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An Evening with Chuck Colson

Sunday, July 17, 7 p.m.
Wright Center

Quotable

Samford faculty experts share thoughts with media.

John Mayfield (History) to *Reuters* May 14 on Alabama's long tradition of lending neighbors a helping hand, such as in the recent storm aftermath

"It was barn-raisings, house-raisings and harvest sharing. They turned to each other," he said, noting that Alabama was first populated by Native Americans, Celts and African-American slaves, all groups with tribal origins.

Melissa Woodley (Business) to *Reuters Business News & Financial News* April 21 on the effect of Standard & Poor's downgrade of Jefferson County school warrants, which are backed by a sales tax pledge

"Given everything else, it's not that impactful. . . . It's a warning shot. We know that Jefferson County has a problem." She said the S&P decision is unlikely to weaken the county's ability to present a plan to creditors or to restructure its general fund finances.

Jennings Marshall (Business) to *Reuters* April 29 on the economic impact of devastating tornadoes that hit Alabama April 27

"It's going to be a very significant negative for at least two or three quarters, if not more, for the whole state. Since the economy's already been struggling, if you just take 3–4 percentage points from the state that's a big impact at the margin." ■

Genealogy Institute Popular as Ever, Fills Classes in One Day for June Event

When Samford opened registration for its annual Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research [IGHR] on Jan. 18, nine of the 10 courses filled that day.

"Our debut course, German Genealogical Research, filled in nine minutes," said IGHR director Della Darby.

That response six months before the June 12–17 institute underscores what knowledgeable genealogy students have known for years: that Samford's program is one of the most highly respected in the nation. The nationally known institute, cosponsored by the Board for Certification of Genealogists in Washington, D.C., provides a week of intensive study led by prominent genealogy educators. It dates from the 1960s.

"We have 276 students enrolled this summer," said Darby. "They hail from 39 states, the District of Columbia, an APO, and Canada."

Darby said that's about as many students as the institute can reasonably accommodate with its 30-member faculty. "We like to keep our student-teacher ratio small so that students have the opportunity to interact with the faculty."

Ten academically-oriented courses in tracing family lines are offered ranging from a beginner's class to specialized topics such as land records, military records, Irish genealogical research, advanced methodology and evidence analysis, and others.

Why the interest in the new German course?

"A lot of Americans have German ancestry, and we have had people asking for such a course for a long time," said Darby. "I'm not sure if anyone

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Samford Goes Mobile

Keeping in touch with Samford University is now easier than ever, thanks to mobile apps being released in May by Samford's Technology Services Office and its Office of Marketing and Communication.

The Samford Mobile project aims to funnel university communication and IT services into the palms of students' hands. Release 1 begins with the launch of Samford Mobile for Android, followed shortly by Samford Mobile for iPhone. BlackBerry support is being planned for a later release.

Subscribers will be able to access a variety of apps, including Samford videos, social media, athletics, course schedules, campus directory, grades, maps, cafeteria menus and news.

To register for mobile apps, go to https://market.android.com/details?id=com.samford_university.samfordmobile on your Android device or search for Samford in the Android market. ■

Almost 1,200 Expected For First Summer Term

Samford will begin the summer session Wednesday, June 1, with about 1,188 students enrolled for the first term.

Some students will do their summer study far from the Homewood campus. About 39 students will be based at Daniel House in London. Another 36 will study Spanish language and culture in Madrid and Salamanca, Spain.

Other students will study in Scotland, Germany, Ecuador, Peru, France, Israel, South Africa, Guatemala, Italy and Jordan.

Three orientation sessions for new freshman are scheduled in June, and another in August. About 707 new freshmen are expected. ■

Jazz to Benefit Porter Scholarship

Grammy-winning guitarist Earl Klugh and jazz guitarist Eric Essix will headline a Samford jazz concert Saturday, June 4, at 7 p.m. in Brock Recital Hall. The event, sponsored by WVSU 91.1 in partnership with Hoover's fifth annual Preserve Jazz Festival, will benefit the Rev. John T. Porter Minority Scholarship at Samford.

