

ACADEMIC NEXUS

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION FOR FISK FACULTY

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

Dear Fisk Family,



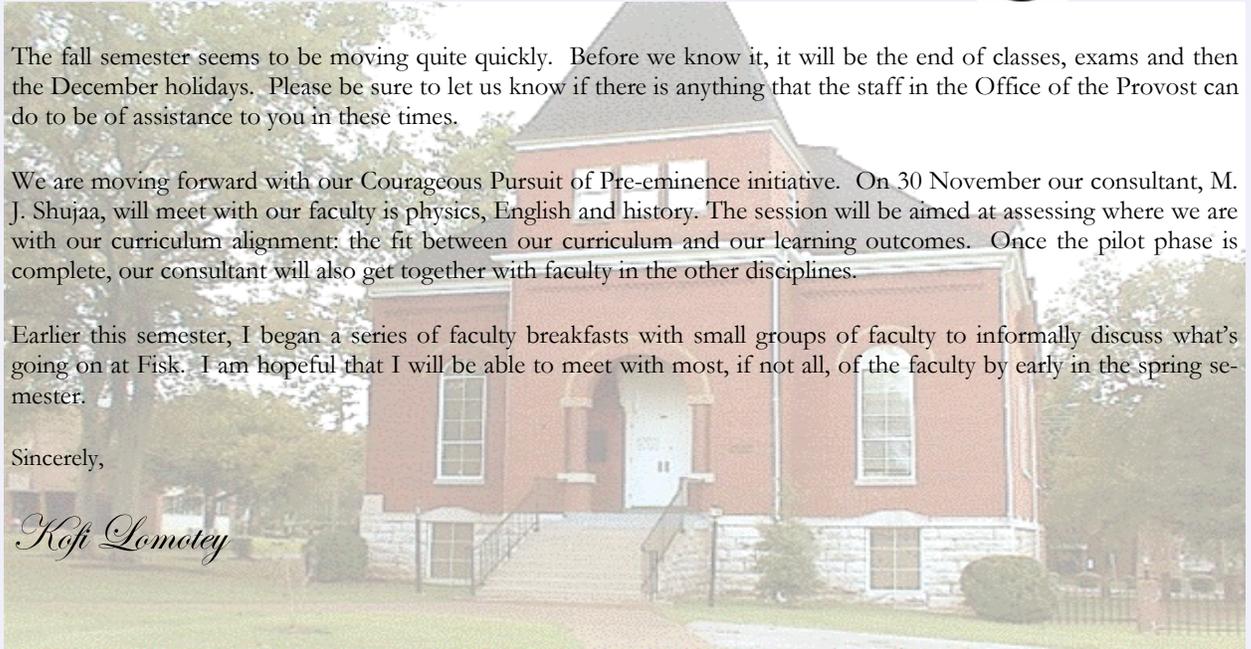
The fall semester seems to be moving quite quickly. Before we know it, it will be the end of classes, exams and then the December holidays. Please be sure to let us know if there is anything that the staff in the Office of the Provost can do to be of assistance to you in these times.

We are moving forward with our Courageous Pursuit of Pre-eminence initiative. On 30 November our consultant, M. J. Shujaa, will meet with our faculty in physics, English and history. The session will be aimed at assessing where we are with our curriculum alignment: the fit between our curriculum and our learning outcomes. Once the pilot phase is complete, our consultant will also get together with faculty in the other disciplines.

Earlier this semester, I began a series of faculty breakfasts with small groups of faculty to informally discuss what's going on at Fisk. I am hopeful that I will be able to meet with most, if not all, of the faculty by early in the spring semester.

Sincerely,

Kofi Lomotey



Upcoming Academic Events

The University of Kentucky College of Medicine Integrated Biomedical Sciences department will have their **Open House** on October 20, 2007 from 10am-3pm in the Combs Atrium.

They will reimburse mileage for faculty and prospective students up to \$200. The Open House will include lab tours and information sessions on their first-year core curriculum and doctoral programs.

Call Jason Mitchell at 1-866-239-0004 or email IBS@lsv.uky.edu to register.

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Belmont University, in Nashville, TN will host

the **Gulf-South Summit on Service Learning and Civic Engagement through Higher Education** on March 13-15, 2008.

The deadline for submission of papers, presentations, workshops, panel presentations and posters is October 22, 2007. To submit your proposal go to <http://campus.belmont.edu/gss2008>. This summit is for faculty, staff, students, administrators, and their non-profit and public service partners.

