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## Congratulations to :

*Dr. Kay Johnson-Winters in the College of Science.*

She is the recipient of funding through the Research Enhancement Program; the competition for internal funding is intense. Kay's successful proposal is titled, "Kinetic Characterization of F420 Cofactor Dependent Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase."



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Anyone who would like to submit other information for the newsletter such as jokes, an article or a recipe, please do so. Keep us updated on your work and events coming up through the AAFSA newsletter.

Thanks, Araina Ore

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## OUR MISSION

The AAFSA seeks to establish a mechanism through which African Americans are fully recognized as contributing members of the University of Texas at Arlington and the community at large. The organization will accomplish this objective by advocacy and support for issues deemed important by the AAFSA.

## OUR GOALS

- To provide advice and support to African-American faculty, staff and constituents.
- To sponsor mentoring opportunities for membership, etc.
- To assist and advise on issues related to the advancement of African-American faculty, staff and students.
- To provide a forum for research and professional development.
- To develop partnerships with other University organizations.



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"Be who you are and say what you mean. Because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind!"

—Dr. Seuss

EXCELLENCE THROUGH  
DIVERSITY

## Harriet Watkins Named Vice President of the Golden Key International Honor Society's International Leadership Council

ATLANTA - The University of Texas at Arlington's Harriet Watkins was recently elected Vice President of the Golden Key International Honor Society's International Leadership Council. With this position she also becomes Chair of the Society's Council of Advisors.

The International Leadership Council (ILC) oversees the academic integrity of the Society, approves institutions

for chartering of chapters and oversees all chapter activity for Golden Key members. The Council of Advisors (CoA) provide feedback to the Society's staff and leadership, foster collaboration among chapters in their region and judge a number of regional and international awards.

"Being elected to the International Council of Advisors is a huge honor for me," Watkins said. "As chair of the Council of Advisors, I envision a very interactive, motivated council

propelling the society forward through innovative strategies and initiatives geared to undergird and support our advisors across all regions. The three pillars of academics, leadership and service are what make this Society great and I am eager to make a solid contribution and add to the legacy of Golden Key."

Watkins was elected to the ILC by Golden Key chapter advisors. She will serve in both positions for three years.

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## Message from the President



The African American Faculty and Staff Association at the University of Texas at Arlington has a proud history of serving the entire University Community with a focus on providing a support network and host of

resources for African and African American faculty, staff, and students. We also are committed to promoting academic excellence and mentoring for our African-American students.

Our organization provides camaraderie through our many programs and initiatives. In addition to our monthly meetings, we also host a number of special events throughout the year such as "The Back to School Mixer for Faculty and Students", the President's reception, an Annual Black History Month Program, culminated by our newest event, the AAFSA Awards Banquet.

This year, we are focusing on four key strategic areas to enhance the experience for faculty, staff, and students. 1) We are going to focus on supporting our students with seminars, mentoring programs and other special campus events,

2) reaching out to our African American faculty members by establishing a faculty forum and mentor program to be headed by Dr. William Dulaney, 3) developing a strategic plan for AAFSA and 4) establishing a scholarship fund for students in honor of Dr. June James III. our students, to serve the university, and of course, to serve each other.

I am committed to working with other African-American faculty, staff and administrators to ensure their success at UTA. As stated by our former President Dr. Dulaney "There is strength in numbers and there is even more strength in unity." Thus, I encourage you to join with those of us in the AAFSA who are committed to serve our students, to serve the university, and of course, to serve each other.

We want to provide a first-class, supportive and co-curricular experience for faculty and staff here at UT - Arlington. On behalf of the 2010-2011 Leadership Team, we look forward to seeing you at our events and hope you will take an active role as well.

Eddie Freeman, AAFSA President

## Funding Opportunities



**Have any Ideas for Funding?  
If so Contact Rosa Newman**

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## Dr. Marvin Dulaney Publications

On a personal note, I published the following essay: "The Rise, Fall, and Rebirth of the Dallas NAACP" in *Lone Star Legacy: African American History in Texas*. Delicia Daniels, Editor (Detroit: Aquarius Press, 2011), 35-43.

I also wrote a Humanities Texas grant for the African American Education Archives and History Program at the Dallas African American Museum for \$6,250 to fund a project entitled "Documenting the History of the Civil Rights Movement in Dallas County, Texas." We completed oral history interviews with thirty-four people (I did thirty of them) who participated in the movement in Dallas from 1950 to 1990. On Sunday, 11 December 2011, I presented a video compilation of the interviews and a PowerPoint presentation on the civil rights movement in Dallas at the African American Museum.

