

# Faculty Development Newsletter

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## Calendar

### Important Dates

**January 31, 2008**

#### **New Faculty Orientation**

8:00 a.m.—2:45 p.m. in Emerson Alumni Hall. Registration is required.

**February 1, 2008**

#### **Conversations About Series**

Join Dr. Meggin McIntosh for a Conversation About balancing work and life.

**February 19, 2008**

#### **Traditional and Non-Traditional Work-Life Challenges: A Conversation About Career Flexibility**

Presented as part of the Provost's Diversity Speakers Series. Join us for a day long symposium on career flexibility and how it affects our lives.

**February 22, 2008**

#### **Deadline: Learning Communities**

Deadline to submit proposals to Faculty Development for the 2008 Faculty Learning Communities.

**April 25, 2008**

#### **Deadline: Grant Writer's Workshop**

Deadline to submit pre-proposals.

***For more information on all of these events, please visit the Faculty Development Website.***



## Top Story

### Career Flexibility Symposium

Thanks to the Alfred P. Sloan Grant awarded to the University in July 2006, Faculty Development is proud to present **"Traditional and Non-Traditional Work-Life Challenges: A Conversation About Career Flexibility."**

This one-time symposium, held on February 19th, will consist of 3 main sessions throughout the day. These sessions will focus on career flexibility practices in the world of academia, how these practices affect graduate students, and what these practices mean to the university community at large. The daytime sessions will be led by Bob Drago of Penn State University, author of *Striking a Balance: Work, Life, Family*, and Claire Andreasen of Iowa State University. The symposium will culminate with a public lecture by Ellen Galinsky from the Families and Work Institute.

A luncheon will also be held for department chairs. For more information on the luncheon and the symposium, please visit the Faculty Development website or contact Alison Hightower at 392-4835 or via email at [ahightower@aa.ufl.edu](mailto:ahightower@aa.ufl.edu).

## Greetings

### From Our Desk to Yours



Greetings and welcome to the inaugural edition of the Faculty Development Newsletter. We are pleased to present to you this quarterly update designed with you, the faculty, in mind. This newsletter will offer valuable information to our faculty, including upcoming Faculty Development events, awards and recognitions, articles on current topics, tips for faculty and much more. Be sure to look for new issues in January, April, July and October. If you have suggestions or submissions for the Faculty Development Newsletter, email them to us at [facdev@aa.ufl.edu](mailto:facdev@aa.ufl.edu). Happy New Year and have a wonderful semester!

Dr. Debra Walker King

Associate Provost, Faculty Development

## Campus Events

# Designing a Creative Campus

Tuesday, January 15th, the College of Fine Arts hosted Sir Ken Robinson as he gave an address on the topic of designing a creative campus. Robinson is the author of *Out of Our Minds: Learning to Be Creative*, which discusses the current state of education and its need for creative reform.

Sir Ken Robinson has worked with national governments, top-ranking companies, non-profits and international organizations on the development of creativity. In 1998, he headed the commission on creativity in the UK and published the report *All Our Futures: Creativity, Culture and Education* to huge acclaim.

Robinson is in high demand as an inspirational speaker. He travels the world speaking to businesses, organizations and schools. In his visit to UF, he discussed the answers to questions about creativity, its development, and how it can change education in the 21st century.

For more information on Sir Robinson's visit, please contact the College of Fine Arts.

## In the Spotlight

# Featured Person



## Dr. John W. Wright II

*Dean, College of Journalism and Communications*

In December, Dr. Wright was named the Dean of the College of Journalism and Communications. He joined the college's faculty in 1982 and had previously been serving as the Interim Dean.

- **Best advice received:** (from a colleague in 1981) "You should check out a position open at the University of Florida"
- **Favorite Place on Campus:** basketball courts in Gator Alley
- **Mentor/Hero:** my dad
- **Favorite Quote:** "You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one."
- **Favorite Vacation Spot:** The Don Cesar, St. Pete Beach, on a lounge facing west

## Advice

# Tips for Teaching

Here are some helpful hints for assignments that require use of the library resources

- To minimize student frustration, ask your Liaison Librarian to look over your assignment even if it is one you assign every semester. Library resources are constantly changing. Your Liaison Librarian can make sure the appropriate resources are still available.
- If you are assigning one particular book or article that the entire class must read, have the item or copy of the article placed in Reserves. This helps prevent the item or article from being stolen or hidden and so minimizes student frustration.
- If you are assigning certain web resources for your students, have your Liaison Librarian look them over. The librarian's training in evaluation of sources could provide new insight into the source's validity.
- Many professors tell their students not to use web resources. Be specific about whether this includes electronic journals. While an electronic journal is in a web-based format, its contents are often exactly the same as the print version. Many journals at the UF libraries are only available electronically.

--Borrowed from the [Health Science Center Library Website](#)

## Opportunities

# Featured Program

## Faculty Learning Communities

Faculty Development is currently accepting proposals for Faculty Learning Communities. These communities are a way of encouraging cross-campus/cross-disciplinary study. Up to four communities will be awarded funding this year. Funded communities should engage in an active, collaborative, semester or yearlong program, focusing on interdisciplinary research, climate enhancement or a teaching and learning project. For more information, please contact Alison Hightower at 392-4835 or via email at [ahightower@aa.ufl.edu](mailto:ahightower@aa.ufl.edu).