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Concert
**Samford University Orchestra
and Wind Ensemble**
Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.
Brock Recital Hall

Quotable

Samford faculty experts share thoughts with media.

Jonathan Bass (History) to the *Los Angeles Times* March 7 about President Barack Obama's appearance in Selma, Ala., on the 50th anniversary of the Selma-to-Montgomery march for voting rights

"I think [Martin Luther King, Jr.] would be deeply moved by that. In an age of hyperpartisanship, an age where nothing is done without some sort of political calculation, this truly transcends politics." Bass said the struggle for voting rights continues to be a "sacred fight" for Americans, and added, "In this historical context, it's a stark contrast when you look at all of these limitations placed on the franchise. It's disturbing for many black activists who are seeing a slow retrenchment of the voting rights that were earned in the '50s and '60s."

Betsy Emmons (Journalism and Mass Communication) to ABC 33/40 in a story March 18 about how social media can be used for good or ill.

"We are in a social space, so things that we share have consequences," Emmons said, adding that social media is a tool that can bring awareness to issues such as race, domestic violence and terrorism, but the activism must go beyond the screens.

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Provost Search Committee in Preliminary Interview Stage

After hundreds of initial contacts, the Provost Search Committee has narrowed its interests to those for whom it believes a person-to-person interview would be necessary before making recommendations to President Andrew Westmoreland, according to Dennis Sansom, committee chair.

"We are hoping to reach our goal by mid-April," Sansom said, adding "we believe we will."

At that point, Westmoreland will take over the process. Final candidates will be invited to the campus for extended meetings with

trustees, employees and students, according to Sansom.

"To reach our deadline," said Sansom, "we have been meeting formally twice a week and keeping in contact with each other. The diversity of the committee's perspectives and interests has added to the depth of our discussions and deliberations. Our conversations have been candid, cordial and always aimed at moving the process forward, and we are confident that we will fulfill our charge."

Information about the search can be found at samford.edu/provost. ■

Samford to Launch Revamped Event and Calendar Planning System

Samford University is launching a new event and calendar system, and a series of information and training sessions are scheduled during April to introduce the new system to employees.

SPACES: Samford's Planning and Calendaring Events System is the result of a university-wide collaboration led by the office of marketing and communication, technology services and event management.

According to Philip Poole, executive director of university communication, SPACES is an expanded and more comprehensive resource built on the previous R25 system to plan and schedule events on campus and to include off-campus events in the university's new events calendar on the Samford website that launched in fall 2014.

This improved and expanded planning tool provides a one-stop option for requesting space, facilities resources and various web-based calendars. The redesigned system will help with logistics such things as HVAC, tables and chairs, and security. Over the next few months, several additional calendars, including school-specific calendars, will be added to the website.

"The new public events calendar and future calendars build from SPACES, so it will be important to ensure that your events are loaded in the system for internal campus communication and external promotion," Poole said.

Poole said all employees are encouraged to attend one of the information sessions to help

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Fisk Interview on Hawthorne Airs on NPR Curiosity Shop



Fisk

When *Curiosity Shop* host Edgar Herwick III of National Public Radio's WGBH in Boston sought info on Nathaniel Hawthorne, he knew who to

call: Samford's Rosemary Fisk.

Herwick was doing a feature on the 165th anniversary of *The Scarlet Letter*, Hawthorne's best-known work. He called Fisk, a Hawthorne expert and former president of the Hawthorne Society, to help tell the story. The interview aired during mid-March.

"It was fun doing the interview, even though it was a real scramble to get out the stepladder and literally pull my dusty dissertation off the top shelf to remind myself of what I once wrote," said Fisk, associate dean of Howard College of Arts and Sciences.

The NPR interview focused on the partnership between Hawthorne and James Fields, a business-savvy publishing house official who rescued the writer from obscurity.

"He had all the business sense that Hawthorne lacked," Fisk told the NPR audience. Fields convinced Hawthorne to extract *The Scarlet Letter* from a short story collection and focus on it, and then suggested the final three chapters of the classic.

