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Alabama Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster and Friends

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 19
Brock Recital Hall
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Strange To Lead Students In Israel Archaeology Course

Religion professor James Strange and six Samford students will spend a month in Israel this summer excavating the site of Sepphoris, the capital of Galilee during the time of Jesus. The town is three miles from Nazareth.



James Strange

"Most people do not know that Jesus grew up and worked until around the age of 30 within just a couple of hours' walk of a large, fortified Roman city," said Dr. Strange. "He likely would have made his way to the city center at some point.

"But our questions are much broader and have to do with the role that Sepphoris played in the Galilee over the centuries," he added.

The activity is part of a new summer course taught by Strange, Field Methods in Archaeology (Religion 393). The Samford group will be part of excavations conducted by the University of South Florida directed by Strange's

father, Dr. James F. Strange.

The students will study skills that will make them invaluable to any other excavation in the region and in the U.S, including interpreting finds.

"The students will bring fresh eyes to a project that has been ongoing since

1983," said Samford's Strange. "Inquisitive students tend to ask their area supervisors and directors, 'How do you know that?' It compels us to explain things beyond the superficial level and encourages us to hear different interpretations of the same data that we've been looking at for decades."

The Samford group includes Tommy Archer, Aaron Carr, Caroline May, Anna Wilgus, Jack Wilgus and Ruthie Wilkerson. Former Samford student Leiser Watkins is also accompanying the group. In addition to excavation work, they will visit other archaeological sites as well as Jerusalem,

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Communications Wins Eight RCC Awards

Seasons magazine and the Samford 2008 President's Report won Best of Class awards in the annual DeRose-Hinkhouse Memorial Awards competition sponsored by the Religion Communicators Council [RCC].

Seasons won Best of Class and an Award of Excellence in the national magazine category. The 2008 President's Report was Best

of Class and an Award of Excellence winner in the annual report competition.

The awards were among eight won by Samford's Office of Communications in the annual RCC national competition. Philip Poole, executive director of communications, accepted the awards March 28 at RCC's annual confer-

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Samford to Graduate 822

Samford will graduate about 822 seniors during commencement programs in May. This year's schedule will be similar to last year's program, with five schools holding individual ceremonies and three others graduating as a group. Following is the schedule of events with speakers.

Wednesday, May 6

- 11 a.m., Beeson School of Divinity, Hodges Chapel, Bishop James L. Davis, presiding prelate, Ninth Episcopal District (Alabama), African Methodist Episcopal Church

Friday, May 15

- 10 a.m., McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Wright Center, R. Clayton McWhorter, chairman, Clayton Associates, Franklin, Tenn.
- 1 p.m., Brock School of Business, Wright Center, Neal Wade, direc-

tor, Alabama Development Office, Montgomery, Ala.

- 3:30 p.m., Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, Wright Center, Dr. Fay Raines, president, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Huntsville, Ala.

- 4-5 p.m., President's Reception, Ben Brown Plaza

- 6 p.m., Baccalaureate ceremony, Wright Center

Saturday, May 16

- 10 a.m., School of the Arts, Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies, and Howard College of Arts and Sciences, Pete Hanna Center

- 3 p.m., Cumberland School of Law, Wright Center, Judge Susan Webber Wright, U.S. District Judge, Little Rock, Ark. ■



About 235 cyclists took part in the fifth annual Old Howard 100 Bike Ride through Perry, Hale and Dallas counties Saturday, April 18.



Out & About

Janet Alexander (Nursing) delivered the keynote address at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga's School of Nursing research conference April 9. Her topic was "Integrating Evidence-based Practice and Research into Nursing Education and Practice."

Jonathan Bass (History) delivered the paper, "Lonesome and Dry as a Bone: William Logan Martin Jr. and Prohibition in Alabama, 1915-1917," at the annual meeting of the Alabama Historical Association in Tuscaloosa, Ala., April 25. Bass was the keynote speaker April 29 at the judicial conference of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in Birmingham. He spoke on "The Civilizing Hand of Law: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Birmingham Civil Rights Campaign."

