Francis Dane joins ranks of SVSU endowed chairs

Francis C. Dane has been hired as the James V. Finkbeiner Chair in Ethics and will join the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences this fall. Dane most recently was a professor of psychology at Mercer University in its College of Liberal Arts, and held a joint research appointment with MU’s School of Medicine. Since joining Mercer, in Macon, Georgia, in 1988 as an assistant professor, Dane has been chair of the university’s Psychology Department and twice was the William Heard Kilpatrick Professor of Psychology (1999 and 2000).

Dane is trained as a social psychologist with expertise in statistics. He has researched legal decision making, prejudice and racism and prepared mathematical models of medical outcomes.

“The thread through this research is the orientation of applied ethics,” Dane said. Within his research, he has studied the ethics in jury decision making – what’s “right” vs. what’s legal – and in medicine, the best ways to use medical resources in hospitals, particularly issues of resuscitation.

As the Finkbeiner Chair at SVSU, Dane said he hopes to continue his medical research, especially as it pertains to end-of-life decisions and to expand his own understanding as to how people perceive research ethics.

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Diversity Programs post filled

Tammy T. Thorns will begin her duties as Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Programs in September. Thorns, most recently at Central Michigan University, has extensive administrative experience in higher education and pre-K through 12 schools.

As Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Programs, Thorns will be responsible for providing leadership and coordination for SVSU’s programs related to diversity, equal opportunity and affirmative action. She will serve as the primary advisor to the president and the campus community on matters related to maintaining and/or enhancing a diverse campus environment.

Thorns has a doctor of education degree from Wayne State University. She has a master of arts degree from Ball State University and a bachelor's degree from Anderson University. Thorns is a member of Black School Educators, the National Council of Accreditation and Teacher Education and the Education Leaders Council.

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In addition to CMU where Thorns was interim assistant vice president for institutional diversity, Thorns has administrative experience at Indianapolis Public Schools, Washington Township and Perry Township schools. These experiences include presiding and serving on university, state and national committees related to accreditation, faculty development, educational reform and school community partnerships. Thorns has given several presentations on diversity of faculty and students, teacher recruitment, classroom equity and various topics in education.
SVSU Foundation awards Resource Grants

The SVSU Foundation Board approved eight requests for Resource Grants totaling $59,280 at its June 4 meeting.

Christopher Schilling, Stroesser Chair in Engineering, and Eldon Graham, associate professor of mechanical engineering, received $15,000 for acquisition of 3-D Modeling Equipment for rapid prototyping.

Gerald Peterson, professor of psychology, was awarded $3,000 to cover expenses for varied research opportunities for undergraduates.

A year-long itinerary of weekly alcohol-free social activities will be supported by a $7,000 grant. The activities will be coordinated by Lisa Haines, substance abuse educator in the Student Counseling Center.

The Board approved $3,800 to support student research in the Sociology Department. The grant was requested by Karen Lang Krause, associate professor of sociology.

Sandra Mixter, assistant professor of nursing, received $4,000 that will enable eight undergraduate and two graduate nursing students to attend an international transcultural nursing conference in Toronto.

Gail Gaye, associate professor of management, received $5,980 to support cross-cultural social and academic activities among MBA students.

The Campus Life Center received $6,000 that will add an element of cultural diversity to the 2002-03 Lunchbreak Series.

Early childhood education action research projects will be supported by a $5,500 grant. The next ‘round’ of Resource Grants has a Jan. 1 application deadline.

New Command Spanish training available

The Office of Continuing Education recently received certification as an official registered provider of Command Spanish Inc. language and cross-cultural training programs. Gladys von Hoff, associate professor of modern foreign languages (Spanish), recently completed training to become a certified instructor of Command Spanish Inc.

Command Spanish Inc. is the nation’s leading provider of occupational Spanish language and cross-cultural training and materials. As an official registered provider, the Office of Continuing Education can offer on-site, job specific Spanish language and cross-cultural training in such diverse areas as nursing, law enforcement, dentistry, public safety, construction, hospitality, warehousing, manufacturing, and retail sales.

These programs are all non-grammar based and no previous Spanish experience is necessary to enroll in Command Spanish courses, which last between eight and 24 hours.

For more information about Command Spanish Inc. training, contact Jo Brownlie at ext. 4475, or jap@svsu.edu.

SVSU is sponsoring a Relay for Life team.

Needed – team members and SUPPORT.

All of us in some way, through family and friends, have been touched by the effects of cancer and many of our SVSU family have been victims and/or survivors of this major health problem.

Relay for Life is a fund-raising event for the American Cancer Society.

Each team member is asked to raise a minimum of $100 from donors before the event. Donations of $10 allows a donor to purchase a luminary bag – giving tribute to anyone that has ever battled cancer (luminary walk scheduled for Saturday at 9 p.m.).

