



THE GRAD CONNECTION

The Graduate School Newsletter

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Message from the Dean



*Dr. Mark Riley
Dean, The Graduate School*

This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor Dr. Nancy H. Marcus who served as Dean of The Graduate School for 12 years up until fall 2017. On February 12 this year she lost her fight against uveal melanoma. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, “what Dr. Marcus has achieved at FSU and what she has done

to propel the graduate experience at FSU forward is beyond epic!” Nancy was a hero to us all and her impactful contributions to the university and graduate school are simply extraordinary. She transformed for the better everything she touched! We begin with a special feature about Nancy and have selected a collection of photographs and quotes from her through the years which we hope will illustrate her spectacular 30 year career at FSU. However Nancy would want us all to continue in moving the graduate experience forward at FSU and we hope she would be pleased with the other fabulous activities mentioned in this newsletter. These include: news that through the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards (OGFA) the amount of external funding for our students just keeps going up and up!; there are of number of exciting updates from the

Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPDA) including a new Provost’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program that has just been created; the Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) reports on spring teaching assistant training events along with a record number of nominations for awards for outstanding teaching; and we are delighted to introduce to you the new members of our staff, which include the graduate enrollment team along with a new training specialist.

As always we have a special section dedicated to recent awards and accolades of our students and alumni. Please always be sure to alert us to any noteworthy happenings that we can brag about on our webpage and in our next newsletter. Speaking of the webpage, please be sure to visit it for the latest news and events and please sign up to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Finally, many thanks to Pamela Brown for compiling her last newsletter.

Also to OGFA's Dr. Thomas Whitley. We thank you for your magnificent service to The Graduate School and wish you both all the best in your new adventures!

Very best regards and happy reading to each and every one of you! And please do not hesitate to drop me a line at mriley@fsu.edu so we can continue to inform the World about all the amazing happenings related to graduate education at Florida State University!

Go Noles!

Memorial to Dr. Nancy Marcus

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Dr. Nancy Marcus, former Dean of the Graduate School, lost her fight against uveal melanoma on February 12, 2018. She passed away peacefully surrounded by family and close friends.

Nancy, who arrived at FSU in 1987, made significant and lasting contributions to Florida State University's academic excellence as a pioneer in oceanography, a role model for women in the STEM fields and a champion for diversity.

She served as dean of FSU's Graduate School for 12 years. She also chaired the Department of Oceanography and directed the FSU Marine Laboratory and the FSU Women in Math, Science and Engineering program.

In 2001, she was recognized as the Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor, the highest honor the FSU faculty bestows upon a colleague.

Dean Marcus played an integral part in establishing the Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House at FSU that

opened in 2014. In 2017 the main auditorium was named in her honor as the "Nancy H. Marcus Great Hall." Nancy also served on numerous national committees and is a past Chair of the Council of Graduate Schools Board of Directors, an organization of about 500 institutions dedicated to the advancement of graduate education and research in the United States and Canada.

You can read more about Nancy's amazing career at FSU in a Profiles in Leadership interview with her from last year at: <http://news.fsu.edu/news/2017/04/25/profiles-leadership-marcus-reflects-30-years-research-students-service/>

In lieu of flowers, an endowment fund has been set up in her name, called the **Nancy H. Marcus Endowment for Graduate Student Excellence** with the fund number



Dr. Nancy Marcus

“To champion the cause of graduate education you must be an effective and passionate spokesperson. This means you need to learn as much as you can about your graduate programs and the issues confronting graduate students, faculty, and staff.”

*-Dr. Marcus in "Advocate Dean"
January 2018 GradEdge*

Nancy H. Marcus

May 17, 1950 - February 12, 2018



"I think being the dean gives you a very different perspective on the university. There's a lot of excellence across the board. I think being dean of the Graduate School is one of those positions that affords you the opportunity to see that diversity and enjoy it."
-Dr. Marcus



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"What I remember most is [Nancy's] quiet, matter-of-fact way of asking important and profound questions. These were often questions that others may have avoided but were glad that she raised."