Tickets to the Samford concert Prelude are $75, and include admission to the festival the following day. VIP tickets are available for $125.

The Preserve Jazz Festival is Sunday, June 5, in Hoover. It will feature Klugh, Essix, Eric Darius

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Out & About

Angela Ansah, Pattie Neill and Jodi Newton (Education and Professional Studies) published a paper, "Who's on First in Distance Education," in the *Online Journal of Distance Learning Administration,* Spring 2011, Vol. 14, Issue 1.

Danielle Cruthirds, Erika Cretton-Scott, Mary Monk-Tutor and Teresa Wilborn (Pharmacy), with 2010 pharmacy graduate Amy Nelson, published "Biochemistry and Pathophysiology Instruction in U. S. Colleges and Schools of Pharmacy: Faculty and Course Characteristics and Faculty Perceptions of Student Preparedness," in *Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning,* April 2011; 3(2); 137-147.

Grant Dalton (Music) played percussion on a series of concerts at Vulcan Park with violinist Karen Bentley Pollick and the Alabama Ballet as a part of Vulcan Park's "Class On The Grass" series (daily from May 2 through May 5). They played the concert again on Mother's Day as a fund-raiser for the tornado victims in Alabama.

Larry Davenport (Biology) published a paper, "New to Alabama: Ranunculus ficaria," in the March 2011 issue of *Castanea.* It documents the occurrence of a potentially invasive plant species found by emeritus professor **Mike Howell** (Biology, ret.).

Woodie Eubanks (Golf) was named Southern Conference Coach of the Year after leading Samford to a fourth-place finish in the conference championships. It was Samford's highest finish since joining the conference. The team was comprised of four sophomores and a senior.

Kathy Flowers (Core Curriculum) and **Bridget Rose** (Academic Success Center) presented at the international PBL conference of FACiLiTATE, the Irish Enquiry and Problem Based Learning Network, at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, May 26–27. Their paper was entitled, "How Do We Get from Here to Havana? A Case Study of Problem-Based Learning in the Core Curriculum at Samford University."

Greg Gorman (Pharmacy) had four students in his research elective make presentations to faculty and Samford benefactor William Propst April 26. The students were Amy Boyles, Adam Cunningham, William Bryson and John Higginbotham.

Betsy Holloway (Business) will participate in the annual Aspen Institute Ideas Festival in Aspen, Colo., as an Ideas Scholar Fellow of the Aspen Institute. The event, held on the campus of the Aspen Institute in Aspen, includes an array of global policymakers, scholars, historians, journalists, business leaders, academics and social entrepreneurs who meet to discuss some of the world's most pressing issues, problems, and potential solutions. Holloway will attend a global gathering of marketing thought leaders at the Academy of Marketing Science World Marketing Congress in Reims, France, July 19–23, where she will present a research project entitled, "Responding to Customers' 'Gray' Requests: The Service Employee Dilemma."

Dalton

Holloway

S. Martin

Shepherd

Cathlena Martin (Core Curriculum) will present a paper, "Cory Doctorow's Mission: Empowering and Training Adolescents in Technological Subversiveness," at the annual Children's Literature Association Conference in Roanoke, Va., June 23–25. She has also been elected as co-editor of the *Children's Literature Association Newsletter.*

Sheree Martin (Journalism and Mass Communication) delivered a 5-minute "Ignite Birmingham" talk on Wanda Jackson and her influence on women in rock music. This research originated with a grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Council. Ignite Birmingham is a quarterly program open to the public aimed at the creative and tech communities. Its rules limit a speaker to 5 minutes and 20 slides that automatically advance every 15 seconds. Martin is also on the leadership team (outreach committee) for a new professional organization, Alabama Social Media Association, that launched March 30. Its mission is to educate businesses and nonprofits on how to more effectively use social media to achieve business and organizational goals. For information, go to www.alsocme.com/#partners.

