

Member News

University of Louisiana Lafayette

Submitted by Roger A Waggoner raw9736@louisiana.edu:

Professor **Bradd Clark** has been named Acting Dean of the College of Sciences.
Promotions:

- **Christo Christov** -- tenure and promotion to Full Professor.
- **Keng Deng, Kalimuthu Krishnamoorthy, Nabendu Pal** -- promotion to Full Professor.
- **Tom Rizzuto** -- promotion to Associate Professor.

Visitors:

- **Snezhana Hristova** (Differential Equations)-- Visiting Associate Professor from the University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria.
- **Sahadeb Darkar** (Statistics) -- Visiting Full Professor from the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta.

Appointments:

- **Catherine McKay** and **Melissa Myers** appointed as Temporary Instructors.
- Professor **Carroll Guillory** passed away on March 18, 2001.
- Professor **Tom Boullion** retired in May 2001.
- Associate Professor **Lan Ke** and Instructor **Christine Wise** resigned effective Fall 2001.

Mississippi College

Submitted by Tommy Leavelle Leavelle@mc.edu:

The Student Government Association at Mississippi College has instituted a new award to honor one professor from the entire campus for excellence in teaching. The first ever recipient of the award is Dr. **Melinda Gann** of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. Dr. Gann received her undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University, her master's degree from Mississippi College and her doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi, so all can take part of the credit for producing such an outstanding mathematics teacher.

Alcorn State University

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Three Students Participate in Undergraduate Research

Three students (Shomari Mosi, Tollie Thigpin, and Mickesha Page) were sponsored by the NSF project to gain undergraduate research experiences for one month at Mississippi State University under the supervision of MSU Faculty.

Faculty Participates in ACHIEVE Program

Mrs. Kanchan Manaktala participated in ACHIEVE Program during the summer. Mrs. Manaktala said that students enjoy Problem Based and Studio Based Learning. It works great, she said.

Faculty, Student Participate in NSF Project Welcome

Professor **Ravinder Kumar** and **Mrs. Manaktala** are participating in NSF Project WELCOME that was awarded to Mathematics Association of America last year. Professor Kumar works on the project as a mentor developer and Mrs. Manaktala as novice developer. Shomari Mosi, a senior computer science major, is also associated in the project as the only student developer. All three attended a workshop of the project at Metropolitan University in St. Paul, Minnesota in July/August. The main object of this project is to develop a web library of dynamic and interactive mathematics materials in different courses in mathematics.

Teachers Trained

Professor **Keith Alford** conducted a month-long training workshop under a project funded by Institutions of Higher Learning, "Teaching Mathematics using Online Resources". The teachers, drawn from Southwest Mississippi school districts, received training in intensive use of technology for teaching mathematics.

Faculty Presents

Professor **Ravinder Kumar** presented a dynamic biological model "Progeny" created using MathWright at MathFest in August in Madison, WI. **Mrs. Kanchan Mankatala** and **Shomari Mosi** also attended the conference.

Distance Learning Training Center

Professor **Ravinder Kumar** will be the director of the Distance Learning Training Center of MSEIP (COOP) project at Alcorn. This project is a cooperative project of seven institutions: Clark Atlanta University (Lead Institution), Alcorn State University, Bennett College, Cayrey University, LaGuardia Community College, Los Angeles City College, and Prince George's Community College. Under this project Alcorn State University will serve as training center for college/university teachers from Mississippi, Louisiana and a part of Alabama who will learn how to conduct online courses in mathematics developed at Clark Atlanta University. Professor Kumar attended a three-day conference of the Project Directors at Clark Atlanta University in October to plan the activities of the project.

Promotions

Ravinder Kumar was promoted to full professor.

The University of Mississippi

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Hanxiang Peng was hired as a tenure-track Assistant Professor. He obtained his Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Leanne Holder, **Francis Jordan**, and **Frederic Mynard** were hired as Visiting Assistant Professors.