

**LSU Alexandria Endowed  
Professorships  
Alumni and Friends Endowed Chair in Business Bolton  
Award  
2008-2009**

LSU Alexandria is pleased that through the generosity of alumni, friends and with the support of the LSU Board of Supervisors and the Louisiana Board of Regents, the University is able to award some 18 professorships and one endowed chair to our outstanding faculty. The University also has an endowed fund with which to annually recognize Teaching Excellence.

The professorship program is a competitive program in which eligible faculty are encouraged to apply for one of several professorships. Professorship applications address issues of outstanding teaching, scholarship and service. Applicants are particularly encouraged to propose projects which will enhance the mission of the University to serve central Louisiana through our collective teaching, scholarly and service relationships. Professorship awards are for two years with an annual stipend of some \$4500, \$3000 of which is a salary supplement and a \$1500 support fund which is designed to support the professional development of the individual and/or the completion of the proposed project. Individual uses of the support fund have included travel support, support for students participating in research, expenses associated with projects including laboratory equipment or software and more. Through the professorship program, University faculty have advanced their scholarship, contributed to the development of student organizations, re-worked classes, engaged in international travel, helped sponsor an annual Storytelling Conference, begun work on a faculty development center and much, much more.

### **Professorships**

F. Hugh Coughlin Professorship  
Frances Holt Freedman Professorship in History and Ethics of Nursing  
Mark Eugene Howard Professorship in Liberal Arts (English)  
Huie Dellmon Professorship in Liberal Arts and Science  
Huie Dellmon Professorship in Science  
Jack and Sue Ellen Jackson Professorship in Education  
Roy O. Martin Lumber Company Professorship in Nursing  
Howard and Eloise Ferris Mulder Professorship in Physics  
Henry Dade Foote Family Professorship in Natural Resources  
Carolyn Cole Saunders Professorship  
Robert Rife Saunders Professorship  
Jenkins-Mulder Professorship in Business  
H. Johnson Professorship in Business Administration  
Cliffe E. Laborde, Sr. Professorship in Education  
Barbara M. Martin Professorship in Nursing  
Roy and Vinita Martin Professorship in Math and Science  
Rapides Regional Medical Center Professorship in Radiologic Technology

### **Bolton Award for Teaching Excellence**

The Bolton Endowed Funds

## **Alumni and Friends Endowed Chair**

LSU Alexandria is also fortunate to have an endowed chair, the Alumni and Friends Endowed Chair in Business, funded through generous gifts from alumni and friends in the amount of \$400,000 and a grant from the Board of Regents in the amount of \$600,000. The endowed chair represents a special appointment designed to foster the work of a senior faculty member who, in this instance, is in the Department of Business Administration. As the holder of the Endowed Chair, the recipient teaches classes in the department, establishes strong community connections for the Department of Business Administration, and develops a community-connected pedagogy to include internships and service learning as appropriate. A special opportunity of the Alumni and Friends Endowed Chair is to further develop the working relationship between LSU Alexandria, the Department of Business Administration, and the Central Louisiana Business Incubator.

Biographies for the current Endowed Professors, the holder of the Bolton Award for Teaching Excellence and the Alumni and Friends Endowed Chair in Business are below.

Dr. Sue Sullivan is the current holder of the F. Hugh Coughlin Professorship. She holds her doctorate from the University of Georgia. An Associate Professor of Biology, Dr. Sullivan began her career at LSUA in 2001. Her principal teaching interests are Microbiology, Cell, Molecular Biology, Immunology and Genetics. Active in the American Society for Microbiology - both the national and regional organizations - and in the Louisiana Academy of Sciences, Dr. Sullivan has published as either author or co-author some seven scholarly articles. She has made numerous presentations. Her passion for teaching undergraduates extends to her special work in fostering undergraduate research. Her current projects center on microbial antagonism in *Attine* colonies (ants).

Dr. Brenda Ellington holds the Mark Eugene Howard Professorship (English). Having taught at LSU Alexandria since 1987, Dr. Ellington completed her doctorate from the University of Louisiana - Lafayette in 2006. Dedicated to helping the students of Central Louisiana succeed, she specializes in Rhetoric and Composition, Early American Literature, African American Literature and Linguistics. Those areas of specialty mirror an expanded list of courses and the improvement of her teaching and the ways in which she reaches our students is at the core of Dr. Ellington's work with this Professorship. She is dedicated to strengthening the work of our writing center and our University tutoring program. Active in professional organizations, including College Composition and Communication, the National Council for Teachers of English, the Louisiana Association for Developmental Education and in community organizations, Dr. Ellington has also made presentations at local and state meetings.

