNC Wilmington contributed to the 13th annual edition of the book, which profiles the region for prospective business and industry. The booklet is published by North Carolina’s Southeast, the regional economic development arm of the state headquartered in Elizabethtown, N.C., in Bladen County. It is part of the N.C. Commerce Department’s Partnership for Economic Development.



The 2011 report, which will be available online in June, is smaller than previous years in order to make it a more readable marketing piece, said **Sylvia Pate** (Regional Center), author of several chapters.

“I’ve contributed to the ‘Regional Profile’ for 10 years,” Pate said. “This is a nice a nice publication, and I’m proud to be a part of it.”

According to the profile, the region can boast 1.1 million people, and it is home to 36 Fortune 500 companies, including GE, DuPont, Smithfield Foods and Campbell Soup. The booklet has chapters on demographics, workforce, industry, transportation, business costs, education, and quality of life and provides break-outs on each of the 11 counties: Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, New Hanover, Pender, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland.

“This is a tool in the arsenal to market our region,” Pate said. “Of particular note is the new demographic information from the 2010 Census. It is worth noting that construction cost index reveals favorable costs due to excellent labor conditions and good topography.”

North Carolina’s Southeast Director Steve Yost was on hand with NC Southeast’s Board of Directors Chair Jane Smith of Lumberton, N.C. Representing UNCP was **Dr. Ken Kitts** (Provost). Kitts praised the long-term commitment of the three universities and acknowledged the importance of the event.



“UNCP is a regional partner in the fullest sense of the term,” he said. “Sylvia Pate’s role as a contributor to the Southeast profile over a long period of time underscores our commitment to enhancing the quality of life in this part of the state.”

Working on the report for Fayetteville State were Drs. Curtis Charles and Inder Nijhawan and for UNC Wilmington, Dr. William Hall Jr.

Dr. Hall researched census data, which showed that the southeast region, during the first decade of the 21st century, grew in population by 6 percent compared to 7.2 percent for North Carolina and 5 percent for the U.S. The region’s fastest growing age group by far is the 65-74 group, which increased by 21 percent over 10 years.

The per capita income in the southeast region is \$30,023 vs. the state average of \$35,259. Only 1.8 percent of the region’s workforce is employed in agriculture and forestry, but more than 20,000 are employed in the food processing industry. The southeast region exported more than \$2 billion in agricultural products.

There is a great deal more information in the “Regional Profile of North Carolina’s Southeast” at www.ncped.com/NCS.html/.

Student newspaper wins more awards in 2011

The Pine Needle student newspaper won a first place award again this year in the American Scholastic Press Association Annual Contest for Newspapers as well as an outstanding investigative news award.

It was the third year in a row for a national first place award. The award category was colleges and universities of enrollment greater than 2,500.

“All the credit goes to the students for the consistently high-quality of their publication,” Pine Needle faculty adviser **Dr. Judy Curtis** said.



“I also am particularly excited about this year's announcement because Pine Needle reporter Jon Baez, who was graduated in December 2010, won an Outstanding Investigative Reporting award from the American Scholastic Press Association for his article "Campus Flooding: Geological Mystery,” Dr. Curtis said.

"Jon did the in-depth reporting in our Investigative Journalism course and then his work was published by *The Pine Needle*," she explained.

Baez's story can be read online at http://www.uncp.edu/pineneedle/around_town/fall2010/Campus_flooding.html.

A longer version of Baez's story, with his larger maps and charts, can be read at http://www.uncp.edu/home/acurtis/Courses/InvestigativeJournalismReports/InvJourn_Sp10/StudentWebPages/Baez_Jon_4600_Sp10.html.

NEW EDITOR

The editor-in-chief for *The Pine Needle* for 2011-12 will be senior Nick Phillips from Rocky Mount, N.C.

Phillips is a double major in journalism and broadcasting who has worked on *The Pine Needle* since January 2009. He started then as a sports writer before being promoted to assistant sports editor two months later. He was in that role during the 2009-10 school year before becoming sports editor for 2010-11.

Phillips said he plans to continue to cover all the campus news and expand local community news, while keeping the sports section at the same depth and quality of coverage it has delivered.

"I want to keep the success that the paper has gained over the past several years intact. We've done a great job of supplying the news to the campus and surrounding community, and I plan to continue that trend," Phillips said.

"I am already looking forward to applying what I've learned in classes over the years, and of course, I'll still have my hand in the sports section," he said.

"Nick did a phenomenal job as sports editor, and I know he will bring the same enthusiasm and professional standards as editor-in-chief for the entire newspaper," Dr. Judy Curtis said. Some 50 students produce 14 issues of the newspaper during the school year.

