

# INSIDE Samford

A newsletter for faculty, staff and friends of Samford University • June/July 2006

## New Deans Named

(See below.)



Bryant



Hopkins

## Corts Stresses 'Authenticity'

Retiring President Thomas E. Corts stressed the importance of "authenticity" to members of the Samford graduating class May 20 in his final commencement before retiring.

"In a world of both cheap and expensive imitations, to be authentic may be the great virtue that magnifies all life's meaningful experiences and relationships," Dr. Corts told some 650 seniors and a crowd of about 5,000 at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex Arena.

Corts used 19th-century Parliament member William Wilberforce, a "relentless voice" against slavery in the British Empire, to illustrate his point. "Wilberforce's authenticity would not allow him to invalidate his conscience," Corts noted, adding that slavery ultimately was abolished in the United Kingdom due largely to his efforts, and this influenced its end in America as well.



Corts speaks at final commencement.

"May you be blessed with an authentic good life," Corts told the seniors. "That is my prayer for each of you."

Corts presented diplomas to 832 graduates, including 182 Cumberland School of Law

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## Bryant Named Pharmacy Dean

Bobby G. Bryant, the new dean of Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy, is impressed with the way McWhorter reaches out to help its community. He referred to such programs as hypertension and diabetes clinics in Perry County, and partnerships with the Jefferson County Health Department.

"This indicates a commitment to society that other pharmacy schools just have not come to grips with," he said in May. "These programs are of immense value to the community and to the students."

Bryant, dean of the Rabbe College of Pharmacy at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio, since 1999, was named May 5 to succeed retiring Dean Joe Dean. He will join Samford August 1.

Before being named dean at Ohio Northern, Bryant was scholar-in-residence at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Alexandria, Va., during 1998-99, and professor and department chair of pharmacy practice at Albany College

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## Westmoreland Begins Presidency

As Dr. Andrew Westmoreland assumes the presidency of Samford University, he brings a vision for the school's future that will continue to be shaped by Samford people and Samford alumni.

"I do not plan to arrive June 1 with a chisel in hand and begin to carve 'the Westmoreland vision' on the University's facade," he said at a Samford Business Network meeting May 9.

"I have ideas, to be sure, but I also have questions. I want to hear from Samford alumni and people in Birmingham about how they can help us and how they can be helped. We will develop a measurable plan of progress for the future."

Dr. Westmoreland succeeds retiring president Thomas Corts June 1. He is Samford's 18th



Westmoreland becomes Samford's 18th president.

president, but only the fourth since 1939. Major Harwell Davis served during 1939-58, Dr. Leslie Wright during 1958-83 and Dr.

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## Hopkins to Lead Performing Arts

Dr. Joseph Hopkins, dean of the Petrie School of Music at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C., has been named dean of the Samford School of Performing Arts. Dr. Hopkins, dean at Converse since 2002, will succeed retiring Samford Dean Milburn Price July 1.

Samford Provost Brad Creed announced Hopkins' appointment, saying, "He is a proven academic leader, a gifted musician and a strong supporter of the Christian mission of Samford University."

At Converse, Hopkins led the nation's only comprehensive school of music at a women's college. It offers degrees in music

performance, composition, theory, history, education, business, therapy and liberal studies.

Since 2005, Hopkins also served as artistic director and dean of the Harlaxton International Chamber Music Festival at Converse.

Hopkins has performed in numerous opera and concert productions. He performed the title role of Figaro in the production of *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, which received first place in the 2000 National Opera Association production awards. He has performed with the Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra, the

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## Out & About

**Beth Ashmore** and **Cheryl Cecil** (University Library) presented "Standardized Information Literacy Assessment: SAILS and Beyond" with **Juliet Rumble** of Auburn University at the Alabama Library Association convention in Florence April 26-27.