Dr. Genet Duke holds the Huie Dellmon Trust Professorship (Science). Dr. Duke came to LSUA from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology where she earned her doctorate in 2005. Already demonstrating a strong bent toward high quality teaching, research and contributions to the community, Dr. Duke is quickly becoming a significant asset to the LSUA Department of Mathematics and Physical Sciences. The recipient of numerous grants, engaged in research and a published scholar, Dr. Duke also gives of her time to ensure a "hands on" learning experience for students in the physical sciences; that aspect of her teaching is joined to her efforts as judge at local and regional science fairs through which she actively encourages others to pursue the study of science. She has published and presented several papers at regional and national meetings. Since coming to Alexandria, she has become an active member of community organizations and serves as Secretary to the board of the Rapides Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Mary Boone Treuting is the current (2007-2009) holder of the Huie Dellmon Trust Professorship in Liberal Arts and Sciences. Dr. Treuting holds a doctorate from LSU Baton Rouge. After working as a school psychologist, Dr. Treuting came to LSU Alexandria in 1994 as an Assistant Professor; she has moved through the ranks of the faculty and is now Professor of Psychology. She is the recipient of the Bolton Award for Excellence in Teaching which is given annually by LSU Alexandria. Her principal teaching interests are educational psychology, social psychology, adolescent psychology, child psychology and developmental psychology. She has a special interest in the improvement of teaching at the college level and is using her endowed professorship to establish an instructional improvement center at LSUA. Active in the American Psychological Association and the Louisiana Psychological Association, she has a number of publications and presentations in refereed journals, at state and national meetings. Dr. Treuting is exemplary in her University service having chaired the Faculty Senate, major search committees and having demonstrated her commitment to the improvement of the University through her leadership of the Improvement of Instruction committee.

Dr. James Rogers is the current (2007-2009) holder of the F. Holt Freedman Professorship. Dr. Rogers holds a doctorate from the University of Tennessee. Dr. Rogers came to LSUA in 2003 as an Assistant Professor after gaining teaching experience at Middle Georgia College and research experience as an associate editor of the Correspondence of James K. Polk. He is now an Associate Professor. His principal teaching interests are European History, Asian History, and, as a by-product of this professorship, the History and Ethics of Nursing. Active in professional organizations including the North American Conference on British Studies, the Southern Conference on British Studies, the Louisiana Historical Association, Phi Alpha Theta, and the National Council for Social Studies, Dr. Rogers has also published and/or presented several book reviews and made a number of scholarship presentations. He is active in University service including work on the Long Range Planning Committee, the Honors Committee, the Science Fair and he has co-chaired the LSUA United Way Campaign. He is also active in community service including the Exchange Club.

Dr. Wayne McGraw is the current (2007-2009) holder of the Roy and Vinita Martin Professorship (Math and Science). Dr. McGraw holds his doctorate from Florida State University. He came to LSUA in 2006 after a distinguished career as a faculty member at Louisiana College; he serves as a Professor of Chemistry. His teaching interests focus on organic chemistry and he has a special interest in fostering international understanding having spent a sabbatical at the University of the Orange Free State and with plans to use his professorship to promote an understanding of the history of chemistry and medicine. Active in the American Chemical Society, Dr. McGraw is the recipient of several honors including Teacher of the Year at Louisiana College. He has an extensive record of scholarship including more than 20 publications and he has, in addition, done consulting work with the USDA Forest Service. Active in University service since coming to LSUA, Dr. McGraw has played a leading role in the Science Fair.

Dr. Freddie W. Litton holds the Jack and Sue Ellen Jackson Professorship. Dr. Litton holds his Ed.D from the University of Northern Colorado and his masters and baccalaureate degrees from Northwestern State University. A native of Alexandria, Dr. Litton has held positions as a teacher in the Bossier Parish Schools, as a faculty member or administrator at the University of Central Arkansas, Texas A & M-Kingsville, Southern University-Baton Rouge, the University of New Orleans and LSU Alexandria. He is former Dean of the College of Professional Studies at LSU Alexandria. A well published scholar, Dr. Litton has some eight books, 13 book chapters, 21 journal articles and a number of grants to his credit. He serves as a consultant and speaker on issues of special education and as a grant reviewer for the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education, and the National Science Foundation. He has also served in elective office with two terms on the St. Tammany Parish School Board.

Dr. Sultan Parvez is the current (2008-2010) holder of the Howard and Eloise Ferris Mulder Professorship. Dr. Parvez holds a doctorate from Southern Illinois University. He came to LSU Alexandria in 2000 as an Assistant Professor and is now an Associate Professor of Physics. His principal teaching interests are in general physics. An active researcher, Dr. Parvez has more than a dozen publications or presentations and is the principal investigator on several major grants including well over \$200,000 from the Board of Regents. He is a member of the American Physics Society, the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Zoo and Aquarium Association. Dr. Parvez is also active in University service with membership on the Faculty Personnel and Policy Committee, the Long Range Planning Committee and as an alternate to the Faculty Senate.

Ms. Melissa Whitley, Instructor of Radiologic Technology, is the current (2007-2009) holder of the Rapides Regional Medical Center Professorship. She has a BS in Radiologic Technology from McNeese State University and will soon complete all requirements for an MS in Radiologic Science from Midwestern State University. Prior to coming to LSU Alexandria, Ms. Whitley worked in a number of positions in radiology and data collection or analysis including positions with St. Frances Cabrini Hospital, Rapides Regional Medical

Center, Oakdale Community Hospital and W.O. Moss Memorial Hospital. Ms. Whitley is active in University service and in promoting student professionalism through her work with student organizations.