Carl Beckwith (Divinity) published a chapter, "Suffering without Pain: The Scandal of Hilary of Poitiers' Christology," in the book *In the Shadow of the Incarnation: Essays on Jesus Christ in the Early Church in Honor of Brian E. Daley, S.J.*, edited by Peter W. Martens and published in 2008 by University of Notre Dame Press.

Kim Benner (Pharmacy) was awarded fellowship in the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists [ASHP]. Only 587 people in the nation have received this honor of sustained excellence in health-system pharmacy and service to ASHP.

Gary Bumgarner (Pharmacy) recently had an article, "Surface Engineering of Microparticles by Novel Protein Transfer for Targeted Antigen/Drug Delivery," accepted by the *Journal of Controlled Release*, a leading journal in his field of pharmaceuticals. He was first author with collaborators at Emory University School of Medicine and Mercer University School of Pharmacy. The research deals with potential applications in vaccine design.

Tzu-Ling Sarana Chou (Arts) had two recent music compositions, *Rain Phantasy* and *Three Miniatures*, performed at the University of North Texas on April 2. Earlier, *The New York Times* gave a favorable review to the Women Composers' Work Series at the Greenwich House Concert Hall in New York, N.Y., March 18. Chou performed her *Quadro Parlante* for solo piano as part of the program.

Jill Cunningham and **Leigh Ann Poole** (Nursing) collaborated on a podium presentation, "Integrating the Publication Process in Course Design to Fill Knowledge Gaps Related to Vulnerable Populations," and a poster presentation, "DNP Curriculum: Development of a Resource Planning Course," that were accepted for the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties annual meeting in Portland, Ore., in April.

Grant Dalton (Music) spent much of April working nights as the percussionist for all 21 shows of the touring Broadway show, *Wicked*. The shows ran April 3-19 at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Center theater.

Theresa Davidson (Sociology) served as a session moderator and presented "Does Place Matter: Attitudes toward Immigration in the South" at the Southern



Dalton



Krumdieck



McGinnis



Willis

Sociological Society annual meeting in New Orleans, La., April 4.

Betsy Dobbins (Biological and Environmental Sciences) presented a poster, "Sediment Load and Macroinvertebrate Diversity in Five Mile Creek Upstream and Downstream of Dolcito Quarry," with students **Scottie Jackson** and **Kylie Harmon** at the Alabama Academy of Science Meeting at the University of West Alabama.

David Finn (Education and Professional Studies, CLC) presented "Twice Exceptional: Gifted Students with Asperger's Disorder, Successful Strategies for Home and School," coauthored by **Patti Wood** (Education and Professional Studies), at the 2009 Council for Exceptional Children [CEC] Convention and Expo in Seattle, Wash., April 4.

Hugh Floyd and **Jeannie Cross** (Sociology) presented, "An Examination of Factors Affecting the Transgenerational Trauma of Persons Resulting from Construction of Fontana Lake, Swaine County, North Carolina," at the Southern Sociological Society meeting April 1-4 in New Orleans, La.

Kathryn Fouse, **Don Sanders** and **Ron Shinn** (Music) presented a workshop, "iPods, YouTube and Podcasts in the Studio," at the national conference of the Music Teachers National Association in Atlanta, Ga., March 31.

Clara Gerhardt (Family Studies) attended a March workshop entitled "The Contested Family" presented by the Family and Parenting Institute of the United Kingdom at the House of Commons in London. **Kathy Gardner**, Samford Study Abroad coordinator, also attended.

Brian Gregory (Chemistry) had his proposal to the American Chemical Society's Petroleum Research Fund [ACS-PRF] funded for \$65,000. It will be used mainly to pay research stipends to summer research students over a three-year period.

