



# Mondaymemo

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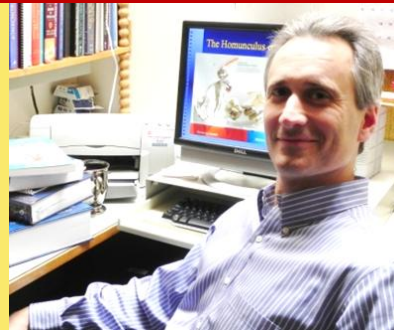
## 2010-11 KUDOS

### Staff Recognition Reception

Wednesday • May 4 • 1 p.m.

Center for Teaching & Learning

(note time change—was previously 2 p.m.)



## 2011 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Andrea Nichols, Assistant Professor, Sociology

### DIVISION FINALISTS

- Dorrine Bergjans, Professor, Information Systems
- Beverly Consolino, Professor, Dental Hygiene



## 2011 INNOVATION OF THE YEAR

Bill Huber, Associate Professor, Biology

## 2011 RETIREES

David Beal, Associate Professor, Mathematics

Dorrine Bergjans, Professor, Information Systems

Stanley Chambers, Assistant Professor, Mathematics

Elcee Conner, Associate Professor, Respiratory Therapy

Herb Gross, Vice President for Student Affairs

Grady Hinton, Professor, English



St. Louis  
Community  
College

FOREST PARK

Clockwise, top left: Stan Chambers, Herb Gross, Bill Huber, Elcee Conner, Dave Beal, Dorrine Bergjans, Andrea Nichols. (Not pictured: Grady Hinton.)



**Forest Park Campus  
May 9-14, 2011**

*Sponsored by Every Step Counts & FP Center for Family Resources*

**This year's national theme, "It's Your Time," encourages women to make their health a top priority and take simple steps for a longer, healthier and happier life.**

Every Step Counts will use this time to help spread the message of ending violence against women, which remains a devastating public health crisis. Kudos to Madeline Long-Gill for coordinating this special week of activities for Forest Park women and the community.

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

(with the exception of Saturday's Zumbathon, which has a \$10 donation)

**MONDAY, MAY 9**

**10 a.m.-3 p.m., National Check-up Day**

Twenty information booths and health screenings with experts from BJC HealthCare, People's Health Center and St. Louis Efforts for AIDS; Student Center.

**10-11 a.m., Monday Management 101**

workshop presented by Tiffany Hamilton-Broker, Hamilton Group Realty, on developing a budget, savings programs, smart shopping, identity theft prevention, practical tools to better handle your finances and home ownership; Student Center.

**11 a.m.-noon, Looking Good Inside and Out**

presented by Bare Escentuals, the art of beauty through basic make up techniques, basic skin care, color corrections & color theory; Student Center.

**Noon-1:30 p.m., Healing the Souls of Women**

presented by InPower Institute and AddLife! Studio, a life-changing discussion and personal development workshop led by "Extraordinary Life" expert Rebeccah Bennett Kenyatta, founder of InPower Institute in St. Louis. Embark on an amazing journey of inspiration, vision and power.

# THIS WEEK

**MONDAY, MAY 2**

**6:30 p.m.**, Dessert Buffet, prepared by Baking & Pastry students; buy \$8 ticket in Cashier's office; Busch Dining room.

**Evening Administrator:**

Chitra Subramanian, ext. 9167.

**TUESDAY, MAY 3**

**7 p.m.**, Dessert Buffet, prepared by Baking & Pastry students; buy \$8 ticket in Cashier's office; Busch Dining room.

**Evening Administrator:**

Deborah Carter, ext. 9051.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4**

**11a.m.-1 p.m.**, AAMI Real Talk Session, SC-25.

**1-2:30 p.m.**, Staff Recognition Reception, honoring the Teacher of the Year, Innovation of the Year and 2011 Retirees, Center for Teaching & Learning.

**Evening Administrator:**

June Williams, ext. 9209.

**THURSDAY, MAY 5**

**Noon-2 p.m.**, BMT Retirement Lunch, Busch Dining Room.

**12:30-2:30 p.m.**, District Graduation meeting, L-007.

**2:30-3:30 p.m.**, Achieving the Dream Ice Cream Social, Busch Dining Room.

**Evening Administrator:**

June Williams, ext. 9209.