The newspaper also is having a summer edition again this year. It is published only online at <http://www.uncp.edu/pineneedle/>.

The Pine Needle also won two awards in the 2010 North Carolina College Media Association over 6,000-enrollment category announced in February. Sports editor Phillips' article, "UNCP Football: The Right Decision," won third place in the feature story category. Baez's story on campus flooding won an honorable mention in news reporting.

Phillips' article can be read at www.uncp.edu/pineneedle/sports/Sports2010Fall/UNCP_football.html.

Dr. Curtis was 2010-11 chair of the Student Publications Board, which oversees the student publications. "I'm very proud of all our publications and congratulate all the students who work so hard to produce them. It just shows that our students and UNCP can compete head-on with any other university in the state and nation, and win," Dr. Curtis said.

Campbell Soup invests in Healthy Start clients



MAXTON, N.C. -- Campbell Soup's Maxton facility recently donated 150 cases of soup and juice to the clients of UNC Pembroke's Healthy Start program.

"Progress through reaching back" was the theme of a learning luncheon held on May 12 at the plant for UNCP's Healthy Start CORPS clients. Campbell Soup employees delivered their gifts, shared stories and broke bread.

"During these difficult financial times, Campbell Soup is a valuable contributor to our program," said Healthy Start Director **Veronica K. Freeman** (Regional Center).

Healthy Start is a 10-year-old grant-funded program administered through UNCP and headquartered at the Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development. The program partners with the Robeson County Health Department to provide case management and other core services aimed at reducing infant mortality and health disparities among minority groups in Robeson County.

The luncheon was the second of more community outreach opportunities, Freeman said. Special thanks to Vanessa Rogers for coordinating the event.

“Healthy Start staff thanked Campbell Soup employees who gave generously of themselves including their time and effort to share inspirational real life stories and valuable advice to our clients on how to achieve career goals,” Freeman said. “The food was fabulous! It is programs such as; Campbell’s African American Network (CAAN) and Maxton American Indian Network (MAIN) that help bridge the gap between industry and our communities.”

“Providing healthy food choices is one way Campbell Soup aids in Healthy Start’s mission to eliminate disparities during the childbearing process,” Freeman continued. “Support from businesses like Campbell Soup propels us closer to achieving our goal. So it was with great delight we come together to celebrate this valuable partnership.



For more information about MAIN or CAAN please contact: Sandra Scott at (910) 844-1633 or Barbara Nicolson with Campbell Soup at (910) 844-1342.

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Faculty Notes

Service learning fellows named for 2011-12

Recipients of the 2011-12 Service-Learning Faculty Fellowships were announced in May.

The six faculty members will be responsible for working directly with the Office for Community and Civic Engagement in helping to develop and provide professional development programs and individual mentoring in service-learning and civic engagement to colleagues in their department and school or college throughout the year of their fellowship.

Additionally, they will work with the director of Service-Learning **Christie Poteet** (Community & Civic Engagement) in areas of program assessment, proposal of new service-learning courses and programs and oversight of service-learning curricula.

The 2011-12 Faculty Fellow cohort includes:

- **Cindy Edwards** (Social Work)
- **Dr. Michele Fazio** (English & Theatre)
- **Dr. Anita Guynn** (English & Theatre) Director of Composition,
- **Dr. Angela Holman** (Education), Program Director School Administration and Counseling
- **Steven Hunt** (Mathematics & Computer Science)
- **Dr. E. Brooke Kelly** (Sociology & Criminal Justice)

Summer 2011 PURC-NASNTI student fellowships

The PURC (Pembroke Undergraduate Research and Creativity) Center and the Native American Serving Non-Tribal Intuitions (NASNTI) program joined forces to offer paid summer internship and research assistantships for summer 2011.

“Each proposal was qualified and interesting, and provided important opportunities for student engagement, which made selection by the PURC Council very difficult,” said **Dr. Lee Phillips** (Geology), PURC associate director. “Thanks to all who applied.”

Summer Fellowships:

George Harrison (Mass Communications)

Project: “The Use of Native American Athletic Mascots, Nicknames, Logos, and Imagery in America’s Universities: An Opportunity for Public Relations Practitioners to Build Mutual Understanding”

Student Assistant: Elizabeth Locklear, Junior

Major: Public Relations

Dr. Timothy Hayes (Sociology & Criminal Justice)

Project: “Crime and Violence in North Carolina”

Student Assistant: Kellie Van Dyke, Junior

Major: Criminal Justice

Student Assistant: Rebekah Oxendine, Senior

Major: Criminal Justice

Dr. Mary Ann Jacobs (American Indian Studies)

Project: “Rural high school student's perception of the college application process”

Student Assistant: Lindsay Brock, Senior

Major: Social Work

Dr. Jaime Martinez (History)

