

INSIDE Samford

A newsletter for faculty, staff and friends of Samford University • April 2007

Samford Theatre presents

Company

Harrison Theatre
April 19–21, 7:30 p.m.
April 22, 2:30 p.m.
Tickets ext. 2853

Strong Mix of Private, Public Schools Attracts Samford to Southern Conference

The opportunity to play in a well-respected conference with a good mix of private and public universities helped Samford make the decision to join its new athletic league, the 86-year old Southern Conference.

When the presidents of the Southern Conference voted unanimously to invite Samford to become its 12th member March 15, Samford President Andrew Westmoreland quickly said yes.

"The invitation from the Southern Conference comes at a unique point in Samford's history," Dr. Westmoreland said. "Finding the right balance of academics and athletics is a strategic planning priority for Samford, and we share other peer relationships with Southern Conference member institutions that make the athletics relationship right for us at this time."

Including Samford, five of the Southern Conference teams are privately funded institutions. While it enjoys a strong relationship with its present conference,

the Ohio Valley, Samford is the only privately supported school in the 11-member OVC.

Samford will join private schools Davidson, Elon, Furman and Wofford, and public universities Appalachian State, College of Charleston, Chattanooga, The Citadel, Georgia Southern, North Carolina-Greensboro and Western Carolina in the Southern.

Samford will play the 2007–08 school year in the OVC—its fifth year in that league—and become a member of the Southern in July 2008.

"This has not been an easy decision for Samford University," Westmoreland said. "We are grateful for the good relationships we have enjoyed with our fellow OVC institutions. The decision to join the OVC was the right one for Samford at that time. It is important for us to focus on the long-term academic and athletics priorities that will meet the goals that our trustees, alumni, faculty

SoCon cont. on page 4



The Samford A Cappella Choir performs at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts March 18 in Washington, D.C. Washington Post reviewer Grace Jean said the choir "gave a confident and often inspiring performance," adding, "This ensemble generates joyful sounds and expressions in settings ranging from psalms and Shaker tunes to spirituals and poems."

Noted Scientist E. O. Wilson, Post Editor Leonard Downie, Jr., Highlight Busy April

From the Marie NeSmith Fowler Lecture early through the appearance of author Nathaniel Philbrick late, April is a month filled with eminent speakers and significant programs at Samford. The schedule includes such notables as biologist/environmentalist E. O. Wilson and *Washington Post* executive editor Leonard Downie, Jr.

Highlighting the packed schedule are:

Wanda Lee, executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, April 5, Marie NeSmith Fowler Lecture, Flag Colonnade, 11:30 a.m.

Alabama Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals, April 12, Wright Center Concert Hall, sessions 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

Leonard Downie, Jr., executive editor, *The Washington Post*, April 12, Timothy Sumner

Robinson Forum, Brock Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

Dr. Darrell Bock, research professor in New Testament, Dallas Theological Seminary, April 17–19, Biblical Studies Lectures, Hodges Chapel, 11 a.m.

Earth Week, see schedule at www.samford.edu/earthday, April 17–19.

Old Howard 100 Bike Ride, Perry County, April 21.

Dr. E. O. Wilson, noted Harvard University biologist/environmentalist and two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author, April 21, Alabama Environmental and Education Consortium, Wright Center Concert Hall, 9:30 a.m.

Nathaniel Philbrick, author of *The New York Times* bestseller

Prep Music Faculty Concert April 15

School of Performing Arts Preparatory Music faculty members will present a recital Sunday, April 15, in Brock Recital Hall at 3 p.m. Karen Appleby, Amy Boyd, Jan King, Melodie King, Carrie Larson, Connie Macon, Casey O'Dell and Wendy Shaw will perform piano solo/ensemble and vocal selections.

Samford music student teachers Emily Snider, Jessica

Terry and Jeremy West will assist. Works by Liszt, Sousa, Gillock, Gershwin and Strauss will be featured.

Highlighting the program will be the premiere performance of "Phoenix Blues" by David Karp.

