

INSIDE Samford

A newsletter for faculty, staff and friends of Samford University • September 2015

Football
Season Opener
Samford vs. Central Arkansas
Thursday, Sept. 3, 6 p.m.
Seibert Stadium

Quotable

Samford faculty share thoughts with the media.

Fred Shepherd (Political Science) to WIAT-TV Online Aug. 19 on how presidential political hopeful Donald Trump is making it difficult for the other Republican candidates

"The fact is he's just sucking the air out of this primary for all the other Republicans. No one's focusing on them. They all look sort of weak and timid as he goes about his bombastic ways."

Art Carden (Business) to al.com Aug. 20 in a guest opinion column

"Minimum wages have been studied extensively, and the consensus is that minimum wages reduce employment. The effect might not be very large and a lot of minimum wage supporters argue that it's worth sacrificing some jobs to raise wages for others. By making it illegal for anyone to work for less than \$10.10 per hour, City Council has made those who would only be employable at \$8, \$9, or \$10.09 per hour unemployable."

Matthew Ford (Physical Therapy) to *Birmingham Business Journal* Online Aug. 19 about growth in the physical therapy department

"With the renovations [of the former Southern Progress buildings] about to start later this fall, we've allocated space for 50 students. We're at 35 over the next few years and then we can increase every year." Ford said the students would be focusing on two areas throughout their graduate school experience: serving communities in underserved areas and developing interprofessional skills. ■

Gallery Show Responds to Post-9/11 Conflicts

The Samford University Art Gallery is presenting an exhibition in response to America's post-9/11 conflicts created by members of the armed forces led by Sgt. Ron Kelsey of Fort Bliss, Texas. Entitled "Reflections of Generosity — Reflections of the Soul," the show opened Aug. 24 and will be up until Sept. 29.

In addition, a portion of the show will be exhibited at Space One Eleven, 2409 Second Ave. N., in Birmingham in conjunction with art faculty member Larry Thompson's "The Infant-tree Project."

An artist's talk and reception with Kelsey and Thompson will be held in the Samford Art Gallery Thursday, Sept. 10, 4-6 p.m. The opening reception at Space One Eleven will be Friday, Sept. 11, 5:30-7 p.m.

A panel discussion with Kelsey and art faculty member Mary Ann Culotta will be held in the Art Gallery Sept. 11, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. A light lunch will be served.

The Samford Art Gallery is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. ■

Petrella, Martin Receive Faculty, Staff Awards

John Petrella and Glenda Martin received faculty and staff excellence awards at opening convo of the fall semester Aug. 18.

Petrella, an associate professor of kinesiology in Samford's School of Health Professions, was named winner of the John H. Buchanan Award for Excellence in Teaching. He was cited for his background and passion for research, which provides exceptional opportunities for his students. For three consecutive years, his undergraduate students have won



John Petrella and Glenda Martin

prestigious research awards at the Southeast American College of Sports Medicine annual meeting. The Buchanan winner is chosen by a vote of the previous spring's senior class.

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Mintz To Lead Assessment and Accreditation Efforts

Katrina Hunter Mintz has been named assistant provost for assessment and accreditation at Samford University. The appointment is effective Sept. 1.



Mintz

Since 2013, Mintz has been associate dean for assessment and associate professor in Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy. She has led the pharmacy school's assessment initiatives in Samford's College of Health Sciences.

Mintz will have administrative oversight for the Office of Institutional Effectiveness to support Samford's assessment and compliance work, as well as the university's important relationships with its various accreditation agencies.

"We are very fortunate to have someone of Dr. Mintz's background to fill this strategic role for Samford," said Samford Provost J. Michael Hardin. "Her academic and administrative experience, particularly the outstanding work she already is doing for Samford, will serve her and the university well in this expanded assignment."

Mintz holds Doctor of Education, Master of Science in Education and Education Specialist degrees from the University of Alabama.

