

# INSIDE Samford

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

**Concert**  
Samford Jazz  
Brock Recital Hall  
Thursday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.

## Quotable

Samford faculty share thoughts with media.

**Herman "Rusty" Johnson Jr.** (Law) Oct. 8 in the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy blog

"The state of Alabama has once again relegated some of its citizens to second-class status. The confluence of driver's license office closures and a much maligned voter identification law fosters the dishonoring of Alabama's black and impoverished citizens in a perpetual cycle of deprivation and struggle."

**Woody Hartzog** (Law) to *Weld for Birmingham* Oct. 15 on whether a Birmingham advertising firm, Yellowhammer Creative, can trademark the slogan, "It's Nice to Have You in Birmingham."

"It sounds like this is an attempt to establish a right to the [trademark] based upon the fact that people look at 'It's Nice to Have You in Birmingham' and say, 'That's tantamount to Yellowhammer Creative.'" The significance of secondary meaning, he added, is established in two ways — either over a period of at least five years (for which Yellowhammer is not yet eligible) or through "mounds of evidence, just lots and lots of consumer evidence. You do consumer surveys. It's not a cheap process, but it's evidentiary. You introduce evidence that a significant amount of the population considers this to be synonymous with indicating the source of Yellowhammer Creative." ■

## Samford Schools, Departments To Hold Homecoming Tailgates

Samford will celebrate homecoming the weekend of Friday-Sunday, Nov. 6-8. One of the most popular activities will be tailgating on the Quad at midday Saturday, Nov. 7.

Several Samford schools and departments will host tailgates. They include the School of the Arts, Howard College of Arts and Sciences, Brock School of Business, College of Health Sciences, Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, School of Health Professions, School of Public Health, and Department of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Also hosting tailgates will be Chi Omega alumni, Class of 1990, Class of 2005, Phi Mu alumni, Samford Alumni Association, Samford Black Alumni Association, S-Club, University Fellows and Zeta Tau Alpha alumni.

A vespers service featuring the Samford A Cappella Choir Friday at 5:30 p.m. in Hodges Chapel will open the homecoming schedule. The traditional homecoming banquet will follow at 6:30 p.m. in Seibert Hall.

A host of activities will fill the Saturday schedule ranging from

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## Samford Plans 175th Anniversary

Next year, Samford will mark the 175th anniversary of its founding in Marion, Alabama, in 1841. Events in advance of the celebration will begin in the spring of 2016 before the formal opening convocation of the anniversary academic year in August.

While individual schools and other units will be hosting commemorative events throughout the year, many major university-wide celebrations are being planned for homecoming weekend, tentatively set for Oct. 20-23, 2016.

The logo for the anniversary year is available on the university's marketing and communication website. This anniversary logo may be used in place of the Samford belltower logo from November 2015 through May 2017. It may be used on all official university

communications, printed materials and specialty items. Offices should not produce special letterhead or business cards using the anniversary logo.

President Andrew Westmoreland appointed a task force to plan university-wide events and coordinate a calendar for other celebrations. Members of the task force are Paige Acker, Jonathan Bass, Lonette Berg, Kyle DeMarco, Denise Gregory, Betsy Holloway, Michelle Little, Eric Mathis, Lauren McCaghren, Philip Poole, Mary Leslie Prater, Laura Ann Prickett, Jennifer Taylor, Liz Wells and Jeanna Westmoreland. Michael Morgan serves as chair for the task force. ■



## Nanni Directs Community Engagement

Allison Heidbrink Nanni of Birmingham has been named director of community engagement at Samford University effective Nov. 1.



**Nanni**

She will be the primary contact for community work and service-learning initiatives through the Frances Marlin Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership.

Nanni will collaborate with Samford students, faculty, staff and community partners to coordinate opportunities that "enhance student learning and positively impact the community," according to Drayton Nabers, Mann Center director.

As director, Nanni will compile Samford's annual Community Engagement Report. Samford students and employees reported 716,902 community engagement hours during the 2014-15 academic year. The hours represent an economic value of \$16.5 million.

She also will assist with community engagement placements for the new Micah Fellows program that focuses on service and community engagement.