-Janet Rutledge, Dean of the Graduate School at University of Maryland Baltimore County



Nancy loved fishing, boating and golfing.



"[Nancy was] funny, witty, and appreciated the absurdity of life."

-Sally Pratt, Dean of the Graduate School, Vice Provost for Graduate Programs at the University of Southern California

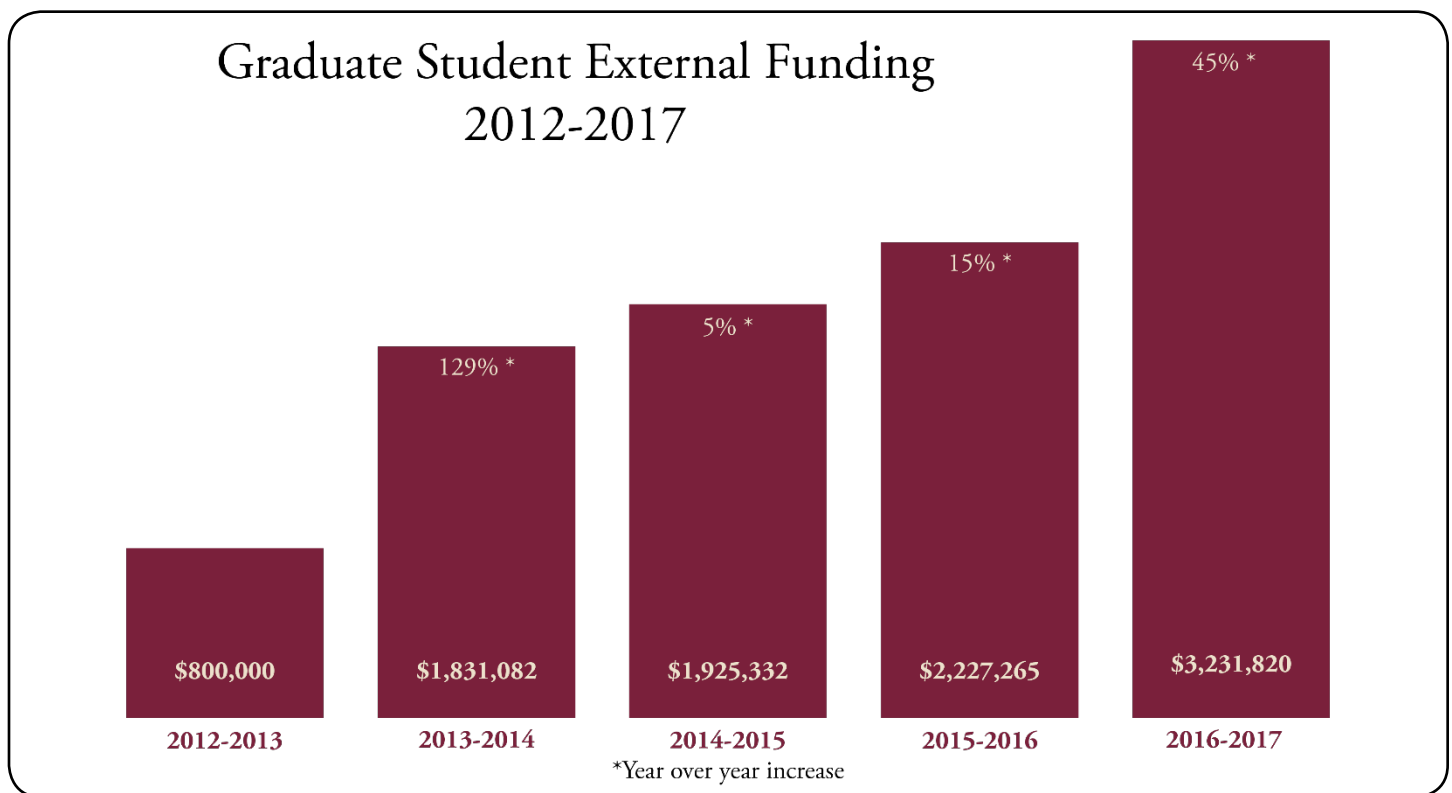


She loved her beagles and boat, and James Wimbush, VP and graduate dean at Indiana University fondly recalls sharing stories and photos of their pets over dinner, coffee or a glass of wine at the end of many board meeting and workshops.



