



# CommuniQue'

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## 'WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? ENSURING OUR RIGHTS TO A FIRST-RATE 21ST CENTURY EDUCATION'

Mr. Leroy Johnson, MVSU alum, will discuss "Where Do We Go from Here? Ensuring Our Rights to a First-Rate 21st Century Quality Education," in the fifth and final lecture in the Ayers Distinguished Visiting Lecture Series. The event will be held Tuesday, April 24, 6 p.m., in the Sutton Administration Building Auditorium, and is free and open to the public.

Johnson is an expert in developing and leading community-based programs dealing with the environment, education, cultural events and community empowerment. He serves as Executive Director of the Rural Organizing and Cultural Center (ROCC) in Holes County, MS, and Founder/Chairman of the Board of the Southeast Regional Economic Justice Network.

## JUDGE GLENDA HATCHETT NAMED MVSU COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

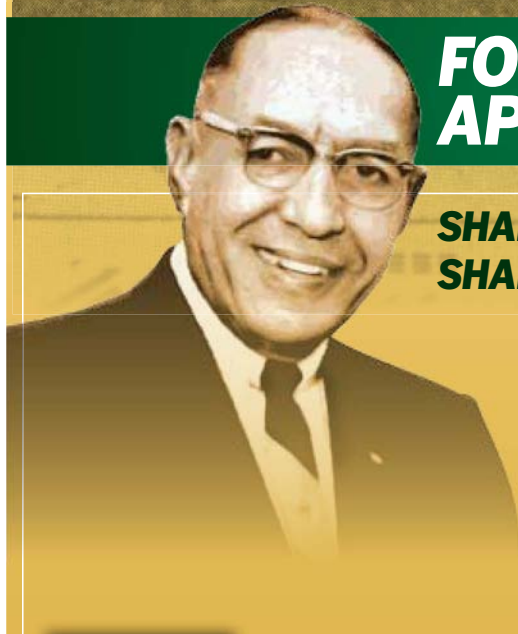


Judge Hatchett

Judge Glenda Hatchett is the speaker for the 2012 Commencement at Mississippi Valley State University. In addition to presiding over the syndicated show, "Judge Hatchett," now in its 10th season, she is the founder of Parent Power Now, the premiere online parenting network, and author of two national bestselling books, Dare to Take Charge, and Say What You Mean, Mean What You Say.

In 1990, Judge Hatchett was appointed Chief Presiding Judge of the Fulton County (Atlanta, Georgia) Juvenile Court—becoming the first African-American Chief Presiding Judge of a state court in Georgia, and head of one of the largest juvenile court systems in the country.

## FOUNDER'S WEEK APRIL 23 - 27, 2012



### SHARING OUR LEGACY AND SHAPING OUR FUTURE

Tuesday, April 24th  
6:00 p.m.  
Poetry Recitals/Reading  
Students/English & Foreign Language Department  
Royal Room  
Open to the Public

Wednesday, April 25th,  
6:00 p.m.  
Poetry Recitals/Reading  
Students/English & Foreign Language Department  
Royal Room  
Open to the Public

7:30 p.m.  
MVSU Symphonic Band Spring Concert  
H. G. Carpenter Auditorium

Thursday, April 26th  
11:00 a.m.  
Founder's Convocation  
H. G. Carpenter Auditorium  
Speaker: Dr. William L. Ware, '57  
Community Activist



Dr. William L. Ware

Friday, April 27th  
7:00 p.m.  
National Alumni Association Awards Banquet  
Location: St. Benedict Moor Catholic Center  
403 Church Street, Indianola, MS  
Cost: \$50.00



Suresh Chawla

Monday, April 23rd  
7:30 a.m.  
Founder's Day Breakfast  
Dining Hall IV, H.M. Ivy Cafeteria  
Speaker: Suresh Chawla, Vice President, Greenville Delta Economic Development Center  
Cost:\$15.00 RSVP to 662.254.3576

9:00 a.m.  
Gravesite Ceremony  
(immediately following Founder's Day Breakfast)

6:00 p.m.  
Ayers/Delta Research & Culture Institute Lecture Series  
Topic: "Where Do We Go From Here?"  
Developing a 1st Rate 21st Century Quality Education  
Location: Sutton Administration Building – Room 108  
Open to the Public



## SOCIAL WORK DEPT. HOSTS 32ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE



*Senator Willie Simmons of District 13, community champion and business owner, was the keynote speaker for Mississippi Valley State University's 32nd annual Social Work Conference on April 12-13. The conference, organized by the MVSU Department of Social Work, attracted over a hundred attendees to explore the theme, "Social Work: Promoting Community Strengths and Empowerment."*

## MVSU RECYCLING CENTER GRAND OPENING SET FOR APRIL 20

MVSU is holding the grand opening of a community - wide recycling center on Friday, April 20 at 10 a.m. in the Industrial Technology building. Platform guests will include Thronell Cheeks, Environmental Protection Agency and Recyclemania; J.C. Burton, Woodline Solutions; Lindsay Harper, Pivot Point, Inc.; Mayor Walter Parker, City of Itta Bena; Mayor Carolyn McAdams; City of Greenwood; and Hart Henson, Greenwood Recycling Center.

MVSU Recycling Center was started as a University endeavor to reduce landfill costs and make a positive influence on our environment,

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## MVSU ALUMNUS FEATURED IN NASA NEWSLETTER



*Nate Boclair, III*

As a youth, Nate Boclair, III recalls sitting in front of a small black and white television when he saw man take the first steps on the moon. This encounter launched his interest in mathematics and computer science. Boclair had his first experience with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration through a co-op program

manages the payload use of onboard command, data handling, and communications and tracking systems that directly support International Space Station research.