Prior to coming to Samford, Mintz was a faculty member and administrator at Walden University,

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Out & About

Nancy Biggio (Associate Provost for Administration), **Chris Metress** (Associate Provost for Academics), **Bryan Johnson** (Director of the University Fellows) and **Bridget Rose** (Director of the Academic Success Center) traveled to Baylor University Aug. 3-5 to meet with representatives of its Provost Office, Success Center and Honors College to exchange information on best practices and reflect on experiences across both campuses as part of the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) program. A Lilly Endowment grant supports the program. Biggio wrote the grant application that funded Samford's involvement.

Jim Brown (History) made presentations on integrating GIS into the teaching of history at the Northeast regional meeting of the World History Association at Lowell, Massachusetts, last October, and at the joint California/Northwest regional meeting in Seattle, Washington, in March. On July 1, he was featured in a 90-minute "Meet the Author" session at the plenary meeting of the World History Association in Savannah, Georgia. All these presentations revolved around the use of GIS in his modern world history text published last year,

Fairy Tales, Patriotism & the Nation-State: The Rise of the Modern West and the Response of the World (with parallel Google Earth folder for each chapter), Kendall Hunt, publisher.

Clay Carey (Journalism and Mass Communication) was a panelist for two academic sessions at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) conference in San Francisco, California, Aug. 6-9: "Early Career Guidance: Landing the First Faculty Job and Beyond" and "Creation of Community in Magazine Form: Legacy to Online." He also presented two research papers: "Telling Us What We Already Know: Decoding the Absence of Poverty News in Appalachian Community Media" and "Advocates, Guardians, and Promoters: Factors that Influence Community Journalists' Coverage of Rural Poverty." Carey presided over a panel session, "Resistance Journalism: Expression, Self-Empowerment, and the Creation of Counternarratives on Poverty Through Community Media," and served as a paper reviewer for the conference. Additionally, Carey earned AEJMC's Cultural/Critical Studies Division third-place faculty paper award for "Telling Us What We Already Know: Decoding the Absence of Poverty News in Appalachian Community Media."

Stephen Chew (Psychology) conducted workshops on teaching effectiveness for faculty at Calhoun Community College in Decatur, Alabama, and Davenport University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He published an essay in *Inside Higher Education* entitled "Do We Know How to Judge Teaching?" <https://www.insidehighered.com/views/2015/07/27/essay-whether-academe-knows-how-judge-teaching>

Edward Craig and Della Darby (Law Library) were elected treasurer and vice president/president-elect, respectively, of the Law Libraries Association of Alabama.

Steve Donaldson (Mathematics and Computer Science, and Center for Science and Religion) is the



Brown



Emmons



Seibels



Thompson

author of a new book, *Dimensions of Faith: Understanding Faith Through the Lens of Science and Religion*, just released by Cascade books. He and recent graduate **Melanie McConnell** also had a paper, "Simulation as a Method for Theological and Philosophical Inquiry," published in the August 2015 issue of the journal *Theology and Science*. In June, **Donaldson**, **Tom Woolley** (School of Business) and **Josh Reeves** (Center for Science and Religion) presented current results of their research in conjunction with the closing conference for the Randomness and Divine Providence research grant in Pasadena, California. Donaldson then spent July in Oxford along with a cohort of international scholars studying science and religion as part of the "Bridging the Two Cultures of Science and the Humanities" program, sponsored by Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford and the Templeton Religion Trust fund.

Debbie Duke (Center for Faith and Health) addressed St. Vincent's Clergy Wellness attendees Aug. 14, speaking on "The Role of the Church in Health Ministry."

Betsy Emmons (Journalism and Mass Communication) presented her research, "Thrice-trending Twitter: A Longitudinal Study of Sports Journalists Live-Tweeting the Daytona 500," at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference in San Francisco, California, Aug. 6-9. She also served as a paper reviewer for the sports communication interest group.

Lee Farquhar (Journalism and Mass Communication) presented his research, "Over-Friended: Facebook Intensity, Social Anxiety, and Role Conflict," coauthored with **Theresa Davidson** (Sociology), at

the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference in San Francisco, California, Aug. 6-9.

Donna Fitch (Web Services) was one of four authors invited to the Local Author Meet 'n' Greet at the Decatur, Alabama, Public Library July 23. She signed copies of her novels and spoke on what inspired her to write her first book, *Second Death*. The main character in that book works in the library of "Beason University."

