The following dates have been scheduled for the Graduate Council Meetings for the fall/spring semester of 2006-2007. Meetings are set for 1:30 p.m. in the Roy Hall Conference Room 203C. Please submit 13 copies (hard copies) of proposals to the Graduate School office no later than two weeks prior to the meeting dates. Also listed are the Graduate Council Members for 2006-2007 academic years. If you have any questions regarding submission of proposals please contact Janine Waters in the Graduate Studies and Research Office at 5851 or the Council Member representing your department listed.

**Graduate Council**—1:30 Tuesday, Room 203-C Watson Library

- Tuesday, September 26, 2006
- Tuesday, October 24, 2006
- Tuesday, November 28, 2006
- Tuesday, January 23, 2007
- Tuesday, February 27, 2007

**Members**
- Dr. Lisa Abney, Language & Communication, 2nd year, (abney/6166)
- Dr. Michael Moulton, Health & Human Performance, 1st year (moultonm/5142)
- Dr. Brenda Hanson, Education, 1st year (daily@nsula.edu/5518)
John G. Williams, professor of business law in the College of Business, is the recipient of the university’s 2006 Faculty Advisor Award. Williams, who is also an attorney, advises 80-100 business administration students throughout the academic year. He believes that caring and availability are the two most important aspects of being an academic advisor.

“A good advisor has to care about the students. An attitude that shows the student that you care goes a long way in helping that student be successful,” Williams said. “Advising goes along with teaching and along with that goes availability. Make yourself available to your advisees and you and that advisee will be rewarded with success.”

Williams has been teaching at NSU for 35 years, and practicing law for 38 years. Many students considering a career in law seek his advice on ways to prepare for law school. He encourages students to learn good study habits, know how to write, analyze and express themselves and be prepared.

Williams began teaching “by accident,” when he agreed to teach one semester of business law. Over the years, he taught more and more classes, including journalism law, as an adjunct before joining the NSU faculty full-time in 1992.

“Forty percent of students come to college under-prepared. Outstanding student advisors are essential to student retention and completion. Advising is the capstone of the university’s Quality Enhancement Plan, so it is appropriate that the university recognize these dedicated individuals,” said Dr. Sue Weaver, dean of University College.

“If you don’t want to advise students, you need to be in another profession,” Williams said. “I’ve been blessed to work with some of the finest people, NSU students. The best and most valuable resource this university has is its students and you need to treat them as such.”

Staff members marking 30 years of employment at NSU are Judy Rachal, left, and Don Sepulvado, right.

Northwestern faculty and staff recognized by Dr. Webb for 40 or more years of service to NSU were, from left, Dr. Pete Gregory, 44-plus years; Dr. Marietta LeBreton, 43 years; Webb, Jerry Pierce, 40-plus years, and Dr. Austin Temple, 40-plus years. The honorees were recognized during the faculty/staff luncheon on Aug. 15.

Faculty and staff with more than 30 years of employment were also recognized. From left are Dr. Don Hatley, 38-plus years; Webb, and John Coutee, 35-plus years.

Updates, announcements and door prizes were highlights of the 2006 faculty/staff luncheon, held in August to welcome all NSU employees back to campus and encourage enthusiasm for the start of another successful academic year.

Webb recognized University Police Captain Walter Askew for 30 years of service.

Warren Massia of Information Systems and Mary Margaret Shivers of Academic Affairs were recognized for 30-plus years at NSU.
Sympathy

Earl Holman, father-in-law of Diane Cooper Holman of Watson Library passed away. Services were held at the Rockett-Nettles Funeral Home in Coushatta on Tuesday, July 25.

Johnny H. Guiliams, father of Martha Courrege, payroll/business affairs, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 2. Funeral services were held Aug. 4 at Blanchard-St. Denis followed by burial at Zion Cemetery at Fairview Alpha. Flowers were sent from the NSU Floral Fund.

Frank Byone, brother of Brent Thomas, Plant Services Warehouse, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 1. Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 5 at St. John The Baptist in Cloutierville.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carrie Lee Parker, sister of Brenda Falcon, administrative assistance in the Department of Social Work, were held Saturday, Aug. 12 at Skipper Lee & Son Eternal Rest Funeral Home in Houston.

Mrs. Parker passed away on Aug. 4, at her home in Houston after a lengthy illness.