**Jonathan Bass** (History) chaired a panel discussion on "Enabling Civil Rights: Law Enforcement—Past, Present and Future" at a conference sponsored by the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and the Birmingham Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The April 24 panel included retired FBI agent Robert Langford, Southern Christian Leadership Conference national president Charles Steele and Birmingham civil rights leader Abraham Woods, Jr. Bass presented a paper, "Everything but the Squeal: Hogs and Alabama Culture," at the annual meeting of the Alabama Historical Association in Fairhope, Ala., April 21.

**Chad Carson** (Business) received a "Highly Commended Award" from the Emerald Literati Network 2006 Awards for Excellence for his paper, "A Historical View of Douglas McGregor's Theory Y." It was published in volume 43, issue 3 of the journal *Management Decision*.

**Barbara Cartledge** (Business) presented a paper coauthored with **Betsy Holloway** (Business) and **Mary Sue Baldwin** (Teaching, Learning and Scholarship) at the Academic Business World International Conference 2006 in Nashville May 29-31. The paper was

entitled "Multidisciplinary Introduction to Business Via Computer Simulation."

**Theresa Davidson** (Sociology) presented a research paper at the Southern Sociological Society annual meeting in New Orleans, La., entitled, "From TANF to Timeclocks: The Work Schedules of Women Leaving Welfare." Davidson also conducted the fifth successful Poverty Simulation in April.

**Steve Donaldson** (Mathematics and Computer Science) spoke at the May meeting of retired Samford faculty on "Foresight, Hindsight, Eyesight and Insight: How Computer Science Helps Us Understand the World."

**Donna Dunaway**, **Robb Hensarling** and **Chuck Sands** (Exercises Science and Sports Medicine) presented "Practical Uses of the Bod Pod Body Composition Tracking System" at the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Spring Conference April 21 in Gulf Shores, Ala.

**Rosemary Fisk** (Arts and Sciences) will serve as conference director of a joint meeting of the Emerson, Hawthorne and Poe Societies July 13-16 at St. Catherine's College of Oxford University, UK, where she will welcome the 180 participants. The conference title, "Transatlanticism in American Literature: Emerson, Hawthorne and Poe," reflects the broad participation of American literature scholars primarily from the U.S. and the UK, as well as 16 other nations.

**Hugh Floyd** (Sociology) and **Randolph Horn** (Political Science) presented a paper, "Contact, Conflict and Context: Explaining Sectional Support for Race-Related Referendums in Alabama," at the Southwest Social Science Association meeting April 12-15 in San Antonio, Texas.

**Mike Floyd** (Law) will attend the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) annual meeting in Palm Beach, Fla., in July, and will become the 2006-07 president of the association at the end of the annual meeting. He currently serves as the SEALS vice president and president-elect.

**Eric Fournier** (Geography) coauthored an article, "Problem-based Learning in Geography: Toward a Critical Assessment of its Purposes, Risks and Benefits," that appeared in the March issue of the *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*. Fournier wrote the article as part of an international team of coauthors from New Zealand, Great Britain, Canada and Chile.

**Timothy George** (Divinity) participated during March in a consultation at



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Mike Floyd



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the Vatican in preparation for an international Baptist-Catholic dialogue. On April 7, he presented a lecture on "Mere Christianity and the Evangelical Tradition" at Princeton University. On April 28, he was keynote speaker for "The Great Commission: Evangelicals and the History of World Mission," a conference in honor of church historian John Woodbridge at Trinity International University.

**Randolph Horn** (Political Science) chaired the Institutional and Electoral Sources of Influence in State Politics and Policy panel at the Southwestern Social Science Association meeting April 12-15 in San Antonio, Texas.

**Paul House** (Divinity) delivered a paper entitled "The Day of the Lord as a Unifying Concept in Isaiah 1-12" at the international meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2-6.

**Archie Lockamy** (Business) was a session chair at the 17th annual conference of the Production and Operations Management Society in Boston. The session was entitled "Where is Research in Performance Measurement Going?" Lockamy also presented a research paper during the session entitled "Using Horizontal Mechanisms to Improve Supply Chain Performance."

