WEEKLY CALENDAR
August 25, 2008

Department Colloquium
"Creationism's Trojan Horse Goes to School: The LA Science Education Act"
3:40 PM, August 28, 2008
130 Howe Russell
Barbara Forrest
Southeastern Louisiana University
Host: Michael Cherry

With the legislature's passage and Gov. Jindal's signing of the LA Science Education Act, the Discovery Institute's creationist Trojan horse, intelligent design, can now be taught in Louisiana public school science classes. This law gives our state the distinction of being the first and so far the only state to enable the Discovery Institute creationists to advance toward the successful implementation of their "Wedge Strategy" for getting intelligent design into the nation's public schools. Louisiana's new law, promoted by the LA Family Forum, has created an entrée for intelligent design creationism in Louisiana public schools and consequently in the minds of Louisiana schoolchildren.

Congratulations To:
Gabriela González on her promotion to professor.

Seven Physics and Astronomy faculty who have been named among the 100 outstanding faculty recently recognized by the University as "Rainmakers", faculty whose exceptional productivity distinguishes them as leaders in the University's research and creative enterprise. Congratulations to Gabriela Gonzalez, Luis Lehner, Jorge Pullin, Brad Schaefer, Ken Schafer, Ed Seidel, and Joel Tohline. The full story can be found at http://APPL003.lsu.edu/UNV002.nsf/PressReleases/PR5022?OpenDocument. A full list of the 100 Rainmakers can be found at http://www.research.lsu.edu/pdfs/Rainmakers.pdf.

Congratulations to Physics and Astronomy's Spring 2008 graduates:

PhD: Kalin Drumev, Chad Hanna
MS: Charles Bradley, Wesley Even, Jarrod Marsh, Scott Oves (Medical Physics), Rajan Rai, Jacob Slutsky

* -- Latin Honors
** -- University Medalist

Welcome To:
Joseph Gallagher, a Postdoctoral Researcher with Geoffrey Clayton. He is in Room 233–C, 578–3157.
Amar Kharki, a Research Associate with Philip Adams. He is in Room 41, 578–1199.
Raymond Chastain, Instructor. He is in Room 368, 578–6856.
Kalin Drumev, a Postdoctoral Researcher with Jerry Draayer. He is in Rom 221–F, 578–7560.
Juana Moreno, Assistant Professor. She is in Room 285–A, 578–7856.
Stacey Bright, a Coordinator with Michael Cherry. She is in Room 343–A, 578–8690.
Jan Staff, a Postdoctoral Researcher with Joel Tohline. He is in Room 264, 578–8277.
Shane Stadler, Associate Professor. He is in Room 210–F, 578–2025.
Publications:


The paper was also selected for the July 28, 2008 issue of the Virtual Journal of Nanoscale Science & Technology: http://www.vjnano.org


