

## **LASS SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOLARSHIP SPRING 2008**

### **The Purpose**

The School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences is committed to excellence in research and scholarship, which we broadly define to include curriculum development, team teaching, student-faculty research projects, student-faculty service projects, traditional scholarly research, personal development towards teaching excellence, experiential learning development, grant writing, and community-based project work and distance education development. The Spotlight on Scholarship is the School's way of showcasing these accomplishments by providing an open forum which allows our faculty and their students to present the fruits of their endeavors to their peers. To more adequately showcase the depth and quality of the work done by our faculty and students, the Spotlight will change in format and scope this year.

### **The Format**

The LASS Spotlight on Scholarship will be an annual event, held on a Friday in the spring which will allow maximum participation by faculty and students in the School. Scholarship from both the fall and the spring semesters will be showcased at the one, annual event. All LASS faculty, the students who worked with faculty on research/service projects, and all LASS students on the Dean's List will be invited to attend. The all-day event will be a combination of oral presentations and poster sessions scheduled throughout the day. Faculty and their students may choose which format they prefer to present their research; 20 minute oral presentations presented in moderated sessions with time for questions and comments, or "manned" poster sessions allowing for free interaction, explanations and observations. There will be a "publications" table for faculty and students to showcase their books, articles, reports and creative works. The formal luncheon will be highlighted with a keynote address by a selected faculty member who will discuss his or her academic journey. Participants and guests should plan to attend both morning and afternoon sessions.

## **The Requirements**

All faculty receiving a research release for the fall and/or spring semester(s) will be expected to present his or her research at the Spotlight. Presentations may present a finished piece, or describe a work/project in progress. Students who participated in research projects will be expected to attend and present. All presenters will complete a Spotlight Information Sheet (attached) and provide an 800-1000 word project summary which describes the research project. Points to consider when preparing the project summary: (1) Description of the methodology and process; (2) Objectives of the project; (3) Results of the project; (4) Impact of the project; and (5) Resources used (or needed but lacking). The Information Sheet and project summary will need to be submitted one month prior to the Spotlight, usually the Friday before spring break. These will be reproduced for inclusion in the LASS Spotlight Proceedings, which will become a permanent record of the annual event. Future consideration for releases will be based on attendance at the Spotlight, the quality of the scholarship and the written summary and presentation. Any unavoidable absences must be approved by the appropriate department head.