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The **Lonnie E. Mitchell National HBCU Substance Abuse and Mental Health Confer-**

ence (LEM) will be held at the Omni Hotel at the CNN Center in Atlanta, Ga. on April 2-April 5, 2008. The theme will be "A Decade of Promoting Leadership and Workforce Diversity in Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

The HBCU National Resource Center for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Infrastructure Development is accepting abstracts and travel award applications for the conference until October 30, 2007.

The awards are for undergraduate, graduate students, and faculty in Psychology, Political Science, Religious Studies, and

Wellness and Student Services counselors and administrators. The center is located on the campus of the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA. To apply please go to <http://web.msm.edu/lem/facultytravelawards.html>.

NEXUS RECOGNITION

- ◆ Dr. Muthukumar Gunasekaran (Biology Dept.)—Fulbright Senior Specialist Candidate.





Faculty Internship and Fellowship Programs

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) Fellowship and Internship Programs in Research and Development are for women and minority scholars and students. The research will be guided by an ETS senior research scientist or psychometrician.

Research areas include measurement theory, validity, natural language processing and computational linguistics, cognitive psychology, learning theory, linguistics, speech recognition and processing, teaching and classroom research, and statistics.

Scholars may choose from the following four programs:

1. Summer Internship for Graduate Students
2. Harold Gulliken Psychometric Research Fellowship Program before Dec. 3, 2007
3. Postdoctoral Fellowship Program
4. Sylvia Taylor Johnson Minority Fellowship in Educational Measurement

Apply online at <http://www.ets.org/research/fellowships.html> before February 1, 2008.



The Five Colleges ABD Fellowship Program supports scholars from underrepresented groups whose engagement in the Academy will enrich scholarship and teaching. Four liberal arts colleges are in the consortium: Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke and Smith College.

This fellowship (Sept. 1, 2008-May 31, 2009) includes:

- ◆ a \$30,000 stipend
- ◆ Research assistance
- ◆ Housing assistance
- ◆ Office space
- ◆ Health benefits
- ◆ Full library privileges
- ◆ Teaching a course at the host campus

To apply please go to <http://www.fivecolleges.edu>.

OUR VALUES

- Diversity
- Excellence
- Teamwork
- Accountability
- Integrity
- Leadership
- Service

President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program



Fellowship Program for Academic Diversity

The University of California is awarding the **President's Postdoctoral Fellowships**. These are fellowships for academic diversity. The fellowships given in Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences and Professions must have research that will emphasize diversity, multiculturalism and benefit communities underserved in academic research. For fellowships in Mathematics, Engineering, Life Science and Physi-

cal Science the program prefers candidates that have mentoring and outreach experience.

These fellowships are awarded for research conducted under faculty sponsorship at any one of the ten campuses of the University of California .

The awarded fellowships are for 12 months and are renewable for one year.

The award includes

- ◆ a \$40,000-50,000 stipend
- ◆ Health, vision, and dental benefits
- ◆ Up to \$4000 in research-related expenses

Please apply online at <http://www.ucop.edu/acadadv/ppfp/> before November 15, 2007.

LEADERSHIP

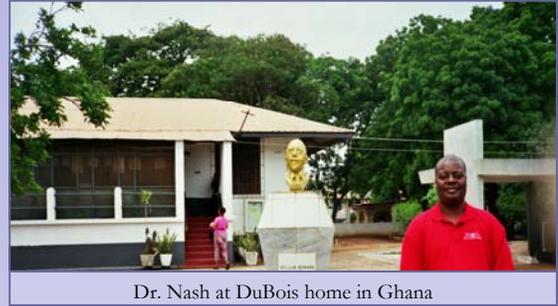
We believe that leaders are obligated to empower those around them. We are consistent, transparent, and accountable. Through our words and behavior we encourage others to exhibit these same attributes.



What did Fisk Faculty Do This Summer?

Dr. Gary Nash traveled to Vietnam, May 20 - June 11, 2007 to visit the Ho Chi Minh City Music Conservatory and he just returned there to be one of four visiting guest composers for their Contemporary Music Festival, September 24-28.

At this event he performed two of his compositions and gave a presentation on jazz. He also performed compositions from some of his mentees at this event.



Dr. Nash at DuBois home in Ghana

Dr. Nash also went to Ghana, West Africa, July 7 - 20 to attend the UNCF/Mellon Foundation Faculty Seminar in Ghana. This year's topic was the

Mid-Atlantic Slave Trade and his proposed research topic was "Music's Role in the Mid-Atlantic Slave Trade and its Transformation into America's Music."