Project: “Wilmington During the Civil War”

Student Assistant: Rebecca Davis, Junior

Major: History

Dr. Maria Pereira (Biology)

Project: “Staple Crops Germination and Growth Rates Affected by Ultrasound and Magnetic Fields”

Student Assistant: Maria Lea Chavis, Sophomore

Major: Elementary Education

Student Assistant: Rebecca F. Panter, Senior

Major: Chemistry

Dr. Meredith Storms (Chemistry & Physics)

Project: “Ready, Set, Read: Teaching Science With Children’s Literature”

Student Assistant: Michelle Campbell, Junior

Major: Elementary Education

Dr. Rose Stremlau (History/American Indian Studies) and Dr. Jaime Martinez

Project: “The Lumbee Veterans Project”

Student Assistant: James Brigman, Senior

Major: History

Dr. Peg Trueman wins Spirit of Nursing Award



At the Spring 2011 Nursing Pinning Ceremony, **Dr. Peg Trueman** received the Faculty Spirit of Nursing Award, which is presented annually to a member of the faculty who most inspires and exemplifies teaching excellence and professional nursing for students. Members of the graduating class selected her to be the recipient of this award.

Dr. Trueman brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the nursing program. She was one of the Great 100 Nurses of North Carolina in 2009 and is nationally recognized as a Certified Nurse Educator. Her students describe her as an inspirational, creative and enthusiastic teacher. Her creativity and “thinking outside the box” in her teaching methodologies in the classroom led one student to comment, “I loved and truly appreciated the unique strategies to help us learn/remember class content.”

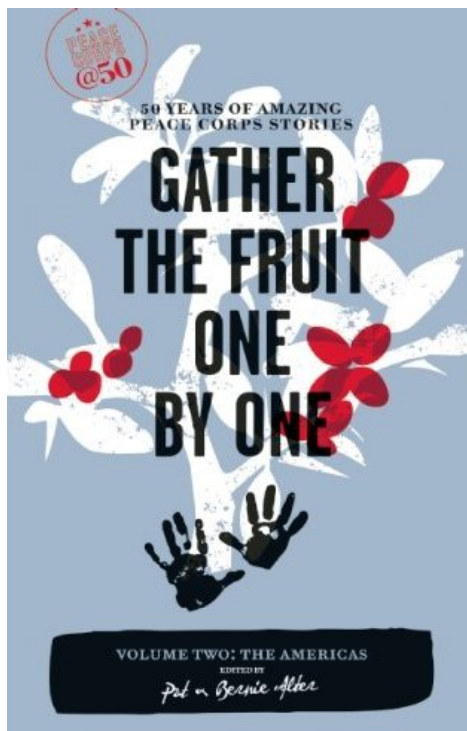
In the clinical setting, she models leadership and teamwork and as another of the graduates commented, “she never hesitated to jump in with us to complete some of the less attractive aspects in nursing but on the other hand never stopped pushing us to critically think through what we are doing and why.” One student summed it up this way, “let it be known that she is ridiculously smart...but to me, really, she is humble to the core...she’s real; no ifs, ands, or buts about it; honesty, humility and humble are three of my biggest values and she displays them all without fail.”

Mēki Graham (Nursing) shared that she was not surprised by the students' choice for this award. As a fellow assistant professor within the department Mēki commented, "since Dr. Trueman's arrival at UNCP, she has been one of my "unofficial mentors." She has been invaluable in sharing her expertise in teaching, test item writing and analysis. She has taken the time to brainstorm with me to engage in writing for publication. Moreover, her most recent support came from assisting with a summer collaborative service-learning project with Southeastern Regional Medical Center by presenting the EKG lecture to the critical care internship students."

One student stated, "She was clear that she would not always be able to "fix" our problems, but she was always willing to listen to anything we wanted or needed to share. She went above and beyond to help us succeed and grow in the nursing profession. Her love of the nursing profession is always evident and I was inspired by Dr. Trueman's love, respect, and professionalism for the nursing profession." She models true caring, the foundation of a nursing professional."

JANETTE HOPPER

Peace Corps tribute: UNCP artist contributed story to new book



A short story by **Janette Hopper** (Art) has been published in "Gather the Fruit One by One: 50 Years of Amazing Peace Corps Stories: Volume II: The Americas," a collection of works commemorating its 50th year.

A painter and member of UNC Pembroke's Art Department faculty, Hopper's story is titled "The Bus Ride" and describes her experience on March 15, 1967, in Columbia, South America. It was a day she'll never forget.

"When I received a copy of the book, I read the story out loud, and cried," Hopper said. "It was a moving experience, which is a common theme of the stories in the book."