Samford's preparatory music faculty teaches piano and voice to children and adults through the School of Performing Arts Preparatory Music Department. ■

April Events cont. on page 4



Out & About

Myralyn Allgood and **Charlotte Coleman** (World Languages and Cultures) attended the VI Congreso de Literatura Hispana in Riviera Maya, Mexico, March 6-10. Coleman moderated a session entitled "Tensiones histórico-políticas en Garcilaso y las novelas de dictadura." Allgood moderated a session on "La cosmovisión maya y Rosario Castellanos" and presented a paper, "Mito y realidad: Perspectivas del mundo maya en las obras indígenas de Rosario Castellanos." Allgood and **Lynda Jentsch** (World Languages and Cultures) attended the project directors' meeting for WLAC's U.S. Department of Education grant on "Perspectives on Latin America," which met in Chicago Feb. 28-March 3 in conjunction with the annual meeting of the International Studies Association.

Jim Angel (Exercise Science and Sports Medicine) completed a Sunday night series of six talks at First Baptist Church of Helena, Ala., entitled "Taking Your Health to the Next Level." In addition, he held orientations to strength training twice a week for 75 people in the new Christian Life Center at the church.

Becky Atkinson (Education and Professional Studies) presented a paper entitled "Reflecting on the Irony in the Calls for Reflective Practice" at the Southeast Philosophy of Education Society meeting Feb. 9 at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Paul Aucoin (Academic Services) was installed as president of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars

and Admissions Officers [AACRAO] at the organization's annual meeting in Boston March 7. AACRAO is comprised of some 9,900 members from 2,500 schools in every state and 30 other nations. It was founded in 1910. Aucoin has been a member for 30 years.

Max Baber (Geography) and **Diana Stuart Sinton** (National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education) presented "Active Learning in Liberal Education with Geographic Information Systems [GIS] Technologies" at the Association of American Colleges and Universities' 93rd annual meeting in New Orleans, La., January 17-20.

Timothy Banks (Performing Arts) served as an adjudicator in the student conductor competition during the recent national convention of the American Choral Directors Association in Miami, Fla. Banks was named to the planning committee for next year's Southern Division convention in Louisville, Ky.

Dana Basinger (Freshman Life) participated in Women's Week at Dawson Memorial Baptist Church in Homewood. Her Feb. 27 presentation was entitled "I am not a helicopter parent! . . . am I?" The session was designed to assist women in adjusting to their student's first year of college.

Kim Benner (Pharmacy) was appointed to a one-year term on the Council for Therapeutics of the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists. She will serve from the summer of 2007 until the summer of 2008.

Nancy Biggio and **Lynette Sandley** (SIM/Core) attended a conference, "Uncovering the Heart of Higher Education; Integrative Learning for Compassionate Action in an Interconnected World," in San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 22-25.

Bobby Breed (Campus Safety) attended a polygraph seminar hosted by the Tennessee Polygraph Association in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., March 13-16.

Stuart Capper (Pharmacy) gave a poster presentation at the National Public Health Preparedness Summit in Washington, D.C., Feb. 21. The poster, "Partnering for Preparedness with Community Pharmacists," was coauthored with Pharm.D. candidate **Anthony P. Phelps** and **Andrew Webster** (Pharmacy). It was based on research by the authors showing that less than half the states include pharmacists in any substantive way in preparations for pandemic flu response.

John Carroll (Law) attended a meeting Feb. 23-24 of the drafting



Capper



Cates



Karaman



McCullough

committee of the Uniform Discovery of Electronic Records of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Carroll, the reporter to the committee, drafted a series of uniform rules for use in the state court system. The rules will be presented to the national conference for approval in July. On Feb. 28, Carroll was a featured speaker at the International Quality & Productivity third annual e-discovery conference in Berkeley, Calif.

Marshall Cates (Pharmacy) was appointed to the Council for Affiliate Relations of the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists. He will serve from the summer of 2007 until the summer of 2008.