External Graduate Fellowships and Awards

The Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards (OGFA) assists graduate students with articulating their interests and ambitions in support of identifying and applying for external fellowships and awards that provide value added experiences to their graduate education. Thanks to the hard work of FSU graduate students, faculty, and staff who support and collaborate with OGFA, we are well on our way to making the fellowship application process an integral part of the FSU graduate experience. This investment by The Graduate School and the larger FSU community is paying off. Over the past 5 years, FSU graduate students have increased the amount of external funding won by over 300%!



Fellowship Advising

OGFA has numerous resources to support current FSU graduate students in their funding search and throughout the application process. These include individual advising, group introductory meetings, and Professional Development Workshops. To learn more about our workshops, resources, or to schedule a meeting, visit us online at ogfa.fsu.edu and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

Florida State University wants to enhance diversity of candidates seeking careers in academia. As part of these efforts, we are pleased to announce the establishment of the Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (PPFP). The goal of this program is to strengthen the academic pipeline for diverse faculty candidates by offering postdoctoral fellowships to outstanding scholars in all fields whose research, teaching, and service will contribute to faculty diversity.



The PPFP is designed to foster the development of a strong program of independent research, attainment of teaching expertise, and general preparation to successfully compete for university faculty positions. Fellows will receive intensive research mentoring and opportunities to participate in a variety of professional development activities.

Fellowships will provide nationally competitive salary and fringe for two years (with an option for a one-year extension) along with a \$20k budget for training-related expenses. Fellows will be selected based on their track record and potential synergy with a Research Mentor. If you are interested in applying, or would like more information about the program, please contact Debra Ann Fadool at dfadool@bio.fsu.edu



For more information visit:
<http://opda.fsu.edu/fellowships-and-awards/postdoctoral-fellowships-and-stipend-support/provost-postdoctoral-fellowship>

Please see full professional development for postdoctoral scholars at the FSU Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Spring 2018 Postdoctoral News

We are excited to announce a new initiative to support special postdoctoral training of diversity scholars who are US citizens that desire enhanced professional development while obtaining research skills as an independent research scientist. The ultimate goal of the Provost Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (PPFP) is to increase diversity of future faculty in the pipeline for academic positions nationally. Ten PPFP scholars will be selected with applications being accepted on a rolling basis starting March 1, 2018. Appointment will include 2 years of salary and fringe benefit support plus up to a \$20,000 grant award for training-related expenses. PPFP scholars will pair with a nominating faculty member during the application process. Please let your contacts know about this wonderful opportunity as we seek to attract a strong cohort of fellows to this new program!

The list of participating Faculty Mentors can be found here - <http://opda.fsu.edu/ppfp-participating-faculty-unit-listing>

More information and eligibility criteria can be found here - <http://opda.fsu.edu/fellowships-and-awards/postdoctoral-fellowships-and-stipend-support/provost-postdoctoral-fellowship>

Link for Applicants to Apply - NOW OPEN!

<https://grad-fsu.us.fluidreview.com>

Postdoctoral Travel Awardees

We are pleased to announce the following spring professional travel grant recipients, who will be traveling around the globe to represent FSU and advance their research caliber.