**Mary McCullough** (World Languages and Cultures) presented a paper, "Gendered Voyeurism: Watching Women Dance in Moufida Tlatli's *Les silences du palais* and *La saison des hommes*," at the 59th annual Kentucky Foreign Language Conference at the University of Kentucky in Lexington April 19-22.

**Lori Northrup** (University Library) presented "Using WebCT for Student-Worker Training" as part of a best practices program sponsored by the Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries [AACRL] at the Alabama Library Association annual convention April 26-27 in Florence, Ala. She was elected secretary of AACRL.

**Terry Pickett** (World Languages and Cultures) was chosen as a participant in a Fulbright-Hays Summer Seminar 2006 in Budapest on Hungary's role in

the European Union. This is Pickett's fourth Fulbright award.

**Ken Roxburgh** (Religion) preached at Shades Crest Baptist Church May 14. He will preach at First Baptist Church of Jasper June 4 and Dawson Memorial Baptist Church July 9. He will attend meetings of the Baptist World Alliance in Mexico City July 3-8 and present a paper, "Robert James McCracken and a Theology of Mission," at the Fourth International Conference on Baptist Studies at Acadia University, Nova Scotia, July 11-15.

**Belle Stoddard** (Law) participated in a panel on "Teaching Legal Research at Law Schools" at the spring meeting of the Law Libraries Association of Alabama May 19.

**Henry Strickland** (Law) will deliver bar review lectures (bar exam prep) for Bar/Bri during June and July in Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio; Louisville, Ky.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Detroit, Mich.; and Birmingham and Tuscaloosa, Ala. Topics include civil procedure, conflict of laws and remedies.

**Jean Thomason** (University Library) received the 2006 Significant Contribution Award from the Alabama chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

**Carol Ann Vaughn** (Christian Women's Leadership Center) spoke to the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Religion, Spirituality and Health Research Working Group in May about positive and negative religious views of the body in history, and current religious movements for holistic health. She and the CWLC hosted Ruba Abbassi and Sawzan Haddadd of Arab Woman Today during their April visit to Birmingham.

**Teresa Wilborn** (Pharmacy) coauthored an article with colleagues from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Little Rock, Ark., that will be published in the June issue of *The Journal of Steroid Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*. The article is entitled "Association of SULT2A1 Allelic Variants with Plasma Adrenal Androgens and Prostate Cancer in African-American Men." ■

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## June/July Calendar

(Birthdays are listed in red.)

### Thursday, June 1

James Garrett, Kevin Kozak, James Robertson, Shelley Vail  
Law School classes begin

### Friday, June 2

James Hubbs, Mitchell Love, Vivian McNair

### Saturday, June 3

Carolyn Boone, Jana Pearson

### Sunday, June 4

David Downing (ret.), Wayne Mandeville, Frances Owens (ret.), Justin Pack, David Roberts (ret.)  
First Summer Term move-in

### Monday, June 5

Emory Haygood, Lenita Hunter, Jon Remley, Sharon Young  
First Summer Term begins

### Tuesday, June 6

Andy Milstead

### Wednesday, June 7

Erin Heffner, Jennings Marshall, Molly McAllister, Terry Putnam, Becky Strickland

### Thursday, June 8

David Dedo, Gene Garza, Nancy Hicks (ret.), Mike Howell (ret.), Ruth Hudson, Doris Miller (ret.), Michael Parrish, Clay Porter, Metta Faye Street (ret.), Marjorie Walker, Parham Williams (ret.)  
New Student Orientation Session I

### Friday, June 9

Scott Camp, Jeffrey Howard, John Ott, Linda Swann  
New Student Orientation Session I  
• 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Open House for Dr. Andrew Westmoreland, Beeson Divinity School