Charles "Bo" Cole (Law) traveled to São Paulo, Brazil, March 16 to meet with present and prospective students in Cumberland School of Law's master of comparative law program. He lectured at the UniFMU Liberdade and Itaim campuses. Cole also lectured at the Advocacy Superior School, met with individual Brazilian judges and presided at a meeting of Cumberland's Brazilian alumni chapter in São Paulo.

Bill Collins (Political Science) made several presentations in February and March: "Constitutional Design and the Outset of Civil War" at the Civil Rights Institute for the Center for Civic Education; "The Medieval Origins of Modern Atheism," for New Horizons, University of Alabama at Birmingham; "Feuerbach's Atheism and Christian Sectarianism," Vestavia Hills Methodist Church adult Sunday school class; and "Aquinas on Being a Christian in the Modern Age," St. Paul's Cathedral.

Beulah Coyne (Divinity) designed and taught "Demystifying the Research Maze" for the Florida Christian Writer's Conference in Bradenton, Fla., March 1-4. Classes highlighted the use of written surveys for primary data in Christian writing.

Lyle Dorsett (Divinity) presented a series of lectures on the Spiritual Formation of C. S. Lewis to the

Chattanooga (Tenn.) C. S. Lewis Society March 2-3. He also did two radio broadcasts for WMBI (Chicago, Ill.): one on John Wesley's battle against slavery in the British Empire and one on military chaplains in World War II. He also recently preached at the Sunday morning service at the Church at Quail Creek, Hartselle, Ala.

Hugh Floyd (Sociology) was elected recently to the board of Samaritan Counseling Center. He presented a paper, "Transformation of an Urban Landscape from a Model Community to a Contaminated High Risk Environment: the Case of Anniston, Alabama," at the Southwestern Social Science Association meetings in Albuquerque, N. M., March 14-17.

Michael Floyd (Law) was quoted in the March 14 issue of the *Mobile Press-Register* for a story on declines in the number of bankruptcy filings.

Clara Gerhardt (Family Studies) presented three papers in Singapore at the "International Problem-Based Learning Symposium" at the Republic Polytechnic, an institution dedicated to PBL. She collaborated with **Mary Sue Baldwin** (Assessment; Teaching, Learning and Scholarship) and **Lisa McNeal** (Learning Applications Group) on two papers, "Integrating Technology in the PBL Classroom" and "Problem-Based Learning: The Journey." Gerhardt presented a workshop/tutorial on "Group Interactions in the PBL Classroom." All three presentations were published in the official symposium proceedings.

Chris Gillespie (Exercise Science and Sports Medicine) and **Tracy Ray, M.D.** (Athletics) attended the Inter-Associational Sickle-Cell Trait in Athletes Task Force meeting in Dallas, Texas, Feb. 17-18. Gillespie represented the National Athletic Trainers Association [NATA], and Ray the NCAA Competitive Safeguards Committee. Gillespie presented "Sickle-Cell Trait in the Competitive Athlete—A Common-Sense Approach" at the Southern District of the American Alliance for Health, Physical

Out & About cont. on page 4

INSIDE
Samford

Bill Nunnelle
Editor

Janica York Carter
Director of Creative Services

Laine Williams
Copy Editor

Scott Camp
Senior Graphic Designer

(205) 726-2800

(205) 726-2654 fax

wannunel@samford.edu

©2007 Samford University

Deadline for next issue:

April 13, 2007

Samford University is an Equal Opportunity Institution and welcomes applications for employment and educational programs from all individuals regardless of race, color, sex, age, disability, or national or ethnic origin.



April Calendar

(Birthdays are listed in red.)