Nanni has more than 20 years of experience in nonprofit and community service, and most recently she headed the Woodlawn Innovation Network for the A+ Education Partnership in Birmingham. She has worked to create programs to impact families of

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## Out & About

**Kim Benner** and **Greg Gorman** (Pharmacy) are collaborators with **Michele Kong** (UAB pediatrician working at Children's of Alabama) on a recently funded Center for Clinical and Translational Science grant entitled "Pilot Randomized Clinical Trial of Azithromycin Treatment in Mechanically Ventilated Children with RSV Infection." The funded amount is \$60,000.

**Dollie Brice** (Kinesiology) received the Four-Fold Award from Camp Winnataska Aug. 29. The award goes to the volunteer who has worked in many areas, and given thought, time, talent and treasure to assist in carrying out the mission of Camp Winnataska.

**Art Carden** (Business) spoke at the University of Central Florida Oct. 27 on "Does Capitalism Exploit the Poor?" He will speak on Adam Smith at the Intercollegiate Studies Institute's Regional Leadership Conference in Pittsburgh Nov. 20-22. Carden's short note with **Deirdre McCloskey** entitled "If We Keep Our Ethical Wits, We Can See over into a Great Enrichment" will appear in a symposium on the economic future in the *Independent Review*. He and **Charles Courtemanche** have a chapter entitled "The Evolution and Impact

of the General Merchandise Sector" that will appear in the *Handbook of the Economics of Retailing and Distribution*, published by Edward Elgar Publishing.

**Carol Vaughn Cross** (Core Curriculum) presented "'When That Which Is Perfect Is Come': Henry Drummond and 'The Changed Life'" at the "Transhumanism and the Church" conference at Samford Sept. 24-26.

**Michael Crouch**, **Michael Hogue** and **Charles Sands** (Pharmacy) gave presentations at Meijo University, Nagoya, Japan, and Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Beijing, China, on the emerging roles of pharmacists in the American health care system. The presentations were part of a broader visit the three made on Samford's behalf during Sept. 5-18 to seven cities in China, South Korea and Japan to renew existing relationships and forge new ones for experiential education and research.

**Danielle Cruthirds** (Pharmacy) participated in the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education Site Visitor Training Workshop in Chicago, Illinois, Sept. 17-18.

**Joel Davis** (Music) presented his composition *Duet for Guitar and Violin* at Birmingham-Southern College's Hill Recital Hall as part of the Birmingham Art Music Alliance's second annual Birmingham New Music Festival Oct. 11. Davis also served as a discussion session moderator at the 25th annual Lilly Fellows Program National Conference, "Created for Creativity: Music, Culture and Faith," at Belmont University Oct. 9-11.

**Betsy Dobbins** (Biological and Environmental Sciences) with student **Emily Bridge** presented a poster, "Effects of a Chicken Processing Plant on Graves Creek in Blount County," at the 29th annual Alabama Water Resources Conference in Orange Beach, Alabama, Sept. 10-11.

**Betsy Emmons** and **Nia Johnson** (Journalism and Mass Communication) earned the Accreditation in Public Relations (APR) credential from the Universal Accreditation Board for public relations.



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**Scott Fisk** (Visual Arts) won a Gold AVA Digital Award for the website design of [fourcornersgalleryonline.com](http://fourcornersgalleryonline.com). There were about 2,100 entries from around the globe. Roughly 16% of the entrants won gold awards. The AVA Digital Awards is sponsored by the Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals (AMCP).

**Donna Fitch** (Web Services) was a featured speaker in "Reach More Readers: 9th Annual Book Marketing Conference Online" in October. Her topic was "Develop Your Online Author Presence."

**Jake Galdo** (Pharmacy) received a grant with Chad's Payless Pharmacy of \$20,000 through the Alabama Department of Public Health for "Diabetes Self-Management Education and Training." **Frances Cohenour**, Pharm.D. alumnus and **Chelsea Leonard**, Samford pharmacy resident, are also involved in the program. Galdo also presented a webinar Sept. 29 for the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute.

**Lisa Allison Herbing** (Nursing) presented "Intraoperative Endotracheal Tube Cuff Pressure Measurements in Children" to the Indiana Center for Evidence Based Nursing Practice (ICEBNP) conference and networking event. This was a combined poster and podium presentation Oct. 2 with the Purdue University Calumet's College of Nursing hosting the event. The Purdue Nursing's ICEBNP is one of 70 collaborating centers for the Joanna Briggs Institute, Adelaide University, South Australia.