An Idaho native, Hopper married a week before beginning Peace Corp training. She had completed two years at the University of Idaho, but there was a war in Southeast Asia. The newlyweds volunteered for the Peace Corps.

"Idaho was not a diverse place, and I was quite naïve," Hopper said. "The important part of the Peace Corp was the people-to-people relationship and learning from the values of other people."

Hopper and her husband worked in nutrition, agriculture and public health. They planted gardens, started a hot lunch program in the school and promoted a poultry program. Janette often traveled with family health nurses.



“I was already an artist,” she said. “I made a few drawings and a painting, but we were very busy.”

The story is about the bus ride from their country outpost in Maria La Baja to the city to meet with other Peace Corp volunteers. It’s a journey of discovery about culture and mortality.

Hopper in Columbia with a friend. The photo was taken by her father, Robert E. Higgins.

“Gather the Fruit” is the second of a four part Peace Corp books series. This edition is written by volunteers who worked in South America. The first edition, “One Hand Does Not Catch a Buffalo,” contained stories about Africa, and the third, “A Small Key Opens Big Doors,” is set in central Eurasia.

“The books are quite nice,” Hopper said. “It’s a perfect way to celebrate 50 years of the Peace Corps and my experience.”

When she was offered the opportunity to submit a story for the book, Hopper looked through old files for the story she wrote long ago.

“It was awful, but it rekindled old feelings,” she said. “Writing is like painting; I let it flow, then work on it. I hoped to bring a poetic quality.

“I like writing that doesn’t tell you something directly,” she said. “I tried to show the genuine caring of a naïve, young Peace Corps volunteer. I had no idea of people’s suffering.”

“Gather the Fruit One by One” was published on May 24, 2011, and was edited by Pat and Bernie Alter.

Dr. Charles Harrington wins research fellowship



Dr. Charles Harrington (Business) has been awarded a 2011 research fellowship with the National Center for Education Statistics in the U.S. Department of Education.

During this fellowship year, Dr. Harrington will focus his research on the 2009 National Indian Education Study, conducted as part of the 2009 National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP).

The National Indian Education Study (NIES) is a two-part study designed to describe the condition of education for American Indian/Alaskan native students in the U.S.

Drs. Papanozzi and Guy co-author chapter in book



Dr. Mario Papanozzi and **Dr. Roger Guy** (Sociology & Criminal Justice) co-authored a peer-reviewed book chapter on substance abuse technology with the book will be published soon by Springer publishing house.

The chapter is titled: "Substance Abuse Technology: A Primer for Community Corrections Practitioners." The book's author, Carl Leukefeld, is well known in the field. The chapter will be abstracted in the Criminal Justice Abstracts.

Abstract: Community corrections practitioners generally conceptualize "substance abuse technologies" to mean those things that are used to detect the use of some substance that an offender is prohibited from using as a condition of pretrial release, probation, parole, work release, or any other correctional options that involve an alternative to traditional incarceration (e.g., day reporting programs, electronic monitoring, or community-based residential and treatment programs for inmates reentering the community after a period of incarceration). In this chapter, we broaden the focus of "technologies" in order to give due diligence to substance abuse testing technologies from their traditionally narrow focus on detection to include technologies associated with delivering services that produce reductions in substance abuse and ultimately in individual offender recidivism.



Dr. Harrington, Hunt present at Native Student Advocacy Institute

Dr. Charles Harrington (Business) and **Billie Hunt** (Education) presented their paper, "American Indian Student Engagement in Higher Education," at the 2011 Native American Student Advocacy Institute: The College Board at the University of Oklahoma, May 22-24.

Hunt also presented a paper, “Native Culture Defines the Experiences of American Indian College Students,” at the same conference.



Dr. Ziemnowicz presents at Polish business conference on social responsibility

Dr. Chris Ziemnowicz (Business) presented to a panel and participated in discussions during the Responsible Business Academy in Warsaw, Poland, on May 13-14. It is the largest seminar in Poland dedicated to CSR or corporate social responsibility.

Pictured with Dr. Ziemnowicz is Magdalena Andrejczuk, Responsible Business League coordinator.

It serves as a forum for exchanging knowledge and experiences between business and academic representatives. Its objective is to inspire and develop graduate and doctoral candidates interested in CSR and expand their future career opportunities.

This year’s conference theme was e-CSR, its three areas: ecology, ethics and economy. Dr. Ziemnowicz’s presentation included some of the trends, interrelationships and business perspectives about these three areas in the U.S.