Harold Goss, Jr. (University Library) presented "Semester-Long Library Instruction Through Blackboard" at the Alabama Library Association's annual conference in Auburn, Ala., April 7-10. He and **Lori Northrup** (University Library) presented "Collaborations that Promote Information Literacy (University Perspective)."

Steve Harmon (Divinity) had his theological album review, "Grace Inside a Sound—U2, No Line on the Horizon," published by Associated Baptist Press. He was guest for "Talk from the Heart" on KRBT Radio in Los Angeles, Calif., March 6, offering theological reflections on the same album.

Robert Hensarling, **Alan Jung**, **John Petrella** (Exercise Science and Sports Medicine) and student **Angela Dempski** presented "An Assessment of Strength, Power and Body Mass Index of NCAA Division I Female Volleyball Players" at the Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association annual Clinical Symposium March 19 in Panama City Beach, Fla.

Michael Hogue (Pharmacy) was inducted as a Fellow of the American Pharmacists Association at the organization's annual meeting April 2-6 in San Antonio, Texas.

Ronald Hunsinger (Biological and Environmental Sciences) and Samford nursing student **Joy**

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MayCalendar

(Birthdays are listed in red.)

Friday, May 1

Patricia Kuntz, Ginger Robertson
• Davis Library Art Exhibit: Earth Day Show (through May 2)
• Samford Showcase: Undergraduate Research Presentations
• 7 p.m. University Ministries presents *A Night of Performing Arts*, Brock Recital Hall
• 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *High Society*, Harrison Theatre, www.samfordartstickets.com

Saturday, May 2

• 7:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *High Society*, Harrison Theatre, www.samfordartstickets.com

Sunday, May 3

Jack Berry, Michael DeBow, Robert Schrimsher, Andrea Ward
• 2:30 p.m. Samford Theatre: *High Society*, Harrison Theatre, www.samfordartstickets.com
• 3 p.m. Super Jazz Big Band Concert, Brock Recital Hall

Monday, May 4

Jessie Baker (ret.), Bob Greene, Joyce Johnson (ret.), Raymond Johnson, Andrew Konitzer
• 7 p.m. Gospel Choir Concert, Reid Chapel

Tuesday, May 5

Matthew Aiken, Rita Cantrell, Evelyn Lynn (ret.), Heather Mitchell, Jeff Whitcomb
• 6 p.m. Concert: Birmingham Children's Choir, Reid Chapel
• 7:30 p.m. Concert: Samford University Orchestra, Brock Recital Hall

Wednesday, May 6

Abi Haas, Mike Morris, Becca Wilson
• 11 a.m. Beeson School of Divinity Service of Consecration and Commencement, Hodges Chapel

Thursday, May 7

Gail Barton, Rachel Carden, Regina Coleman, Ralph Gold, Rick Hinkle
• 10 a.m. Full Faculty Meeting, Brock Forum

Friday, May 8

Spring Semester classes end
• 6 p.m. Dedication, The Bolding Garden, adjacent to Swearingen Hall

• 6:30 p.m. Performance: *Feliciana Feydra Le Roux*, Bolding Gardens

Saturday, May 9

Tim Banks, Jason Black, Eva Click, Bradley Harris, Jeanette Lincecum
• 10 a.m. Preparatory Music Department: Prep Stars recital and Awards Ceremony, Brock Recital Hall and 202-A Brock Hall
• 1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Georgia Southern, Joe Lee Griffin Field (DH)
• 6:30 p.m. Performance: *Feliciana Feydra Le Roux*, Bolding Gardens

Sunday, May 10

Kathryn Gardner, Nancy Hartin, Grant Lyons, Glenda Martin, Jeff Wallace
• 12–5 p.m. Preparatory Music Department Student Recitals, Brock Recital Hall
• 1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Georgia Southern, Joe Lee Griffin Field