Ellen McLaughlin (Biological and Environmental Sciences, ret.), **Carol Ogle** (PARCA) and **Suzanne Montgomery** (Samford After Sundown) presented a paper, "Nature Education for Adults: Role of Biology Departments and University Continuing Education Programs," at the April 2011 meeting of The Association of Southeastern Biologists in Huntsville, Ala.

Lori Northrup (University Library) was named 2011–12 president of the Alabama chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries [ACRL] at its annual meeting April 20 in Orange Beach, Ala.

John Petrella and **Alan Jung** (Exercise Science and Sports Medicine) have been honored as Fellows of the American College of Sports Medicine.

Philip Poole (Marketing and Communication) and student Lauren Womack attended the 82nd national meeting of the Religion Communicators Council in Little Rock, Ark. Womack received one of two student scholarships to attend.

Mark Searby (Divinity) presented a paper, "Utilizing Genograms to Develop Self-Awareness and Reflection Skills with Beginning D. Min. Students," at the annual Association for Doctor of Ministry Education conference at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary April 15.

Fred Shepherd (Political Science) presented a paper at the "Resisting the Path to Genocide" conference at the University of California–Los Angeles May 5–7. The conference brought together scholars from the Middle East, South Africa, Britain, Germany, Switzerland, Croatia and the United States to examine themes, cases and issues related to genocide and the attempts to deter it. Shepherd, who specializes in genocide research, spoke about how external actors such as the United States government and, especially, transnational human rights activists either bolstered or

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JuneCalendar

(Birthdays are listed in red.)

For a complete list of summer sports camps, go to samfordsports.cstv.com /camps/samf-camps.html.

Wednesday, June 1
Dave Barnhart, Kevin Kozak, Jay Roberson, Kelly Ross-Davis, Shelley Vail
First Summer Term begins
• 8 a.m.–12 p.m. Law Summer School Orientation, Bishop Conference Room

Thursday, June 2
Joe Adams, Keith Baker, James Hubbs
• 7:30 p.m. Alabama Concertmaster and Friends, Summer Serenades, Music of Mozart, Dvorak and Tchaikovsky, Brock Recital Hall, alabamasymphony.org

Saturday, June 4
David Downing (ret.), Frances Owens (ret.), Justin Pack, David Roberts (ret.)
• 7 p.m. Jazz Gala featuring Eric Klugh, Brock Recital Hall, samford.edu/wvsu

Sunday, June 5
Phil Hammonds, Emory Haygood, Lenita Rice, Greg Smith, Sharon Young (ret.)
• Orff Schulwerk Music Teacher Training, Cassesse Rehearsal Hall, through June 17
• 2–8 p.m. Doctor of Nursing Practice Orientation, Healing Arts Center, through June 10 (hours vary)

Monday, June 6
Andy Milstead
First Orientation Session
• 11 a.m.–6 p.m. LSAT Test, Ingalls Hall 004/006 and Russell Hall 125
• 2–4:30 p.m. New Hire Orientation, Divinity 101

Tuesday, June 7
Carl Beckwith, Leslie Chastain, Rusty Johnson, Jennings Marshall, Mike Putnam
First Orientation Session

Wednesday, June 8
David Dedo, Matt Fennell, Nancy Hicks (ret.), Mike Howell (ret.), Tim Marvin, Doris Miller (ret.), Andy Parrish, Metta Faye Street (ret.), Parham Williams (ret.)
• 7:30 p.m. Miss Alabama Pageant, Wright Center Concert Hall, missalabama.org

Thursday, June 9
Heather Austin, Scott Camp, Rhett Lashley, John Ott, Linda Swann (ret.)
• 7:30 p.m. Miss Alabama Pageant, Wright Center Concert Hall, missalabama.org

Friday, June 10
Mark Baggett, Johanna Estes, Lacey Simpson, Donald Sweeney
• 7:30 p.m. Miss Alabama Pageant, Wright Center Concert Hall, missalabama.org