For the complete interview go to wgbhnews.org/topic/curiosity-desk. ■



Out & About

David Bains (Religion) presented a paper entitled "Stones and Replicas: Using the Holy Land to Christianize the American Capital" at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion in Nashville, Tennessee, March 7. On April 17, he will present "Congregationalism, Anti-slavery and the Claiming of Denominational Ground in Washington, D.C." at the spring meeting of the American Society of Church History in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This spring, he taught a four-week Lenten series at Grace Episcopal Church in Cullman, Alabama, on the book of Job.

Mark Bateman, Les Ennis, Peggy Connell, Monique Witherspoon, Jane Cobia and **Jodi Newton** (Education) presented with graduate students at the Alabama Association of Professors of Educational Leadership Conference Feb. 20-21 in Montgomery, Alabama.

Lisa Battaglia (Religion) cochaired four panels on Religions of Asia at the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion conference in Nashville, Tennessee, March 6-8. Panel themes included "Modes of Transformation in Buddhism and Hinduism," "Divine Creation in Tibetan Tantric Traditions," "Place

and Pilgrimage" and "Philosophy of Religion and Religious Diversity."

Kim Benner (Pharmacy), with **K. Goliak, K. Stoneking, S. Dey, K. Besinque** and **Al-Ghananeem**, presented "Generational Differences in Pharmacy Leadership" at the Academic Leadership Fellows Program Debate at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Interim Meeting in February.

Mark Castle (Theatre) and **Randall Richardson** (Music) presented a masterclass at the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in March.

Marshall Cates, Michael Hogue (Pharmacy) and **Tom Woolley** (Business) published "Effects of Actual Participation in Drug Testing on the Attitudes of First-year Pharmacy Students Toward a Mandatory Drug Testing Program" in *Currents in Pharmacy Teaching and Learning* 2015;7(2):224-230. Cates, Woolley, and former students **Andraya Clark** and **Amy Saunders** published "Sleep Quality Among Pharmacy Students" in the *American Journal of Pharmacy Education* 2015;79(1):09.

Paul Cha (History) gave a presentation for the Birmingham International Center's Spotlight on China and Diversity Workshop March 7 at Samford. His topic was "Footbinding and Chinese Concepts of Beauty."

Jane Cobia (Educational Leadership) received the Distinguished Service Award 2015 March 7 from Cheaha District Boy Scouts of America. She presented "A Journey of Change: Discovering the Power of Resiliency" at the ASCD (formerly the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) annual conference in Houston, Texas, March 22.

Ralph Gold, Jr. (Kinesiology) attended the Gulf South Summit on Service-Learning & Civic Engagement Through Higher Education March 11-13 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Wendy Greene (Law) had her article, "Categorically Black, White or Wrong: 'Misperception Discrimination' and the State of



Greene



Ledgerwood



Steward



Strange

Title VII Protection," which was published in the *Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, recognized as the recipient of the Law and Society Association's 2015 John Hope Franklin Award. Established in 2010 to "recognize exceptional scholarship in the field of Race, Racism and the Law," the annual award is named for the professor of history and law whose interdisciplinary research documented the history of racism and its effects, whose scholarship had both national and international influence, and whose commitments to intellectual freedom, professional service and civic activism were resolute. "The award will be presented during Law and Society's annual meeting in Seattle, Washington, in May.

Kelly Jensen (World Languages and Cultures) presented a paper entitled "Echoes of Facundo: Nationalized Memory in Contemporary Argentine Television" at the 62nd annual Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies in Charleston, South Carolina, March 12-14.

Lynda Jentsch (World Languages and Cultures) read an original translation of a short story by Peruvian author Carlos Orihuela at the 42nd annual conference of the Kentucky Philological Association March 6-7 at Northern Kentucky University. The translated title of the story is "Little Big Head."

Kristin Kenning, Ron Shinn and **Brian Viliunas** (Music) gave a trio recital at Columbus State University March 12.

Victoria Smith Knierim (Communication Arts) presented a paper entitled "'It is More Than Just a Grade: Redefining Success for Student Writers" at the ACETA conference in Fairhope, Alabama, in March. She attended a conference entitled "Threshold Concepts

of Writing: What Do We Know and How Can That Knowledge Inform Our Work?" presented by Dr. Elizabeth Wardle of the University of Central Florida. The conference was part of the Virginia Peck Composition Series at Middle Tennessee State University.