Monday, May 11

Candia Cole, Stan Davis, Diane Ellis (ret.), Faye Howell (ret.), Nancy Hughes, Larry Kloess
• Final Exams
• Graduating Senior Art Exhibition, Swearingen Hall Art Gallery, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., through May 15

Tuesday, May 12

Tim Covington (ret.), Rosemary Fisk, Ashley Martin
• Final Exams
• 6 p.m. Spain Park High School Spring Concert, Reid Chapel

Wednesday, May 13

Arcie Bonds (ret.), Michael Garrett, John Knapp, Lauren Thompson, Annie Wheeler (ret.), Jim Williams
• Final Exams

Thursday, May 14

Bo Cole (ret.), Tan Hall, Josh Reeves
• Final Exams

Friday, May 15

Janice Lasseter (ret.), Elaine Moody, Karlo Senasi
Commencement Weekend
• 10 a.m. McWhorter School of Pharmacy Commencement, Wright Center Concert Hall
• 10 a.m. Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Reid Chapel
• 10 a.m. Air Force ROTC Commissioning Ceremony, Hodges Chapel
• 1 p.m. Brock School of Business Commencement, Wright Center Concert Hall
• 3:30 p.m. Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Commencement, Wright Center
• 4–5 p.m. President's Reception

• 6 p.m. Baccalaureate Service, Wright Center
• 7 p.m. (approx.) Reception for Graduating Senior Art Students, Swearingen Hall Art Gallery following Baccalaureate Service

Saturday, May 16

Robert Cameron, Marcia McCormick, Bill Strickland, Patricia Outlaw
Commencement Weekend
• 10 a.m. School of the Arts, Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies and Howard College of Arts and Sciences Commencement, Pete Hanna Center
• 3 p.m. Cumberland School of Law Commencement, Wright Center Concert Hall

Sunday, May 17

Kristie Chandler, Ken Mathews, Anethia Reliford (ret.)

Monday, May 18

Keith Deakle, Paul Hall (ret.), Azalea Hulbert, Eric Olson, Robin Snyder, Deborah Young
• 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Employee Appreciation Picnic

Tuesday, May 19

Ernestine Bodie (ret.), Candace Hudson, Patricia Sillavan (ret.)
• 7:30 p.m. Concert: Alabama Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster and Friends, Mozart's Sonata No. 21 in E Minor, Quintet in E-flat major and Quartet No. 1 in G Minor, Brock Recital Hall, www.alabamasymphony.org

Wednesday, May 20

Jack Brymer (ret.), Pat Campbell, Carolyn Crocker, Ashley Floyd, Lori Hill
• 7 p.m. Mountain Brook High School Graduation, Wright Center Concert Hall

Thursday, May 21

Keith Abrams, Frances Carter (ret.), Patrice Donnelly, John Garris, Mary Hudson (ret.), Alice Martin, Stefan Norrbom, John Ray (ret.)
• 7 p.m. Spain Park High School Graduation, Wright Center Concert Hall

Friday, May 22

Rachael Bailes, Linda Connor, Becca Williamson (ret.)
• 7 p.m. Homewood High School Graduation, Wright Center Concert Hall

Saturday, May 23

Josh Bearden, Jason Wicker

Sunday, May 24

Sandra Brinson, Leslie Carlisle, Ken Cook, Steven Gladden, Felisa Hsu, George Keller, Maria Sojos

• 2 p.m. Birmingham School of Law Graduation, Wright Center Concert Hall

Monday, May 25

Sara Berry, Paul House, Daniel Mitchell
Memorial Day Holiday
University closed

Tuesday, May 26

Mike Grace, Angela Ferguson, Ronda Lee, Keith Putt, Robert Smith, Judith Vinzant

Wednesday, May 27

Andy Montgomery, Marione Nance, Jonathan Parker, Lisa Pickett

Thursday, May 28

John Arnold, Chris Doss (ret.), William Hull (ret.), Kara Kennedy, Mary Lewis

Friday, May 29

April Arendall, Aaron Farrow, Anton Fourie, Mike McCormack, Charles McGuire, John Morgan

Sunday, May 31

Kathryn Fouse, Betty Legg (ret.), Cynthia Medbery, Marilyn Wright (ret.) ■

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ence in Boston, Mass.

