Congratulations to the following faculty and administrators who have recently received new and renewal awards on behalf of the University.

**New Awards**

**Dr. Shinaz Jindani**, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Morehouse School of Medicine HBCU Center for Excellence in Substance Abuse and Mental Health Mini-Grant for “Use of Experiential Learning in Preparing Substance Abuse Work Force,” $5,000, Fall 2009 – Spring 2010. The award will provide stipends for two students who will intern at Recovery Place, Inc.

**Dr. Karla Sue Marriott**, Assistant Professor, Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (DNSM), UNCF Special Programs Corporation NSTI Mission Enabling Technologies Trust (UNIMET), $29,000, January – December 2009, “Biotechnology and Host Innate Immune System Research and Development Partnership in Astrobiology”. Dr. Marriott will participate in a research cluster with Jackson State University, Tougaloo College, Jarvis Christian College, and Texas Southern University. Dr. Marriott's research will involve the synthesis of CB2 receptor selective immunomodulatory ligands for modeling and pharmacological drug design. The objective is to contribute to the development of a therapeutic pharmacophore for the treatment of autoimmune diseases associated with long-term space flight.

**Dr. Hua Zhao**, Assistant Professor, DNSM, Royal Society of Chemistry (UK), “Enzymatic Esterification of Amino Acids in Ionic Liquids without Derivatization,” £2,000, 2009-2010. This project will obtain amino acid esters without N-protection via enzymatic reactions in ionic liquids.

**Dr. Carol Pride**, Associate Professor, DNSM, Consortium for Ocean Leadership, HBCU Mentor Award, $5,000, November 2008 – May 2009.

**Dr. Matthew Gilligan**, Professor and Coordinator, Marine Science Program, DNSM, NOAA Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary, Graduate Research Assistantship, $15,000, January 2009 – December 2009

**Supplemental/Renewed Awards**

**Dr. Bernita Berry**, Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Georgia Department of Human Resources, Title IV-E Child Welfare Program. Total funding (including
supplemental funding) is $767,460 for August 2008 - August 2009. The Title IV-E Child Welfare Program provides support for approximately 35 undergraduate and graduate students in the BSM and MSW degree programs, including field placements, to prepare them as well-qualified professionals for the Division of Family and Children Services.

**Dr. Dionne Hoskins**, Associate Professor, Fishery Biologist, NOAA, Renewal funding for the subaward from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) under the NOAA Living Marine Resources Cooperative Science Center (LMRSCS) Program. Under the program, which is a collaboration between SSU, UMES, and four other institutions, Dr. Hoskins directs faculty and student research in living marine resources. The program provides graduate and undergraduate fellowships, scholarships, and internships, and supports the Marine Science Summer Camp. September 2008 – August 2009, new total funding of $339,271, which includes research effort by Dr. Carla Curran, Associate Professor, DNSM, “Effect of Coded Wire Tags on Growth of Grass Shrimp Palaemonetes pugio in Mesocosms.”

**Dr. Deden Rukmana**, Assistant Professor and MSUS Program Coordinator, Department of Political Science, Public Administration, and Urban Studies, Renewal funding from Harambee House/Citizens for Environmental Justice (prime awardee for W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant), Tools for Change – Savannah Project, January – May, 2009, $8,000. Dr. Rukmana and student researchers are investigating the correlation of violence to environmental factors.

**Dr. Kenneth Sajwan**, Professor, DNSM, DOE/EPA Environmental Justice, Community Education, and Advisory Project, October 2008 – September 2009, additional funding of $100,000, for new total funding of $322,750. The project provides undergraduate research internships in environmental science and community outreach programs on environmental issues.

**Recent Applications**

The following faculty and administrators have recently submitted applications which are pending before the funding agencies.


