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Dr. Becky Cox, left, assistant professor of educational studies, recently received the "Higher Education Science Teacher of the Year Award 2009" from the Tennessee Science Teachers Association. The award was presented at the TSTA annual conference in Franklin. Dr. Mary Lee Hall, right, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences dean, was Cox's guest at the awards luncheon. Cox joins three other 2009 award recipients designated as Distinguished Science teachers at the elementary, middle and secondary education divisions. The awardees were chosen from hundreds of science teachers across Tennessee as outstanding and exemplary teachers in the discipline. They have demonstrated a positive impact on the lives of their students by mastering their teaching skills. This award is her second from TSTA, having been awarded the 1998 Tennessee Science Teacher Association "Science Educator of the Year Grades K-3" while a third grade teacher. Cox joined the educational studies faculty in the fall of 2004. She currently teaches both undergraduate and graduate education students. Additionally, she and April Qualls, 2006 education graduate, conducted an inquiry session at the conference titled "Splash! Into Standards for K-4 teachers."

Little is commencement speaker

Ford Little, Knoxville attorney and past president of the University of Tennessee Alumni Association, will deliver the fall commencement address at 11 a.m., Dec. 19, in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center. Approximately 635 degrees are expected to be awarded.

Little (UT Knoxville '86) earned a law degree from Vanderbilt University. He is a partner with the law firm of Woolf, McClane, Bright, Allen and Carpenter, who devotes the majority of his practice to representing construction companies. Before becoming president of UTAA, Little's involvement began as an undergraduate when he was president of the Student Alumni Associates. He held all offices in the Knoxville County UT alumni chapter and also served on the Alumni Association Board of Governors and its executive committee. He currently serves as UTAA National Chair of Annual Giving. Little's history with the UTAA goes back to his grandfather, Joe Little (Knoxville '39), who was UTAA president in 1960. Little's mother, Becky, (Knoxville '62) is a former UTAA treasurer and also served on the alumni staff. His father, Joe Little Jr. has two engineering degrees from UT Knoxville ('63, '65). His brother, Dr. John Little, is a 1992 graduate of the Health Science Center, and his sister, Mary Helen Little Story, graduated from UT School of Law in 1996.

Little was named to U. S. News and World Report's "The Best Lawyers in America" (2009) and Knoxville's Cityview Magazine "Top Attorney" (2007, 2009). He

is a board member of the East Tennessee chapters of the Associated Builders and Contractors, Associated General Contractors of Tennessee, and is active in the Construction Financial Management Association and the Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel. Little is also a member of the Inn of Court, Knoxville Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association and American Bar Association, where he is a member of the Forum on the Construction Industry.

He and his wife, Malinda, have two children, son, James, and daughter, Carlen.

Chancellor Rakes will preside over the exercises and confer degrees. Dr. Robert Hartshorn, University of Tennessee Alumni Association Alumni Distinguished Service Professor, will be the mace bearer, and the processional marshals will be Jenna Wright, Faculty Senate president; Dr. Janet Wilbert, Faculty Senate vice president; Al Hooten, vice chancellor for finance and administration; and Len Solomons, vice chancellor for university advancement.

A reception will be hosted in Skyhawk Fieldhouse immediately following the commencement ceremony.



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Meteorology concentration is available

UT Martin is offering a new meteorology concentration that is the only program of its kind in the state.

Part of the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources, the meteorology program is designed to train students for a career in the

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The Office of Human Resources recently hosted a retirement reception for Gertrude Myrick in the Tennessee Room at the McCombs Center in honor of her service of 46 years and four months. She is retiring Dec. 31. Among those attending the reception were, from left, back row, Tiffany Franklin (former long-time student worker in payroll) currently in the Office of Admissions; Sherry Shanklin, human resources-benefits; Lara Mueller, temporary employee for human resources-employment; Judy McMorries, human resources-payroll; Marcia Tuck, human resources-employment; front row, J. Phillip Bright, human resources director; Myrick; Caryl Martin, human resources retiree.

• Oxford University Press commissioned a new entry for the African American National Biography Online from **Richard Saunders**, Paul Meek Library. His contribution to the biographical encyclopedia concerns Tennessee attorney James F. Estes, who was instrumental in Memphis voter registration efforts during the 1950s and the Fayette-Haywood civil rights actions of the early 1960s.

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atmospheric sciences and to supplement their training in geosciences.

“Successful students will be well positioned to enter graduate school to complete their professional meteorology training or to follow careers in the geosciences in which foundational knowledge in weather and climate is required,” said Dr. Mark Simpson, associate professor of geography.

Potential career fields include working as forecasters, broadcast meteorologists, research meteorologists, climatologists and meteorologists in the armed forces. Others are as consultants in forensics, agriculture, energy, manufacturing, commodities markets, environmental planning, emergency preparedness, transportation and teaching. Potential employers include private industry and consulting services, academia and federal government agencies.

The proposed concentration complements the existing concentrations in the geosciences as well as the existing programs in the new academic home in the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources. The meteorology concentration will give students a solid foundation by which they can pursue the discipline further.

“It is also worth noting that many universities are starting Bachelor of Science degrees in meteorology emphasizing forecasting. The market is being flooded with “forecasters” and “storm chasers,” but the training offered at UT Martin will allow students flexibility in career choices, thus enhancing marketability,” said Simpson. “The program is flexible enough to allow students to be trained in other avenues of geosciences while being engaged in a rigorous study of the fundamentals of meteorology. For those students who wish to pursue forecasting as a career, the concentration will be thorough enough to prepare them for the top graduate programs.”

For more information about the meteorology program, contact the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources at ext. 7260.

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The Chancellor's holiday open house recently was hosted in the university center. In the photo above, Linda Woodrough, library; Cindy Gaylord, library; Randy Gaylord, care of grounds; and Janie Crews, library; photo at left, Sam Covington, left, and Teresa Vancleave, from the bookstore; and photo below, Dana Hagan, physical plant; and Peggy Davis, nursing; enjoy the annual event.

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CALENDAR

Dec. 14-20

Monday, Dec. 14

- 5 p.m. - Visual Theatre Arts Faculty Art Exhibition, Paul Meek Library (Dec. 14-18)

Saturday, Dec. 19

- 11 a.m. - Commencement, Kathleen and Tom Elam Center
- 7:05 p.m. - Skyhawk men's basketball @ Evansville

Sunday, Dec. 20

- 3:30 p.m. - Skyhawk women's basketball @ Marshall



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