**Carol Koch** (Communication Sciences and Disorders) presented an invited, full-day workshop for the Missouri Speech-Language-

Hearing Association Annual Fall Workshop on "Intervention for Speech Sound Disorders: Beyond the Basics" Sept. 25 in St. Charles, Missouri.

**Erin Mauldin** (History) chaired and commented for a panel on National Parks at the "New Paths in the Environmental History of North America and the Ohio Valley" conference, sponsored by the Filson Historical Society and the University of Louisville Oct. 8-10.

**John Mayfield** (History) was invited by the American Philosophical Society to review proposals for its Franklin Research Grants, a highly competitive program of support for the humanities.

**Valerie Prince** (Pharmacy) was appointed as a member of the Alabama Pharmacy Association Educational Affairs Committee.

**Jennifer Rahn** (Geography), as Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG) Education Committee chair, organized and chaired the Undergraduate Student Poster Competition, coauthored four undergraduate research posters with Samford students, and organized and chaired a panel session titled "Jobs in Geography Panel Session for Students: Expectations, Preparations and Realities."

**Ken Roxburgh** (Religion) is teaching a nine-week course on "Eastern Orthodox Theology" for the fall session of the Canterbury Academy for Christian Studies at Canterbury United Methodist Church in Mountain Brook.

**Charles Sands** (Pharmacy) made a presentation Sept. 18 entitled "Pharmacy Practice and Education

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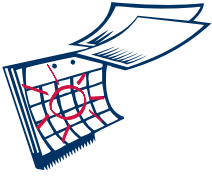
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## November Calendar

(Birthdays are listed in red.)

### Sunday, November 1

Bob Bromley (ret.), Gus Cook, Brent Latta, Beth McGinnis, David Shipley

### Monday, November 2

Shannon Ashe, Shirley Clark (ret.), Doug Davis, Veronica Smith

Photography Exhibition, *Faces of Perry County*, by Caroline Summers, with interviews of those pictured giving a glimpse of the people and place where Samford was born as Howard College, Art Gallery, Mon.–Fri., 9 a.m.–4 p.m., through Nov. 18

### Tuesday, November 3

Ray Escott, Lynn Fetherston (ret.), Nina McLain

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Bob Goff*, founder, Restore International
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: *Robert Smith Jr.*, Charles T. Carter Baptist Chair of Divinity
- 7:30 p.m. Faculty Recital, *Angela Flaniken*, viola, *Jeffrey Flaniken*, violin, and *Donald Sanders*, piano, Brock Recital Hall

### Wednesday, November 4

Michael Morgan, Allison Strickland

- 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Alabama Supreme Court and Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals Appellate Arguments, Wright Center
- 3 p.m. University Lecture, *Mark Gignilliat*, associate professor of divinity, "The Old Testament and the Trinity: Really?" Reid Chapel
- 6 p.m. Volleyball: Samford vs. Chattanooga, Hanna Center
- 8 p.m. Alabama Autumn Skies Presentation, "Solar System Exploration," Christenberry Planetarium

### Thursday, November 5

Jon Clemmensen (ret.), Dee Dugan, Irby McNeill, Donna Ware

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Katie Bentley*, Samford student
- 7:30 p.m. Concert, Samford Jazz, Brock Recital Hall

### Friday, November 6

Janet Alexander (ret.), Heather Baty, D. J. Gilliland, Hal Hays, David Loudon, John Mayfield

- Homecoming Weekend  
For complete schedule:  
alumni.samford.edu/hcschedule
- 5:30 p.m. Choral Vespers Series, A Cappella Choir, Hodges Chapel
  - 7 p.m. Volleyball: Samford vs. Furman, Hanna Center
  - 7:30 p.m. Samford Opera Workshop Scenes, Bolding Studio

### Saturday, November 7

Samantha Briggs, Jeremy Haynes, James Murphy (ret.), Matthew Powell, Bruce Rawls, Bridget Rose, Sheila Thomas, Jennifer Wells  
Homecoming Weekend  
For complete schedule:

- alumni.samford.edu/hcschedule
- 2 p.m. Football: Samford vs. Clark Atlanta, Seibert Stadium
  - 7 p.m. Volleyball: Samford vs. The Citadel, Hanna Center
  - 7:30 p.m. Samford Opera Workshop Scenes, Bolding Studio

### Sunday, November 8

Terri Cahoon, Ann Kolter (ret.), Mark Lackey, Renee Pitts, Richard Rodgers (ret.), Anthony Yelton