Willie Johnson, a former employee of Northwestern, died Sunday, August 6. He was employed by Red River Sanitors and ARA. Funeral services were at St. Paul Baptist Church on Aug. 12.

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Dr. Elizabeth Guin, Social Sciences, 2nd year (guine/4057)
Dr. Connie Veazey, Psychology, 1st year (veazeyc@nsula.edu/5354)
Dr. Dennette McDermott, Creative & Performing Arts—Music, 2nd year (mcdermott/5761)
Dr. Norann Planchock Nursing, 2nd year (planchockn/318-677-3100)
Dr. Cathy Seymour, Education, 2nd year, (seymourc/6178)
Mr. Michael Yankowski, CAPA—Art, 1st year (chandler/6176)

Dr. Steven G. Horton, Chair

Associate Members
Dr. Allen Bauman, Language & Communication, 2nd year (baumana/5615)
Dr. Roger Chandler, CAPA—Art, 1st year (chandler/6176)

Keep up to date with on-line campus calendar

Do you want to be “in-the-know” about what’s happening on campus? Check out the new calendar link on the NSU home page. You are only a click away from a calendar that includes concerts, athletic schedules, fraternity and sorority events, guest lectures, art exhibits, intramural opportunities, theatrical plays, special programs and alumni events. The calendar is a valuable tool for all students, faculty and staff.

Go to www.nsula.edu, click on “Student Activities Calendar” and check it out.

The Department of Student Activities and Organizations is proud to sponsor this calendar. If you would like to have an event placed on this calendar please notify Dr. Jeff Mathews at mathewsj@nsula.edu

Note

A special account at Sabine State Bank has been set up to assist Tommy Tilley, a longtime employee of NSU, currently assigned to the Leesville campus. He has just been diagnosed with cancer and is receiving both radiation (daily) and chemotherapy (through a port that administers the medication 24 hours a day). He has to drive from Anacoco to Alexandria each day for his radiation treatments. He received a blood transfusion Aug. 4.

Anyone wishing to contribute to his expenses—or simply wishing to show support during this time—is invited to make donations to the account listed above. For further information please contact Dr. Larry Monk, Executive Director or Catherine Eaglin, Executive Assistant, both on the Leesville campus. 337-392-3102
Dootsie McNeely has worked as an Administrative Assistant for the Department of Journalism since 1999, where she assists the department head, faculty and staff in all areas of the department. Before joining the Department of Journalism staff, she worked at the Alumni Center from 1991-99.

Dootsie was born and raised in Natchitoches. She graduated from St. Mary’s High School and attended NSU. She is married to Charles “Sandy” McNeely and has four grown children and two almost grown grandchildren, age 17 and 14. She attends Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Holy Cross Catholic Church and enjoys gardening and cross stitching. She is a sustainer in the Service League of Natchitoches.

“My parents, husband, brother and sisters, children and several other family members graduated from the Normal, NSC and NSU, so it is very special to all of us,” she said. “It has always been a most important part of Natchitoches and has certainly contributed to its growth.”

Dootsie’s joy in working with students is seeing them grow and mature.

“I try to treat them the way I would like my children to be treated – firmly but with love,” she said. “I listen to their complaints, problems and heartaches and celebrate successes and victories with them. They become a very important part of my life and it’s always a little sad to see them graduate.”

Dootsie also enjoys the closeness of the Department of Journalism.

“I have told many people many times that I have the best job on this campus,” she said. “We are a small department and are all very good friends. We decorate birthdays and all special occasions, just like family.”

And how did she acquire her unusual nickname?

“When I was an infant, my dad was in the service and we were living in San Diego, Calif., sharing a duplex with another couple,” she explained. “Our neighbor gave me the name ‘Dootsie’ and it has stuck with me throughout my life. Most people don’t even know that I have a real name and it can really get confusing since both my husband and I have nicknames. People don’t always recognize Charles and Lee McNeely, but it translates into Sandy and Dootsie.”

ISECON will honor Russell as Educator of the Year

Dr. Jack Russell, the Morrison Endowed Professor in Computer Information Systems, has been named the 2006 Association of Information Technology Professionals Educator of the Year. Russell will be formally honored at the Information Systems Educators Conference (ISECON) on Nov. 4 in Dallas.

This is the second major international award Russell has received from an information systems association. Last year, he was honored with the Ben Bauman Award of Excellence Friday from the International Association of Computer Information Systems at its annual meeting in Atlanta. The award was based on Russell’s accomplishments in teaching, research and achievements in the field.

