



PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY WEEKLY CALENDAR

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The University will be closed beginning 4:30 p.m., Friday, December 21, 2007 – January 1, 2008 for the Christmas and New Year holidays. The University will reopen January 2, 2008.

Classes begin Monday, January 14, 2008.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Gabriela Gonzalez who has been appointed chair of the committee that will select the winner of the GWIC thesis prize. GWIC is the Gravitational Wave International Committee, a sub-committee of the IUPAP, International Union of Pure and Applied Physics. The committee selects the winner based on the best thesis in gravitational wave research worldwide. <http://gwic.gravity.psu.edu/news/>

Diola Bagayoko, professor of physics at Southern University and adjunct professor at LSU, along with the Timbuktu Academy he founded and currently directs, received the 2007 Benjamin Banneker Legacy Award for their work and excellent results in grade school education (K-8th grade). The award ceremony took place on November 7, 2007 in Washington, D.C. Dr. William (Bill) Cosby presented the award to Bagayoko. The Benjamin Banneker Legacy Awards are made by the Benjamin Banneker Institute for Science and Technology in Washington. More information on the K-16 systemic mentoring and research participation programs of the Timbuktu Academy is available at www.phys.subr.edu/timbuktu.htm. Congratulations to Diola and the Timbuktu Academy.

The Department's Society of Physics Student (SPS) chapter for being selected as an Outstanding SPS Chapter for 2006-2007. The award is in recognition of "the depth and breadth of SPS activities ... in such areas as physics research, public science outreach, physics tutoring programs, hosting and representation at physics meetings, and providing social interaction for chapter members."

PUBLICATIONS:

"Magnetotransport properties and the Fermi surface of single crystal VB₂," A B Karki, D P Gautreaux, J Y Chan, N Harrison, D A Browne, R G Goodrich, and D P Young, *J. Phys.: Condens. Matter* 20, 035209 (2008).