Mike Ledgerwood (World Languages and Cultures) chaired a panel on Agency, Indigenismo and Indigeneity and presented a paper entitled "A Reconsideration of 'Indianismo' and 'Indigenismo' in Four Novels from Peruvian and Brazilian Literature" at the 62nd annual Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies in Charleston, South Carolina, March 12-14.

Christopher Metress (Associate Provost for Academics) published "The White Southern Novel and the Civil Rights Movement" in *The Cambridge Companion to American Civil Rights Literature*, the latest installment in Cambridge University Press' Companions to Literature Series. The essay argues for the presence of distinct genre within civil rights literature, one that provides an untapped resource for understanding the range of views white Southerners held about the dismantling of Jim Crow.

Patricia Naro (Pharmacy) presented "Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias" at the Alabama Pharmacy Association midwinter meeting in Guntersville, Alabama, Feb. 21.

Dennis Sansom (Philosophy) presented the following papers: "The Soul-Injured Veteran and the Christian Practice of Prayer," at the Veterans Moral Injury Conference, Samford, March 17, and "Curiosity versus Studiousness: St. Augustine and the Development of Philosophical Wonder," at the

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April Calendar

(Birthdays are listed in red.)

Wednesday, April 1

Patrick Chappell, Denise Gregory, Yolanda Long, Jaro Szurek, Laura Tomlin, Joy Whatley

- 4:30 p.m., Hodges Lecture in Ethics and Leadership, Speaker: *George Marsden*, Brock Recital Hall
- 6 p.m., Baseball: Samford vs. Alabama A&M, Griffin Field

Thursday, April 2

Jake Headrick, Patricia Hodge, Donald Jackson, Linda Jones, Rachel Slaton

- 4:30 p.m., AFROTC Retreat Ceremony, Centennial Walk
- 11 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service, Reid Chapel

Friday, April 3

Barbara Cartledge, Sandra Willis

- 3 p.m., Baseball doubleheader: Samford vs. UNCG, Griffin Field
- 3 p.m., Softball doubleheader: Samford vs. ETSU, Bulldog Field

Saturday, April 4

Louise White (ret.)

- 10 a.m., Women's Tennis: Samford vs. ETSU, Samford Tennis Complex
- 1 p.m., Softball: Samford vs. ETSU, Bulldog Field
- 2 p.m., Baseball: Samford vs. UNCG, Griffin Field

Sunday, April 5

Andy Brindley, Tom Stone, Claude Tindle

Monday, April 6

Marie Guess, Danielle Johnson, Dennis Price, Bill Pryor, Lynette Sandley

Tuesday, April 7

Brad Busbee, Rahim Esmail, Pamela Nelson, Lane Smith

- 5 p.m., Birmingham-area Samford Parents Association event, Hanna Center and Griffin Field
- 6 p.m., Baseball: Samford vs. Alabama, Griffin Field
- 7:30 p.m., Faculty Recital: *Kathryn Fouse*, piano, Brock Recital Hall

Wednesday, April 8

Marci Edwards, Drew Hataway, Brenda Jones, James Tillet (ret.)

- 6 p.m., Softball: Samford vs. Ole Miss, Bulldog Field

Thursday, April 9

Buck Brock, Jeff Leonard, Chris McCaghren, Milburn Price (ret.)

- 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., River Ministry Book Author Reception with *Myralyn Allgood*, SIM Forum
- All-State Choral Festival, Wright Fine Arts Center

Friday, April 10

John Coleman, Peggy Connell, Fred Hendon (ret.), Roger Lander, Sandra O'Brien, Matt Price, Gloria Russell (ret.)

- Admitted Student Day, hosted by Office of Admission
- All-State Choral Festival, Wright Fine Arts Center
- Cumberland School of Law Alumni Weekend
- 6 p.m., Baseball: Samford vs. Murray State, Griffin Field

Saturday, April 11

Brad Diamond, Elizabeth Gambrell, Katie Kauffman, Valencia Tamper, Janice Teal (ret.)