Marta Sena-Velez (advisor: Kay Jones/Biological Science) - International Conference of Plant Pathology, Boston, MA



Kevin Huang (advisor: Ryan Baumbach/Physics) - The American Physics Society, Los Angeles, CA

Nirupam Karmaker (advisor: TN Krishnamurti/EOAS) - Hurricanes and Tropical Meteorology, Ponte Vedra, FL



Olena Burkovska (advisor: Max Gunzburger/Scientific Computing) - Model Reduction of Parametrized Systems Conference, Nantes, France

Poh Wee Koh (advisor: Richard K. Wagner/Psychology) - Association for Reading and Writing in Asia Conference, Tsukuba, Japan

Qiong Liu (advisor: Kunihiko Taira/Mechanical Engineering) - US-Japan Workshop on Bridging Fluid Mechanics and Data Science, Tokyo University of Science, Tokyo, Japan



Xiaoyu Wang (advisor: Yuan Wang/Biomedical Sciences) - Association for Research in Otolaryngology MidWinter Meeting, San Diego, CA

Looking Ahead

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPDA) and the Postdoctoral Association (PDA) are teaming together for our Spring Event that will be held on May 11th at the Honors Scholars and Fellows Building in the Nancy Marcus Great Hall. Please save the date! Dr. Jabbar R. Bennet, the chief diversity officer at Northwestern University, and Dr. Jessica Lee, staff attorney at Hastings College of Law and founder of ThePregnantScholar.org will be providing a joint program and workshop for the afternoon. After a time of learning and sharing, the postdocs invite you to a potluck dinner following the event - research colleagues, lab members, advisors, and family are welcome!



SPRING 2018 PIE COFFEE HOUR & TEACHING WORKSHOP SERIES

Wednesday

1/24

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Basics of Canvas

Presenters: **Ana Ndumu**, School of Information & **Zhaihuan Dai**, Educational Psychology & Learning Systems

Canvas is officially here! Are you ready to use it for your teaching? In this session, we will go over the basics of what an instructor needs to know about using Canvas with hands-on practice. PIE will have laptops available to use or feel free to bring your own.

Wednesday

2/7

**3:00-4:30 &
5:00-6:30 p.m.**

How to Create a Teaching Portfolio

Presenter: **Dr. Lisa Liseno**, Assistant Dean of The Graduate School, Director of PIE

Creating a teaching portfolio is an important way to illustrate the strategies and techniques you use to help support and encourage student learning. It also gives you the opportunity to reflect on your teaching and ways to improve for the future. Not only is this a helpful exercise, but may be a requirement when applying for future employment. This workshop will give you examples and time to discuss how to assemble an electronic teaching portfolio. Requirements for the submission of teaching portfolios from nominees of FSU's Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (OTAA) will also be addressed.

**This is the same workshop offer twice (no need to attend both sessions)*

Thursday

2/22

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Communication & Engagement

Presenters: PIE Associates, **Joshua Tanis**, Music, & **Vincent Lakey**, Physics

Being an engaging instructor is no easy feat. Doing so while teaching a subject your students might not be interested in can be even more difficult. Join us in this workshop to learn tips and techniques to communicate better with your students and transform your classroom into an engaging learning environment.

Friday

3/30

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Accommodations in the Classroom

Presenters: PIE Associates, **Matt Anderson**, Modern Languages & Linguistics, & **Cameron Foltz**, Religion

This workshop will discuss how instructors can design a course that provides an environment conducive to learning for *all* their students. We will cover university requirements regarding accommodations for students who are registered with the Student Disability Resource Center as well as additional methods instructors can use to aid their students.

Monday

4/16

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Teaching Students How to Learn

Presenters: PIE Associates, **Kate Hill**, Biological Science, & **Ashley Artese**, Nutrition, Food, and Exercise Sciences

Drawing from the book *Make it Stick*, we'll explore strategies you can use to help your students develop more successful strategies for learning. We will discuss study habits and practice routines that will increase your students' mastery of material and lead to greater retention of the course material.

*To Register for these workshops, please go to PIE.FSU.EDU

*All workshops qualify for PFF, PFP and PIE credit.

*All workshops will take place at the Great Hall (4th floor) Honors, Scholars and Fellows House

Spring 2018 PIE TA Training

Interim Dean Mark Riley welcomed 100 FSU graduate students, staff and post docs at this year's Spring PIE Teaching Training Workshop/TA Orientation. The event was held on Friday, January 12th, 2018 in the Nancy H. Marcus Great Hall of the Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House. The annual spring PIE TA Training, which is hosted by the Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) and the Graduate School, is held the first Friday of classes each spring. It is a hybrid training, with a portion of the training completed in Canvas prior to the face-to-face training.