Other Awards of Excellence went to *Table Grace: A Biblical Call to Hospitality*, designed by Scott Camp for Beeson Divinity School, in the booklet category, and to the 2008–2009 admission campaign designed by the communications staff in the integrated marketing category.

Certificates of Merit went to Poole and Camp for their Learning Center note cards in the miscellaneous category, and to Carissa Bradley for her 2008 summer update in the website design category. ■

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Qumran and Masada.

Strange's mother is camp director of the Sepphoris dig. His three sisters have served on the dig staff in the past, including one who has a Ph.D. in Islamic archaeology from the University of Chicago. For more information, go to www.samford.edu/schools/artsci/religion/ or www.samford.edu/schools/artsci/religion/studyabroad.html. ■

Joys & Sorrows

Congratulations to . . .

- **Brooke Gilreath** (Education and Professional Studies) on her May 23 marriage to Daniel Karr
- **Tommy Rohling** (Athletics) and his wife, Christine, on the March 16 birth of their daughter, Chaney Champion Rohling
- **Dana Springall** (University Library) on her April 18 marriage to Robert Webster

Sympathy is expressed to . . .

- The family and friends of former professor **James Beasley** (Chemistry, ret.) of Birmingham, who died March 19
- **Janet Goodwin** (Payroll), her husband, **David** (University Relations), and her mother, **Jean Thomason** (Library, ret.) in the death of Janet's father and Jean's husband, Wayne Thomason, April 20 in Birmingham
- **Jim Reburn** (Business) in the March 23 death of his mother, Doris Reburn of Mt. Carmel, Ill.
- The family and friends of Samford Trustee **Barbara Thorne** of Jasper, Ala., who died March 23 after a year-long battle with cancer
- **Gerry Waters** (PARCA) in the April 7 death of her father, S. Jay Roberts of Birmingham
- **Laurie Zimmer** (Law) in the March 18 death of her mother, Jan Hudson, of Irondale



Samford Gets Award from National Safety Council

Samford was a 2009 Recipient of an Occupational Excellence Achievement Award from the National Safety Council. This award recognizes participants that had injuries and illnesses equal to or less than 50 percent of the Bureau of Labor Statistics figures for their National Classification Industry System [NAICS] Code. In the colleges and universities category, Samford rated below the normal assigned rate classification. Jim Clement is director of risk management and insurance at Samford.

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Joseph Al-Massaad made a presentation, "A Retrospective Epidemiology Study of Drain Cleaner Accidents in the United States 1996–2006," at the 2009 Alabama Academy of Science.

Emily Hynds (Mathematics) gave an invited lecture for the Mathematics Colloquium at Birmingham-Southern College April 7, "Mathematics and Puzzles."

John Knapp (Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership) was a panelist at a symposium of Belmont University's Center for Business Ethics. He also gave presentations to Homewood Rotary Club and Shades Mountain Sunrise Rotary Club.

Andrew Konitzer (Political Science) made a presentation, "Party Systems and the EU Accession Process in Serbia and Croatia," at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars' East European Studies Center in Washington, D.C. He also accompanied the Samford Model United Nations Team to the National Model United Nations Conference in New York City in April. The team participated in a four-day simulation representing the country of Macedonia.

Jeannie Krumdieck (Interior Design) was consultant for two winning designs in the International Interior Design Association [IIDA] Alabama Chapter biannual awards competition. Her designs won Best of Residential for the total renovation of a Destin, Fla., condominium and Best of Show for the offices of her husband's firm, Krumdieck A+I Design.