Eric Fournier (CTLS/Geography) attended the 100th anniversary meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE) in Washington, D.C. He organized and led a daylong workshop for early career faculty. In addition, he concluded a three-year term as chair of the NCGE Board of Directors.

David Frings (Oak Mountain Interpretive Center) and **Larry Davenport** (Biology) have the following paper appearing in the next issue of *Southeastern Naturalist*: "Current Distribution and New County Records for the Confederate Daisy, *Helianthus porteri* (Asteraceae), in Alabama."

Bob Greene (Law) was elected an honorary fellow of the American College of Environmental Lawyers (ACOEL). The ACOEL elected 22 new members nationally based on their distinguished experience and high standards in the practice of environmental law. Greene also spoke to the Young Men's Business Club of Birmingham May 11 on "The Current Situation in Ukraine." He was a panelist June 19 at the Southeastern Environmental Law & Regulation Conference in Destin, Florida, on the topic, "How We Got Here: The Evolution and Future of Environmental Law Practice."

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September Calendar

(Birthdays are listed in red.)

Tuesday, September 1

Ashley George, Pilar Murphy, Phillip Stotler, Julie Williams

- Art Exhibit: Reflections of Generosity – Reflections of the Soul, Gallery, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m., through Sept. 29
- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Carol Ann Vaughn-Cross*, assistant professor, core curriculum
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Mark DeVine*, associate professor of divinity
- 7:30 p.m. School of the Arts Faculty Gala, Brock Recital Hall

Wednesday, September 2

Jeff Beckles, Tyler Burgess, Jo Burkhart, Colin Coyne, Mearl Danner (ret.), Sarah Jennings, Linda Jones (ret.)

- 3 p.m. Reid Chapel: University Lecture Series, *Lyle Dorsett*, professor of divinity

Thursday, September 3

Alex Bolla (ret.), Corey Johnson, Joe Pederson, Rebecca VanHook

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Dave Hunt and Band*
- 6 p.m. Football: Samford vs. Central Arkansas, Seibert Stadium

Friday, September 4

Jane Hiles, Mary Holt (ret.), Patricia Naro, Jennifer Rahn, Amy Tyree

- 1 p.m. Dedication, Brock School of Business building

Saturday, September 5

Diana Cheshire, Doug Clapp, Rick Grace

Sunday, September 6

Jerry Batson (ret.), Autumn Reed, Gerry Waters (ret.)

- 2 p.m. Soccer: Samford vs. Coastal Carolina, Soccer Stadium

Monday, September 7

Julie Beckwith, Clint Bruess, Clarence Ferguson (ret.), Bob McCurley, Osvaldo Padilla, Rick Yoakum

Labor Day, university closed

Tuesday, September 8

Bernadette Beavers, Felicia Belter, Bobby Blick, Melissa Wildman Brooks, Gina Butts, Frank Donaldson (ret.), Ashley Gassner,

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Mike Morris*, head women's basketball coach
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Christy Harper*, associate curator and alumni relations coordinator
- 7:30 p.m. Faculty Recital: *Demondrae Thurman*, euphonium, Brock Recital Hall

Wednesday, September 9

Steve Allgood (ret.), Tom Fuller, Chris Hicks, Janice Paine, Annie Thomas (ret.)

- 3 p.m. Reid Chapel: University Lecture Series, *Allison Dearing*, Crisis Center of Birmingham

Thursday, September 10

Eleanor Howell, Melissa Lacroix, Chelsea Leonard, Kitty Morgan, Norma Mullis, Bonita Patton, Elizabeth Primm, Kaleigh Warwick, Brian Wood

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Val Kikkert*, director, NorthStar Soccer Club

Friday, September 11

Tina Chaffin (ret.), Bob Crider, Robert Henderson, Dennis Jones (ret.), Mary Jane Niesen (ret.)