Special guests include acclaimed counselors, speakers and actors who will re-enact common struggles in the lives of women and examine possible solutions. Orneet Edwards, author of “I Am... Self Centered,” will kick off the event with a potent exercise from her spiritual re-alignment workbook. Founder of AddLife! Studio Malena Amusa will conclude the event with an African-inspired celebration of the feminine force; Student Center.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

6-8 p.m., Protect Your-Self

Self defense workshop conducted by Xtreme Krav Maga; women who complete a **comprehensive, self-defense class** report increased self-confidence, reduced fear, more comfortable interactions with strangers, acquaintances, and intimates, more positive feelings about themselves and their bodies, and a general sense of self-worth and empowerment. 40% of all **violent crime takes place in or near the home** of the victim or a friend, relative, or neighbor. 52% takes place in a public place, including 7.8% in a parking lot or garage. It is much more likely someone will be attacked at home or at a friend's home--or even at school (15%)--than in a parking lot; class size limited to 50 participants; Student Center. Please RSVP no later than May 6, 314-644-9067.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

6:30-8 p.m., Screening & Panel Discussion

“Telling Amy’s Story” screening followed by a panel discussion, with a special presentation of the “Women Empowering Women” Award, Mildred E. Bastian Center for the Performing Arts, main theater. Panelists include:

- Erin Ercoline, ALIVE
- Kathy Tofal, Circuit Attorney’s office
- Lt. John Harper, SLMPD
- Ellen Reed, Lydia’s House
- Kathleen Hanrahan, YWCA Sex Assault Center
- Janeen McGee, RAVEN

Hosted by actress and advocate Mariska Hargitay, and told by Detective Deirdri Fishel, “Telling Amy’s Story” follows the timeline of a domestic violence homicide that occurred on Nov. 8, 2001. The victim’s parents and co-workers, law enforcement officers, and court personnel share their perspectives on what happened to Amy in the weeks, months and years leading up to her death.



FRIDAY, MAY 6

Noon, Friday Lunch, prepared by Culinary students; buy \$8 ticket in Cashier’s office, Busch Dining room.

Evening Administrator:  
June Williams, ext. 9209.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Saturday Administrator:  
June Williams, ext. 9209.

MONDAY, MAY 9

Evening Administrator:  
June Williams, ext. 9209.

TUESDAY, MAY 10  
Final Exams

2-4 p.m., AAMI Real Talk Session, L-007.  
  
Evening Administrator:  
Deborah Carter, ext. 9051.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11  
Final Exams

Evening Administrator:  
Chitra Subramanian, ext. 9167.

THURSDAY, MAY 12  
Final Exams

3-6 p.m., Hospitality Studies Graduate & Alumni Recognition Program featuring the Wall of Fame inductees, Busch Dining Room.

Evening Administrator:  
Mike Moore, ext. 9688.

FRIDAY, MAY 13  
Final Exams

10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Student Success Center Staff Appreciation Program, Highlander Lounge.

*The “Women Empowering Women” Award was created to recognize those women helping to end violence against women and making a significant difference in the movement. This year’s recipient is Brenda Hill, Public Relations Manager with Verizon Wireless - Kansas/Missouri Region.*

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**  
**ZUMBATHON**

with Xtreme Zumba Fitness St. Louis  
on the Forest Park campus parking lot

7-8:45 a.m., Preregistration/registration  
9-10 a.m., Zumbathon

Exercise with a purpose: help us break the Guinness World Record for the Largest Zumba Class! The record currently is 839—we’re aiming for 1,000 participants! With emcee Monica Adams, Fox 2 News traffic reporter and a certified personal trainer who hosts a health & fitness show on KMOX Radio; \$10 donation.