Saturday, June 11
Beth Ashmore, Joey Duke
• 7:30 p.m. Miss Alabama Pageant Finals, Wright Center Concert Hall, missalabama.org

Sunday, June 12
Kristin Bakkegard, John Killinger (ret.), Greg Jeane (ret.), Geoff Wright
• Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, University Library, through June 17
• Senior Piano Camp, School of the Arts, through June 18
• Pipe Organ Encounters, School of the Arts, through June 18

Monday, June 13
Alan Hargrave, Mark Mathieu (ret.), James Pate, Miguel Pate
Second Orientation Session

Tuesday, June 14
Lee Burgess, Brad Felton, Michael Fiedler, Andrea Hendricks, Sam Shade, Linda Vandiver
Second Orientation Session

Wednesday, June 15
Danielle Cruthirds, Theo Greene, Jen Walsh

Thursday, June 16
Ernie Gates, Brooke Karr, Erin Killingsworth, Ron Shinn

Friday, June 17
Stephen Inman, Theresa Kanute, John Lundeen, Scott McGinnis, Glenn McWaters (ret.), Rhea Speights, Gena Sullivan

Saturday, June 18
Bob David (ret.), Keri Johnson, Brian Kennedy

Sunday, June 19
Ann Armstorng (ret.), Laura Beason, Lauren Ellison, Linda Hill, David Little, Lucy Phillips
• Great Ideas Summer Institute, through June 25

Monday, June 20
Dawn Carre, Jane Leask
Third Orientation Session
• Adventures in Music Camp, through June 24

Tuesday, June 21
Connie Cox, Joe Dean (ret.), Laine Williams, Charles Workman (ret.)
Third Orientation Session

Wednesday, June 22
Melissa Allphin, Bill Belski, Ed Cherry, Lori Coward, Chris Gillespie, Sallie White, Charles Workman
Samford Summer Adventure, through June 24, sponsored by Admission Office, 726-3673

Thursday, June 23
Dawn Burgess, Erin Carroll, Jeffrey Flaniken, Michelle Joiner, Curtis Stephens (ret.)

Friday, June 24
Lori Strand, Joe Zellner
Transfer Student Orientation

Saturday, June 25
Erika Cretton-Scott, Mark DeVine, Robert Maddox

Sunday, June 26
Martha Alverson (ret.), Emily Allee, Richard Bierman, Jacqueline Davis

Monday, June 27
James Carlson, Janet Carr, Betty Duncan (ret.), Allison Jackson, Jamie McLemore, Alice Shelburne, Donald Sloane (ret.), Georgia Traylor (ret.)
Theatre Camp, School of the Arts venues, through July 1

Tuesday, June 28
Sara Eddings (ret.), Staci Gwinn, Thomas Hines (ret.), Jeffrey Powell

Wednesday, June 29
Grace Christian (ret.), James Hall, Marie Holley (ret.), Peter Neuberger, Willia Powell (ret.), Douglas Webster, Teresa Wilborn

Thursday, June 30
Cyndi Cortes, Elizabeth Emmons, Tracy Ray, Derrek Smith, Carol Standifer, Ami Teague
First Summer Term classes end.

JulyCalendar

Friday, July 1
Brian Speakman, Betty White (ret.)
First Summer Term final exams
Summer Debate Camp, Propst Hall, through July 9

Saturday, July 2
Yasuhiko Oyama, Bruce Winter

Sunday, July 3
Chris Davis, Betty Love, Penny Marler, Tracy Miller, Tamara Shadinger, Nathan Wilder

Monday, July 4
Roy Brigance (ret.), Renee Butcher, David Chapman, India Gold, Bernice Harvill (ret.), Sam Powell, Tommy Rohling
Happy Independence Day!
University is closed.