Students in Northwestern’s computer information systems program won five consecutive national championships in systems analysis at Association of Information Technology Professionals National Collegiate Championship between 2001 and 2005 along with four additional national titles in other categories over the past five years.

Russell is the author of two best selling textbooks in the area of business programming, logic and design. He frequently publishes in professional journals and refereed conference proceedings in the area of systems analysis and design.

In a career of more than 30 years, Russell has tutored more than 1,300 graduates in computer information systems. His former students are employed around the world as leading systems analysts, systems developers, database administrators, electronic commerce experts, computer programmers, software project leaders, vice presidents of information systems, systems architects with top companies.
Research and Sponsored Programs

CONGRATULATIONS

Ms. Pat Thurmon, Director of Region VI Education Service Center, received notification of a $69,905 award from the Louisiana Department of Education, Regional Service Center, for the continuation of the “Region VI Education Service Center.”

Dr. Norann Planchok, Dean of College of Nursing, received notification of three awards from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. They are: Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students – Associate for $85,987; Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students – Bachelor for $119,216; and Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students – Rad Tech for $175,862.

Ms. Shelia Richmond, Folklife Center, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an award of $5,005 from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities for “Natural Resources in LA’s Cultural Traditions Narrative Sessions at 2006 Natchitoches/NSU Folk Festival.”

Dr. ElizaBeth Guin, School of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of two awards – one for $5,000 from the Cane River National Heritage Area for “Joint CRNHA/MAHR Graduate Assistantship” and one for $10,000 from the National Park Service for “Joint NCPTT/MAHR Graduate Assistantship.”

Ms. Janet Colson, School of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an award of $98,000 from the Cane River National Heritage Area for the continuation of “Creole Heritage Center: Operations and Programming.”

Dr. Julie Delabbio, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Science and Technology, received notification of an award of $313,250 from the Louisiana Office of Youth Development for the continuation of “Aquaculture Research Project (River Water Research).”

Ms. Darlene Williams, Electronic and Continuing Education, received notification of an award of $224,552 from the Louisiana Community and Technical College System for the continuation of “Carl Perkins Basic Post-Secondary.”

Mr. Joe Morris, Department of Criminal Justice, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an award of $313,250 from the Louisiana Office of Youth Development for “Resource Development Specialist Training.”

Mr. Joe Morris, Department of Criminal Justice, College of Liberal Arts, also received notification of an award of $20,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice for “Project Rural Neighborhoods Rural Issues.”

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Ms. Julie Longlois, Electronic and Continuing Education, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Board of Regents, Assessment and Economic Development, for “Dual Enrollment Pilot.” Darlene Williams and Emily Perritt are collaborators.

Dr. Samuel Marshall and Ms. Linda Chance, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Science and Technology, submitted a proposal to the Coypu Foundation for “Native Plant Conservation Proposal for West-central Louisiana.”

Dr. Paul Nagel, College of Education, submitted a proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for “The Future of our Environment is in ‘Small Hands’ – F.O.E.S.H.”

Mr. Jeff Girard, School of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Division of Archaeology for the continuation of “Regional Archaeology Program 2006-2007.”

FY 2006-07 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS

The following information pertains to upcoming fall 2006 proposal deadlines and eligibility criteria for three of the various categories of grant-program opportunities offered by the Louisiana Board of Regents (BoR), including:

1. Board of Regents Support Fund (BORSF) grant programs (i.e., Enhancement, R&D, Endowed Chairs/Professorships, and Graduate Fellows);
2. Supporting Electronic Learning and Essential Campus Transitions (SELECT) grant program;
3. Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) grant programs; and

1. BORSF Grant Programs:

Board of Regents Support Fund (BORSF) grant programs include the following subcategories of funding opportunities: (a) Enhancement of Academic Departments and Units; (b) Research and Development (R&D); (c) Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students; (d) Endowed Chairs/Professorships; and (e) Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS). Full proposal instructions and other important information about related deadlines (e.g., notices of intent to submit proposals, time frame for Regents’ staff to answer questions about RFPs, etc.) are available at http://www.laregents.org.

NOTE: New RFPs for FY 2006-07 BORSF are now available.

A. Enhancement Program: Traditional and Undergraduate. Eligible disciplines for FY 2006-07 include:
1. Agricultural Sciences
2. Arts
3. Earth and Environmental Sciences
4. Engineering A (Chemical, Civil, Electrical and Electronics)
5. Health and Medical Sciences
The Enhancement proposal deadline is October 24, 2006.