Ms. Adena T. Lejeune is the current (2007-2009) holder of the H. Johnson Professorship in Business Administration. She holds her Master of Public Accountancy from Louisiana Tech University and is enrolled in a doctoral program in business administration; she holds professional licensure as a Certified Public Accountant. She came to LSU Alexandria in 2002 as an Instructor of Accounting. Her principal teaching interests are in general accounting and financial accounting. Active in professional associations including the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Business and Professional Women and the Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce, she also has publications and several presentations. She has been exemplary in her University service having chaired the Courses and Curriculum Committee and having served on the Honors Day Convocation Committee. She is also active in her community including considerable service to her church.

Dr. Clarence Goleman is the current (2007-2009) holder of the Cliffe E. Laborde Professorship. He holds a doctorate from LSU Baton Rouge. Dr. Goleman came to LSU Alexandria as Professor of Education and Coordinator of the Teacher Education Program for the LSU Senior College; he has continued in that role since LSUA took over the baccalaureate programs in education. Dr. Goleman's service at LSUA followed a distinguished career as Professor and Dean at Southeastern Louisiana University. His principal teaching interests are in principalship, student teaching, media centers, and superintendency. He received honorary membership in the Alumni Association of Southeastern Louisiana University and was honored by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for outstanding contributions to Education. A member of a number of professional organizations and an officer in several, Dr. Goleman is also an active scholar with several publications and numerous presentations to educators at all levels. He is an active participant in University service and community initiatives.

Dr. James R. Stacy, Professor of Communications Studies, is the first recipient of the newly established Jenkins-Mulder Endowed Professorship in Business. Holding a doctorate in performance studies from New York University, Dr. Stacy is an actor, director, published playwright and frequent contributor to professional journals. His teaching includes courses in theatre and in communication studies and his current scholarship centers on strengthening the communication and presentation skills of our students and he is quite active in the information literacy initiatives of the University as well as efforts to bring a more international perspective to the curriculum. Dr. Stacy organized the Southwest Theatre and Film Association Conference which was held in Alexandria in November of 2006. He has also written several pieces related to the arts in the Gulf South during the post-Katrina period.

Ms. Linda Hickman, Assistant Professor of Nursing, is the current holder (2007-2009) of the Barbara M. Martin Professorship. Ms. Hickman holds her MSN from Northwestern State University and came to LSU Alexandria in 2005 after a career that included previous teaching experience and experience as a staff nurse. Primary teaching interests are in medical-surgical nursing and maternal child care nursing. Ms. Hickman has received numerous awards including the Nurse of the Year from the Alexandria District Nurses' Association and the Louisiana Nurses Foundation Nightingale Award for Outstanding Community Service by a Registered Nurse. Currently a member of the Alexandria District Nurses Association, the American Nursing Association, the National League for Nursing, Ms. Hickman is also active in community work with the Shepherd Center. She has made numerous presentations to professional organizations.

Awarded to Ms. Tammy Lacombe for the 2008-2010 cycle, the Roy O. Martin Lumber Company professorship is currently vacant due to Ms. Lacombe's resignation from the University in the summer of 2008.

### **Bolton Award**

Dr. Callum B. Johnston, Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education, is the 2007-2008 recipient of the Bolton Award given to recognize the outstanding faculty member of the University. Dr. Johnston holds his BS from the College of Charleston, his M.Ed. from the College of Charleston and his doctorate from Florida State University. Dr. Johnston has contributed significantly to the K-12 schools, to United Way organizations and others with his expertise in early childhood education. He is actively involved in the development of international initiatives at the University and currently is serving a second term as President of Faculty Senate at LSUA.

### **Alumni and Friends Endowed Chair in Business**

Dr. Robert Bush, Professor of Business Administration, is the first and current holder (2007- ) of the Alumni and Friends Endowed Chair in Business Administration. Dr. Bush began his association with LSU Alexandria as the Alumni and Friends Endowed Chair in 2007. He holds his doctorate from LSU Baton Rouge. Before he joined LSU Alexandria, Dr. Bush taught at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, the University of Memphis, the University of Mississippi and the University of South Florida. He has held two visiting professorships overseas at the University of Eichstatt in Germany and the University of Strasbourg in France. The recipient of many awards including Professor of the Year at the University of Louisiana - Lafayette, Dr. Bush is also the author or editor of four books, more than 20 articles with a number of additional articles under consideration and many refereed conference publications. Active in University and community service in his previous appointments, Dr. Bush is a member of the American Marketing Association, the Southern Marketing Association, the American Institute for Decision Sciences and has served as a consultant for Lifeguard Systems of Memphis, Back Yard Burgers of Memphis, Service Master, Hollywood Casino and the Concorde Capital Group where he was also on the Board of Directors.

