Emeritus College

E-301A Martin Hall, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29634

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Special points of interest:



Please be advised that communication with the Emeritus College office may be difficult throughout the summer. Email will be read daily but telephone calls may be delayed. Your patience and understanding will be appreciated.

Parking Application Due June 15

Current parking decals for emeriti expire on June 30, 2013. To receive a decal for the 2013-2014 year, please complete the <u>application on page</u> 7 and return to <u>Parking Services</u> by June 15. A new decal will be mailed to your **home ad-dress**; no P.O. Boxes please!

Please do not call Parking Services. The more time they have to spend on the phone the less time they have for processing applications.

You may register up to three vehicles but only one removable decal will be mailed. By signing the application, you agree that no one will use the decal other than you. In other words, you must be in the car when the decal is used on campus although the car may be driven by a spouse or friend.

College Office to Relocate

Due to renovation in Martin Hall, the Emeritus College office is being relocated. The location has not yet been determined. As soon as the information is available, it will be sent to you via email. <u>Please be sure that the office has a current</u> <u>email address for you.</u>

The renovation is suppose to begin the week of May 27 and will take four to six weeks. It is anticipated that the Emeritus College will not return to Martin Hall but will be located on another part of campus with easier access.

Emeritus College 10th Anniversary ... the Celebration Continues



At the spring board meeting a new power point presentation about the Emeritus College was unveiled. The short presentation gives a brief history of the college and outlines some of the college programs. The presentation, which is available on our web site at www.clemson.edu/emerituscollege, has been shown at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Pittsburg State University.

In board business, Retired Senior Lecturer of Accountancy, Mary Ann Prater was elected to membership in the College.



Also, Kathleen Costello, Director of Graduate Admissions and Recruitment, met with the board to answer questions and discuss improvements in the SPEAK test being administered and graded by emeriti.

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In Remembrance

Headley Morris Cox, Jr. Dean Emeritus College of Liberal Arts 1917-2013

Robert Dean "Bob" Eflin Professor Emeritus Architecture 1930-2013

J. Edwin Faris Chair/Professor Emeritus Ag & Applied Economics 1928-2013

Frank Waters Paul Named Professor Emeritus Mechanical Engineering 1938-2013

> John Peter Wourms Professor Emeritus **Biological Sciences** 1936-2013

What's Happening: Upcoming Events



You are invited to participate in the 2013 Freshman Summer Reading Program. This year's book, The Iguana Tree, is a novel about immigration written by Clemson graduate Michel Stone.

The Iguana Tree, which Kirkus Reviews says "recalls the work of John Steinbeck," received a starred review from Publishers Weekly and an IPPY Award as one of the top novels published in 2012 by an independent press. Stone has published numerous stories and essays, and she is a 2011 recipient of the South Carolina Fiction Award.

On Monday, August 19 at 1:00 PM, Michel Stone will address the entire freshman class, along with faculty and

staff facilitators in Littlejohn Coliseum. Immediately following her talk, students will break into small groups to discuss the book.

Volunteers are needed to make the endeavor successful. They will be provided resources needed to lead these discussions. You can volunteer by going to www.clemson.edu/summer/summer-reading/facilitators/

CIS...CONVERSATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

"It's one of the best, if not the best, post retirement associations I've experienced. I am learning so much about Burundi and east Africa, international politics and administration, tourism and particularly ecotourism, that I find our Monday afternoon conversations to be a high point of my week."

Dean Emeritus Harold Cheatham

More volunteers are needed to work with international graduate students to improve their English speaking ability. If you are interested in spending



an hour or so a week, in a location of your choice, with an international graduate student, please contact the Emeritus College office. CIS... is receiving recognition at Clemson University and beyond, as several other universities have inquired about this very successful program.

Above: Director Diane Smathers with Ge Peng, Visiting Scholar from China

Fun Fact: According to the latest numbers, Clemson enrolls 1,286 international students from 88 countries which continues to increase each year.





Spotlight on.... Diversity at Clemso

Jerry Knighton spoke at the No Power Point talk on April 18. 2013 to a small crowd of dedicated Emeritus professors at the Hibachi Grill in Clemson. Born in Clinton. SC, Jerry began his academic career at that "other school," the University of South Carolina, earning his

degree in Political Science and getting a Masters of Public Administration before coming to work and teach at Clemson.

Things have really changed since Knighton began working at Clemson University for the Clemson Office of Access and Equity twenty two years ago. Because Clemson and the state of South Carolina didn't have a high rating in the integration of its public

institutions, Knighton was able to get grants to help diversify the faculty and improve the education of its graduates. Now there is a Gantt Center, following the acceptance of the first black student Harvey Gantt into the has an African American College of Architecture in 1963 and his graduation with



honors in 1965. Now the Gantt Center's theme "Where you belong," expresses the importance of place and identity for each student.

With the leadership by Jerry

Knighton, diversity at Clemson University has greatly improved. There is now a chief diversity officer and a Houston Center for the Study of the Black Experience in Education. Clemson now Dean and a woman serving as Vice President and Pro-

vost. Knighton knows the importance of diversity in education. "I have attended one of his Safe Zone workshops to improve the ability of people to get along with people of different races and backgrounds."