The Relay runs from noon Saturday, Aug. 17 through noon Sunday, Aug. 18. We need team members and active participants.

For the 24-hour event, teams gather at Ojibway Island and take turns walking, jogging, or rollerblading on the track. This year we would like to have enough team members to represent SVSU on the track for the entire 24 hours.

Teams can have a camper or tent at the site. We would love to have someone volunteer their vehicle to allow us a resting spot – for those of us who will be there for long/hate times.

Many fun activities are scheduled for all ages throughout the 24 hours. This is a family-focused event where all are welcome.

For more information, and to give your support, contact Maureen Kozumplik, ext. 7311, Teresa George, ext. 4170; or Holly Furlo, ext. 4211.

Transitions

New Faculty

• Andrew Chubb, Assistant Professor, Chemistry, SE 277, ext. 2043
• Carolyn Gilbreath, Assistant Professor, Teacher Education, Elementary/Early Childhood/Special Education, E146
• Curtis Grosse, Lecturer, Mathematical Science, SW 330, ext. 2042
• Gwamphon Hong, Assistant Professor, Finance, C326, ext. 2651
• Ming Tie Huang, Assistant Professor, Physics and Earth Science, SW 253, ext. 2041, mhuang@svsu.edu
• Poonam Kumar, Associate Professor, Teacher Education, Elementary/Early Childhood/Special Education, E129, pkumar@svsu.edu
• Julie Lynch, Assistant Professor, Psychology, B164, ext. 4351, jlynch@svsu.edu
• Heather Powell, Assistant Professor, Communications, C160, ext. 2609, hpowell@svsu.edu
• Gayle Slater, Assistant Professor, Teacher Education, Elementary/Early Childhood/Special Education, E146
• Anne Tapp, Assistant Professor, Teacher Education, Elementary/Early Childhood/Special Education, E146, amatapp@comcast.net

Promoted, Transferred, Title Change

Hasan Al-Hajes, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, SW 534, ext. 7108
• Jerry Baker, Professor, Education Leadership, E157, ext. 7151; jbakar@verizononline.com
• Cheryl Brow, Administrative Secretary, Career Planning and Placement, C111, ext. 4954, sbrow@svsu.edu
• M. Patricia Cavanaugh, Associate Professor, English, S351, ext. 4022
• Barbara Cohen, Assistant Director, International Programs, W141, ext. 7028, bcohen@svsu.edu
• Jesse Donahue, Associate Professor, Political Science, B318, ext. 4364
• Clifford Dorne, Assistant Dean, Arts and Behavioral Sciences, W339, ext. 7072
• Robert Drew, Associate Professor, Theatre, C161, ext. 7495
• Ranjana Dutta, Associate Professor, Psychology, B165, ext. 7043
• Mary Hedberg, Assistant Vice President, Academic Affairs, ext. 7144, hedberg@svsu.edu
• Dawn Hinton, Associate Professor, Sociology, B232, ext. 7034
• Scott Julian, Associate Professor, Management and Marketing, C316, ext. 6072
• Jeffrey Koperski, Associate Professor, Philosophy, B351, ext. 7251
• Lori M. Lipinski, Resource Supervisor, Public Safety, Public Safety Building, ext. 4250, lipinski@svsu.edu
• Teri McPeak, Custodial Specialist, Campus Facilities, ext. 4279, tmcpeak@svsu.edu
• Gretchen Owocci, Associate Professor, Teacher Education, Elementary/Early Childhood/Special Education, E114, ext. 7393, goowocki@svsu.edu
• Ronald E. Portwine, Assistant Director of Staff Relations, W373, ext. 4214, report@svsu.edu
• Melissa Seitz, Lecturer, English, SE 166, ext. 4895
• Erik Trump, Associate Professor, Political Science, B354, ext. 6067
• Robert J. Tutschek, Director of Process Improvement, Campus Facilities, Service Building, ext. 4082, tutschek@svsu.edu
• Carol Wolfe, Professor, Teacher Education, Middle & Secondary, E104, ext. 7045, cwolfe@svsu.edu
• Stephen Yanca, Professor, Social Work, B308, ext. 7136

New Staff

• Andrew Bethune, Head Men’s Golf Coach, Athletics, ext. 7306
• Norah Comerio, Administrative Secretary, L’Anse Creuse, College of Education, (586) 749-0067, nmcomeri@svsu.edu
• Francis C. Dane, James V. Finkbeiner Endowed Chair, College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, SE 161, ext. 2046, fdane@svsu.edu
• Robert J. Tutsock, Director of Process Improvement, Campus Facilities, Service Building, ext. 4082, tutschek@svsu.edu
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