### Saturday, June 10

Mark Baggett, Kim McAlister, Donald Sweeney

### Sunday, June 11

Beth Ashmore, Joey Duke  
Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research [IGHR] Conference (through June 15)

### Monday, June 12

Greg Jeane, Shawn Gregory, John Killinger (ret.)  
New Student Orientation Session II

### Tuesday, June 13

Alan Hargrave, Mark Mathieu, James Pate  
New Student Orientation Session II

### Wednesday, June 14

Ronald Burgess, Michael Fiedler, Kristin Henson, Adriane Ireland, Linda Vandiver  
• 6 p.m. Earl Gartman Scholarship Banquet, Flag Colonnade

### Friday, June 16

Buford Gates, Laura Gomez

### Saturday, June 17

Stephen Inman, Theresa Kanute, Timothy McGinnis, J. McWaters, Mary Miller, Carole Webb

### Sunday, June 18

Bob David (ret.)

### Monday, June 19

Ann Armstrong (ret.), Diane Baker, Laura Beason, David Little, Angulus Wilson  
New Student Orientation Session III  
Alabama Governor's School (through June 30)

### Tuesday, June 20

Jane Leask, Evan Zeiger (ret.)  
New Student Orientation Session III

### Wednesday, June 21

Joe Dean (ret.), Charles T. Workman

### Thursday, June 22

William Belski, Cecil Cherry, Chris Gillespie, Charles E. Workman  
New Student Orientation Session IV

### Friday, June 23

Joel Davis, Jeffrey Flaniken, Michelle Joiner, Tonya Moore, Bob Roller, Shawn Sharp, Curtis Stephens (ret.)  
New Student Orientation Session IV

### Saturday, June 24

Julia Morrow, Joseph Zellner

### Sunday, June 25

Robert Maddox  
Samford Forensics Institute through July 8

### Monday, June 26

Martha Alverson (ret.), Lidia Chamberlain, Jacqueline Davis, Cheryl Lowe

### Tuesday, June 27

James Carlson, Janet Carr, Laura Cotlin, Betty Duncan (ret.), Heather Grice, Allison Jackson, Donald Sloan (ret.), Georgia Traylor (ret.)

### Wednesday, June 28

Sara Eddings (ret.), Anne Marie Gianoudis, Staci Gwinn, Tom Hines (ret.), William Kelley, Sidney Vizzina

### Thursday, June 29

Grace Christian (ret.), Richard Gates, Marie Holley (ret.), Jeannie McCutchen, Peter Neuberger, Willia Powell (ret.), Caldwell Stevenson, Teresa Wilborn

### Friday, June 30

Elizabeth Emmons, Phil Min, Tracy Ray

### Saturday, July 1

Kymerly Dale, Joel Landry, Shelley Sager, Betty White (ret.)

### Sunday, July 2

Martha Brown (ret.), Yasuhiko Oyama

### Monday, July 3

Betty Love, Penny Marler, Tamara Shadinger

### Tuesday, July 4

Roy Brigrance (ret.), Renee Butcher, James Carter, David Chapman, Bernice Harville (ret.), Tommy Rohling, Henry White (ret.)  
Happy Independence Day!  
University closed

### Wednesday, July 5

David Bains, Jason Berryhill, Sandra Bright, Kenneth Van Sise (ret.)

### Thursday, July 6

Suzanne Lacey, Lois Roberson (ret.), Clarissa Tomlinson  
First Summer Term ends.

### Friday, July 7

Ken Brazil, Maisha Freeman, Courtney Mize, Jack Sharp  
First Summer Term exams

### Saturday, July 8

Les Ennis, Eleanor Ousley (ret.), Iva Thomas (ret.)