This event is essential to providing graduate students and other participants with tools needed to become effective teaching assistants. Topics include classroom management, communicating effectively and professionally with students, using technology, grading procedures and strategies, and university-wide policies and procedures.

PIE Associates, who are seasoned FSU graduate student teaching assistants, provided presentations on enhancing instructional effectiveness. Ashley Artese (Nutrition, Food, and Exercise Sciences) and Cameron Foltz (Religion) facilitated a discussion about early

semester best practices, including ways to create a positive learning environment.

Jeffrey Conley (Economics) discussed professionalism and communicating with your students. Kate Hill (Biological Science) illustrated methods to assist with grading, and also introduced attendees to Canvas, FSU's new learning management system.

The training concluded with a University Teaching Policy Panel on the FSU Academic Honor Policy, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and sexual harassment policies. The following administrators provided their expertise on the panel:

Ann DelRossi, Academic Affairs Administrator,
Faculty Development & Advancement

Aimee Leturmy, Senior Associate Registrar, Office of the Registrar

Dr. Shelley Ducatt, Associate Dean/Director, Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC)

Amber M. Wagner, Associate Director, Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance

Thank you to all of the panelists, presenters, faculty, and staff who contributed to this important training!

2017-2018 OTAA Nominees

Graduate student teaching assistants (TAs) play a vital role in enhancing the teaching mission of the University. Each year the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards (OTAA), sponsored by the FSU Graduate School, gives undergraduate students, faculty, and staff (all who may nominate a TA for this award) the opportunity to encourage and reward excellence in teaching and to recognize the contributions that graduate students make to the teaching and learning mission of Florida State University. Nominations are due each January (see the [PIE website](#) for details).

This year a record 320 nominations were received for the 2017-2018 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. These nominations speak to the outstanding efforts of each of the 175 graduate student TA nominees, who represent 13 colleges across FSU's campus. OTAA recipients are selected based on the quality of teaching documented in a portfolio submitted by the nominee, as well as on a letter of recommendation submitted on his or her behalf. Recipients will receive a \$750 cash award and recognition at the annual University-wide Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 3:30pm, at the FSU Alumni Center. Please join us in celebrating the excellence of our FSU graduate student teaching assistants!

Meet New Staff of The Graduate School



Summer Toomey - Assistant Director, Graduate Enrollment

Summer joined The Graduate School in January 2018. She has worked in higher education for the last 8 years in admissions and enrollment management. She has focused marketing and management experience with new student recruitment at the undergrad and graduate levels in diverse markets throughout the US. Summer is thrilled to bring her enrollment experience to FSU Graduate School at such an exciting time for the University.



Kari Aime - Graduate Enrollment Specialist

Kari started with the Graduate School this past February as a Graduate Enrollment Specialist. She is very excited to work with graduate programs across campus to help with their marketing and graduate enrollment strategies. Kari graduated with a bachelor's degree in marketing from FSU. She worked for the Office of Admissions at Florida State for over four years. More recently, she worked in the mathematics department for the last two and a half years as the Graduate Advisor and Admissions Coordinator.



Samantha DeZerga - Graduate Enrollment Specialist

Samantha DeZerga joined the Graduate School as a Graduate Enrollment Specialist in January 2018. She earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Humanities from Florida State University in 2014 and is currently a graduate student with the Instructional Systems and Learning Technologies M.S. program. Sam has three and a half years of experience working for Florida State University in the College of Education as a graduate admissions and recruitment rep. In her spare time, Sam enjoys seeing the latest films, taking mini road trips with her wife, and walking nature trails.