The annual two-day event is organized by the Responsible Business League (Polish: Liga Odpowiedzialnego Biznesu or LOB) to bring students from universities across Poland to workshops, simulations and discussions. LOB is made up a network of student organizations and a group of leaders who carry out projects promoting corporate social responsibility in the academic, business, and government environments. LOB is the educational program of the Responsible Business Forum in partnership with PricewaterhouseCoopers, Polish Telecommunication, and Citi’s Kronenberg Foundation. The Responsible Business Forum is the oldest nongovernmental organization in Poland focused on the concept of CSR.

Drs. Aiken, Simmons presented at 8th Teaching Professors Conference

Dr. Irene Aiken (Education), right, and **Dr. Sara Simmons** (Graduate Studies) were selected presenters for the Eighth Annual Teaching Professor Conference that was held in Atlanta, Ga. on May 20-22. Their proposal was one of only 50 that were selected as a workshop by the conference advisory board out of approximately 260 that were submitted.



Their presentation was titled, “Fostering Student Engagement in Online Learning Environments.” Drs. Aiken and Simmons shared findings from their research, insights from their teaching experiences and information gleaned from current professional literature related to fostering student engagement. They emphasized that teaching wholly or partially online is a different “reality” and requires substantially different means of imparting information, motivating students and connecting students to course concepts and content. Participants examined specific strategies that teachers can implement to encourage communication, to develop a sense of community and to promote student engagement.

This sold-out conference was attended by approximately 850 college and university professors and administrators from around the world.

Janette Hopper exhibited in ‘The Industrial Show’

Bottega Art Bar and Gallery of Wilmington, N.C., presented: “The Industrial Show.” The exhibit theme encouraged artists to take on industrial settings. The exhibit opened on May 27.



‘Pasco Industry’

Janette K. Hopper (Art) had several works in this show two of which are reproduced here.

The gallery is located at 208 North Front Street. For more information: www.bottegageallery.com/. About the artist: www.janettekopper.com/



‘Adventure’

Biotechnology lab teams up to publish paper



A paper co-written by a team of researchers and corresponding author, **Dr. Ben Bahr** (Biology/Chemistry & Physics), titled “Protective Effects of Positive Lysosomal Modulation in Alzheimer’s Disease Transgenic Mouse Models” was published in the June 10 edition of *PLoS ONE*, an interactive open-access journal for the communication of all peer-reviewed scientific and medical research.

Co-authors are David Butler (University of Connecticut); Jeannie Hwang (UConn/UNCP); Candice Estick (UConn); Akiko Nishiyama (UConn); Saranya Santhosh Kumar, (UConn); Clive Baveghems (UConn); Hollie B. Young-Oxendine (UNCP); Meagan L. Wisniewski (UNCP); Ana Charalambides (UConn/UNCP) and Dr. Bahr.

Abstract: Alzheimer’s disease (AD) is an age-related neurodegenerative pathology in which defects in proteolytic clearance of amyloid β peptide (Ab) may contribute to the progressive nature of the disorder. Lysosomal proteases of the cathepsin family exhibit up-regulation in response to accumulating proteins including Ab1-42. Here, the lysosomal modulator Z-Phe-Ala-diazomethylketone (PADK) was used to test whether proteolytic activity can be enhanced to reduce the accumulation events in AD mouse models expressing different levels of Ab pathology. Systemic PADK injections in APP^{SwInd} and APP^{Swe/PS1DE9} mice caused 3- to 8-fold increases in cathepsin B protein levels and 3-to-10 fold increases in the enzyme’s activity in lysosomal fractions, while neprilysin and insulin degrading enzyme remained unchanged. Biochemical analyses indicated the modulation predominantly targeted the active mature forms of cathepsin B and markedly changed] Rab proteins but not LAMP1, suggesting the involvement of enhanced trafficking. The modulated lysosomal system led to reductions in both Ab immunostaining as well as Abx-42 sandwich ELISA measures in APPS wInd mice of 10-11 months. More extensive Ab deposition in 20-22-month APP^{Swe/PS1DE9} mice was also reduced by PADK. Selective ELISAs found that a corresponding production of the less pathogenic Ab1-38 occurs as Ab1-42 levels decrease in the mouse models, indicating that PADK treatment leads to Ab truncation. Associated with Ab clearance was the elimination of behavioral and synaptic protein deficits evident in the two transgenic models. These findings indicate that pharmacologically controlled lysosomal modulation reduces Ab1-42 accumulation, possibly through intracellular truncation that also influences extracellular deposition, and in turn offsets the defects in synaptic composition and cognitive functions. The selective modulation promotes clearance at different levels of Ab pathology and provides proof-of-principle for small molecule therapeutic development for AD and possibly other protein accumulation disorders.



Dr. Simmons presented at state education conference

Dr. Sara Simmons (Graduate Studies) presented a session at the first annual Collaborative Conference for Student Achievement (CCSA), sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI). The conference was held in Greensboro, N.C., on April 18-20.