Sunday, April 1

Patrick Chappell, Denise Gregory, Yolanda Long, Thomas Oliver, Jaroslaw Szurek, Joy Whatley, Ron Wilson

- 1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Jacksonville State, Joe Lee Griffin Field
- 2:30 p.m. Faculty Recital: *Randall Richardson*, tenor, Bolding Studio

Monday, April 2

Patricia Hodge

Tuesday, April 3

Barbara Cartledge, Sandra Willis

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Dr. Matt Kerlin*, minister to the university
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Dr. Patricia Outlaw*, associate professor, Beeson Divinity School, "Psalm 22"
- 1 p.m. School of Business Dean's Leadership Series: *Dr. Andrew Westmoreland*, president, speaker
- 7:30 p.m. Concert: University Chorale, Brock Recital Hall

Wednesday, April 4

Amber Deline, Linda Kicker, Louise White (ret.)

- Art Faculty Show, Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Mon.–Fri., through April 30
- 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Faculty Women's Club Coffee and Installation of 2007–08 officers, home of *Dr. Rosemary Fisk*, 1880 Shades Crest Road
- 6 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Mississippi State, Bulldog Field

Thursday, April 5

Kathryn Nichols, Patricia Pilon, Ralph Stone

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel, *Dr. Lowell Vann*, professor of art, and the Bells of Buchanan, directed by *Dr. Billy Strickland*, assistant dean, School of Performing Arts
- 11:30 a.m. Marie NeSmith Fowler Lecture, *Dr. Wanda Lee*, executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, speaker, Flag Colonnade
- 12–1 p.m. Global Center Luncheon: *Dr. Duane Elmer*, professor of international studies, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, speaker, ext. 2170 for reservations
- 7:30 p.m. Concert: Birmingham Art Music Alliance presents *Kathryn Fouse*, piano, and *Craig Hultgren*, cello, Brock Recital Hall

Friday, April 6

Roger Brown, Marie Guess, Danielle Johnson, Dennis Price, Lynette Sandley

- 1 p.m. Men's Tennis: Samford vs.

Tennessee Tech, Tennis Center

- 1 p.m. Women's Tennis: Samford vs. Tennessee Tech, Tennis Center
- 4 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Tennessee–Martin, Bulldog Field (DH)

Saturday, April 7

Pamela Nelson, Mary Rees

- 10 a.m. Women's Tennis: Samford vs. Lynn University, Tennis Center
- 1 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Tennessee–Martin, Bulldog Field

Sunday, April 8

Marci Edwards, Brenda Jones, Jimmy Tillet

Happy Easter!

Monday, April 9

Harry Brock III, Jeffery Leonard, Shawn Nutting, Milburn Price (ret.)

Easter Monday holiday
University closed

Tuesday, April 10

John Coleman, Fred Hendon, Roger Lander, Sandra O'Brien, Margeri Pitts, Gloria Russell

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Bridget Rose*, event coordinator, Hodges Chapel
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Father Benedict Groeschel*, founder, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, "Psalm 24"
- 1:30 p.m. Women's Tennis: Samford vs. Auburn–Montgomery, Tennis Center

Wednesday, April 11

Catherine Belew, Elizabeth Gambrell, Janice Teal (ret.)

Thursday, April 12

Dwayne Custer, Cindy Kennington, Suzanne Oberholster, Glenda Valdmanis, Allen Warren, Mary Wimberley

- 8 a.m.–12 p.m. Sessions of Alabama Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals, Wright Center Concert Hall
- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: 48-Hour Film Festival Top Three Films
- 4 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Nicholls State, Bulldog Field (DH)
- 7 p.m. Timothy Sumner Robinson Forum: *Leonard Downie, Jr.*, executive editor, *The Washington Post*, speaker, Brock Recital Hall

Friday, April 13

Randy McKinney, Leslie Pennington, Judith Steele

- 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Healthcare, Ethics and Law [HEAL] Conference, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Brock Forum
- 7:30 p.m. Guest Artist Recital: *Thomas Rosenkranz*, Brock Recital Hall

Saturday, April 14

Jae Dedo, Jeremy Gilbert, Bill Nunnelle, Kazuyo Sakurai, Stan Susina (ret.), Vernon Wesson

- 1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Southeast Missouri, Joe Lee Griffin Field (DH)
- 1 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Eastern Kentucky, Bulldog Field (DH)

Sunday, April 15

Andy Benson, Cheryl Cecil, Katie Ressie, Heather West

- 1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Southeast Missouri, Joe Lee Griffin Field
- 1 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Eastern Kentucky, Bulldog Field
- 3 p.m. Recital: School of Performing Arts Prep Music Teachers, Brock Recital Hall

Monday, April 16

Lee Allen (ret.), Catherine Evans, Terri Hubbell, Raymond King, Alan Lyons, Sarah Pugh, Frankie Tatum (ret.)