Mallory Foy - Graduate Enrollment Specialist

Mallory grew up in the Florida Panhandle and is an alumnus of Florida State University. Mallory has strong interpersonal skills and is proficient in collaborating with others to reach goals. She has previously served in college admissions and enrollment recruitment. She is efficient in using data analysis to facilitate strategic outreach to potential students. She plans to use this experience to support graduate students and facilitate campus growth for the graduate programs at Florida State University.



Russell Turknett - Training Specialist

Russell Turknett joined the Graduate School as a web support and training specialist in January 2018. With a background in information technology planning, design, and development, he previously was the interactive communications and strategy manager at Georgia Tech's College of Business and returns to FSU where he once served as the online communications manager for the Office of Admissions. An FSU alumnus (MA French, 1997), he's excited to be returning to campus and to Tallahassee.

Student and Alumni Accolades

Daniel Bowen, MS 2009

Economics

- Successful technology startup, BookLamp, acquired by Apple iTunes.

Robyn Brown, MA 2007, PhD 2010

Sociology

- Received tenure and was promoted to the rank of associate professor of sociology at the University of Kentucky.
- Appointed chair of the university's Health, Society and Populations program.

Karen Corbett, PhD Candidate

Molecular Biophysics

- Awarded a two-year Predoctoral Fellowship from the American Heart Association.

Antonio Cuyler, MA 2003, PhD 2007

Art Education

- Published articles in *Cultural Management: Science and Education*, *Polish Journal of Management Studies*, *Grant Professionals Association (GPA) Journal*, and *Journal of Arts Management, Law, and Society*.

Melanie Damour, MA 2002

Anthropology

- Published "Mercantilism, Warfare, or Privateering? Providing the Historical Context for the Mardi Gras Shipwreck Site" in thematic issue of *Historical Archaeology*.
- Awarded 2017 Excellence in Partnership by the National Oceanographic Partnership

Program for the "Gulf of Mexico Shipwreck Corrosion, Hydrocarbon Exposure, Microbiology and Archaeology Project".

Kayla Reed Fitzke, PhD 2017

Marriage and Family Therapy

- Received the national 2017 American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Graduate Student Research Award.

William Gillis, PhD 2007

Management

- Named chair of the Management Department in the Mitchell College of Business at the University of South Alabama in 2016.
- Promoted to full professor in 2017.

Lidong He, PhD Candidate

Chemistry

- Awarded Young Investigator Travel Grant for poster and oral presentations at the Mass Spectrometry Applications in Clinical Sciences Conference in Palm Springs, CA, January, 2018.

Analise Hollingshead, MS Candidate

Anthropology

- Published "Geoarchaeological Investigation at the Buffalo Ranch Site (41BU119), Texas" in *Paleoamerica*.

Student and Alumni Accolades

Christopher Horrell, PhD 2005

Anthropology

- Served as senior editor for a thematic edition of the journal *Historical Archaeology* titled, "The Mardi Gras Shipwreck: The Archaeology of an Early Nineteenth-Century Wooden-Hulled Sailing Vessel."
- Received an Explorers Grant from the National Geographic Society.
- Received a NOPP Award.

Christopher Nank, MA 2000,

PhD 2005, English

- Published "Mega-Python vs Gatoroid and Pop-Culture Appropriation of Florida's Biological Conflicts" in the 2018 edition of *Florida Studies*.

Keri Watson, PhD 2010

Art History

- Received a Fulbright-Terra Foundation Award in the History of American Art to teach at the China Academy of Art, Hangzhou, China in Spring 2018.

Michael Widener, MS 2009

Geography

- Named a Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Transportation and Health.

TO SUBMIT ACCOLADES

We want to hear about Graduate Student and Alumni accomplishments! If you are a current graduate student or alum who had a recent publication, grant, promotion, or other noteworthy achievement, please submit your information to the GradConnection at the link below.

https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_245t0ETXT325Gf3

FALL 2017 DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT

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Elizabeth Lange
Aliza DeNobrega
Andrew Merwin
Jiwon Nam
Chorong Oh
Lauren Cole

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For more information, check out our website at www.gradschool.fsu.edu.



Nancy, you will be missed by so many.

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