Homecoming Weekend  
For complete schedule:  
alumni.samford.edu/hcschedule

- 2:30 p.m. Opera Birmingham presents "Catch a Rising Star," operabirmingham.org

### Monday, November 9

Erin Arevalo, Mark Castle, Jim Clement, Lynda Jentsch, Nick Madsen, Jeff Moreman

- 6 p.m. Women's Basketball: Samford vs. Birmingham-Southern (exhibition), Hanna Center

### Tuesday, November 10

Jay Chapman, Rebekah DeBoer, Mary Gurney, Jennifer Lackey, Jodi Newton, Jason Wallace

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Felicia Belter*, program assistant, Global Missions Scholarship
- 11 a.m. Hodges Chapel: student preacher
- 3 p.m. Faculty Shop Talk: *Hugh Floyd*, professor of sociology, "Community Trauma in the Construction of Lake Fontana, North Carolina," 235 Davis Library
- 7:30 p.m. Concert, Samford Chamber Ensembles, Brock Recital Hall

### Wednesday, November 11

Linda Killingsworth, Stephanie Kolodiej, Rhonda Parker, Shawn Petruzella, Randy Pittman, Steve Sweatt, Howard Walthall, Chrissy Ware

- 3 p.m. University Lecture: *Jason Wallace*, associate professor of history, "Being and Becoming: Why the Liberal Arts Are Worth Your Time"

### Thursday, November 12

Kari Adams, Jim Brown, Le-Ann Little

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Kristi Griem*, chief operating officer, Work of Worth
- 10:30 a.m. Legacy League meeting, *Kaleen Riley*, former White House Christmas decorator, President's Home
- 7:30 p.m. Faculty Recital, *Ryan Beach*, trumpet, Brock Recital Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Freeman Theatre and Dance Series presents *One Man, Two Guvnors*, Harrison Theatre, tickets.samford.edu

### Friday, November 13

Jonathan Bass, Linda Godfrey, Matt Kerlin, Alan Morris, Alvin Wright

- 7:30 p.m. Alabama Symphony Orchestra presents Salute to the Armed Forces, alabamasympphony.org
- 7:30 p.m. Freeman Theatre and Dance Series presents *One Man, Two Guvnors*, Harrison Theatre, tickets.samford.edu

### Saturday, November 14

Ronald Edmonds, Cherie Feenker, Brandon Gilbert, Joshua Hall, Celeste Hill, Matt Mazzei

- 7:30 p.m. Freeman Theatre and Dance Series presents *One Man, Two Guvnors*, Harrison Theatre, tickets.samford.edu

### Sunday, November 15

Lisa Herbinger, Latoya Paul

- 2 p.m. Women's Basketball: Samford vs. Auburn-Montgomery, Hanna Center
- 2:30 p.m. Freeman Theatre and Dance Series presents *One Man, Two Guvnors*, Harrison Theatre, tickets.samford.edu

### Monday, November 16

Gerald Bray (ret.), Lamar Burton, Sherri Chatman, Reble Foy (ret.), Rachel Lim, Lance Murdock, Pam Thornton, Bruce Waldrop

- 7 p.m. Men's Basketball: Samford vs. Auburn-Montgomery, Hanna Center

### Tuesday, November 17

J. T. Haywood (ret.), Judith Hicks, Steve Knight, Douglas O'Neill, Laura Promer

- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: *Matt Kerlin*, assistant dean for spiritual life
- 10 a.m. Faculty Shop Talk, *Bernie Ankney*, associate professor and chair, and *Betsy Emmons*, assistant professor, journalism and mass communication, "Magazine Coverage of the First Artificial Heart Transplant," 235 Davis Library
- 6 p.m. Women's Basketball: Samford vs. Troy, Hanna Center
- 7:30 p.m. School of the Arts and Legacy League present a Centennial Celebration, Mozart's *Requiem*, Combined Choirs and Orchestra, tickets.samford.edu

### Wednesday, November 18

Sherry Baldone (ret.), Diane Blakney (ret.), Carolyn Lankford, Frank Thielman, Stephen Watson, Autumn Yatabe

- 3 p.m. University Lecture: *Betsy Dobbins*, associate professor of biological and environmental sciences, "Shades Creek: Waters of Life in Our Backyard"