- Cumberland School of Law Alumni Weekend
- Junior Preview Day, hosted by Office of Admission
- 2 p.m., Baseball: Samford vs. Murray State, Griffin Field

Sunday, April 12

Tony Crunk, Cindy Kennington, Suzanne Oberholster, Glenda Valdmans, Mary Wimberley

- 1 p.m., Baseball: Samford vs. Murray State, Griffin Field

Monday, April 13

Rhonda Brazil, Erin Gilchrist, Lisa Kuntz, Randy McKinney, John Petrella

Tuesday, April 14

Deborah Burks, Jae Dedo (ret.), Naila Jaraysi, Barbara Macgirvin, Cathy Moore, William Nunnelley, Vernon Wesson

- 6 p.m., Baseball: Samford vs. Troy, Griffin Field

Wednesday, April 15

Andy Benson, Cheryl Cecil, Alan Deer, Heather West

- 3 p.m., Men's Tennis: Samford vs. Chattanooga, Samford Tennis Complex
- 6 p.m., Softball: Samford vs. Auburn, Bulldog Field

Thursday, April 16

Lee Allen (ret.), Matt DeFore, Catherine Evans, Terri Hubbell, Alan Lyons, Francis Tatum (ret.)

Friday, April 17

Amy Broesecker, Lyle Dorsett, Dianne Johnson

- Energy Forum, hosted by Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences
- HEAL Conference: "Religion and Health Care in a Diverse Society"

Saturday, April 18

John Cousins (ret.), John Harris, Laura Logan, Laurie Zimmer

- Samford Gives Back Day
- 1 p.m., Softball doubleheader: Samford vs. Mercer, Bulldog Field

Sunday, April 19

Lisa Beckham, Brett Burkes, Richard Esposito, Scott Padgett, W. D. Peoples (ret.), Terry Pickett (ret.)

- 1 p.m., Softball: Samford vs. Mercer, Bulldog Field
- 1 p.m., Men's Tennis: Samford vs. The Citadel, Samford Tennis Complex

Monday, April 20

Ken Berg, Brad Creed, Mike Ledgerwood, Susan McNabb

Tuesday, April 21

Leon Davis (ret.), Allison Hepola, Rebecca Huffstutler, Taylor Payne, Sandra Pickard (ret.)

- Samford Earth Day activities, Ben Brown Plaza
- 6 p.m., Baseball: Samford vs. Alabama State, Griffin Field
- 7:30 p.m., Samford Orchestra and Wind Ensemble Concert, Brock Recital Hall

Wednesday, April 22

John Bowman (ret.), Jim Haggard (ret.), Jordan Legg, Mary Martin (ret.), Nicole Otero

Thursday, April 23

John Chatta, Charlotte Coleman (ret.), Leah Dupre, Martha Ralls (ret.), Jennifer Taylor

- Samford Earth Day activities, Ben Brown Plaza
- 1 p.m., Softball doubleheader: Samford vs. Middle Tennessee, Bulldog Field
- 7:30 p.m., Signature Series presents the Annie Moses Band, Wright Center Concert Hall
- 8 p.m., Alabama Skies Show, Christenberry Planetarium

Friday, April 24

Judi Aucoin, Pattie Harris, Meredith Henry, Shelley Lewis, Cynthia Lohrke, Steve Nelson (ret.), Lori Northrup, Nancy Schultz, Ann Slattery

- 12 p.m., Samford African-American Alumni and Friends Luncheon, The Club
- 5:30 p.m., Choral Vespers, Hodges Chapel

Saturday, April 25

Maryam Iranikhah, Jimmy McDowell, Sydney Park, Ian Schwarting, Sandra Spivey

- Track and Field: Southern Conference Championships, Samford Track and Soccer Stadium
- 4:30 p.m., Alabama Skies Show, Christenberry Planetarium

Sunday, April 26

J. W. Lail, Amy Milam, Stephanie Patterson, Susan Sheffield (ret.), Kimberly Sims

- Track and Field: Southern Conference Championships, Samford Track and Soccer Stadium

Monday, April 27

Amy Bigham, Aaron Calvert, Lurla Dennis (ret.), Vicki Dvonch, Debbie Fly, Herman Harris, Tim McRae

Tuesday, April 28

Toner Evans, Art Griffin, Michael Koslin, Ed Nichols, Mike Sigmon

Wednesday, April 29

Susan Flick, Dan Lawhon, Catherine Moore, Kathryn Tanner

- 6 p.m., Baseball: Samford vs. UAB, Griffin Field

Thursday, April 30

Shaun Crawford, Katherine Jarnigan, Vicky Ozment, Sandi Prater, Jewel Riffe (ret.)