### Sunday, July 9

Ed Felton (ret.), Viola Jackson (ret.), Malcolm Marler, Barbara Thorne (ret.)  
Second Summer Term move-in

### Monday, July 10

Gene Black (ret.), Shonna McLin, Jeanette Rader (ret.), Joe Rodman  
Second Summer Term begins

### Tuesday, July 11

Richard Herzog, Connie Macon, Daniel Smith

### Wednesday, July 12

Janica Carter, Cathy Franklin, Bovorn Sirikul

### Thursday, July 13

Rosemary Carnley (ret.) Joyce Cox (ret.), John Drake, Harold Goss, Moya Nordlund

### Friday, July 14

Jo Anne Goggans, Amy Gale, Chicketta Jackson, Ethel Thompson

### Saturday, July 15

Rod Davis, Debra Dormer, Elsie Ray (ret.), Ann Sargent, Pamela Walker

### Sunday, July 16

Angela Flaniken, Harold Hunt (ret.), Rhenae Kennedy

### Monday, July 17

Bruce Atkinson, Lisa Gurley, Darlene Mathis

### Tuesday, July 18

Shirley McRae, Robin Roberts

### Wednesday, July 19

Cynthia Dahlke, Clayton Fogg, Karen Hubbard, William Rosenblum

### Thursday, July 20

Gene Calhoun, Sandra Fox, Debra McGrady  
Law classes end

### Friday, July 21

Betty Caterinichia, Miriam Cherry, Kenneth Cornelius, Mark Elliott (ret.)

### Saturday, July 22

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### Sunday, July 23

Joel Gilbert, David Glenn, Michelle Johnson, Deborah Strickland

### Monday, July 24

Susan Barineau, Jennifer Coleman, Mike Floyd, Elizabeth Kleinberg, Darlene Kuhn, Sarah Latham, Archie Lockamy, Donald Nation, Deborah Warren  
Pastors School through July 28  
Law final exams

### Tuesday, July 25

Pat Gardner (ret.), Kathey Gassner, Candace Lambert, Mark Todd, Emily Warren, Melanie Wise  
Law final exams

### Wednesday, July 26

Bobby Breed, Martha Ann Cox (ret.), Michele Haralson, Mary McCullough, David Sanderson  
Law final exams

### Thursday, July 27

Linda Ables, Lisa Dodd, Marian Ferguson (ret.), Stacy Lauderdale

### Friday, July 28

Robert Hensarling, Cathy Thompson, Tom Woolley

### Saturday, July 29

Travis Richards, Vicki Rochester, Fred Shepherd, Tyra Walker

### Sunday, July 30

Paul Aucoin, Tamara Johnson, Rachel McWhorter, Ruth Smith, Ian Thompson

### Monday, July 31

Beryl Flurry, Rachel Fry, Jackie Goldstein, Martha Hearn (ret.), Michael Kendrach, Lynda Monroe, Jack Nelson, Dennis Sansom

Go to [www.samford.edu/calendar](http://www.samford.edu/calendar) for summer sports, music and other camps. ■



## Joys & Sorrows

### Congratulations to . . .

• **Mary Jane Niesen** (Business), whose son, Dean, graduated from Birmingham School of Law May 21 and whose other son, Alan, received his helicopter instrument rating April 28

### Sympathy is expressed to . . .

• **Lynn Fetherston** (University Library, ret.) in the April 22 death of her husband, Thomas  
• **Beth Lewis** (Accounting and Financial Services) in the May 2 death of her grandfather, Alfred Cryar, of Guntersville, Ala.  
• **Joy Whatley** (Nursing) in the April 30 death of her mother, Doris Harris, of Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Corts and Samford Family,

My family and I thank you for the beautiful plant that you sent at the recent death of my mother. It will be a reminder for years to come of your thoughtfulness.

Your calls, cards and words of encouragement have also been very comforting.