B.1. Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS). Eligible disciplines for FY 2006-07 include:
1. Agricultural Sciences
2. Biological Sciences
3. Computer and Information Sciences
4. Earth and Environmental Sciences
5. Engineering A (Chemical, Civil, Electrical and Electronics)
6. Mathematics
7. Physics and Astronomy
8. Social Sciences

The RCS Notice of Intent deadline is September 1, 2006.
The RCS proposal deadline is November 7, 2006.

B.2. Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS). Target areas for FY 2006-07 include:
1. Data and Telecommunications
2. Micromanufacturing
3. Environmental Technologies
4. Food Technologies
5. Materials
6. Medical and Biomedical
7. Existing Principal Industries, such as Petrochemicals and Agribusiness
8. Louisiana Culture and History

The ITRS Notice of Intent deadline is September 11, 2006.
The ITRS proposal deadline is October 31, 2006.

C. Graduate Fellows Program: Traditional Graduate Fellows (TGF) and Graduate Fellowships for Teachers (GFT) Programs. Eligible disciplines for FY 2006-07 include:
1. Biological Sciences
2. Chemistry
3. Computer and Information Sciences
4. Earth/Environmental Sciences
5. Engineering A and B
6. Health/Medical Sciences
7. Physics/Astronomy
8. Agricultural Sciences
9. Business
10. Education
11. Mathematics

The TGF and GFT proposal deadline is November 14, 2006.

D. Endowed Chairs/Professorships Programs. All academic disciplines are eligible.

E. Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS) Program. Eligible disciplines include:
1. Arts
2. Humanities
3. Social Sciences

The ATLAS Notice of Intent deadline is October 7, 2006.
The ATLAS proposal deadline is November 21, 2006.

2. BoR SELECT Grant Program:
In the BoR’s “Supporting Electronic Learning and Essential Campus Transitions’ (SELECT) grant program, one proposal per academic unit will be accepted. Special consideration will be given to projects that extend education to rural areas of the state, other underserved areas, and those areas impacted by the 2005 storms and after effects where educational programming and economic and workforce development efforts were curtailed or eliminated. Specific “Areas of Interest” are listed in the 2006-07 RFP at www.regents.state.la.us by clicking on “What’s New at the Board of Regents.” The SELECT proposal deadline is October 13, 2006.

3. BoR EPScoR Grant Programs:
Science and Engineering faculty should check the Board of Regents’ Sponsored Program web site for information on the EPScoR Links with Industry, Research Centers, and National Labs (LINKS) program; Travel Grants for Emerging Faculty (TGEF); EPScoR Information Technology RFP; Preliminary Planning Grants, etc., at www.laregents.org.

4. BoR P-KSFI Grant Program
In December of 2005, the Louisiana Board of Regents (BOR) approved establishment of the five-year (FY 2006-11) “Post-Katrina Support Fund Initiative” (P-KSFI) under which two new competitive grant programs will be funded beginning this fiscal year. These two grant programs will provide support for the following kinds of initiatives:

A. “Primarily Research” projects in three potential areas—i.e., biological sciences, information technology, and/or materials research—which may also include STEM-education components; and

B. “Primarily Education” projects in the STEM disciplines, which may also contain research components.

The BOR has dedicated up to $5 million per year from the Board of Regents Support Fund (BORSF) to finance projects in these two P-KSFI areas, for a total of $25 million over the lifetime of the program.

At its May 2006 meeting, the BOR decided to employ a team of out-of-state experts over the next three months to assist the Board in charting directions for P-KSFI and defining parameters of the P-KSFI grant programs. To ensure that all institutions of higher education in the State had the opportunity to provide input to this team, the BOR issued a request for white papers to be shared with the consultants.
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Two such white papers were submitted by NSU faculty members, including Dr. Betsy Cochran, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Ecology in the Scholars’ College, and Mr. Michael Matthews, Reference/Instruction Librarian at Watson Library and Director of the Philia (undergraduate research) initiative.

The external team of consultants’ report is due at the Board of Regents by the end of August, 2006. Once the Regents have had a chance to peruse the report and consider the recommendations contained therein, the Regents will direct its sponsored programs staff to develop guidelines for P-KSFI proposals (RFPs), set proposal deadlines, and post all of these materials to the Regents’ website.