Tuesday, April 17

Kemper Baker, Lauren Bean, Amy Broesecker, Lyle Dorsett, John Whittington

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Erin Stewart*, Samford senior, Earth Week
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Dr. Darrell L. Bock*, research professor of New Testament, Dallas Theological Seminary, Biblical Studies Lectures, "Psalm 29"

Wednesday, April 18

John Cousins (ret.), John Harris

- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Dr. Darrell L. Bock*, research professor of New Testament, Dallas Theological Seminary, Biblical Studies Lectures, "Jesus in the Public Square"
- 3:30 p.m. Faculty ShopTalk: *Dr. Perry Tompkins*, chair, physics department, "Developing Scientists with a Christian Liberal Arts Education"
- 7 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Auburn, Hoover Metropolitan Stadium (now Regions Park)

Thursday, April 19

Lisa Beckham, Jennifer Deneke, Richard Esposito, Chris Nelson, W. D. Peebles (ret.), Keaton Scott, Heather Pennington, Terry Pickett

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Derek Webb*, singer/songwriter, Earth Week
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Dr. Darrell L. Bock*, research professor of New Testament, Dallas Theological Seminary, Biblical Studies Lectures, "Jesus in the Public Square"
- 1 p.m. School of Business Dean's Leadership Series: *Jane Siebels*, chief executive officer, Green Cay Asset Management, speaker
- 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Company*, Harrison Theatre, tickets ext. 2853

Friday, April 20

Brad Creed

- 11:45 a.m. What's Important to Me and Why Series, *Dr. Kelly Jensen*, associate professor, world languages and cultures, Flag Colonnade
- 4 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Tennessee State, Bulldog Field (DH)
- 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Company*, Harrison Theatre, tickets ext. 2853

Saturday, April 21

Leon Davis (ret.), Cottrell Haas, Phil Ratliff, Kevin Tooker, Melissa Ward

- Third Annual Old Howard 100 Bike Ride, Perry County
- 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Alabama Environmental Education Consortium [ALEEC] spring conference, Wright Center Concert Hall
- 1 p.m. Softball: Samford vs. Tennessee State, Bulldog Field
- 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Company*, Harrison Theatre, tickets ext. 2853

Sunday, April 22

John Bowman, Rob Fowler, Jim Haggard, David Hartley, Mary Martin (ret.), Timothy Mullins

- 2:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *Company*, Harrison Theatre, tickets ext. 2853

Monday, April 23

John Chatta, Charlotte Coleman, Martha Ralls, Jennifer Taylor, Lindsey Wade

Tuesday, April 24

Judi Aucoin, Henry Cornelius, James Felton, Pattie Harris, Cynthia Lohrke, Jack Nelson (ret.), Lori Northrup

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Mary Kathryn Covert*, Samford senior
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel; *Dr. Paul R. House*, associate dean, Beeson School of Divinity, "Psalms 148–150"
- 7:30 Concert: Samford Percussion Ensemble, Brock Recital Hall

Wednesday, April 25

Jimmy McDowell, Sydney Park, Ian Schwarting, Celia Tomas-Ojosnegros

Thursday, April 26

Michael Fagin, Kimberly Sims

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: Leadership and Service Awards Convocation
- 7 p.m. Perspectives on Latin America Colloquium, "Issues of Indigenous People," Brock Forum

Friday, April 27

Lurla Dennis (ret.), Laura Kennedy, Tim McRae, Amy Monroe

- 6 p.m. Lecture: *Nathaniel Philbrick*, author, *Mayflower*, presented by the Office of the Provost, Brock Forum
- 7:30 p.m. Samford OperaWorks: Opera Scenes, Bolding Studio