**Pre-registration/registration also will be available Friday, May 13, 3-6 p.m.**

Throughout the week, we will encourage and support healthy living and eating, physical activity, regular screenings, financial fitness, violence prevention, self-defense workshop and stress management with **FREE GIVEAWAYS**. Funds raised during the event will be used to support campus awareness, violence prevention and intervention programs and services. All events will be held on the campus of **St. Louis Community College at Forest Park**. For more information, please contact Madeline Long-Gill at 314-644-9067 or by email at [mad@estepco.org](mailto:mad@estepco.org)



**1:30 p.m.,** DCC meeting, MPR-A, Wildwood.

**Evening Administrator:**  
Claudia Perry, ext. 9745.

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**  
**Saturday Administrator:**  
Patricia McEwen, ext. 9311.

**Faculty/staff/student forum: any interest?**

As a member of the faculty or academic support staff, have you ever longed for the opportunity to discuss with students what they need to do to achieve academic success in the classroom?

If your answer is “yes,” then you will be interested in an initiative that is being conceived and planned. The idea is to present a structured and unique forum where students, faculty and academic support staff will convene and discuss issues related to academic success in the classroom. While faculty will have issues, students will also have their concerns regarding barriers to their academic performance.

Currently, we are in the planning stages. At present, I want to know who is interested in the concept and in participating in such a venture. If you are interested, please send an email to Bruce Munson ([bmunson@stlcc.edu](mailto:bmunson@stlcc.edu)).

- Let me know:
- 1) your interest in the concept;
  - 2) your interest in participation;
  - 3) what time of day, i.e., morning, afternoon, or evening, you are available, and
  - 4) if you are willing to be part of the planning process.

This is an opportunity to do something proactive to help our students experience academic success in your classroom.  
**--Bruce Munson**

# TAKE 10



**Bruce Munson** is a psychology instructor who has been teaching at Forest Park for 16 years and was named Teacher of the Year for the 1999-2000 academic year. He was the coordinator of Professional Development for several years prior to the re-establishment of the Center for Teaching & Learning.

Some of the classes he teaches include general, abnormal, adolescent and child psychology, general psychology with African-American emphasis, and human growth and development. He has served as the District Diversity Council chair, coordinator of adjunct faculty in psychology, and as an adviser to Phi Theta Kappa. He is the Chess Club adviser.

He received his bachelor's degree in liberal arts, with a major in psychology, from Lincoln University, Pa., and his master's, with a specialty in minority mental health, from Washington University in St. Louis. After graduation, he worked at King-Fanon Community Mental Health Center and Lutheran Family and Children's Service in St. Louis, then moved to Grambling State University, La., to be an instructor.

Prior to returning to St. Louis to work at Forest Park, he also worked at Burlington County Community College, N.J., for four years and Alfred State College of Technology, N.Y., for about five years. He also worked with a community mental health program in Philadelphia.

Bruce and his wife, Deborah, who works in the Dental Hygiene department at Forest Park, live in Mehlville with their daughter, Trinity John, who is eight months old. He also has two stepdaughters, Jessica and Jennifer.

## 1. Where did you grow up?

Philadelphia

## 2. Where did you go to high school?

A Roman Catholic high school.

## 3. What do you like most about your job?

First, I don't view it as a 'job.' I consider teaching a vocation because, on most days, I enjoy it tremendously. The most enjoyable aspect is assisting in the personal and academic development of students. I come into contact with so many.

## 4. Who has had the greatest influence on your career?

Three teachers! The first was my high school English instructor who personified dignity and refinement; the second was a college accounting instructor who taught me a painful and cruel lesson; and the third was Dr. Robert L. Williams, a psychology professor who served as a father-figure while I was in graduate school.

## 5. What would people be surprised to know about you?

I'm compassionate and sensitive. Also, I like to act and dance.

## 6. What do you do in your leisure time?

Due to the recent birth of my daughter, I don't have much leisure time. However, when I get opportunities, I like to play chess and Scrabble, bowl, go to movies, and read novels (fiction, mystery and political intrigue).

## 7. What's your favorite movie, book, music or TV shows?

I watch ESPN a lot. I like listening to smooth jazz. While I do not have one favorite movie, I like movies that are inspirational and uplifting.

## 8. If Hollywood made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

If it wasn't me, it will be a toss-up between Denzel Washington and Sidney Poitier.

## 9. What three words would friends use to describe you?

Truthfully, I do not think my friends can use only three words to describe me. However, since this is a force-choice situation, I'd use the words: sensitive, careful and passionate.

