

## *SVM Update – July 2007*

Welcome to the July 2007 edition of the LSU SVM's e-mail newsletter. In this issue, we'll talk about [new faculty](#), a [faculty member's promotion to assistant professor](#), a new [business certification program](#), the [SVM Annual Conference](#), the [Distinguished Alumni Award](#), the [AVMA Annual Conference](#), [supporting the SVM](#), and [upcoming events](#).

### *New Faculty Join the SVM*

The Department of Pathobiological Sciences welcomes **Dr. Nobuko Wakamatsu**, clinical track assistant professor, and **Dr. Samithamby Jeyaseelan**, assistant professor. Dr. Wakamatsu is researching pathology, and Dr. Jeyaseelan is researching microbiology and immunology.

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*Dr. Javier Nevarez*

### *Javier Nevarez Promoted to Assistant Professor*

**Dr. Javier Nevarez** has been selected as the new tenure-track assistant professor of zoological medicine. Dr. Nevarez completed his BS in Animal Science in 1998; a DVM in 2001; and his PhD in Veterinary Medical Sciences, all at LSU. Dr. Nevarez has served as a clinical instructor of zoological medicine in VCS since August 2003 and will resume his new duties as a permanent faculty member on July 1, 2007. This position was previously held by Dr. Mark Mitchell.

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### *LSU Veterinary Students Initiate Business Certification Program*

The LSU student chapter of the Veterinary Business Management Association has initiated a business certificate program to help veterinary students enhance their business management education, which is a small but vital part of their veterinary education. "This program will give veterinary students real life, applicable skills," said Marc Bordelon (Class of 2009), president of the LSU student chapter of the Veterinary Business Management Association. The VBMA is a student-driven organization dedicated to advancing the profession through increasing business knowledge, creating networking opportunities, and empowering students to achieve their personal and professional goals. "In human medicine, doctors form practices and hire people to manage them, so they don't need to study business management; they hire someone to do that for them," said Dr. Dennis



*Attending a meeting of the LSU Chapter of the VBMA are (from left to right) Dr. Dennis McCurnin, faculty advisor; Tina Miletello (Class of 2010); Marc Bordelon (Class of 2009), president; Rachel Carson (Class of 2010); Brenna Hanly (Class of 2009), vice president; and Rob Braquet (Class of 2009), treasurer.*

McCurnin, professor of surgery and faculty advisor to the LSU chapter of the VBMA. "It's harder for veterinarians to do that so they end up managing their practices themselves. Veterinarians need to have basic business knowledge and know how a small business is run. It's important to learn about business while in veterinary school so that they can start off on the right foot." **To read about the business certification program, click [here](#).**

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## *Save the Date for Annual Conference*

The LSU SVM will host its **Annual Conference for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians** on November 10-11. The conference will offer 11 hours of continuing education, as well as social events such as the Fall Family Picnic, alumni reunions, alumni luncheon, a tailgate party and tickets to the Louisiana Tech vs. LSU Homecoming Game! Registration materials will be mailed in August. **For more information, call 225/578-9900.**

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## *Nominate Classmates for Alumni Award On-Line*

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is a means to recognize alumni of the LSU SVM for outstanding professional and personal achievements. The award, which consists of an individual plaque and the placement of the honoree's name on a group plaque in the SVM, will be presented at the Annual Conference each year. Any veterinarian who received the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Louisiana State University before 1998 is eligible for the award. Candidates will be recognized for their accomplishments in veterinary medicine and/or contributions to the community through public service. To be considered for the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus Award, a completed nomination form along with a summary résumé of the nominee or the nominator's cover letter describing why the nominee is a distinguished alumnus must be received **no later than Friday, August 31, 2007. Now you can nominate your classmates for the Distinguished Alumni Award on-line at <http://www.vetmed.lsu.edu>. Just go to the SVM website and click on "Alumni Resources."**

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## *SVM Faculty to Speak at AVMA Annual Conference*

Several SVM faculty members will speak at the 2007 AVMA Annual Conference in Washington, DC, July 14-18. Speakers will include

- a panel including **Drs. Michael Groves, David Senior, Dennis French, David Baker and Joseph Taboada** will speak about *Lessons Learned From Cat-5*;
- **Dr. David Baker** will speak about *Rescue and Recovery of Laboratory Animals after "The Storm"*;
- **Dr. Jacqueline Davidson** will speak about *Physical Rehabilitation for Spinal Cord Dysfunction, Physical Rehabilitation for Osteoarthritis, Physical Rehabilitation for Postoperative Pain, and Improving Body Condition with Rehabilitation Techniques*;
- **Dr. Dennis French** will speak about *Rescue and Recovery of Horses after "The Storm"*;
- **Dr. Michael Groves** will speak about *Preparing for Disaster: Strategic View of Resources and Challenges*;
- **Dr. Javier Nevarez** will speak about *Biology and Medicine of Rats, Gastroenterology of Rabbits: Biology to Clinical Medicine, Common Presentations in Avian Practice and How to Treat Them and Feather Picking: What is Needed to Treat the Patient and the Owner*;
- **Dr. David Senior** will speak about *Managing People and Animals: Creating Shelter in the Aftermath of Katrina*;

- **Dr. Joseph Taboada** will speak about *Hurricane Disaster Response: What Happened in Louisiana? What Did We Learn?*, *Pictures Bring Life to the Storm Stories*, *Using Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology in Patients With Suspected Liver Disease* and *Beastly Bug Rounds: Infectious Disease Case Presentations*; and
- **Dr. Thomas Tully** will speak about *Explaining the Avian Physical Exam and Diagnostic Testing*, *Shopping for an Avian Veterinarian: Client Expectations, Avian Diagnostic Testing* and *Essentials of Avian Pain Management*.

For more information, go to [www.avmaconvention.org](http://www.avmaconvention.org).

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## *Support the School of Veterinary Medicine*

Mark your calendar to join fellow alumni and SVM faculty and staff at the **LSU Alumni Reception** at the American Veterinary Medical Association conference! The reception will be held on Monday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 15 of the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel. LSU door prizes will be awarded to attendees! Show your Tiger Pride!



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## *Upcoming Events*

July 14-20: [American Veterinary Medical Association](#) Annual Conference  
 August 2-4: Merck/Merial Summer Symposium  
 August 6-7: Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician Training  
 August 7-8: Chemical Capture for the Animal Control Professional  
 August 9-11: Louisiana Animal Control Association Certification Academy  
 August 17-22: First-Year Orientation  
 August 20: Fall Semester begins  
 August 22: Family Orientation

**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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