Saturday, April 28

Frank Glascock, Judy Stevens

- 1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Eastern Kentucky, Joe Lee Griffin Field (DH)

Sunday, April 29

Taylor Brannon, Karen Carlisle, Ben Edfeldt, Catherine Moore, Cathryn Tanner

- 1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Eastern Kentucky, Joe Lee Griffin Field

Monday, April 30

Alex Quinby, Jewell Riffe (ret.), Patricia Stanfield, Sandra Weinstein

(DH)—Doubleheader



Joys & Sorrows

Congratulations to . . .

- **Alyssa DiRusso** (Law) and her husband, Brian, on the Feb. 6 birth of their daughter, Lillian Elizabeth DiRusso
- **Nancy Miller** (Student Records) and her husband, Ray (Mathematics and Computer Science), on the Feb. 21 birth of their grandson, Ethan Patrick Miller, to parents Blake and Nikki Topham Miller, both Samford alumni
- **Renee and Brian Pitts** (University Ministries) on the March 14 birth of their son, Owen Curtis Pitts

Sympathy is expressed to . . .

- **Paul Aucoin** (Academic Services) and his wife, Judi (University Relations), in the March 15 death of Paul's sister, Mary Delabrettonne, of Thibodaux, La.
- **Geri Beers** (Nursing) in the March death of her mother, Virginia Ruth Smith Wood, of Birmingham
- **Timothy George** (Divinity) in the Feb. 28 death of his mother, Nancy Norman George, of North Lafayette, Ga.
- **Debbie Hill** (Post Office) in the March 11 death of her daughter, Mary Connor, of Carlin, Nev.
- **Paul House** (Divinity) and his wife, Heather, in the March death of her grandmother, Ardola Turley of Vandalia, Ill.
- **Mary Ann Tomlinson** (Compliance) in the March death of her mother, Verna Brooks, of Andalusia, Ala.
- **Mary White** (Art) in the March 22 death of her mother, Betty Gilbert White, of Birmingham

NEW FACES

(February)

- Diane F. Blakney (*Football*)
 Cynthia H. Brown (*Admission*)
 Katy W. Crowson (*University Relations*)
 Brian L. Kennedy (*Admission*)

Transfer

- Azalea M. Whitcomb
 (*Admission, from Human Resources*
Temporary Associate)

Retired

- Jerri Dorough
 (*Accounting and Financial Services*)
 Faye Howell
 (*Associate Dean of Students Office*)

Out & About cont. from page 2

Education, Recreation and Dance in Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 17.

Michael Hogue (Pharmacy) presented a continuing education seminar titled "Strategies for Improving Adult Immunization Rates" at the American Council on Aging annual conference in Chicago, Ill., March 8.

Randolph Horn (Political Science) directed the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama [PARCA] accountability and state government poll in January, and presented results at PARCA's annual meeting Feb. 1. Among other issues, the statewide, random-digit-dialed survey assessed support for government reform proposals, including those in Governor Riley's 2010 agenda. Area political scientists **Tatyana Karaman** (Institutional Effectiveness), and **Jim Williams** and **Joe Adams** [PARCA] played prominent roles in questionnaire design, analysis and graphic design. Horn gave a presentation Feb 16 entitled "Integrating the State Constitution into the Public School Curriculum" to Educating for Citizenship, the Center for Law and Civic Education's annual statewide meeting for educators.

Tatyana Karaman (Institutional Effectiveness), and **Fred Shepherd** and **Randolph Horn** (Political Science) presented a paper entitled "Morality and Marketing: New Constraints on American Foreign Policy" at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in Chicago, Ill., Feb. 28-March 3. Also presenting at the conference, which rarely accepts undergraduate work, were two undergraduate political scientists: **Austin Campbell**, "Planting the Seed of Development: The Effects of Political Stability on Economic Growth," and **Jennifer Wilmore**, "The IMF and Conditionality in Latin America."