What everyone appreciated from Knighton was his ability to discuss the issues and answer questions informally over the lunch.

By Carol Ward

In a world crying out for sameness... for diversity it's hard to understand, why you chose me why you never chose me why you left me why you kept me. How in the beginning I was absolutely everything, and how when I woke I was nothing.

Anonymous

The Campaign: Continuing to Serve

Last year's campaign, ending in December, raised \$15,665. To date, for this years campaign, \$4,426 has been raised with \$1,711 coming from the picnic auction and an additional \$2,715 in donations. We're almost one third of the way to our goal of \$15,000 ...but half the year is already gone! Please take a moment to make a contribution to the Emeritus College. Send your check, made out to the Clemson University Foundation with Emeritus College on the memo line, to the Provost's office, 206 Sikes Hall, Attn: Chris Wood. (This is due to the relocation of the College office.)

Many thanks to this year's donors and those inadvertently omitted from previous listing:

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Success Stories: As told in pictures!





Book Review by Rameth Richard Owens

In 1998 the British science journal *Nature* published a leading article under the explosive headline, "Jefferson Fathered Slave's Last Child." Within hours the story had been transmitted by every medium available, traveling literally around the globe. Ever since, it has reverberated, gaining widespread acceptance as *the truth*, not only among the general American public but also among some educated and influential elites. Many of us appear willing to write off this gifted Founding Father as the nation's No. 1 hypocrite.

Concerned about our blatant disregard for rules of evidence, William G. Hyland, Jr., wrote *In Defense of Thomas Jefferson: The Sally Hemings Sex Scandal* (2009). He points out that our rush to judgment could easily have been averted. In fact, all that was needed was the addition of a single letter -- A -- at the headline's beginning. DNA evaluation had, indeed, provided scientific evidence that *a Jefferson* had fathered Sally Heming's last child, but the question was, Which Jefferson?

There were many potential candidates. During Sally Hemings's childbearing years, 1794-1807, as many as 27 mature Jefferson males lived in Virginia. All were descendants of Thomas's father, Peter, and his uncle, Field Jefferson, and they all shared the same Y chromosome "haplotypes." Of these, at least six lived within easy visiting distance of Monticello, and one of them regularly traveled there when Thomas was home.

An attorney and former prosecutor, Hyland does not pretend to have mastered our third president's incredibly detailed biography, but he has examined enough historical assessments, personal and professional correspondence, committee reports, articles and related materials to grasp firmly the case before him. In sorting through the evidence Hyland begins with the initial accusation in 1802 (in an era of unrestrained scandalmongering among opposing political camps) of an on-going sexual liaison between Jefferson and Sally. Though slanders continued, Jefferson never publicly responded, leaving their refutation, in his words, "'to the tenor of my life'" (14). Sally's voice was silent, and the family of her last child, Eston, claimed (until late 20th C) that they were descended from a Jefferson uncle.

The "uncle" was Randolph Jefferson, Thomas's younger brother (by 12 years) and essentially his polar opposite. He was the Jefferson who regularly traveled to Monticello when Thomas was home, and, more to the point, he often socialized with slaves there, playing the fiddle and dancing into the night. Provincial, lacking Thomas's economic and mental resources, Randolph was a simple farmer with earthy tastes. Little noticed before the DNA studies, he probably was the man that Edmund Bacon, Monticello's overseer, often saw leaving Sally's quarters.

In any event, Hyland concludes that the charges against Thomas Jefferson would not hold up in a court of law -- and *should not* pass muster in the court of public opinion. They are inconsistent with his character and, indeed, "moral impossibilities." Historians and biographers in the 19th C and deep into the 20th C generally agreed, and so did the Scholars Commission, which reported the findings of 13 accomplished professors in April 2000. But opinion was not unanimous among researchers. Some younger historians, especially those exploring the African-American experience, believed the charges, even going so far as to accept as fact the rumor that Sally and Martha (Thomas's wife) were half-sisters! Unquestioned acceptance of Jefferson's guilt was expressed in the Monticello Report, released in January 2000 by an in-house committee created within the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation. Among these and others, Hyland concludes, the paternity question has melded with the issues of slavery and racism in America, currently viewed through the lens of the present, instead of the 18th C.

In Defense of Thomas Jefferson, though sometimes repetitive, provides a wealth of reliable information about the Jefferson-Hemings controversy. (To borrow my copy: <rrowens@clemson.edu>)



[Note: There was no DNA match for Thomas Woodson, purportedly conceived while Sally was in Paris with Jefferson and his daughters. The family of Eston's older brother, Madison, who did claim direct descent, refused to participate in the study, being satisfied with their oral history.]

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Continuing to Serve

Calendar of Events

June	Newsletter		
June 15	Parking Application Deadline		
August	First Friday Parade		
September 26	No Power Point Seminar		
October 8	Emeritus Day		
October	Newsletter		
November 21	No Power Point Seminar		

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