Faculty interested in pursing a grant under the new P-KSFI initiative should watch for announcements in NSU News, on NSU’s messenger service, and on the BOR’s website (www.laregents.org).

For due dates and other information concerning ALL Board of Regents programs, please see the Board of Regents’ Office of Sponsored Programs website at www.laregents.org and watch for further announcements on NSU’s Messenger Service and in the Newsletter.

Workshops on Fall 2006 Grant Opportunities for Board of Regents Support Fund and NSU’s Enrichment Fund

NSU’s Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) will offer the following special workshops to explain Board of Regents grant opportunities, as well as the undergraduate student research opportunity available under NSU’s Enrichment Fund:

**Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF) Grant Programs**

**Session I** Wednesday, September 6, 2006, Student Union 221, 1:00-1:45 p.m. BoR ENHANCEMENT Grant Programs; Traditional and Undergraduate 2:00-2:45 p.m. BoR R&D Grant Programs; RCS (Basic) and ITRS (Applied)

**Session II** Thursday, September 7, 2006, Student Union 221 1:00-1:45 p.m. BoR ENHANCEMENT Grant Programs; Traditional and Undergraduate 2:00-2:45 p.m. BoR R&D Grant Programs; RCS (Basic) and ITRS (Applied)

*[NOTE: The same topics will be discussed in both the Wednesday and Thursday sessions.]*

**NSU Enrichment Fund (NEF) Internal Grant Programs**

**Session I** Tuesday, September 12, 2006, Student Union 221, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Undergraduate Research Grants (New)

**Session II** Wednesday, September 13, 2006, Student Union 221, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Undergraduate Research Grants (New)

*[NOTE: The same topics will be discussed in both the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions.]*

Please plan to join us to learn more about the BoRSF Grant Programs and the new NEF Undergraduate Research program. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, contact ORSP at 5222 or orsp@nsula.edu.

**InfoEd Workshops to be Held this Month**

ORSP is offering informational and training workshops to promote faculty/staff interest in and use of InfoEd, an integrated, comprehensive system that electronically connects individuals to grant opportunities in their specific areas of interest. Participants will learn how to set up their own Global Expertise Network for Industries, Universities, and Scholars (GENIUS) profile. GENIUS is a WWW network and database of scholarly and scientific expertise.

Workshop dates, times, and locations are as follows:

- **Monday, September 18, 2006** 2:00-3:00 p.m. Williamson 103
- **Tuesday, September 26, 2006** 10:00-11:00 a.m. Williamson 103

*(The same topics will be discussed at both sessions.)*

Pre-registration is requested but not required. Please plan to join us for one of these hands-on, informational workshops. Contact Jan Sims at 357-5222 or simsj@nsula.edu to register or for further information.

**NSF Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Grant Writing Workshop to be Held at Louisiana Tech**

Louisiana Tech University is hosting a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant-writing workshop Wednesday, September 13, 2006, focusing on the types of proposals targeted under NSF’s Division of Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences. The conference/workshop is co-sponsored by the Louisiana Board of Regents and NSF. Dr. Frank Scioli, NSF Senior Science Advisor in the Division of Social and Economic Sciences, is the invited keynote speaker. Dr. Scioli is also involved with, and extremely knowledgeable about, NSF’s Office of Cyberinfrastructure. Selected successful social-science grant writers from LSU and Tulane will also be available to provide additional assistance and guidance.

This workshop should prove a valuable learning opportunity for faculty interested in this area of the National Science Foundation or in obtaining the funding perspective from a federal agency’s point of view. For that reason, and to encourage attendance by NSU faculty and prospective grant writers, NSU’s Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and the NSU Research Council will provide support for up to ten NSU representatives to attend the conference, including the registration fee and group transportation to Ruston. This support is available on a “first-come, first-served” basis, so requests to participate should be forwarded ASAP to orsp@nsula.edu, but no later than September 6, 2006. Louisiana Tech’s registration deadline is September 11 and can be completed on line at the following URL:

http://research.latech.edu/events/NSF06Workshop/

For more information, please contact Carla Howell at ext 5222 or howellc@nsula.edu.