- 7 p.m. Soccer: Samford vs. Duke, Soccer Stadium

Saturday, September 12

Dianne Daniels, Virginia Downes (ret.), Detrek Gaboya, Tennant McWilliams, Alyssa Whitehead, Robert Willis

- 2 p.m. Football: Samford vs. Florida A&M, Seibert Stadium

Sunday, September 13

Paul Blanchard (ret.), Jeanie Box, Mary Cronin, Charmayne Fillmore, Matt Ford, Amanda Gilbert, Mark Hogewood, Debbie Partridge, Mary Ann Sahawneh, James Wilson

- 6 p.m. Soccer: Samford vs. Georgia, Soccer Stadium

Monday, September 14

Angela Brooks, Norfleete Day (ret.)

Tuesday, September 15

Coke Clark (ret.), Tony David, Mike Hobbs, Wanda Lucas, John McCaster (ret.), Hanna Sung

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Carlos Aleman*, assistant professor of history
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Douglas Webster*, professor of divinity
- 7:30 p.m. Faculty Recital: *Brian Viliunas*, clarinetist

Wednesday, September 16

Alice Bullington, Henry Ford

- 3 p.m. Reid Chapel: University Lecture Series, *Howard Finch*, dean, Brock School of Business

Thursday, September 17

Lyndsay Cogdill, Diane Crawley

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Olive Aneno*, Georgia Department of Family and Children Services

Friday, September 18

George Salter, Jeremy Thornton, Brandi Williams

- Family Weekend, parents@samford.edu
- Beeson Divinity School Preview Day
- 7 p.m. Jasmine Guy and the Avery Sharpe Trio present *Raisin' Cane: A Harlem Renaissance Odyssey*, Wright Center Signature Series, tickets.samford.edu

Saturday, September 19

Pat Cissell (ret.), Christina Harris, Franz Lohrke, Suzy Metts, Nikki Rollins, Condit Steil (ret.), Amanda Sutter

- Family Weekend, parents@samford.edu
- Senior Preview Day, samford.edu/previewdays
- 2:30 p.m. Football: Samford vs. Chattanooga, Seibert Stadium

Sunday, September 20

William Baugh (ret.), Michael Janas, Keya Kraft, James Okelley, Romar Smith, Nina Strickland, Julie Zaharis

Family Weekend, parents@samford.edu

- 2 p.m. Hymn Sing, Reid Chapel

Monday, September 21

Laura Faulkner, Sherry George (ret.), Susan McPherson, Dennis Self, Andrea Shaw

Tuesday, September 22

Donna Dunaway (ret.), Kevin Newsom, Rocky Sabbatini

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Sarah Helms-McCarty*, associate professor of business
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Ralph West*, pastor, The Church Without Walls, Houston, Texas
- 7:30 p.m. Faculty Recital: *Brad Diamond*, tenor, Brock Recital Hall

Wednesday, September 23

Chesca Barnett, Robin Cameron, Tracy Hanrahan, Jeff Price, James Smith

- 3 p.m. Reid Chapel: University Lecture Series, *Ron Cole*, H. Parker Sharp Professor of Theology and Ethics at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Thursday, September 24

Judy Gachet (ret.), Cindy Haile, Melba Maudlin (ret.), James Strange, Tara Wood

- Conference: "Transhumanism and the Church: Theological Reflections on Technology and Human Enhancement," through Sept. 26, jareeves@samford.edu
- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Brian "Spike" Burt*, Jimmie Hale Mission
- 11 a.m. Cordell Hull Speakers Forum: *Paulette Brown*, president, American Bar Association, John L. Carroll Moot Courtroom, Robinson Hall

Friday, September 25

James Blair, Andrea Collins, Frannie Brazzle (ret.), Melissa Matthews, Marlene Reed (ret.), Jay St. Clair

- 7 p.m. Soccer: Samford vs. Furman, Soccer Stadium
- 7 p.m. Volleyball: Samford vs. Mercer, Hanna Center
- 7:30 p.m. Samford A Cappella Choir Fall Concert, Reid Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Alabama Symphony Orchestra presents "Birmingham Does Broadway," Wright Center Concert Hall, alabamasymphony.org

Saturday, September 26

Devon Davidson, Janice James (ret.)

