



CALENDAR OF EVENTS	WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS
	<p>Faculty Focus</p>
Monday	<p>Mary Ann Feldheim & Joan Nelson Attend BenchMark 3 Conference</p>
	<p>Every ten years the nonprofit management educational community holds a conference that is intended to measure the state of the sector. The BenchMark 3 Conference held in Phoenix over spring break was the third of its kind providing an update on nonprofit management education and thoughts on future direction. Internationally and nationally the focus is pointing to civic engagement and the use of service learning to accomplish this. Our American Humanics and nonprofit management programs use of service learning to enhance of this civic connection makes our programs very relevant and meeting the benchmark of the field.</p>
Tuesday	<p>Dr. Jurie Publishes Article "Conserving Open Land in Central Florida"</p>
	<p>In the March Newsletter for ASPA Section on Environmental and Natural Resource Administration, Dr. Jurie wrote a timely article on conserving our open land. He discusses the need for a coordinated approach in the region to purchase and preserve open land in our region, which could be accomplished by a proposal made by the Audubon Society to create region-wide land authority.</p>
Wednesday	<p>Undergraduate Student Opportunity</p>
	<p>Ford Foundation Summer Institute on Replenishing Democracy</p>
	<p>Undergraduate students may attend the Institute from June 11-24, 2006 at Amherst College. For those students interested in social justice and activism this is an opportunity that brings together distinguished scholars and activists with undergraduates to rigorously study the theory and practices of democratic engagement. In this forum, undergraduate student leaders will learn about the complexities of political action and gain practical knowledge about grassroots organizing. The Institute will be free of charge for the selected participants. The participants will be provided with the necessary course materials and reimbursed for their travel expenses to Amherst. Information about the program and online application materials at: http://www.amherst.edu/~democracy/.</p>
Thursday	<p>New Administrative Addition</p>
	<p>James "Jimmie" Oddie will be at the front desk every Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 12-4 pm. He started at that position in late February. Jimmie is a junior working toward a BA in liberal studies with majors in public affairs and communications with a minor in political science, pre-law track. After he graduates in spring 2007, he plans to do his graduate studies right here at UCF. Before deciding to attend UCF full time, Jimmie won an award as the sports editor for "<i>In Motion</i>" the Daytona Beach Community College student newspaper. In addition, he was the executive producer and co-host of a mid-day talk show with Dave Laing on AM 1150 WNDB and Blackcrow Media LLC.</p>