Congratulations to the following faculty who recently received new grants for SSU:

**Dr. Bernita Berry**, Child Welfare Education Program, Georgia Department of Human Resources, August 16, 2007 – August 15, 2008, $392,210. This program provides support for approximately 40 undergraduate and graduate students in the BSW and MSW degree programs.

**Dr. Matthew Gilligan**, Collaboration to Integrate Research and Education in Marine and Environmental Science and Biotechnology, NSF, September 1, 2007 – August 31, 2008, $288,703. This is a collaborative effort with the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography (SKIO) and provides support for undergraduate research internships and graduate fellowships for SSU students in the BS and MS marine sciences programs and support to faculty to develop and teach curriculum, serve as research mentors, and serve on student committees. Total funding since 2002 is $1,547,186.

**Dr. Kuppuswamy Jayaraman**, Peach State Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation, NSF (subawarded through UGA), $55,705 in additional funding for year 2, for total funding for year 2 of $126,282. The program objective is to increase retention and graduation of students in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) disciplines. The program recently held its Fall 2007 Inauguration Ceremony at which 40 PSLSAMP students received scholarships and laptop computers.

**Dr. Jonathan Lambright**, Georgia Space Grant Consortium Funding to Increase Participation of Women and Underrepresented Students in STEM, NASA/Georgia Tech, May 15, 2007 – May 14, 2008, $18,000. The program objective is to provide scholarships and other student support for students in the engineering technology, IR, and math areas, in order to increase STEM retention and graduation. The program provides support to about 35 students. Total funding since 2005 has been $42,000.

**Dr. Joan Maynor**, The MERLOT Faculty ELIXR Project: Faculty Development Centers and Online Repositories Collaborating to Share Exemplary Practices, U.S. Department of Education (subaward through California State University), June 1, 2007 – June 1, 2008, $3,000. The funds will be used to produce an e-case story documentary for faculty development. The featured exemplary faculty is **Dr. Emily Crawford**.

A complete list of the University's currently active grants is on the OSRA website at http://linux.savstate.edu/osra/active-grants.htm

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**PENDING APPLICATIONS**

The following faculty submitted applications during the summer and fall semesters. We commend these faculty for their hard work and initiative in submitting these applications, which are still pending before the funding agencies. For a complete list of pending applications, please see the OSRA website.

**Dr. Ronald Bailey**, Exploring Ancient Nubia through Archaeology, Georgia Humanities Council, $10,000.

**Dr. Carla Curran**, Effect of Mercury on Grass Shrimp and a Commercially Important Fish Predator, NIH, $407,304

**Professor Emily Bentley**, Integrated Planning, Preparedness, and Response for Resilient Coastal Communities (proposed subaward from University of Texas), Department of Homeland Security, $487,646
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Professor Emily Bentley, Research and Curriculum Development for Comprehensive Disaster Policy and Planning for Underserved and Disadvantaged Populations, Department of Homeland Security, $199,911

Dr. Babajide Familoni, Math + Science = Success STEM Initiative, USG

Dr. Shirley Geiger, Proposal to Establish a DHS Center of Excellence for the Study of Natural Disasters, Coastal Infrastructure and Emergency Management (proposed subaward from University of South Carolina), Department of Homeland Security, $941,499

Dr. Cecil Jones, Structural Activity Relationships of Sulfonated Phthalocyanines for Solid Melanoma Tumors, Melanoma Foundation, $100,000

Dr. Cecil Jones, Thermodynamic Characterization of Phthalocyanines for Photodynamic Therapy, NIH, $243,345

Dr. Carol Pride, New GK12: Building Ocean Literacy in a Coastal Community through Collaborative Science Education and Estuarine Monitoring, NSF, $2,659,768

Dr. Deden Rukmana, Conference on the Alliance between Historic Preservation and Urban Planning, Georgia Humanities Council, $9,000


Dr. Sharon Zhang, Investigation of the Biological Roles of Two Arabidopsis Leucine-Rich Repeat II Receptor-Like Kinases, NSF, $225,020

New Membership – SSU Institutional Review Board

Congratulations to the following four faculty members who were appointed to the SSU Institutional Review Board (IRB) by Dr. Earl Yarbrough, effective October 1, 2007:

Dr. Deden Rukmana – Chair
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Public Administration and Urban Studies

Dr. Karla-Sue Marriott, Secretary
Assistant Professor, Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Professor Emily Bentley, JD, Member
Director, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Program and Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Public Administration, and Urban Studies

Dr. Sharon Zhang, Member
Associate Professor, Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

A fifth member of the IRB, Mr. Edwin Newton, is a teacher at Johnson High School and serves on the IRB as a member of the community.

The purpose of the SSU IRB is to protect the rights and welfare of human subjects involved in research. Federal regulations, 45 CFR 46, Protection of Human Subjects, require that prior to the start of a research project involving human subjects, the researcher -- whether faculty, staff, or student -- must first obtain the review and approval by the IRB. To request IRB review, contact Dr. Rukmana at rukmanad@savstate.edu or at 356-2982.

The OSRA website also contains information about the applicable IRB procedures.

TRAINING IN GRANT WRITING

Fort Valley State University is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Grantsmanship Institute Training Conference. This is a one-day conference to be held October 25, 2007, 8 am – 4 pm at the C.W. Pettigrew Farm and Community Life Center. Contact Denise Eady to register or for more information at (478) 822-1062.

The Grant Institute will conduct a Grant Proposal Writing Workshop, as part of the Certificate in Professional Program Development and Grant Communication Program, on October 15-19, 2007 at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This is open to faculty, staff, and graduate students. All participants will receive certification in professional grant writing from the Institute, as well as 3.5 CEU units.

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The Grant Institute is also conducting the Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop at Troy University – Montgomery Campus, Montgomery, AL on November 7-9, 2007.

For information on both The Grant Institute courses, call (888) 824-4424 or go to www.thegrantinstitute.com.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Late Submissions

Faculty and staff are continuing to bring their proposals in late to the OSRA. The deadline for submitting a proposal to the OSRA is two weeks before the agency filing date. This two week period is needed to review the project budget, ensure that indirect costs are being recovered, and ensure that all higher level (Chair, Dean, Vice President of Fiscal Affairs, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and President) approvals are secured. Bringing in applications just days before the agency due date may result in an incomplete or late application. Therefore, proposals should be submitted early to make them most competitive. Faculty and staff are encouraged to bring in their drafts as early as possible, well before the two week period. The OSRA will assist with review, editing, and technical assistance.

Fast Facts

The OSRA website contains much of the information (DUNS #, etc.) that PIs will need for their application. It also provides pre-award and post-award policies and procedures. In preparing your application, consult the website at http://linux.savstate.edu/osra/index.html.

Performance/Progress Reports

The performance/progress reports that are required by the funding agencies must, prior to filing with the agency, first be submitted to the OSRA, through the chair and dean, using the Report Approval Form that is on the OSRA website.

New Funding Opportunities - SMARTS Service

SSU subscribes to the SMARTS service, which compiles grants announcements daily. Faculty and staff who register with the service can receive email alerts on funding opportunities in their targeted areas of interest. To register, go to the OSRA website or call us at 353-3057.

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