The title of Dr. Simmons' presentation was "Beyond Mentoring to Induction: A Step-by-Step Guide." The session focused on proven ways to encourage beginning teachers to remain in the profession and emphasized that their experiences during the initial years in teaching are crucial to their future success.

An overview of current research on mentoring and induction was provided, and participants joined in a discussion of the major components of an effective induction process. Dr. Simmons then presented a model for designing a comprehensive induction program.

The model closely aligns with the N.C. Standards for Beginning Teacher Support Programs and N.C. Standards for Mentors that recently were adopted by the State Board of Education. She led an interactive demonstration of how participants can apply the six-step model to design a strong induction program for their schools and/or districts, using an easy-to-follow, six-step template.

The conference theme was "Engaging NC in Transforming 21st Century Teaching and Learning." Conference strands covered pre-k through 12th grade curriculum, instruction and technology. Approximately 150 sessions were offered on topics such as school improvement, teacher preparation, new teacher support, quality instruction, parental involvement, literacy, cultural competence, dropout prevention and 21st century education.

This one-stop conference was created by DPI in response to the economic challenges experienced by schools and communities. The conference consolidated several conferences into one by replacing the Accountability, Safe Schools, and Raising Achievement and Closing Gaps conferences. CCSA provided a multi-faceted professional development opportunity for educators and education stakeholders by offering sessions that addressed educational issues formerly covered by those three conferences.

The event brought together educators from around the state, region, and nation, including teachers, student services personnel, principals, superintendents, parents, school administrators, school board members, university and college faculty, staff and administrators, and community and business representatives.

Janette Hopper exhibits in Oregon

Janette Hopper (Art) has art on display in the PAN Exhibition Collection, “Forces At Play,” at the Newport Visual Arts Center in Newport Ore., June 3 - July 31.



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About the Newport Visual Arts Center:
www.coastarts.org/home.cfm?dir_cat=43258
About Prints Arts NW: www.printartsnw.org
About the artist: www.janettekopper.com

Dr. Haladay presented at national conference



Dr. Jane Haladay (American Indian Studies) organized and presented at the roundtable session, “Honoring the Vision of Jack D. Forbes: Assessing the Value of a Ph.D. in Native American Studies,” during the third annual meeting of The Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA). The conference took place on May 19-21 in Sacramento, Calif., and was hosted by the University of California at Davis’s (UCD) Department of Native American Studies.

Dr. Haladay and three colleagues from the same graduate cohort – Dr. Molly McGlennen, assistant professor of English and Native American Studies at Vassar College; Dr. Benjamin Burgess, associate professor and coordinator of the Indian Studies Program at Bemidji State University; and Dr. Lisa Woodward, archivist for the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians Cultural Resources Department – discussed what it has meant in their careers and in their personal lives to be in the first wave of graduates receiving Ph.D.s in Native American Studies at UC Davis. UCD is one of only two institutions in the U.S. awarding a Ph.D. in this discipline; the other is the University of Arizona’s American Indian Studies Program.

Specifically, the panelists discussed their mentorship by the late Jack D. Forbes, a tremendously influential force in Native American Studies and activism for the past five decades. Dr. Forbes has discussed his vision of the roots of Native studies by explaining that, “Traditional Native American studies...revolved largely around the search for knowledge and wisdom that could be used in the life of the people. The course of this knowledge was concerned with the elucidation of harmony and appropriate behavior, behavior that might lead to the proper functioning of the human-animal-plant-world relationship” (Native American Studies in Higher Education 99). Forbes passed away in February 2011 at the age of 77.

Dr. Haladay described Forbes’ influence on her as a person and scholar. “Jack has been a mentor who has fortified and sustained me, and who, while deeply political, always remained a real human being outside of any specific politics – departmental or global – during my tenure at UCD,” she said. “Jack always modeled deep intellectual curiosity and engagement, and personal respect, wry humor, and basic kindness. We were all saddened by his passing, and my colleagues and I were proud to honor him at the NAISA conference.”

As described on its website, “The Native American and Indigenous Studies Association [NAISA] is a professional organization dedicated to supporting scholars and others who work in the academic field of Native American and Indigenous studies. Founded in 2008, NAISA hosts the premier scholarly meeting in Native studies. The association has more than 700 members from over a dozen countries and scores of Indigenous nations and peoples.”

Martina Litty graduated at the top in her class

Martina Litty, 11, daughter of **Dr. Jamie Litty** (Mass Communication), was valedictorian for the fifth-grade graduation at Washington Park Elementary School in Laurinburg, N.C. She graduated on June 9.