## Getting to Know...

Schnavia Smith Hatcher, Director of the new

UT Arlington Center for African American Studies



Dr. Schnavia Hatcher began at UT Arlington this semester with the official launch of the Center for African American Studies (CAAS) in August 2012. As Director, Hatcher is leading the infrastructure development of CAAS and policy decisions related to the African American Studies minor, community-based research, and civic engagement programs. Hatcher will also provide guid-

ance to students, faculty, staff, and community members that would like to establish projects in the community that address social problems. In addition to her role as Director, Hatcher is a tenured Associate Professor in the School of Social Work and an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Her own research focuses on health promotion strategies in correctional settings, addressing mental health, substance abuse

and HIV disparities, and the practice and policy implications for African Americans. Hatcher moves to Texas after seven years with the University of Georgia School of Social Work. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Spelman College in Atlanta, a master of social work degree from the University of Georgia and a doctoral degree in social welfare from the University of Kansas.

# BIRTHDAYS

ELTON BRIGGS AUGUST 8

ROSHANDA MARKS AUGUST 29

ALISA JOHNSON SEPTEMBER 3

PHONECIA SHELTON SEPTEMBER 20

JOAN BLAKEY SEPTEMBER 25

JAMILA LANE OCTOBER 12

MICHELLE BADON OCTOBER 13

CAMONIA R. LONG OCTOBER 19



Judy Leflore, professor and interim associate dean for research in the College of Nursing, was awarded an \$862,532 Advanced Nursing Education Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health resources and Services Administration. The grant will be used for a year long seminar between the School of Social Work and the pediatric and neonatal nurse practitioner program in the College of Nursing to help nurses and social workers experience working with each other before graduating.

Joan Blakey is one of the people helping head up the program with Ms. Leflore. She says, "We can no longer continue to educate students separately, particularly because they are working together," said Joan Blakey, Social Work assistant professor. "I don't think we've seen anything like this in the U.S., at least between social workers and nurses, in terms of interprofessional education." Blakey also adds, "The program will make social work students more marketable," "They will gain some basic medical knowledge in terms of what a social worker needs to know," she said. "They will learn to work together with nurses. They will have to work together to meet the needs of the child as well as the family."

Congratulations to Joan Blakey for being apart of this new program!

**Pic of the Month**

**History Channel Programming Line-Up**

- Mythological Creatures
- Modern Marvels
- Ridiculous Speculations About The Future
- Stuff That Should Be On Discovery
- Domsday Prophecies
- Ghosts
- 911 Tributes
- UFOs
- Actual History



**Crunchy Chocolate Biscotti**

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease large cookie sheet.
2. In a small bowl, beat together egg whites, oil, coffee, and vanilla.
3. In a large bowl, stir together flour and remaining ingredients until well mixed. Pour egg mixture onto dry ingredients and stir until combined. Shape mixture into two 12" by 1" logs; place both on cookie sheet and flatten slightly. Bake 30 minutes. Remove from oven and cool 10 minutes.
4. Transfer one log to cutting board. Slice diagonally into scant 1/2-inch-thick biscotti. Arrange biscotti, cut side up, on cookie sheet. Repeat with remaining log, using a second cookie sheet if necessary.
5. Bake 20 minutes. Transfer to wire rack to cool. Store in an airtight jar up to 1 month.

Yields: 48

Total Time: 1 hr 30 min

Prep Time: 30 min

Cook Time: 50 min

Oven Temp: 350

Ingredients:

- 3 egg whites
- 1/3 cup(s) vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoon(s) strong brewed coffee
- 1 teaspoon(s) vanilla extract
- 1 2/3 cup(s) all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup(s) sugar
- 1/2 cup(s) unsweetened cocoa
- 1 teaspoon(s) baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon(s) baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon(s) salt
- 1/3 cup(s) hazelnuts or other nuts, chopped and toasted
- 1/3 cup(s) dried tart cherries

**New Director of Community Relations!**

Debra S. Harrison, has been named the new Director of Community Relations. She has served as Director of University Compliance Services for the past 7 years here at UT Arlington. In her new role, her duties include managing event planning and promotion of key community events including, but not limited to Commencement and the Maverick Speakers Series. Develop correspondence in support of marketing collateral including the College Town UTA newsletter and the Around Town eCalendar. Coordinate with schools, colleges, and administrative units on their community relations involvement and opportunities. Work with the Department of Marketing Communications to develop print and e-communication strategies in support of marketing, branding, and community relations efforts. Respond to community and government agency requests for information, as needed. Represent the University at internal and external events, meetings, and other functions, as needed.

