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Sorensen elected as board chair of S.C. Sea Grant Consortium

Andrew A. Sorensen, president of the University of South Carolina, has been elected as chair of S.C. Sea Grant Consortium's Board of Directors. Sorensen began his one-year term on January 1, 2004.

Sorensen, a native of Pennsylvania, is the 27th president of the University of South Carolina. Prior to his appointment at USC, Sorensen served as president of the University of Alabama and provost and vice-president for academic affairs at the University of Florida. He is a professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at USC's Arnold School of Public Health, and has authored or edited seven books and over 100 articles.



Dr. Andrew A. Sorensen

"I look forward to serving as chair of the S.C. Sea Grant board," said Sorensen. "My previous service as chair of the Whitney Marine Biology Laboratory board in Florida, as well as working with the Sea Grant programs in Florida and Alabama, has convinced me of the enormous value of these programs."

"I am very pleased that our board has elected Dr. Sorensen to serve as chairman," said Rick DeVoe, executive director of the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium. "His extensive experience with the Sea

Grant College programs in Florida and Alabama should greatly enhance the programs and activities of the Consortium over the next year."

S.C. Sea Grant welcomes new staff

Sandy Eslinger joins the S.C. Sea Grant Extension Program as the Southeast Coastal Ocean Observations Regional Association (SECOORA) program coordinator and coastal hazards specialist. Sandy is working with scientists and public/private sector stakeholders to facilitate the development of a regional association for coastal ocean observing systems. Sandy is responsible for outreach activities associated with 113 Calhoun Street: A Center for Sustainable Living. And she participates in outreach and education for the South East Atlantic Coastal Ocean Observing System (SEACOOS).

Sandy has a B.S. in political science from Auburn University and a Masters in public administration from Golden Gate University. Prior to her position with S.C. Sea Grant, she was a coastal and environmental planner for the U.S. Navy. In addition, Sandy has served as a coastal hazards specialist with NOAA's Coastal Services Center and as a hazards planner for the Alabama Emergency Management Agency.

Amber Von Harten is the S.C. Sea Grant Extension Program fishery extension specialist. She serves as a liaison between fisheries scientists, the commercial and recreational

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Accomplishments at a glance

S.C. Sea Grant-nominated students awarded fellowships

Susannah Sheldon, Rebecca Shuford, and Noel Turner have been chosen to receive Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowships for 2004. Nominated by the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium, the students were selected from a pool of 60 candidates submitted by Sea Grant College Programs nationwide. Selection criteria include academic performance, letters of recommendation, career interests, and work and volunteer experience.

Sheldon, a recent graduate with a M.S. in environmental studies from the College of Charleston, has been placed as a legislative fellow in the office of Senator Daniel K. Akaka, D-Hawaii. Senator Akaka currently serves on the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and he is a ranking member of the Subcommittee on National Parks. Sheldon will assist Senator Akaka and his staff to compose floor statements and speeches, respond to constituent letters, and draft legislation on natural resource, ocean, and energy issues.

Shuford, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of South Carolina, is completing her doctoral work at the Laboratoire de Sclérochronologie des Animaux Aquatiques in Brest, France. She has been placed as an executive fellow in the International Fisheries Division within the Office of Sustainable Fisheries at NOAA Fisheries. Shuford will help develop international fishery policies, as well as national plans-of-action and international agreements for the conservation of living marine resources.

Turner, who is pursuing a M.S. in marine biology from the College of Charleston, has been placed as an executive fellow in the NOAA Office of Legislative Affairs, which acts as a liaison

between NOAA and the U.S. Congress. Turner will field and respond to congressional inquiries on NOAA issues, conduct briefings for both Congress and NOAA leadership, and develop legislative language for ocean, coastal, and atmospheric initiatives.

Each Sea Grant program may nominate up to five individuals for the Knauss Fellowship, and this is the first time that South Carolina had three students chosen to serve as fellows.

To further the education of tomorrow's leaders, the National Sea Grant Office has sponsored the Knauss Fellowship program since 1979. The fellowship brings a select group of graduate students to the nation's capital where they work in the federal government's legislative and executive branches. Students learn about federal policy regarding marine and Great Lakes natural resources, and lend their scientific and policy expertise to federal agencies and congressional staff offices.

Consortium receives National Sea Grant Award for 2004-2005 of \$1.4 million

The National Sea Grant College Program has awarded \$1.4 million to the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium to support its research, extension, communications, and education efforts for 2004-2005. Fifteen research and education projects have received funding to examine a number of marine and coastal-resource needs.