### Thursday, November 19

Najwa Bateh-Wehby, Lee Farquhar, Logan Hinkle, Donna Johnson, Robbie Tucker

- 9 a.m. Alabama Autumn Skies Presentation, "The Martian" (not a film screening), Christenberry Planetarium
- 10 a.m. Reid Chapel: Courageous Conversations
- 7:30 p.m. Concert, Samford Wind Ensemble, Brock Recital Hall
- 8 p.m. Alabama Autumn Skies Presentation, "The Martian" (not a film screening), Christenberry Planetarium

### Friday, November 20

Rebecca Hutto, Deborah McNeal, Jason Odom, Vickey Sullivan

### Saturday, November 21

Jeff Kyle, Susan Murphy (ret.), Maurice Persall

- 2 p.m. Women's Basketball: Samford vs. Shorter, Hanna Center
- 6 p.m. Men's Basketball: Samford vs. Kennesaw State, Hanna Center

### Sunday, November 22

Tanya Camp, Chuck Hebert, Kristin Kenning, Jesse Keppley, Jane Martin, Kit Terry

### Monday, November 23

Robert Wang  
Thanksgiving break; no classes

### Tuesday, November 24

John Bowers, Nathan Johnson, Ashley McDuff, Bill O'Brien (ret.), Darlene Robbins, Bill Service  
Thanksgiving break; no classes

### Wednesday, November 25

Kay Baugher, Jennifer Carson, Rosalyn Childress, Brenda Graffeo, Ruth Ketcham, Kelli Ledbetter, Frank Patrick, Annie Russ, Martha Whitson  
Thanksgiving break; no classes

### Thursday, November 26

Chelsea Green, Thelma Heywood (ret.), Randolph Horn, Wayne Lawley, Marjean Perry (ret.), Don Sullivan, Lois Tate (ret.)  
Happy Thanksgiving!

### Friday, November 27

Timarie Fisk, Janice Gallaspy, Mandy Hilsmier, Amy Hoaglund, Jim Pounds  
Thanksgiving break; no classes

### Saturday, November 28

Mark Fuller, Lee Hansen (ret.), Jill Pence

### Sunday, November 29

Josh Barnard, Tyler Shrout, Jenee Spencer, Nick Washmuth  
• 3 p.m. Superjazz, Brock Recital Hall

### Monday, November 30

Terry Davis, Brandon Slocumb ■

## Trustees Approve New Programs

Samford University's trustee executive committee approved new academic programs at its regular fall meeting Oct. 20.

Trustees approved a new Bachelor of Fine Arts in theatre for youth degree. According to Samford Provost Michael Hardin, the new major provides a "comprehensive training experience," and allows students to be involved in productions, touring performances in local schools, and outreach and camp experiences.

Also approved was a new interdisciplinary minor in science and religion. The program, an extension of Samford's Center for Science and Religion, "provides students with an educational foundation that helps to integrate intellect and faith," Hardin explained. ■

## Joys & Sorrows

### Congratulations to . . .

- **Molly McGuire** (Alumni Programs) on her Aug. 29 marriage to Ryan England
- **Rachel Slaton** (Pharmacy) and her husband, Jesse, on the Oct. 19 birth of their daughter, Lily Kate

### Sympathy is expressed to . . .

- **David Frings** (Biological and Environmental Sciences) in the Oct. 4 death of his mother, Norvelle Frings, of Birmingham
- **Julie Steward** (English) in the Aug. 26 death of her mother, Chris Bachant, of Dallas, Texas ■

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low incomes in the U.S. and abroad. She also led in strategic communication initiatives at the University of Notre Dame.

Nanni earned a master's degree in social welfare and policy from the University of Illinois-Chicago and a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame. She also was an International Rotary Scholar at La Universidad Simón Bolívar in Caracas, Venezuela.

"We are very pleased that Allison Nanni has agreed to serve as our director of community engagement," Nabers said. "Allison has worked extensively with her alma mater, the University of Notre Dame, in its commitment to the community. She brings experience, energy, high intelligence and a love for this work to Samford."

Her husband, Christopher, is president and chief executive officer for the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham. The Nannis live in Homewood with their three children. ■

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in North Korea" at the Special Symposium on Pharmacy Practice and Education in North Korea, held in Seoul, Korea, and sponsored by the Korean Pharmaceutical Association and the Korean Academy of Community Pharmacy.