In a brief speech, Martina shared a quote attributed to the Chinese philosopher Confucius, advising her schoolmates, “Wherever you go, go with all your heart.”





Samuel Jacobs graduated from School of Science & Math

Samuel Marcus Russell Jacobs graduated from the N.C. School of Science and Math on June 4. His parents are **Dr. Mary Ann Jacobs** (American Indian Studies) and her husband, Russell J.

His grandparents are Dock and Joyce Jacobs and Willard and Lora Neil Cummings. He will attend NC State University's School of Engineering in the fall.

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Staff Notes

Dylon Bullard graduated from Shining Stars

Patrick and **Lisa Bullard's** (Multicultural Center) oldest grandchild, Dylon Bullard, graduated from Shining Stars Preschool in Pembroke. He is five years old.

Dylon is the son of Patrick Lynn Bullard Jr. and Nicole Hunt Bullard. The graduation ceremony was held in GPAC on Thursday, June 2, at 10:30 a.m. Dylon will begin kindergarten in the fall at Prospect



School.

Harrison Orr earns electronics engineering degree



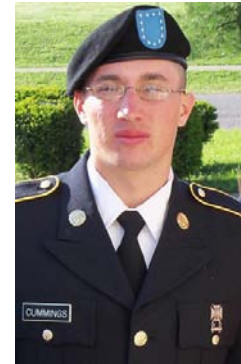
Harrison Orr, son of **Dr. Robert Orr** (DoIT) and his wife, Kathy, recently graduated from Southwestern Community College in Jackson County, N.C.

Harrison earned an Associate of Applied Science degree with a major in electronics engineering technology. He also passed the Federal Communication Commission examination and has received his FCC license. Proud mom said, “not too bad, considering he is still a teenager, albeit not for long.”

Pvt. Cummings graduated from Army training

Pvt. Christian Alexander Cummings graduated June 2 from Cavalry Scout One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Pvt. Cummings completed a 16-week program of instruction in the Department of the Army in Alpha Troop, 2nd Squadron, 398th Cavalry. He was presented the Army Physical Fitness Badge for scoring more than 90 points in each event on the Army Physical Fitness Test. He earned a badge in the area of rifle marksmanship.



Pvt. Cummings is the son of **Alesia Cummings** (American Indian Studies) of Pembroke and Michael and Theresa Cummings of Cary, N.C. He is the grandson of Howard and Alene Jones of Pembroke; Shelbie Cummings of Marianna, Fla.; Querlon “Bob” and Susan Cummings of Bainbridge, Ga.

Pvt. Cummings will serve in the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky.



Mallory Cummings graduated from pre-K

Mallory Cummings, 5-years old, graduated from pre-k on June 7. She is the daughter of **Ulonda Cummings** (Cashier's Office) and the niece of **Paula Cummings** (HR).



Tomya Hunt graduated from Riverwood

Tomya Lacle Hunt, granddaughter of John & **Lori Carter** (Student Involvement & Leadership) and daughter of Mallorie Dial, graduated from pre-school at Riverwood Pre-Elementary on June 9 and will attend kindergarten at Pembroke Elementary School in the fall.



Katy Power graduated from Weekday School

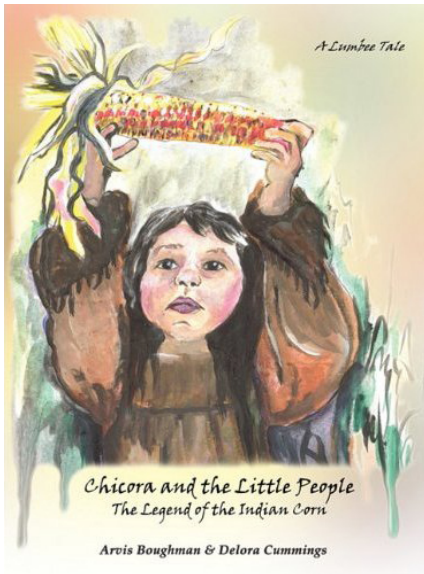
Katy Power graduated from preschool at First Presbyterian Weekday School in Lumberton, N.C. She is the daughter of **June Power** (Library). She will attend Tanglewood Elementary School next year.

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Upcoming

BOOK TALK: Author Arvis Boughman and artist Delora Cummings



A discussion of “Chicora and the Little People,” with author Arvis L. Boughman and illustrator/artist Delora Cummings will be held Thursday, June 30 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the University Center Annex.

Published in May 2010 by Llumina Press, “Chicora and the Little People” is the first picture book based on a tale shared by Clarence Lowrey, Lumbee historian, in his book “The Lumbee Indians of North Carolina.”

The event is sponsored by the Department of American Indian Studies. It is free and open to the public.

