What a great year! The faculty in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences have truly been very busy. It has been an exciting and very productive year. This newsletter not only will bring “tidings of great joy”, but also provide you with an update on all the wonderful things that our faculty are involved in. The productivity exhibited by FCS would thrill any chair. I am so proud and know that you will be greatly impressed as you read about all the accomplishments and recognitions that are documented in this research greeting. We also want to wish you, our friends and supporters, the best of everything over the New Year. We hope you have great Holidays and come to visit Ole Miss in 2009.

Teresa Carithers, Chair

Grant Received for “Project Impact” Research

Teresa Carithers, PhD, RD, LD is serving as PI on “Project Impact: Statewide Evaluation of Child Obesity Prevention Policies” a five year award through the Center For Mississippi Health Policy and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Laurel Lambert, PhD, RD, LD will serve as Co-PI and Emmy Parkes, RD, LD, CDE will serve as a Co-Investigator. This is part of the $2 million grant awarded through the Center for Mississippi Health Policy, over which three Mississippi universities are collaborating. The goal is to evaluate the impact of the Mississippi Healthy Students Act on child obesity in the state.

New Appointments

Laurel Lambert, PhD, RD, LD who is the Program Director for the Didactic Program in Dietetics at Ole Miss has been appointed to a 3-year term as a program reviewer for the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education.

Teresa Carithers, PhD, RD, LD was recently selected to serve as a nutrition assessment consultant on the Nutrition Assessment Work Team of The National Children’s Study which is led by a consortium of federal partners including: the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences of the National Institutes of Health; the Center for Disease Control and Prevention; and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The National Children’s Study will examine the effects of environmental influences on the health and development of 100,000 children across the United States, following them from before birth until age 21. The goal of the Study is to improve the health and well-being of children.

Award Received

Yunhee Chang was recently awarded the 2008 Applied Consumer Economics Award by the American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI) for her paper “Child Support Across State Lines: Distance, Interstate Enforcement, and Welfare Reform” (with E. Powers & A. Beller). ACCI is the leading consumer policy research and education organization consisting of a world-wide community of researchers, educators and related professionals dedicated to enhancing consumer well-being.
Textbook Published by FCS Faculty


Journal Articles May–Nov ‘08


Young Hoon Kim’s research paper, “An investigation of factors influencing on the frequency of visit by domestic tourists at Jeju region: Using ordinal regressions” (with M. Kim, C. Boo, & S. Moon) appears in *Journal of Tourism Sciences*, Volume 32, issue 3. This study was featured in the news, *Jemin Daily Newspaper* (February 18, 2008).

Tanya Ruetzler and Jim Taylor roll out their inaugural column, “Websites of Interest to Culinary and Culinary Teachers” in the *Journal of Culinary Science and Technology*, Volume 6, issue 2-3.


Yunhee Chang’s research note, “An examination of potential issues surrounding the adoption and implementation of child support enforcement policy” (with M. Sung) appears in *Family and Culture*, Volume 20, issue 2.


Conference Presentations and Other Publications

Yunhee Chang presented her paper, “Child support across state lines: Distance, interstate enforcement, and welfare reform” (with E. Powers & A. Beller) at the AAEA/ACCI Conference held in Orlando, FL in July 2008. The abstract of the study appears in *Consumer Interests Annual*, Volume 54.

Tanya Ruetzler presented research findings from the Double Decker Arts Festival at the fall 2008 SECHRIE Conference held in Charlotte, NC. The paper “A small festival and its economic impact on a community: A case study (with Young Hoon Kim and Jim Taylor). The paper appears in *Frontiers In Southeast CHRIE Hospitality and Tourism Research*, Volume 12, No. 2.

Emmy Parkes presented her research, “The effects of diabetes self-management education on weight outcomes” (with B. Brackin & M. Bouldin) at the Obesity Society Annual Scientific Meeting held in October 2008 in Phoenix, AZ. The abstract of the study appears in *Obesity*, Volume 16.

Yunhee Chang presented her research paper “Did UIFSA close the ‘black hole’ of interstate enforcement? Evidence from the SIPP” (with E. Powers) at the conference The Survey of Income and Program Participation: Research on Health Insurance, Welfare and Child Support, sponsored by the National Poverty Center and U.S. Census Bureau in October 2008 in Washington, DC. The paper appears in the conference proceeding.


Yunhee Chang presented papers from her gender wealth gap research at the PSID small grants conference in Ann Arbor, MI and at the SEA conference in Washington, DC in November 2008.