Laura Lee (Paralegal Studies) will publish an article, "Building Paralegal Association Partnerships to Create Career Opportunities for Graduates," in the spring issue of *The Paralegal Educator*.

Scott McGinnis (Religion) taught a series of lessons at the Baptist Church of the Covenant Feb. 22 and March 8 entitled "Tolerance and Freedom in Christian Thought." It was part of the church's School for Christian Living series. He spoke at Vestavia

Hills Baptist Church April 22 on "Baptist Beginnings and Religious Freedom."

Chris Metress (University Fellows) participated in a Regional Faculty Conference devoted to developing game simulations that are part of the "Reacting to the Past" pedagogy. This pedagogy originated at Barnard College and is used in more than 250 institutions. Metress participated in a workshop seeking to develop a module on "The Struggle for Civil Rights: Birmingham to Memphis, 1963–66."

Lori Northrup (University Library) presented "A Thousand Words: Using Jing® to Add Visual Aids to Online Reference Transactions" April 8 at the 2009 Alabama Library Association convention in Auburn, Ala.

Renee Pitts (University Ministries) visited the International Learning Center in Rockville, Va., April 1-4 for a meeting of Baptist university missions mobilizers.

Jennifer Rahn (Geography) coauthored the undergraduate research presentation, "A Sense of Place: Mapping the Collections of the Birmingham Museum of Art," at the Association of American Geographers annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nev., March 22. She was also nominated as chair of the Coastal and Marine Geography specialty group.

Chuck Sands (Education and Professional Studies) presented "Exercise Is Medicine" to the Birmingham Dietetics Association April 16.

Dennis Sansom (Philosophy) recently taught World Religions for the Baptist Church of the Covenant School for Christian Living.

Sharron Schlosser and **Margie Findlay** (Nursing) presented a paper, "Using e-Portfolios to Assess Nurse Educator Competencies," at the Alabama League for Nursing annual meeting at Point Clear, Ala., April 3.

Joe Scrivner (Religion) taught a three-week series on Wednesday nights in March at Edgewood Presbyterian Church. He also preached at Sixth Avenue Baptist Church April 19 and spoke at the

Human Relations Conference of the Board of Missions, Alabama Baptist State Convention April 20–21 in Talladega, Ala.

Bill Service (Business) published an article, "The Leadership Quotient: Measuring toward Improvement," in the April 2009 issue of *Business Renaissance Quarterly*.

Pamela Sims (Pharmacy) presented a seven-hour continuing education program for The Louisiana Academy of Continuing Dental Education in cooperation with Louisiana State University School of Dentistry Continuing Dental Education at the LSU School of Dentistry in New Orleans, La, March 20. Her topic was "Medications that are Important to Dentistry, a Pharmacology Update," and "Drug Abuse: Its Impact on Dentistry, a Brief Overview."

Belle Stoddard (Law) was reappointed by the Alabama Supreme Court to the Alabama Pattern Jury Instructions [APJI] Committee-Civil for a term ending in 2012. The Committee is rewriting the APJI into plain English and also updating jury instructions to conform to current appellate court holdings. Stoddard noted that new technology brings new problems for the APJI, such as mistrials because of jurors "googling" questions and "twittering" jury verdicts.

Larry Thompson (Art) is exhibiting several art works as part of the TAF 2009 Invitational Art Exhibition at the TAF Gallery, Nashville, Tenn. The exhibition opened April 25.

Sandra Willis (Psychology) received the Southeastern Psychological Association [SEPA] annual Mentor Award for 2008 at the SEPA meeting in February in New Orleans, La. This prestigious award is given to a professor and SEPA member who has made a significant impact on the professional development of students.

Don Wilson (History, ret.) has published a book, *Alabama Bomber Boys: Unlocking Memories of Alabamians Who Bombed the Third Reich*. The book is available from the publisher, Heritage Books.com, and Amazon.com. ■