Ken Kirby (Core) completed an oral history of communities along Five Mile Creek in northern Jefferson County. His article, "Phenomenology and the Problems of Oral History," has been accepted for publication by *The Oral History Review*.

Paul Kuruk (Law) participated in a symposium held at the Loyola University of Chicago School of Law Feb. 14-15 on the theme "The Rule of Law and Delivering Justice in Africa."

Marcia McCormick (Law) will speak at the Alabama State Bar Association's Mandatory Professionalism Training program, sponsored this year by the Cumberland School of Law continuing legal education department.

Her presentation will be on community service and pro bono service.

Scott McGinnis will present a paper, "Almost Persuaded: Indeterminacy in the English Puritan Dialogue," at the American Society of Church History's spring meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, April 12-14, and will chair a session entitled "Religion and Secularization." On April 21, he will lead a discussion on "Jesus and Justice" at the Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship meeting at Shades Crest Baptist Church.

Mary McCullough (World Languages and Cultures) presented "Life of Women in Present-Day Egypt" to New Horizons at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Feb. 21. She also presented "Integrating the Study of Egypt into a Cultural Perspectives Course" at the Fulbright-Hays Egypt Follow-Up Conference at Yale University March 2-4.

Philip Poole (University Relations) was named to the Communications Commission of the Baptist World Alliance. The commission oversees communications and promotion for the world's largest Baptist organization.

Milburn Price (Performing Arts, ret.) presented a lecture at Bryan College, Dayton, Tenn., March 16 at a conference on "Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs: Reflections on the 'Worship Wars.'"

Keith Putt (Philosophy) delivered a presentation entitled "Icon or Idol? Reflections on Theological Imagination" for the SGA Lectures Series at the University of Mobile.

Paul Richardson (Music) contributed two chapters to a recently published *Festschrift* honoring Hugh T. McElrath, Jr., long-time professor of church music at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, now retired. One chapter, "George Cook Sedwick and A Selection of Hymns and Spiritual Songs (1815)," explores a hymnal produced in Winchester, Va., by a pastor who later became one of the founders of Denison University. The other chapter is an "Appreciation" of his experience as McElrath's student and colleague. The book, *Hearts and Minds in Praise of God*, was published by Providence House. Richardson is among the exemplary alumni recognized by Mars Hill (N.C.) College as part of its sesquicentennial in *Streams of Service*, a book that is part of Mars Hill's service-learning program.

Robin Roberts (Sociology) and sociology major **Julie Amann** made a presentation before the 25th annual Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium in Atlanta, Ga.,

Feb. 24 on "Bring Deviance Home: Integrating Theories of Deviance into the Family Vacation Experience."

Allen Ross (Divinity) served as a teacher at the Bible Conference on the Upper Room Discourse, New Bern, N.C., March 23-25.

Lynette Sandley (SIM/Core) served on a service-learning panel at Alabama State University March 10. The panel presented models of service learning as integrative learning through varied academic disciplines.

Howard Walthall (Law) met March 9-10 as part of the drafting committee developing an "Omnibus Business Organizations Code," a project sponsored by the American Bar Association Corporate Law Section and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. He is the project reporter. ■

SoCon cont. from page 1

and students expect for Samford."

Samford Athletics Director Bob Roller said the invitation to join Southern "speaks volumes about the progression of Samford athletics," but added, "This move is not without emotion, as we leave very good friends in the OVC."

Samford has compiled a record of success in the OVC, including 11 team titles, nine coaches of the year, four straight women's soccer titles, the 2004 women's all-sports championship and a number of superlatives achieved by individual athletes. ■

April Events cont. from page 1

Mayflower, presented by the Office of the Provost, April 27, Brock Forum, 6 p.m.

Most programs are free and open to the public. The Marie NeSmith Fowler Lecture is a luncheon requiring reservations to have been made by March 30. In addition, a number of other thought-provoking programs are scheduled for April, one of the busiest months of the academic year. See the Calendar on page three for details. ■