- 10:30 a.m., Young Authors Conference, Bolding Studio
- 7:30 p.m., *Jane Eyre*, Harrison Theatre

For a complete calendar of events, go to samford.edu/events ■

Reception April 9 for Allgood Book on River Ministry

World Languages and Cultures Professor Emerita of Spanish Myralyn F. Allgood has published a book that celebrates almost three decades of Samford's role in the Rio Grande mission program founded by Elmin Howell.

Summer Missions on the Rio Grande: A Collective Memoir of Samford Students in Ministry, 1975–2003 was a labor of love for Allgood, who first visited Texas 40 years ago to learn how Samford students might participate in the program.

Allgood noted in the book's preface that she frequently heard from those who had been involved in the river ministry urging her to write a book about the experience. That led her to a three-year exploration of the materials and memories that became the book.

"I think we all sensed from the outset that God's hand was on this project, and watching Him move in the lives of those involved was a remarkable thing to behold—and to recount," she wrote.

Former Samford professor Max Gartman and Howard College of Arts and Sciences dean David Chapman also contributed writing, but the book focuses primarily on alumni reflections, newsletters, correspondence, candid photos and news clippings, most reproduced in their original forms to create the appearance of a scrapbook.

Howard College helped fund the book's production. To celebrate the publication, the college will host two free public receptions April 9 (3 p.m. or 7 p.m.) in Samford's SIM Forum, inside the east entrance of Brooks Hall. Books will be available for purchase (\$10 for River Ministry alumni, \$20 for others) and Allgood's autograph at the receptions.

Autographed copies of *Summer Missions on the Rio Grande* are available in Samford's bookstore. The book may be purchased online without the River Ministry discount and is available by mail with the discount (plus \$7 shipping) by calling 205-726-2834. ■

Sympathy is expressed to . . .

- **Dan and Sharon Lawhon** (Music) in the March 11 death of Dan's father and Sharon's father-in-law, Rev. Thomas E. Lawhon of Adairville, Kentucky
- **Randy Pittman** (Advancement) in the March 6 death of his mother, Gaie Williams Pittman, of Thomas-ton, Georgia
- **Nena Sanders** (Health Sciences) in the March 10 death of her mother, Jean Wilson Frost, of Calera, Alabama ■

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understand the new system and the planning and marketing tools that are available with SPACES. These sessions are scheduled for April 2, 2-3 p.m., Brooks Auditorium; April 8, 3-4 p.m., N101 Divinity Hall; and April 14, 9-10 a.m., 131 Dwight Beeson Hall. No advance registration is needed for the information sessions.

More detailed, hands-on training is available for anyone who has responsibility for loading events in the system or requesting specific resources. These sessions are scheduled for April 12, 1-2 p.m., and April 22, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 040 Davis Library (computer lab).

Registration is required for the training session to ensure adequate space. Registration is available at www2.samford.edu/eve. Additional hands-on training sessions may be added as needed. ■

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David Weigel (Christenberry Planetarium) to *Al.com* in a story March 26 about upcoming programs, new technology that allows more interactive audience experience and availability of software and data from space agencies.

"Science is not unobtainable. If you love it, it's right at your fingertips," Weigel said. ■

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Society of Christian Philosophers meeting at Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama, March 21.

David Shipley (Journalism and Mass Communication) copresented a series of workshops on the Fundamentals of International Admission as part of the national NAFSA Academy for International Educators March 10-14 at Emory University.