- Volleyball: Samford vs. UNCG, Hanna Center

Sunday, September 27

Jack Bridges (ret.), Sarah Clark (ret.), Don Mott (ret.), Grace Mwai, Adam Roebuck,

- Kim Shaw, Sharon Smith, Delane Tew
- 2 p.m. Soccer: Samford vs. Wofford, Soccer Stadium
- 3 p.m. Superjazz at Samford, Brock Recital Hall

Monday, September 28

Tracy Fuller, Sandi McMichael, Chris Metress, Charles Newton, Jamekia Owens, Katy Pate, Brad Radice, Kenda Rigdon

Tuesday, September 29

Matt Brown, Allison Clough, Sharon Head, Harvis Higgins (ret.), Rudy Hilton (ret.), Anne Marovich, Elizabeth McCullough, Scott Mohon, Suzanne Scharf

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Eric Mathis*, assistant professor of music
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Scott Rae*, professor of Christian Ethics, Talbot School of Theology, Biola University
- 7:30 p.m. Davis Architects Guest Artists Series and the Birmingham Chamber Music Society present the Takacs Quartet, Brock Recital Hall, tickets.samford.edu

Wednesday, September 30

Bill Baker, Renee DeHart, Kathy Flowers, Amber Patrick, Paula Thompson

- 3 p.m. Reid Chapel: University Lecture Series, *Carl Beckwith*, associate professor of divinity ■

LUNCH AND LEARN

Islamic Extremism Is Topic of Lunch and Learn Sept. 3

Middle East expert Abdulwahab Alkebsi will present a Lunch and Learn program on "The Rise of Islamic Extremism" at Samford Thursday, Sept. 3. Alkebsi is regional director for Middle East and Africa programs at the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) in Washington, D.C.

The program is presented by the Samford Committee on Foreign Relations and the Birmingham Committee on Foreign Relations.

The initiative is a collaboration of the Birmingham group and a Samford committee led by assistant to the president Michael Morgan, political science associate professor Serena Simoni, associate provost Christopher Metress and others.

At CIPE, a nonprofit affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Alkebsi oversees democracy and market reform projects that combat corruption, strengthen entrepreneurship, empower businesspersons and improve corporate governance. He supervises a 30-member staff based in Washington, D.C., Egypt, Iraq and Nigeria.

The public is invited free of charge to the Samford program from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Howard Room in Ralph W. Beeson University Center. Call 726-2718 for luncheon information. ■

Congratulations to . . .

- **Rhonda Brazil** (Nursing) and her husband, Mike, on the July 30 birth of their grandson, Liam Asher Nolen, to parents Glenn and Susan Nolen
- **Elizabeth Jewell** (Admission) and her husband, Christopher, on the Aug. 13 birth of their daughter, Kathleen Carmichael Jewell.

Sympathy is expressed to . . .

- **Bill Belski** (Business) in the July 31 death of his father, Houston Edward Belski
- **Harry B. "Buck" Brock III** in the July 29 death of his father, longtime trustee Harry B. Brock Jr. in Birmingham. Mr. Brock served for 53 years on the board of trustees.
- **Bill D'Ottavio** (Football) in the July 27 death of his father, John Louis D'Ottavio, of Hackettstown, New Jersey
- **Glenda Martin** (Arts and Sciences) and **Frank Martin** (Enterprise Support Services) in the July 23 death of Glenda's brother and Frank's brother-in-law, Ronald Shelby, of Odenville, Alabama ■

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and on the education faculties at the University of North Alabama, Lesley University and Berry College.

Mintz replaces Mary Sue Baldwin, chief institutional effectiveness officer, who is retiring. Baldwin has served in various faculty and administrative roles at Samford since 2002.

"Dr. Baldwin has served Samford University well in a variety of capacities over these 13 years," said Samford University President Andrew Westmoreland. "Her academic and administrative experience helped us to navigate assessment and accreditation processes at a time when those were becoming exceedingly complex. We are grateful for her service to Samford as a teacher and academic administrator." ■

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Kay Guess and **Bill Service** (Business) had their paper, "Leadership Advantage: A People Person," published in the *Journal of Leadership Accountability and Ethics* this summer.

