

## *SVM Update – January 2008*

Welcome to the **January 2008** edition of the LSU SVM's e-mail newsletter. In this issue, we'll talk about [advanced degrees awarded in December](#), upcoming [Alumni Receptions](#), a new [assistant professor of equine surgery](#), the new [assistant director of institutional advancement](#), [supporting the School of Veterinary Medicine](#), [upcoming events](#), and [classified ads](#).



*Dr. Stephen Dr. Gaunt (left), professor of Veterinary Clinical Pathology and representative of the LSU Graduate Council, conferred degrees upon Amanda Paige DeRouen Polito, Dr. Xiaobing Tan and Dr. Krishna Shakya. Presiding over the ceremony is Dr. Thomas R. Klei (right), associate dean for research and advanced studies.*

### *LSU SVM Confers Three Advanced Degrees*

The LSU School of Veterinary Medicine conferred three graduate degrees at its Diploma Distribution Ceremony for the Graduate Academic Studies Program on December 21.

Associate Dean for Research and Advanced Studies and Boyd Professor Thomas R. Klei, Ph.D. presided over the ceremony, and Dr. Peter F. Haynes, dean of the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, greeted the guests. Dr. Stephen D. Gaunt, professor of veterinary clinical pathology, served as the representative of the LSU Graduate School and conferred the degrees. **Dr. Xiaobing Tan, BMD** (Shandong, China) received his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree from the Department

of Comparative Biomedical Sciences. **Amanda Paige DeRouen Polito, BS** (Baton Rouge, La.) received her Master's of Science (MS) degree from the Department of Pathobiological Sciences. **Ildiko Katalin Polyak, BS** (Danbury, Conn.) received her Master's of Science (MS) degree from the Department of Pathobiological Sciences. *To read more about this ceremony and advanced degrees awarded in August 2008, click [here](#).*

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*LSU SVM Hosts Alumni Receptions at Veterinary Conferences*

The following receptions are going to be held in January and February 2008. All alumni are invited to attend, whether registered for the conference or not. We hope to see everyone there!!

**North American Veterinary Conference (NAVC), Orlando, FL**

Reception Sunday, January 20, 2008

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Orlando World Center Marriott, Crystal Ballroom N

**LA Veterinary Medical Assoc. Conference, Shreveport, LA**

Reception Friday, January 25, 2008

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Shreveport Convention Center, Red River Board Room

**Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association Conference, Hot Springs, AR**

Reception Saturday, February 9, 2008

5:45 PM – 6:45 PM

Hot Springs Convention Center, Room 205

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***SVM Welcomes New Assistant Professor of Equine Surgery***

Dr. Laura Riggs, a new tenure-track assistant professor of equine surgery, began her employment January 14. Dr. Riggs received her DVM from the University of Tennessee and just completed her PhD in Physiology at the University of Georgia, where she was also a large animal surgery clinical instructor. She completed both her Large Animal Medicine & Surgery Internship and Residency in Large Animal Surgery at the University of Georgia. She is a board certified Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons since 2007. Dr. Riggs' primary areas of research are laminitis and acute inflammation.

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Connie Anderson, associate director of institutional advancement, joined the SVM staff on December 14, 2007.

## *SVM Welcomes New Associate Director of Institutional Advancement*

Mrs. Connie Anderson (LSU B.S. '71; M.Ed.'73) is the new assistant director for institutional advancement for the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. Connie has worked extensively, both professionally and as a volunteer, chairing and doing public relations for numerous fund-raisers throughout Baton Rouge area, including the Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundation, Magnolia Mound Plantation, the Anglo-American Art Museum (now the LSU Museum of Art), and the Baton Rouge Junior League. Most recently, she worked as the associate director for communications and development for the LSU College of Engineering. On a more personal note, Connie's great grandfather was LSU faculty member and Dean of the College of Agriculture, William H. Dalrymple,

VS, M.R.C.V.S. She was also named for Constance Vulliamy, wife of Hugh F. Vulliamy, VS, who was influenced by "Dr. Dal" to come to LSU in the late 1800s. Connie is looking forward to working with the School's Advancement team, and welcomes your involvement. Connie may be contacted at 225-578-9826 (office), 225- 892-6159 (cell phone), 225- 578-9916 (fax), and [cfanderson@vetmed.lsu.edu](mailto:cfanderson@vetmed.lsu.edu).

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## *Support the School of Veterinary Medicine*

The mission of the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine encompasses superior education, a wide range of superior services, and a relevant, high-quality research program. As state and federal funding for higher education diminishes, public institutions must rely more and more on private donations. Every gift, large or small, makes a difference to our future. Your tax-deductible charitable gift to the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine can provide needed financial assistance in many ways:

- Unrestricted gifts that support programs, services, and activities
- Student scholarships and support funds
- Academic professorships and chairs
- Clinical and research support funds
- Capital improvement projects
  - Equine Isolation Unit
  - Wildlife Hospital of Louisiana
  - MRI
  - Equine Reproduction Unit

- Serenity Garden
- Veterinary Medicine Library

Your contribution to any of these areas can be either a one-time donation or a pledge over a period of years, and can be made in memory or in honor of a pet, veterinarian, friend, or relative.

You can also create a named permanent legacy for the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine through an endowed gift or an estate gift, which can provide excellent tax incentives. These gifts should be made with the guidance of your tax advisor or professional estate planner. With appreciated stocks, bonds, real estate, life insurance, or cash, estate gifts can be established in the form of charitable gift annuities, trusts, or bequests, naming the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine as the beneficiary. You may be able to bypass capital gains taxes, provide an income stream for yourself or a family member, and provide for a charitable gift to benefit the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine.

To learn more and to make a donation to the School of Veterinary Medicine, please click [here](#) or contact Pat Edwards, director of institutional advancement at <mailto:pedwards@vetmed.lsu.edu> (225) 578-9870. For information on how you can help the SVM, contact Pat Edwards or visit our website ([www.vetmed.lsu.edu](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu)) and select "Support the LSU SVM."



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## *Upcoming Events*

January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
January 19-23	<a href="#">North American Veterinary Conference</a> , Orlando, Fla.
January 20	North American Veterinary Conference SVM Alumni Reception
January 24-27	<a href="#">Louisiana VMA Winter Meeting</a> , Shreveport, La.
January 25	LVMA Winter Meeting SVM Alumni Reception
January 30	Dean's Grand Rounds, SVM Auditorium
February 1	Year III Coating Ceremony, SVM Auditorium
February 4-6	Mardi Gras Holidays, Years I and II
February 5	Mardi Gras Holiday for Faculty, Staff and Students
February 8-10	<a href="#">Arkansas VMA Winter Meeting</a> , Hot Springs, Ark.
February 9-10	<a href="#">Equine Artificial Insemination Seminar</a>
February 12-13	Chemical Immobilization of Animals, Keith Amass of Safe Capture (16 hours of CE)

*For information on these and other events, please go to the School's website at [www.vetmed.lsu.edu](http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu).*

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## *Classified Ads*

**Practice for Sale:** Located in the historical city of Natchitoches, La., in NW Louisiana. Will include a 7yr. old building, and ~1ac. property on a busy highway. The building includes small animal (2413sq.ft.), and large animal (1337sq.ft.) areas all enclosed. Some contents included are computer, blood analyzers, X-Ray, and boarding kennels. Some owner financing possible. For further info. Email [bluejames@suddenlink.net](mailto:bluejames@suddenlink.net).

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