Sincerely,  
Joy Whatley

## NEW FACES

Joshua Bearden (*Law Library*)

Selena Goodwin (*Campus Safety*)

Darlene Kuhn (*President's Office*)

Ross Newton (*Football*)

Elizabeth Smith (*University Library*)

## BEST WISHES TO RETIREES

Gerald Bray (*Divinity*)

Barbara Crider  
(*World Languages and Cultures*)

Sandra Fox (*University Library*)

Richard McAlister (*AFROTC*)

Martha Thompson  
(*World Languages and Cultures*)



## FYI

### Health Department Salutes McWhorter

Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy was recognized with a special award by the Jefferson County Department of Health during Public Health Week in April. Dr. Michael Fleenor, county health officer, cited McWhorter as a unique example of community partnerships that demonstrate innovation in meeting the health needs of the public.

The partnership between McWhorter and the health department provides training opportunities for final-year Pharm.D. students at Samford while placing two full-time Samford faculty within the department to help address pharmacy-related public health needs in the community. The partnership is the first of its kind in the nation, as is the post-doctoral residency training program in public health the two institutions established in 2005.

### McNeal Heads Staff Advisory Council

Lisa McNeal (University Library) becomes president of the Samford Staff Advisory Council June 1. Other officers are Kenneth England (Purchasing), president-elect, and Charlotte Baughn (Psychology and Sociology), secretary.

New members of the council, in addition to England and Baughn, are Lisa Dodd (Printing), Tanual Hall (Nursing), Theresa Kanute (Financial Aid), Wanda Lucas (Athletics), Elaine Moody (University Ministries) and Doug Wilson (University Relations).

Other members are Marian Carter (Nursing), Jeanie Coupland (Human Resources/Payroll), Bruce Foster (Pharmacy), Stacia Gaines (Career Development/Student Affairs), David Glenn (Wright Concert Hall) and Randy McKinney (Accounting and Financial Services). ■

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Corts since 1983.

The new president suggested three things that are part of his vision for Samford—community involvement and service, making a Samford degree the best degree that can be found, and continuing to build on Samford's good name.

He told the business network he looked forward to his move to Birmingham.

"I can't know the answer yet to the questions that will confront us, but I look forward to working with you to build the future," he

told the gathering of Samford alumni and Birmingham business people.

Westmoreland will be busy meeting with Samford people during the early summer. He also will travel to the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools meeting in Charleston, S.C., the first week in June and to the Consortium of Global Education meeting at Qingdao University, Shandong, China, the week of June 19. As outgoing chairman of the consortium, he will address the opening assembly. ■

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seniors later in the day.

"The quest for authenticity can keep you from that superficial brand of patriotism that substitutes jingoistic slogans and phrases for thought," Corts added. "In a nation of single-issue politics, accustomed to sound bites and advertising taglines, a public figure sometimes feels he scores points the more times he can repeat certain phrases like 'Founding Fathers,' 'Ten Commandments,' 'Conservative,'

'Tough on Crime,' etc."

Corts reminded graduates that Samford tried to introduce them to "the joy of helping other people, without any expectation of reward."

"You will find that the basic values of our society depend upon the willingness of good people to render voluntary service," he said. "I pray your learning at Samford encompasses a desire to serve, to volunteer, to make America work by making your community work; to authenticate your citizenship." ■

### Bryant *cont. from page 1*

of Pharmacy in New York from 1986 until 1999. Bryant served as interim president and dean at Albany during 1996-98.

The new Samford dean was a faculty member at Purdue University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences from 1971 until 1986.

Bryant holds the B.S. in pharmacy and doctor of pharmacy degrees from the University of Tennessee. He holds the M.S. in clinical research design and statistical analysis from the H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies and School of Public Health at the University of Michigan. ■

### Hopkins *cont. from page 1*

Madrid Chamber Orchestra and numerous others.

Hopkins was chair of the music department at the University of Evansville during 2000-02. He served as head of the choral and vocal division, and director of opera at Evansville during 1996-2000, and as

assistant professor at Evansville during 1991-96.

Hopkins holds the doctor of music in vocal performance from Indiana University, the master of music in vocal performance from Baylor University and the bachelor of music cum laude with honors in vocal performance from Shorter College. ■