Jessica Skelley (Pharmacy) and **Tom Woolley** (Business), with **D. A. South** and **M. Dang**, published "Near-miss Transcription Errors: A Comparison of Reporting Rates Between a Novel Error-reporting Mechanism and a Current Formal Reporting System" in *Hospital Pharmacy* 2015; 50:118-124.

Julie Steward (English) had a poem entitled "Custodial Weekend" published in *The Midwest Quarterly* (Summer 2014). This particular issue caps off the yearlong Year of Poetry, a series of four all-poetry issues focused on a pair of contrasting themes such as "Work and Play."

James Strange (Religion) served as vice president and program chair for the Southeastern regional meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research in Nashville, Tennessee, March 6-8. On March 26, he gave a faculty shop talk at Samford on "Southerners in the North: Galilean Jews under Roman Rule."

Corky Strickland (Law) did interviews with WBHM, Alabama 13 and Alabama 33/40 regarding the Alabama Supreme Court's order about same-sex marriage in Alabama.

Terri Wensel (Pharmacy) presented a "New Drug Update" and facilitated a medication therapy management panel discussion at the 2015 American Pharmacy Cooperative Inc. meeting. ■

Old Howard 100 April 18 Offers Rides of Varying Length

The Old Howard 100 will include a rest stop in view of the historic Edmund Pettus Bridge in downtown Selma, Alabama, as part of the 11th annual bike ride Saturday, April 18. An organization called Main Street Selma will host the stop.

The ride will begin in Marion, Alabama, as usual and continue through the towns of Newbern, Greensboro and Selma, depending on the route length riders choose.

"In the past, many riders have done the first loop of 45 miles but not the second loop to Selma and back (about 57 miles but flatter)," said Rosemary Fisk, Old Howard 100 director. "This year, we're making that loop available as an option; the only catch is that you have to wait until about 10 a.m. to begin."

As always, the ride will be patrolled and supported by vehicles from Cahaba Cycles and the Pell City HAM Radio Club. The Newbern Volunteer Fire

Department will bring out its collection of antique fire trucks to give the ride full visibility, as if a driver wouldn't notice about 400 cyclists on the road, said Fisk.

"In short, it's great fun and an ideal way to introduce yourself to an organized cycling event if you've never done one," she said. "We also welcome responsible volunteers to help with supplies and registration."

Proceeds benefit Sowing Seeds of Hope, particularly the local health initiatives in which many Samford faculty and students are directly involved. "We expect to make a large donation this year with thanks to our new partner, Buffalo Rock, which is supporting all rides of the Alabama Backroads Century series," said Fisk.

To register and get more information, go to samford.edu/go/oldhoward or facebook.com/OldHoward100, or watch for the display with brochures outside the bookstore. ■

Samford Announces 2015-16 Tuition, Fees

Samford University's board of trustees has approved the 2015-16 tuition and fee schedule.

Undergraduate tuition for full-time students will be \$13,760 per semester, a 3.8 percent increase over 2014-15. This is the lowest percentage increase in undergraduate tuition in several years, university officials said.

"We are grateful for the investment that students and their families are making in a Samford education," said R. Phil Kimrey, Samford's vice president for student affairs and enrollment management. "Our students and their families expect high-quality, rigorous academic programs, and we seek to find balance between those expectations and affordability."

The university-wide technology fee will increase to \$175 per semester, the first increase in several years, as the university continues to expand wireless access and classroom technology. The campus life fee for undergraduate students remains unchanged for

2015-16.

Housing rates for undergraduates will range from \$2,016 to \$4,216 per semester, based on residence facility. Meal plans will range from \$1,134-\$2,270 per semester, based on the plan selected. The "carte blanche" meal plan allows for unlimited meals and dining access throughout the day. Samford also offers 12- and 7-meal plans. All meal plans will include new options for to-go meals through Samford Dining's new Take 4 service and options for receiving discounts for additional funds that individuals can add to the Dining Dollars feature.

Full-time tuition per semester for graduate/professional programs includes Cumberland School of Law, \$18,298, a 1 percent increase from 2014-15; Beeson Divinity School, \$6,228, a 5 percent increase; and McWhorter School of Pharmacy, \$17,707, a 3 percent increase over 2014-15. Tuition and fees in other graduate programs will vary by degree program. ■