**Dr. Shinaz Jindani**, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, Brookdale Foundation Relatives as Parents Program, SSU GrandFamilies Program, $6,000

**Dr. Karla Sue Marriott**, Assistant Professor, DNSM, NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), Synthesis of Methamphetamine Abuse Treatment Agents, $261,395

**Dr. Carol Pride**, Associate Professor, DNSM, NSF Opportunities for Enhancing Diversity in the Geosciences (OEDG) Proposal, “Collaborative Research: Enhancing Diversity in Geoscience
Education through Coastal Research in a Port City (EDGE), Track 2,” July 2009 – June 2014, $1,030,442 (in collaboration with Skidaway Institute of Oceanography)

Dr. James Williams, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, NIH Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Campus Suicide Prevention Program, September 2009 – August 2012, $299,738

Dr. Asad Yousuf, Professor, Department of Engineering Technology, National Collegiate Inventors & Innovators Alliance (NCIIA), Course Development – Sustainable Energy E-Teams, $50,000

Dr. Hua Zhao, Assistant Professor, DNSM, American Chemical Society, Supplement for Summer 2009 student research, $5,000

Dr. Xiarong Zhang, Associate Professor, DNSM, subaward proposal with University of Colorado (NSF) “Function of Small RNAs in Biotic Stress Resistance in Rice,” $228,591

**Upcoming Grants Management and Grants Writing Training Sessions**

The following training sessions are scheduled to provide professional development for the faculty and staff in the areas of grants management and grants writing. These are funded by the Title III Program to assist the faculty and staff to develop their grants writing capabilities and to provide an overview of the grants management and compliance responsibilities of the PIs. Please note the following dates on your calendars. Meeting invitations will be distributed for each training session. All sessions will be conducted in the STEM Center, Hubert A, Room 111.

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Faculty/Staff Professional Development Awards for Sponsored Research and Scholarly Activities

The Office of Sponsored Research Administration is offering professional development awards (up to $1,000 for travel awards and up to $500 for publications awards) to faculty and academic staff to support their research efforts and scholarly activity. These awards are funded through the Title III program. The deadline for submitting applications is **August 15, 2009**.

For the travel award, the following four items are required. All forms must be signed by the applicant and chair/dean (as required) and **submitted together to Dr. Chetty**:

1) Faculty Development Travel Award Application Form (available on OSRA website)  
   [http://linux.savstate.edu/osra/FacultyDevAward9-2008.pdf](http://linux.savstate.edu/osra/FacultyDevAward9-2008.pdf)

2) Pre-Travel Title III Travel Form (available on Title III website)  
   [http://www.savstate.edu/titleiii/doc/new/Pre-Travel%20form%202007-2012.doc](http://www.savstate.edu/titleiii/doc/new/Pre-Travel%20form%202007-2012.doc)

3) Copy of Submitted Request for Authority to Travel Form  
   (submit online and add Dr. Chetty and Ms. Dedra Andrews, Director, Title III, to the approval routing)

4) Top-sheet (one page) of conference bulletin providing date/location etc.

If travel costs exceed $1,000, the request for authority form should provide the account number that will cover the balance, and the chair or dean (as applicable) must approve. If you have questions concerning these awards or need assistance, please contact Nancy Riggs at 353-4981.

**Funding Opportunities**

Faculty and staff who need assistance in finding grants funding are encouraged to contact OSRA. They are also encouraged to review funding opportunities listed on the OSRA website.

**Faculty/Institutional Programs:**  
[http://linux.savstate.edu/osra/facgrantnotice.htm](http://linux.savstate.edu/osra/facgrantnotice.htm)

**Student Scholarships**  
[http://linux.savstate.edu/osra/scholarships.htm](http://linux.savstate.edu/osra/scholarships.htm)

**Student Summer Research & Internship Programs (Humanities and Science)**  
[http://linux.savstate.edu/osra/studentsummerresearch.htm](http://linux.savstate.edu/osra/studentsummerresearch.htm)

**Foundations**  
[http://linux.savstate.edu/osra/Foundations.htm](http://linux.savstate.edu/osra/Foundations.htm)

In addition, SSU subscribes to the InfoEd SMARTS data service. All employees may register and thereby receive direct email notices from the SMARTS service of new funding opportunities in their targeted areas of interest. To register, contact Nancy Riggs at 353-4981.
Electronic submission of grants applications

The OSRA has completed the installation of an E-booth in Hubert A, Room 105. This is a dedicated space with computer station and scanner for faculty and staff to prepare and submit their electronic grants applications. The booth is available at all times for use by faculty and staff.

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