## 10. What's at the top of your bucket list?

Two things – the first is to be around to see my daughter grow up and get married. The second is to visit a number of countries in Africa (Ghana, Kenya and Egypt).





**Group shot front row, left:** Rhonda Hannah, Belkis Mata, Ryan Wheeler, Derick Kalebe, Abbas Ali, Emily Spacaj, Derrick Varner, Daniel DePina, Kanitra McKinney, Robyn McGrade; back row, Irida Morisseau, Carleen Murray, Thomas Ackerman, Lari Strong, Secretary Arne Duncan, Jamison Rybak, and FP Pres. Cindy Hess.

# FP welcomes Secretary of Education

**U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan** met with 15 STLCC students representing the Student Government Association, Phi Theta Kappa international honor society, and African-American Male Initiative to discuss college education Thursday afternoon.



Students told Duncan their journeys—how they came here and what they want to do with their lives.

"Everyone's here for the right reasons," Duncan said. "You're very inspiring. Community colleges are an unrecognized gem," he added, noting that more money has been given through Pell grants in the Obama

ration than ever before. Duncan talked about the importance of education in securing a good job to make a better life and provide for a family.

Duncan was head of the Chicago public schools before being tapped by President Barack Obama in January 2009 to join his administration. A basketball player at Harvard who went on to play hoops professionally in Australia, Duncan credits the teamwork and sports work ethic for a lot of his success.



**Pres. Cindy Hess** introduced Arne Duncan.



**Forest Park students** at the discussion included Derrick Varner, SGA president-elect, and Rhonda Hannah, SGA vice president-elect; Derick Kalebe, PTK Epsilon chapter president, and Irida Morisseau, PTK; Lari Strong and Thomas Ackerman of AAMI; and Belkis Mata of PTK and The International Students Club.

**Derick Kalebe**, an All-Missouri academic team member and PTK Epsilon chapter president at Forest Park, shared his story. He is a business major from South Africa.

Forest Park's **Thomas Ackerman**, left, said how beneficial AAMI has been to his staying in school. He talked about his path since dropping out of high school.

**Derrick Varner**, below, FP's SGA president-elect, said it was a tough decision to leave a job to come to school in hopes of finding a better-paying job.





**Please note:**

Programs are open to all staff unless otherwise noted. Seats are limited, so register early via email to FP-CTL-Register (fpctlregister@stlcc.edu). Include the program name, your name, telephone and department.

## May 2011 Events

Date	Time	Room	Program Description
Monday, May 2	9-10 a.m.	L-024 Lab	<b><i>Blackboard 9 Overview</i></b> Blackboard 9 is coming and will be the new face of our online course management system – the new version will be implemented on May 17. Come to this session for an overview of the new Release 9 capabilities designed to help you work more efficiently in Blackboard. Presenter: Randy Malta
Tuesday, May 3	8-9 a.m.		
Thursday, May 5	10-11 a.m.		
<b><i>Registration required</i></b>			
Wednesday, May 4	1 p.m.	L-024	<b><i>Staff Recognition Reception</i></b> Honoring the 2011 Teacher of the Year, the 2011 Innovation of the Year and the 2011 retirees. (Please note the time change to 1 p.m.—was previously 2 p.m.) Refreshments.
Tuesday, May 10	1:30-2:30 p.m.	L-024 Lab	<b><i>Blackboard 9 Overview</i></b> Blackboard 9 is coming and will be the new face of our online course management system – the new version will be implemented on May 17. Come to this session for an overview of the new Release 9 capabilities designed to help you work more efficiently in Blackboard. Presenter: Randy Malta
Thursday, May 12	9-10 a.m.		
<b><i>Registration required</i></b>			
Monday, May 16	1:30-2:30 p.m.	L-024 Lab	<b><i>Blackboard 9 Overview</i></b> Blackboard 9 is coming and will be the new face of our online course management system – the new version will be implemented on May 17. Come to this session for an overview of the new Release 9 capabilities designed to help you work more efficiently in Blackboard. Presenter: Randy Malta
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Tuesday, May 17 through Friday, May 20, <b><i>CTL Closed</i></b>		<b><i>New Faculty Instructional Skills Workshop</i></b>	