**Pamela Sims** (Pharmacy) made the following presentations on dental pharmacology during June-September: "Managing Acute Pain in Chronic Pain Patients," Commonwealth Study Club, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Sept. 15; "Understanding the Medications Your Patient Takes: Drug Testing and Drugs of Abuse: What's Important for Dentistry?" ninth annual Dental Hygiene Symposium, Birmingham, Aug. 21-22; "Important Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacologic Considerations for Behavior Management During Minimal and Moderate Sedation," Wilson Chenault Dental Study Club, Decatur, Alabama, June 23; and "Behavior Modification," "Antibiotic Prophylaxis," "Local Anesthetics and Drug Interactions" and "Managing Acute Pain in Chronic Pain Patients," Florida Dental Convention, Orlando, Florida, June 11-12.

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reunions, tailgating and Bulldog Walk to a Quad Sing, grand opening of the new Art Lofts, a celebration of the retirement of archivist Liz Wells after 40 years of service to Samford and other activities.

For the complete schedule, go to [alumni.samford.edu/hcschedule](http://alumni.samford.edu/hcschedule).

Samford will play Clark-Atlanta in the homecoming football game at 2 p.m. in Seibert Stadium.

**Demondrae Thurman** (Music) toured with the Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass Band in Austria and Italy for a week in October. Thurman performed on the euphonium and trombone.

**X. Robert Wang** (Pharmacy) with pharmacy students **A. Heard, J. Thompson, J. Carver** and **M. Bakey** published "Targeting Molecular Chaperones for the Treatment of Cystic Fibrosis: Is It a Viable Approach?" in *Current Drug Targets* 2015 16(9): 958-964. PMID: 25981601.

**Whitney White** (Pharmacy) was appointed to the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Faculty Affairs Committee. She is president-elect of the Board for the Alabama Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

**Patti Wood** (Education) served as program chair for the 2015 annual conference of the Alabama Association for Gifted Children Sept. 16-18. She conducted a workshop entitled "Torrance Test of Creative Thinking: Administration and Interpretation." She also facilitated a round table discussion on "Concept-based Curriculum: Questions and Answers." ■

Sunday's schedule will include Bible study led by Samford President Andrew Westmoreland at 10 a.m. in Reid Chapel, the Golden Bulldog Brunch for graduates from 1965 and earlier in the new Brock School of Business building, Cooney Hall, at 11 a.m., and a walk in the park at Birmingham Botanical Gardens at 1 p.m. led by biology professor Larry Davenport. ■

## FYI

### Psychology Research Papers Chosen for National ACT Presentation

Psychology majors presented five research papers at the Annual Conference on Teaching (ACT), the main conference for the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP). These were professional papers selected through blind review.

One poster was the senior directed research project of Ellen Pacci, who graduated last year. The other four, however, were the group research projects for an entire class of 306 Research Methods, a junior-level course meant to introduce students to the research process. Psychology chair Stephen Chew taught the class of 15 students during spring 2015.

The class involves an original research project done in groups. Students split into four groups, and each pursued a research topic to study. To streamline the research development phase, Chew recommended to the students that they try to design a project on teaching and learning, since that is Chew's research specialization. All four groups followed his suggestion, and identified and developed their research projects under his supervision. "I was very pleased with the quality of all the completed projects," said Chew.

When the call for papers came out for ACT, Chew thought that some of the projects, along with Pacci's, would stand a good chance of being accepted, so he got the students to agree to allow him to submit them. A month or so later, Chew got the message that all five had been accepted. So, among the 27 research papers presented at ACT, five came from Samford students.

The students were Joshua Aarons, Kevin Finglewicz, Keke Fletcher, Sarah Pryor, Will Brennan, Ashley Ferguson, Parisa Poorak, Sarah Tarnakow, Jeremy Dale, Ashlyn Ward, Rebecca Womack, Sara Nolin, Mikala Pickens, Katherine M. Wood and Pacci. ■



## Leonard, Chapman to Lead Tour to Israel May 17-29

Samford religion professor Jeff Leonard and Howard College of Arts and Sciences dean David Chapman will lead an alumni and friends tour to Israel May 17-29, 2016.

Tour highlights will include visits to many of the sites of Jesus' life, hiking through Hezekiah's

tunnel, boating on the Sea of Galilee, visiting archaeological sites in Masada and Qumran, swimming in the Dead Sea, and trekking through a canyon in the Negev desert.

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