For more information on the NSF Social, Behavioral, & Economic Sciences Program, please visit their website at http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/about.jsp
**Funding Opportunities**

**Program:** Documenting Endangered Languages: An Interagency Partnership  
**Agency:** National Endowment for the Humanities  
**Next Deadline:** September 15, 2006  
Partnership between NEH & NSF supports projects to develop & advance knowledge concerning endangered human languages. Funds 1-3 year project grants & fellowships for up to twelve months. Made urgent by the imminent death of an estimated half of the 6000-7000 currently used human languages, this effort aims also to exploit advances in information technology. Supports fieldwork & other activities relevant to recording, documenting, & archiving endangered languages, including preparation of lexicons, grammars, text samples, & databases.  
E-mail: haguera@neh.gov  
Contact: Helen Aguera, Senior Program Officer  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20506  
202/606-8573

**Program:** Faculty Humanities Workshops  
**Agency:** National Endowment for the Humanities  
**Next Deadline:** September 15, 2006  
Supports local & regional professional development programs for K-12 teachers and faculty at post-secondary institutions. Proposals providing workshops for teachers with limited access to professional development in the humanities are encouraged. Successful applications will be awarded a grant of up to $30,000 in outright funds for projects serving a single institution; regional or multi-institutional programs may receive awards up to $75,000. Program replaces Humanities Focus Grants program.  
Contact: Division of Education Programs  
Room 302  
Washington, DC 20506  
202-606-8380

**Program:** Theoretical Physics Program  
**Agency:** National Science Foundation  
**Next Deadline:** September 27, 2006 (target date)  
Supports development of qualitative & quantitative understanding of fundamental physical systems, ranging from the most elementary constituents of matter through nuclei & atoms to astrophysical objects. Includes interdisciplinary grants. Program supports infrastructure activities including both short & long-term visitor programs, workshops, & research involving the participation of external scientists from universities, national laboratories, & industry & graduate students & postdoctoral fellows. See [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5626](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5626)  
E-mail: elomon@nsf.gov  
Contact: Earle Lomon, Program Director, Theoretical Physics  
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4201 Wilson Boulevard  
Arlington, VA 22230  
703/292-7382

**Program:** Science, Tech., Engineering, & Math Talent Expansion Program (STEP)  
**Agency:** National Science Foundation  
**Next Deadline:** September 26, 2006  
Supports projects to increase the number of students receiving associate or baccalaureate degrees in established or emerging fields within science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Type 1 proposals are for implementation efforts at academic institutions. Type 2 proposals support educational research projects on associate or baccalaureate degree attainment in STEM. **Optional** LOI (letter of intent) due 8/15/06. See [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5488](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5488)  
E-mail: shixson@nsf.gov  
Contact: Susan Hixson, Lead Program Director  
Division of Undergraduate Education  
4201 Wilson Blvd.  
Arlington, VA 22230  
703/292-4623

**Program:** Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program  
**Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)  
**Next Deadline:** October 18, 2006  
Notice seeking applications for the development of new and innovative health care delivery systems in rural communities that lack essential care services.  
The emphasis of the grant program is on service delivery through creative strategies requiring the grantee to form a consortium with at least two additional partners. Applications are due by October 18, 2006. The estimated total program funding amount is $3.75 million to fund up to 25 awards. Public and non-profit private entities including IHE’s are eligible to apply. See [https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=A5452B55-95B2-43AD-99FA-EC3BA4814E27&ViewMode=EU&GoBack=&PrintMode=&OnlineAvailabilityFlag=&pageNumber=&version=&NC=&Popp=](https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=A5452B55-95B2-43AD-99FA-EC3BA4814E27&ViewMode=EU&GoBack=&PrintMode=&OnlineAvailabilityFlag=&pageNumber=&version=&NC=&Popp=)  
E-mail: jchang@hrsa.gov; or  
Nisha Patel  
301/443-6894  
E-mail: npatel@hrsa.gov
NSU’s Space Science Group (SSG) is encouraging middle school teachers to invite science into their classrooms through the Science: Out of this World lessons, labs and activities. Science: Out of This World In The Classroom is an award-winning program designed for students in grades 5-8.

“The Space Science Group has spent the summer hard at work updating and improving their science and mathematics curriculum,” according to Space Science Group Managing Director Patty Varnado. “Thanks to the innovation of SSG program designers, there are now two ways to bring Science: Out of This World lessons, labs and activities into the classroom. Teachers may opt from either the full course or for the subject specific formats, or both.”

The Full Course is the SSG’s original full-length science course. The curriculum was developed by educators to help students learn basic scientific methods and principles, as well as general study skills such as writing and note-taking. Students also develop social and team-building skills by conducting hands-on investigations in cooperative groups.