Chicora, main character in the story, tells an unbelievable story of “little people” and the new multicolored corn she has found. She must find a way to convince her people that this new corn is good to eat and worth celebrating.

The watercolor illustrations by Cummings add to the telling of this ancient tale. The illustrations are derived from pictures taken of the late Rudolph Carter and Chicora Lowry (Carter’s granddaughter).

There will be a discussion of the book with Boughman, Cummings, and Nora Dial-Stanley (Lumbee storyteller) followed by a question and answer session.

Boughman's book will be available for purchase and for him to sign at the event. For more information, contact Dr. Mary Ann Jacobs at mary.jacobs@uncp.edu.

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June Birthdays

Acevedo, Delia N.
Bahhouth, Victor
Bass, Patsy S.
Bell, Christine
Blue, Sharon K.
Bonnicksen, Colin C.
Brown, Robert W.
Chaves, Debbie E.
Edgell, Dennis J.
Edwards, Cindy E.
Evans, Emma N.
Flowers, Paul A.
Foster, Elinor F.
Frederick, James R.
Gay, William R.
Graham, Lori J.
Guy, Roger S.
Handcox, Vera J.
Hardin, Adam B.
Harris, Gregory
Helgeson, Karen
Huffman, Staci L.
Hunt, Gloria D.
Hunt, Kimberly A.
Jacobs, Larry D.
Jones, Billie J.
Jones, Bridget L.
Layne, Julie D.
Lewallen, Walter E.
Liu, Dandan
Locklear, Bonnie R.
Locklear, Joseph E.
Lowry, Monika C.
Mattila, Sharon L.
McNeill, Jennifer L.
Moody, Myra P.
Nance, Kristy B.
Neff-Sharum, Emily A.
Oswald, Sara
Oxendine, Alisia S.
Oxendine, Cammie H.
Oxendine, Kristin L.
Oxendine, Penny L.
Oxendine, Terri A.
Parker, James W.
Powell, Veronica S.

Queen, Phyllis G.
Roberts, Rebecca B.
Russell, Mary J.
Schultz, Lawrence R.
Scott, Marisa D.
Sexton, Jean E.
Staal, Laura A.
Strickland-Dimery, Theresa D.
Swett, Aubrey D.
Twaddell, Jennifer W.
Tyner, Kenneth B.
Underwood, David G.
Vesely, Mark E.
Walker, Mary H.
White, Mark M.
Winans, Justin S.

New Hires

Bryant, Travis. – Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Safety & Emergency Operations, Student Affairs
Lewis, Wilton G. - Assistant Director, Admissions
Locklear, Alisha B. - Museum Assistant, Native American Resource Center
Oxendine, James K. - Administrative Support Associate, University Center
Rizzo, Francine L. - Accountant, Controller's Office
Sterk, Patrick H. - Assistant Athletic Director

Promotions

Graham, Lori J. - Assistant Director of Financial Aid

In Memoriam

Elizabeth Wynne passed away on June 1. She was the sister of **Rebecca Hunt** (Housekeeping) and **Effie Locklear** (Political Science).

Sandra Vesely, the mother of **Mark Vesely** (Facilities Operations), passed away on June 2.

Faculty member, philanthropist James Hubbard died on June 4



At the 2006 commencement, James F. Hubbard made one of the shortest acceptance speeches on record for an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

“My life was students,” he said. “And how I enjoyed it.” The crowd roared in approval.

A 20-year faculty member (1965-86), Prof. Hubbard

died on June 4. He was 90 years old.

Hubbard was a longtime resident of Laurinburg, N.C., Blowing Rock, N.C., and Winter Haven, Fla. In his early career as a Presbyterian minister, he led churches in Kirkwood, N.C., and Parsons, W.Va.

He joined the faculty, first at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, and then enjoyed a long tenure teaching psychology at The University of North Carolina. He was the founded chair of UNCP’s Psychology Department.

Hubbard was preceded in death by his daughter, Mary Ann, and his wife, Ellen. He is survived by his son Frederick T. Hubbard and by Evelyn Erickson, his companion during his last years.

Prof. Hubbard is the benefactor of several endowments at the University. He was a lifetime member of the Chancellor’s Club. He established a Faculty Leave Endowed Fund, the Jump Start Scholarship and was a supporter of the return of football at the university.

He continued his efforts to instruct and inspire during his retirement by writing booklets and articles that he distributed. Hubbard published several booklets, “Stress Control For Teachers,” “Positive Parenting” and “Positive Living” for seniors.

Born in Talladega, Ala., March 13, 1921, Hubbard grew up in Richmond, Va. He served as a medic in World War II, and after the war, he attended Union Theological Seminary.

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