**Congratulations Debra Harrison!**



**About The Golden Key**

Founded in 1977, Golden Key International Honour Society is a global collegiate honor society established to recognize college students for academic excellence. While membership in Golden Key begins with academic excellence, the Society's core mission is to enable members to realize their potential through three pillars: academics, leadership and service. The Society, comprised of over 2 million members, has more than 390 campus-based chapters in eight countries, including Australia, Canada, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa, The Bahamas and the United States.

For more information about Golden Key, please visit [www.goldenkey.org](http://www.goldenkey.org).

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**Dr. Jason E. Shelton**



Dr. Jason E. Shelton published a book called, "Blacks and Whites in Christian America: How Racial Discrimination Shapes Religious Convictions."

The book is published by New York University Press, which is one of the top 10 social science publishers. To the right is a summary of the book:

Conventional wisdom holds that Christians, as members of a "universal" religion, all believe more or less the same things when it comes to their faith. Yet black and white Christians differ in significant ways, from their frequency of praying or attending services to whether they regularly read the Bible or believe in Heaven or Hell. In this engaging and accessible sociological study of white and black Christian beliefs, Jason E. Shelton and Michael O. Emerson push beyond establishing that there are racial differences in belief and practice among members of American Protestantism to explore why those differences exist. Drawing on the most comprehensive and systematic empirical analysis of African American religious actions and beliefs to date, they delineate five building blocks of black Protestant faith which have emerged from the particular dynamics of American race relations. Shelton and Emerson find that America's history of racial oppression has had a deep and fundamental effect on the religious beliefs and practices of blacks and whites across America.

Congratulations Dr. Shelton!

**CENTER FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES IS HERE!**

The new Center for African American Studies is here! The center was officially introduced to the UT Arlington Community this past October 17th. Schnavia Smith Hatcher, who was named the Director of the new center back in June 2012, presented the center's ideas to the audience in the Rosebud Theater and introduced the center's associated faculty.

The center has been a topic for a while at UTA and now we see it come to light! It's mission is to cultivate an exceptional transdisciplinary experience through teaching, civic engagement, and community-based research focused on the diverse contextual conditions of African Americans. It's purpose is to foster the development of student, faculty, and community capacity to create progressive solutions that address social problems. Their vision is that CAAS will be an international leader of scholarship on historical and contemporary experiences and conditions of African Americans:

*"We hope to enlighten, inspire, and cultivate students, faculty, and community members to be an integral part of social justice advocacy and life-enhancing transformations."*

**More info about CAAS...**

President James D. Spaniolo says the center will be a modern model for the study of issues of race and cultural diversity. Hatcher added that, "The center will facilitate the discourse that focuses on race and the significant context of historical, cultural, and community influences on the diverse experiences of blacks in America. It will serve as a vital intellectual and social resource for the community, on and off campus," she said. "It is my hope that our students, faculty and staff, and community stakeholders will be enlightened, inspired and prepared to be a part of social change."

Additionally, CAAS will offer a minor degree program in African American studies with an introductory class scheduled for Spring 2013.

The Center for African American Studies is currently located in the Social Work Complex, Building B, Room 115. For more information, Dr. Hatcher can be reached at [shatcher@uta.edu](mailto:shatcher@uta.edu) or consult the website at [www.uta.edu/caas](http://www.uta.edu/caas)

**Dr. Sonja Watson**



Dr. Sonja Watson, the Assistant Professor of Spanish, published the article "Poetic Negrism and the National Sentiment of Anti-West Indianism and Anti-Imperialism in Panamanian Literature" in the Caribbean Studies journal Callaloo this past summer 2012.

Congratulations Dr. Watson!

**Dr. Joan Blakey**

Congratulations to Dr. Joan Blakey for receiving the 2012-2013 iCAP grant for her research project called: *RISE: Researching Independence through Self Empowerment*. Dr. Blakey received \$80,000 from Amon Carter Foundation to evaluate the program. You can read more about it on Dr. Blakey's profile page.