Michael Hogue (Pharmacy) delivered a lecture entitled "Talking Immunization with Your Adult Patients: Practical Strategies for Overcoming Barriers" at the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, Aug. 7.

Betsy Holloway and **Sara Helms-McCarty** (Business) published "Acquiring New Donors: A Field Experiment Using Bonus Trigger Incentives" in the journal *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*. The article was coauthored with **Timothy M. Diette** (Washington and Lee University), and is based on a study that examines the impact of incentive gifts on donor behavior and new donor acquisition.

Mike Ledgerwood (World Languages and Cultures) presented twice at the International Association for Language Learning Technology (IALLT) meeting at Harvard University Aug. 13-14. He was part of the IALLT Management Manual panel, talking about public relations and assessment and strategic planning for Language Centers. He spoke with **Betty Rose Facer** of Old Dominion University on "The U.S. Government and Languages."

John Mayfield (History) presented a paper to the St. George Tucker Society, an organization of scholars of the American South. The paper, "The Marketplace of Values: Honor and Enterprise in the Old South," is part of *The Field of Honor: Essays on Southern Character and American Identity*, which Mayfield is coediting with **Todd Hagstette** of the University of South Carolina. The volume, which includes 20 essays by nationally known authors, will appear from USC Press next year.

Tom McDougal (Business) received his Doctor of Science in

Administration — Health Services from UAB Aug. 8. He is teaching Business Communications this fall.

Jennifer Rahn (Geography) was highlighted in the Sea History for Kids Careers in the Marine and Maritime Field section of *Sea History*, the National Maritime Historical Society's quarterly magazine, volume 151, Summer 2015, page 38.

Donna Seibels (Nutrition and Dietetics) received the 2015 Jack Davis Professional Achievement Award from the College of Human Environmental Sciences at the University of Alabama. The alumni award, which recognizes professional achievements in human environmental sciences, will be given during homecoming weekend in October.

Bill Service (Business) and M.B.A. student **Ken McEwen** had their paper, "Innovation Creates the Future When it Exemplifies Clear Strategic Thinking over Reacting to Presenting Complaints," published in *Strategic Management Quarterly* this summer.

Larry Thompson (Art) will have a solo exhibition as part of Birmingham Art Walk. *The Infant-tree Project: An Installation of New Works by Larry Thompson* will open Friday, Sept. 11, with a reception from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Space One Eleven, 2409 2nd Avenue North. The exhibition is partially funded by the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts and Space One Eleven. The installation will be on exhibit through 2015 and includes other events to be scheduled around Veteran's Day.

Darin White (Business) was appointed to the board of directors of the Alabama Sports Foundation. The foundation serves as the official sports lobby for the Birmingham-Hoover area and the state of Alabama, and recruits, manages and promotes major sporting events throughout Alabama. Since joining the board, White has worked on the U.S. Women's Soccer Team World Cup Victory Tour event scheduled for Sept. 20 at Legion Field in Birmingham, with the U.S. taking on Australia.

Lauren Young (University Library) was coauthor with **E. G. Hinton** and **M. R. Norris** of a poster presented at the American Library Association annual meeting in San Francisco, California, in June: "Collaborative Library Space and Resources: Focusing on Student Perceptions of Interprofessionalism in Medical Education." ■

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Martin, administrative assistant to the dean in Howard College of Arts and Sciences, received the Bill Nunnelley Award in recognition of outstanding job performance by a staff member. She was cited for her invaluable service in all phases of administration, including budgeting and planning, student registration, facilities planning and maintenance, supervision of support staff, alumni relations and more.

Martin, in her 31st year at Samford, serves on the Staff Advisory Council and is known for offering creative solutions to difficult problems.

Martin's award, formerly called the President's Award for Staff Excellence, was renamed this year by vote of the board of trustees to honor longtime Samford public relations director and editor Bill Nunnelley, a Samford alumnus and 50-year employee of the school.

Other staff nominees for the award were Debbie Crowson, Student Records; Yolanda Long, Brock School of Business; Elizabeth Primm, Office of Admission; Ruth Holt, Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education; and Brad Radice, Office of Marketing and Communication. ■