"The function of the university is not simply to teach breadwinning, or to furnish teachers for the public schools or to be a centre of polite society; it is, above all, to be the organ of that fine adjustment between real life and the growing knowledge of life, an adjustment which forms the secret of civilization."

W. E. B. Du Bois,
The Souls of Black Folk

Educational Testing Service (ETS) Visiting Scholars Program

The Visiting Scholars Program was established in 2000 to further ETS's commitment to creating a corporate environment that reflects the cultural diversity of its test takers.

ETS is inviting scholars to meet with program directors and attend sessions that focus on issues related to fairness in testing, from question conception through test administration and research.

Visiting Scholars from underrepresented groups will spend four weeks (**June 2 - June 27, 2008**) at the ETS campus in Princeton, New Jersey, studying issues of test design and development and learning to write and review test questions and related materials for a variety of testing programs. They may also work on educational measurement and policy issues related to equity.

After scholars return to their institutions, ETS wants them to continue to serve as

links between ETS and the academic world through activities such as contributing test questions, reviewing test content, serving on committees, and collaborating on projects.



ETS is looking for scholars with the following qualifications:

- University or community college teaching experience in English, Foreign Languages, Education, Mathematics, Statistics, Science, or Social Science
- Completion of at least three years of recent teaching experience in the United States
- Membership in an under represented group

To receive an application, please go to <http://www.ets.org/visiting scholars>. Complete and send the entire application packet electronically to visiting scholars@ets.org before December 3, 2007. The packet should include:

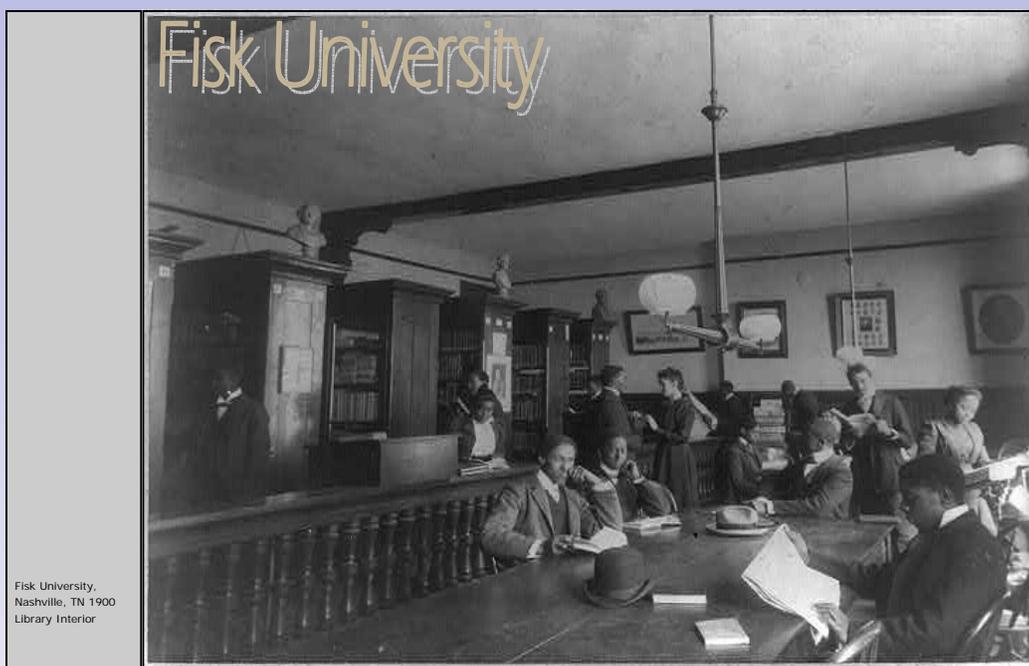
1. An application form
2. A curriculum vitae
3. A statement of interest (200-500 words)

The candidates will be notified in March 2008 and will receive the following:

- ♦ \$3,500 honorarium paid at the end of the program
- ♦ Round-trip economy airfare and/or ground transportation from scholars' homes to and from ETS
- ♦ Reimbursement for local transportation
- ♦ Hotel accommodations with cooking facilities, including breakfast, at a suite-hotel near Princeton.



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FACULTY SHOW '07

Aaron Douglas Gallery

October 26-December 21

Monday– Friday 10-5pm

Fisk University

Opening Reception: October 28

3-5pm Franklin Library, 3rd Floor

Fisk faculty participating in this year's show are Alicia Henry, LiFran Fort, Ted Jones, Elizabeth Papousek, Vando Rogers, Paul Grigsby, Victor Simmons and guest artist Nina Lovelace from Tennessee State University.