Tuesday, July 5
David Bains, Sandra Bright, Jeff Koonce, Ken Van Sise (ret.)
• 2–4:30 p.m. New Hire Orientation, Divinity 101

Wednesday, July 6
Grant Gentry, Suzanne Lacey, Lois Roberson (ret.)
Second Summer Term begins

Thursday, July 7
Ken Brazil, Maisha Freeman

Friday, July 8
Les Ennis, Sandra Hines, Eleanor Ousley (ret.), Carol Ratcliffe, LeeAnn Reynolds, Iva Thomas (ret.)

Saturday, July 9
Ed Felton (ret.), Viola Jackson (ret.), Barbara Thorn (ret.)
Super Summer Student Discipleship Program, Reid Chapel, through July 15

Sunday, July 10
Gene Black (ret.), Deborah Chiles, Robert Moore, Jeanette Rader (ret.), Lisa Vines, Megan Wilderotter

Monday, July 11
Authur Fluker, Andy Lampkins, Connie Macon, Danny Smith, Debra Whisenant
Adventures in Music Camp, School of the Arts venues, through July 15
• 2–4:30 p.m. New Hire Orientation, Divinity 101

Tuesday, July 12
Janica Carter, Tim Cook, Cathy Scott, Michael Wilson

Wednesday, July 13
Allen Brufsky, Rosemary Carnley (ret.), Joyce Cox (ret.), Harold Goss, Moya Nordlund

Thursday, July 14
Amy Gale, Sheran Smith

Friday, July 15
Lowell Broom, Stephanie Campbell, Rod Davis, Elsie Ray (ret.)

Saturday, July 16
Angela Flaniken, Harold Hunt (ret.)

Sunday, July 17
Bruce Atkinson, Jason Blackstock, Sonya Davis, Vince Edmonds, Lisa Gurley, Keisha Nicholson
• 7 p.m. Lecture: *Chuck Colson,* author and founder, Prison Fellowship, Wright Center, free

Monday, July 18
Ashley Carroll, Nancy Curry, Shirley McRae, Robin Roberts
• All Aboard for Music Camp, Cassesse Rehearsal Hall, through July 22
• Beeson Pastors School, Divinity Hall, through July 21

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Joys & Sorrows

Congratulations to . . .

• **John Mayfield** (History) in the May 7 marriage of his daughter, Whitney, to Hunter Renfroe of Birmingham

Sympathy is expressed to . . .

• **Bruce Atkinson** (Mathematics and Computer Science) and his wife, Becky, in the April 26 death of Becky's father, Ira Bownds, of Bakersfield, Calif.

• **Crystal Grier** (Law) in the April 27 death of her sister-in-law, Carrie Grier Lowe, a 2006 Samford nursing graduate, in tornadoes that swept through Alabama

• **Bob Henderson** (Pharmacy) and his wife, Mary Jane, in the May 5 death of Mary Jane's mother, Mary Woodward, of Sebring, Fla.

• **Laura Lovetto** (Bursar's Office) in the April 22 death of her mother, Barbara Weldon, of Clay, Ala. ■

FYI

Great Ideas Institute Set for June 19–25

Samford will begin offering a new week-long academic experience to intellectually ambitious students who have completed at least two years of high school this summer. The Samford University Great Ideas Summer Institute, sponsored by the University Fellows Program, will be held June 19–25.

"Greece, Rome, and the American Republic" will be the theme of the inaugural institute.

Dr. Jason Wallace of the Samford history department will direct the program.

Students will have two morning classes and one afternoon class each day, reside in campus housing and have meals in the university cafeteria. ■

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constrained the Guatemalan government as it attempted to perpetrate genocide in the late 20th century. His topic was "International and Transnational Genocide Deterrence: Guatemala in Comparative Perspective."

Jessica Skelley and **David Luthin** (Pharmacy) had their research project, "Diabetes in Alabama School Systems: A Survey of Parental Satisfaction with Student Care," win first place at the National Student Research Forum in the category, Health Equity Research, in Galveston, Texas, in April. Jason Skelley (UAB) and other UAB faculty members also worked on the project.