The Subject Specific format is a new way of presenting the lessons contained in the Full Course, so that they can be seamlessly integrated into current lesson plans. The format is designed to pick and choose video content according to teacher needs in the classroom.

All materials developed and distributed by the Space Science Group are free to Louisiana teachers. Interested teachers must register either using the SSG website or via email. For more information, call (800) 259-9555 or (318) 357-5186. The SSG email address is ssg@nsula.edu.

Viewers can check out all SSG products, including free lab supplies to teachers using Science: Out Of This World In The Classroom, on the website. The address is http://www.spacesciencegroup.org.

Northwestern State University’s Space Science Group includes, seated from left, Patty Varnado, managing director, and Melinda Parrie, graphics designer. On the back row are Amanda Brosset, administrative coordinator; Cory Baer, web administrator; Jessica Odom, site coordinator, and Dusty Luneau, network administrator.

Faculty can meet, recruit students during Majors Fair

Time is fast approaching for Northwestern’s fifth annual Majors Fair, to be held Sept. 13, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. A booth and representatives from each Department are needed for the Majors Fair.

This year’s Fair will also offer mini-sessions on financial aid, Web for Students, advising and degree audits.

Several hundred students are expected, and all entering first-year students on main campus will be held accountable to attend.

Faculty will have the opportunity to greet your own declared majors in your disciplines. This is also a good venue for recruiting students into a minor in your fields. Theatre has picked up several minors at Fairs in the past, as an example. Major change forms will be available for this purpose during the Fair.

Each department should respond to this memo by Friday, Sept. 8, using the form below. University College and Student Affairs will set up as usual.
Faculty receive tenure, promotions

Fifteen NSU faculty members have received tenure and 21 faculty have earned a promotion in rank effective with the start of the 2006-2007 academic year, according to Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Thomas Hanson.

Those receiving tenure were: Dr. Rae Osborn of the Department of Biological Sciences, Dr. William Lomerson, Dr. Pam Miller and Dr. Richard Tarver of the College of Business, Dr. Walter Flomer, Dr. Andrew Ludu and Dr. Gillian Rudd of the Department of Chemistry and Physics and Bobby Nowlin of the Department of Engineering Technology.

Also granted tenure were Dr. Paula Furr of the Department of Journalism, Dr. Dorothy Hubbard and Dana George Roe of the College of Nursing, Dr. Brenda Hanson and Dr. Karen McFerrin of the College of Education, Dr. Kent Hare of the School of Social Sciences and Barbara Pierce of the Department of Social Work.

Tenure is a status granted to faculty after a trial period. Faculty are protected from summary dismissal by tenure.

Non-tenured tenure-track faculty are reviewed by a tenure committee in each department or college annually and are normally reviewed for tenure after six years. In exceptional cases, tenure may be recommended earlier. The recommendations of the committee are forwarded to the department head or dean, the vice president for academic affairs and the university president.

Faculty promoted to full professor were Dr. Barbara Duchardt of the College of Education, Dr. Steven Horton of the Department of Journalism, Dr. Susan Pierce of the College of Nursing and Dr. Brenda Woodard of the Department of Biological Sciences.

Promoted to associate professor were: Dr. Christine Allen of the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts, Mary Beth Brocato of the Department of Journalism, Linda Cox and Mary Lynn Wernet of Watson Library, Dr. Tommy Hailey of the School of Social Sciences, Dr. Julie McDonald of the College of Business, Debra Shelton of the College of Nursing, Hanson, Hare, Nowlin, Osborn, Pierce and Tarver.

Those promoted to assistant professor were John Byrd of the Department of Biological Sciences, Dr. Leonard Clark of the College of Education, Brooks DeFee of the School of Creative and Performing Arts and Dr. Charles Pellegrin of the School of Social Sciences.