Coastal Heritage as a teaching tool

Coastal Heritage is being used as a central element in the school curriculum of the Midwest World Fest program, which provides arts enrichment and cultural education in 10 communities in nine Midwestern states during 2003-2005.

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t World Fest features four assemblies—one from Israel, Japan, one from Mexico, and the Gullah community of the Carolina Sea Islands. The offer weeklong cultural through school workshops, concerts, and public concerts. t World Fest, primarily state arts organizations, each school with 40 compact include detailed lesson plans for resources about the people.

on plans encourage teachers to read “Living Soul of the Spring 2000 issue of *Heritage*, described as “an thoughtful, clear, and detailed of Gullah culture and the it faces.” *Coastal Heritage* is of much of the information introductory lesson plan on tory

Heritage at Trident Tech
 “Living Soul of Gullah” issue of *Heritage* has been reprinted in textbook anthology, *World Classic and Contemporary* for the required freshman on class at Trident Technical the community college of the n area with an enrollment of English Department faculty the textbook, which is to be 004-05 and 2005-06. Last nt Technical College received l Endowment for the Hu- grant to have some k in various subjects address nces of West African cultures vcountry. Gullah culture age reflect a blend of can and European- influences.



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fishing industries, and state and federal fishery managers. Amber also is the S.C. Sea Grant Extension representative to the South Carolina commercial shrimp industry assistance initiative and the S.C. Seafood Alliance.

Her position is currently funded by the South Carolina shrimping industry through a federal emergency-assistance grant.

Amber received a B.S. in marine science from the University of South Carolina. Previously, she worked for USC-Beaufort’s Center for Coastal Ecology and Pritchards Island.

Dan Hitchcock is the newest addition to the S.C. Sea Grant Extension Program. As coastal environmental quality specialist, he will continue to develop and implement coastal water programs in conjunction with Clemson Extension and N.C. Sea Grant, including S.C. Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials (NEMO), S.C. Coast-A-Syst, and Carolina Clear.

Dan has a B.S. in zoology from the University of Tennessee and a Ph.D. in biological and agricultural engineering from the University of Georgia. He was previously employed with the USDA Forest Service’s Center for Forested Wetlands Research.

Alex Batson is a new member of the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium’s administrative staff. Alex has a dual role as the Consortium’s administrative specialist and administrative assistant for the SouthEast Center for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence.

Alex previously worked for a government contractor in Washington, D.C., and he has 20 years of experience as an administrative specialist for the U.S. Army.

**S.C. SEA GRANT
EXTENSION PROGRAM**

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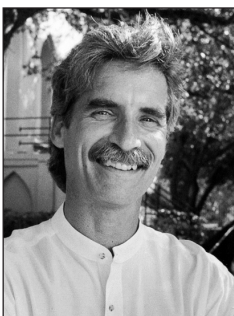
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Message from the Executive Director:

Consortium involvement grows in Southeast region

As many of you know, the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, established to make recommendations to the President and U.S. Congress for a coordinated and comprehensive national ocean policy, is completing work on its final report. One of the Commission's prominent messages is a call for regional approaches to address the nation's coastal and ocean resource use, management, and conservation needs.



Rick DeVoe

Interestingly, the South Carolina Legislature must have been prophetic when it established the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium in 1980, because our legislation states that we are to provide a mechanism for the development and management of the Sea Grant Program for South Carolina *and adjacent regions* that share a common environment and resource heritage. The legislation also requires us to encourage and follow a *regional approach* to solving problems or meeting needs relating to ocean and coastal resources in cooperation with appropriate institutions, programs, and persons *in the region*.

Indeed, the Consortium has been engaged in a number of innovative regional efforts. For example, the Consortium's role in management of and outreach with the Land Use-Coastal Ecosystem Study—a joint South Carolina-Georgia research program—established its reputation as a credible regional science management and outreach program. The designation of the Consortium as the programmatic hub for the SouthEast Center for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence by the National Science Foundation significantly broadened the agency's role in marine education activities regionally. The S.C. Sea Grant Extension Program, together with counterparts in North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, provide outreach support to the SouthEast Atlantic Coastal Ocean Observing System (SEACOOS), a regional monitoring and assessment program that holds great promise in providing valuable products and services to both the public and private sectors. The Consortium is also facilitating the creation of the Regional Association for Coastal Ocean Observing Systems for the southeastern United States.

These and other regional Consortium efforts, which complement our statewide research and outreach efforts, have enhanced the visibility and value of Consortium efforts in addressing coastal and marine issues of importance to citizens of both South Carolina and the Southeast region.

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