Henry Strickland and **Howard Walthall** (Law) prepared a proposal entitled "Learning Outcomes, Practicing Lawyers, and the Berkeley Effective Lawyering Predictors," and Strickland presented it in April at "Future Ed III: New Business Models for U.S. and Global Legal Education," a conference cohosted by Harvard Law School and New York Law School at New York Law School. The proposal was a continuation of a proposal they presented with Lori Shaw (Dayton Law School) at "Future Ed II" last year at Harvard Law School.

Jennifer Taylor (University Library) presented "Digital Delights: How We Made Digitization Projects Work" for the annual meeting of the Association of Librarians and Archivists at Baptist Institutions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary May 18–19.

Kath White (University Ministries) was awarded the Master of Theological Studies degree by Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala., during May 7 commencement. Spring Hill College, founded in 1830, is Alabama's oldest institution of higher learning. White also holds the Bachelor of Arts from Santa Clara University. ■

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• Theatre Intensive Camp, Swearingen Hall, through July 22
• 2–4:30 p.m. New Hire Orientation Divinity 101

Tuesday, July 19
Hope Dahlke, Karen Hubbard (ret.), Carl Kyle, William Rosenblum

Wednesday, July 20
Gene Calhoun, Sandra Fox (ret.), Debra McGrady, Elma Quinde Robles, Courtney Willoughby

Thursday, July 21
Betty Caterinichia (ret.), Mark Elliott (ret.), Kristi Smith

Friday, July 22
Melinda Butts, David Hakanson, Mash Powell
• 7 p.m. Jefferson County Junior Miss Preliminary, Wright Center

Saturday, July 23
David Glenn, Michelle Johnson, Derek Schroeder, Debbie Strickland
• 1 p.m. Jefferson County Junior Miss Preliminary, Wright Center
• 7 p.m. Jefferson County Junior Miss Finals, Wright Center

Sunday, July 24
Leslie Barineau, Jennifer Coleman, Mike Floyd, David Hogg, Liz Kleinberg, Darlene Kuhn, Sarah Latham, Archie Lockamy, Donald Nation

Monday, July 25
Jill Butler, John Chandler, Tracey Dick, Kathey Gassner, Melanie Henningsen, Candace Lambert, Pat Momenee (ret.)

Tuesday, July 26
Bobby Breed (ret.), Martha Ann Cox (ret.), Katy Crowson, Michele Haralson, Sara Helms, David Luthin, Mary McCullough, Sakema Porterfield, Ellen Shade, Katie Walden

Wednesday, July 27
Linda Ables (ret.), Graham Cole, Lisa Dodd, Marian Ferguson (ret.), Greg Laughlin, Stephanie Ragland, Stephanie Rollins

Thursday, July 28
Les Fillmer, Robert Hensarling, Barbara Shinn, Tom Woolley

Friday, July 29
Abby Killian, Vicki Rochester, Fred Shepherd

Saturday, July 30
Paul Aucoin, Carly Friedman, Tamara Johnson

Sunday, July 31
Beryl Flurry (ret.), Jackie Goldstein, Martha Hearn (ret.), Jack Nelson, Michael Kendrach, Dennis Sansom, Beth Steed ■

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ever has offered a full course like this, although there are one-to-two hour sessions at genealogical conferences."

John T. Humphrey, an expert in German genealogy, will teach the course. He has written widely on his subject, and specialized in German research in the U.S. and Germany. He is author of *Finding Your German Ancestors: A Practical Guide for Genealogists.*

"Language is an issue in researching German ancestors, but this track will demonstrate it is not an insurmountable obstacle," Humphrey said. "Family historians do not have to be fluent in German in order to find information on German ancestors. The course will establish a foundation in German language and handwriting skills—skills that are basic for exploring sources in German research such as church registers." ■

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and headliner Boney James.

For details on the Preserve Jazz Festival and Preserve Prelude, visit the festival website at http://www.preservejazz.com/

To purchase tickets, go to https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2/Buy.asp?EventID=66532 ■