Topics announced for ECE Professional Development Sessions

The Office of Electronic and Continuing Education would like to announce the following September Professional Development sessions:

Tips & Tricks for a Successful Online Course
Learn about the major components that make up an online course.
- Getting Started
- Syllabus
- Communication
- Time Management
- Assessment – Rubrics
- Evaluating your course
- Maintenance and enhancement
- Helpful websites
-Wednesday, September 6 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
-Thursday, September 7 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Word – Office Tasks
This workshop will focus on daily office tasks, including topics such as:
- Format a paragraph
- Formatting text
- Cutting, copying, inserting, moving, and pasting text in a document
- Switch between editing views
- Using spell check, grammar, features, thesaurus, autocorrect, and auto text
- Using tabs
- Save and retrieve a document
- Use templates and wizards
- Preview and print a document
- Using mail merge
-Wednesday, September 13 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
-Thursday, September 14 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Word – Academic Projects
This workshop will focus on using Word for academic tasks, including topics such as:
- Using the Reviewing toolbar
- Formatting paragraphs and text
- Use tabs
- Find and replace
- Insert page breaks
- Insert headers and footers
- Creating a table of contents, indexes
-Wednesday, September 27 9 a.m.-noon
-Thursday, September 28 9 a.m.-noon

FrontPage
Trainees will learn the basic features of FrontPage needed to build and manage web sites.
-Tuesday, September 19 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
-Wednesday, September 20 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

All sessions will be held in Room 103, Williamson Hall.
To see a complete Professional Development Schedule for the fall, go to http://www.nsula.edu/ece/Training.asp.
Additional sessions will be added as needed. If these times or topics do not meet your needs, please let us know.
To sign up, please call 6355 or email ece@nsula.edu.
Library News

Watson Library is accepting requests from departments and NSU organizations to hold meetings and/or activities in their comfortably furnished Student-Faculty Reading Room. Come see for yourself how we can accommodate your next event. For more information, please contact Jackie Hawkins at 357-5465 or Linda Cox at 357-4406.

Also, “A Taste of the Creole Heritage Celebration” will be held at Watson Library’s Student-Faculty Reading Room from noon-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29. Guests will enjoy listening to Zydeco music, watch a slide show, browse artwork by Gilbert Fletcher, and taste authentic Creole food. Door prizes will be given.

ECE lists non-credit classes for September

Water Aerobics
Date: Sept. 6-Dec. 8, MWF
Time: 10-11 a.m.
Fee: $85
Location: Nesom Natatorium
Instructor: Lori Ellis

ACT Prep
Date: Sept. 9-20, S
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Fee: $179 (includes materials)
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 115
Instructor: TBA

SHRM’s Essentials of Human Resource Management
Date: Sept. 9 & 16, S
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Fee: $399 (includes materials)
Location: Cleco Corporation in Pineville
Instructor: TBA

Public Speaking for the Faint of Heart
Date: Sept. 19-23, S
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Fee: $85
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 228
Instructor: Sandra Phillips

Cajun Dance
Date: Sept. 11-Oct. 23, M
Time: 7:9 p.m.
Fee: $75/per couple
Location: Prather Coliseum, East Concouse
Instructor: Billy Keyes

Medicinal Herb Usage
Date: Sept. 12 & 19, T
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Fee: $35
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 115
Instructor: Joyce David, Master Herbalist

Personal Trainer National Certification
Date: Sept. 16-Oct. 21, S
Time: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.-lecture
1-4 p.m.-lab
Fee: $550
Location: Russell Hall, Natchitoches Room
Instructor: TBA

Photography Classes
Topics include: How to Make Money with Your Camera & Photographing Friends & Family.
Take one or both classes for $35.

How to Make Money with Your Camera
Date: Sept. 19, T
Time: 6-7:30 p.m.
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 107
Instructor: Gale Trussell

Photographing Friends & Family
Date: Sept. 26, T
Time: 6-7:30 p.m.
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 107
Instructor: Gale Trussell

MS Publisher 2003
Date: Sept. 23, S
Time: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (lunch on your own from 12-1 p.m.)
Fee: $99
Location: Williamson Hall, Rm. 103
Instructor: Gena Hatcher

To learn more about our on-line non-credit courses visit http://www.nsula.edu/ece/non-credit.asp

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CALL 357-6355 OR 357-5003

State officials seeking polling site commissioners

The State Commissioner of Elections Angie Laplace is concerned about a shortage of polling site commissioners for the Special Election on September 30. The shortage is particularly severe in the New Orleans area.

She has asked if we could inform students, faculty and staff who might be interested in serving in this capacity. It requires one day of training, and polling site commissioners are paid $50.

Please distribute this information as widely as possible in hopes that we can respond positively to this request. Additional information is available by email at angie.laplace@sos.louisiana.gov or by calling (225) 922-2880.

(Submitted by Greg Granger, associate professor of political science)