According to Boclair, his immediate goal is to lead his team in support of successful integration of the Improved Payload Ethernet Hub/Gateway, which is an Orbital Replacement Unit for the existing Payload Ethernet Hub/Gateway. "This increase in functionality will bring the onboard local area network up to current Ethernet performance standards, providing the capability for space station users to utilize standard Internet protocols for their payload designs, leading to potential reductions in cost and design time."

while at Mississippi Valley State University.

Now serving as the manager of space systems operations branch in the mission operations lab, he has dedicated thirty five years to NASA. This branch performs flight command, controls functions,

His work with the space station extends the human presence beyond Earth, while contributing a wealth of information to the live science and material science disciplines, as well as many other areas of science and technology research.

## EVENT CALENDAR

### APRIL

- 23-27 – Founder's Week Activities
- 26 – Founder's Day Convocation  
11 a.m., H. G. Carpenter Auditorium
- 27 – ETS Proficiency Profile Test, 8 a.m., Business Education Building Lab 112 & 302
- 28 – PRAXIS Exam, 7 a.m., Social Science Building
- 30 – Final Examinations

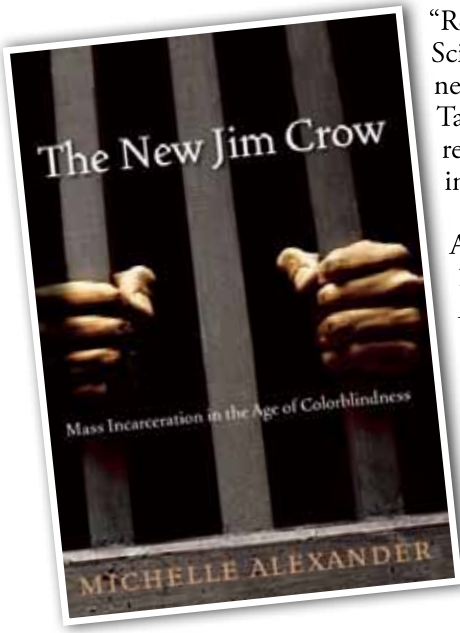
### MAY

- 1-4 – Final Examinations
- 4 – Residence Halls Close
- 5 – Commencement, 10 a.m., R. W. Harrison HPER Complex – Gym
- 30 – Residual ACT Test, 8 p.m., Business Education Building Room 101



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## 'READ & REVIEW' PROGRAM TO EXAMINE THE NEW JIM CROW



"Read & Review with Arts & Sciences at The Valley" is a new program started by Dean Tazinski P. Lee to encourage reading and discussing books in a public forum on campus.

Attorney Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, is the first book to be discussed. It is an eye-opening read that links Jim Crow and legal segregation to the mass incarceration of Black men.

Featured on the The Tavis Smiley Show, Bill Moyers Journal, Democracy Now!,

and C-Span's Washington Journal, *The New Jim Crow* has become an overnight phenomenon, sparking a much-needed conversation about ways in which our system of mass incarceration has come to resemble systems of racial control from a different era.

*Publishers Weekly* said *The New Jim Crow* is "carefully researched, deeply engaging, and thoroughly readable." *Sojourners* called it "A call to action for everyone concerned with racial justice and an important tool for anyone concerned with understanding and dismantling this oppressive system." And the *Birmingham News* described it as, "Undoubtedly the most important book published in this century about the U.S."

The program launches on Thursday, April 19, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. in Sutton 108. A panel featuring Drs. Ricky Hill, Rasheedah Jenkins, Rodrick Jenkins, and Prof. Amber Hendricks will share their reviews of Alexander's book and entertain questions afterwards. Join us for our first program and make it a success.

## MVSU STUDENTS AMONG NATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS



A delegation from Mississippi Valley State University recently attended a one-week conference at the United Nations in New York. MVSU students participated in the National Model United Nations Conference from April 3-8. The annual international conference was attended by over 5,000 students from 239 colleges and universities representing five continents ranging from Europe, Africa, America and Asia.

The five day conference "offered a diverse group of informed participants a forum for discussing global issues in a context that closely parallels the "real world;" according to faculty advisor Dr.

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### MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY RECYCLING CENTER SUSTAINABILITY EQUALS STABILITY

**HOURS OF OPERATION:**  
Inside drop-off  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
7 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
24 hr curbside  
**AVAILABLE TO:**  
Faculty, Staff, Students  
and surrounding communities



## MVSU Recycling Center Grand Opening *continued from page 2*

our Center has turned into a community recycling center and an educational center to promote sustainability and recycling throughout the University.

The mission is to promote the importance of recycling in achieving environmental sustainability and to provide opportunities for meaningful actions leading to lifelong recycling habits.

The center accepts corrugated and cereal box type card board, paper products including newspaper, office paper, magazines and shredded paper; plastic such as #1 labeled as #1 PETE (Polyethylene terephthalate) and #2 HDPE – milk and water bottles; electronics such as handheld

video games, digital cameras, cell phones and computers; and ink cartridges. The center will not accept adhesives, garbage, bright fluorescent paper, wrap from paper reams, binders, brown envelopes, carbon paper, paper towels, food tape, food wrappers and plastic or Styrofoam cups.

Recycling on campus will be available at the following locations: MVSU academic buildings, residence halls, H.M. Ivy Cafeteria and the MVSU Recycling Center.

Hours of operation for the recycling center will be from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Curbside drop off will be available 24 hours a day.

## United Nations Conference Participants *continued from page 3*

Morgan Ero, “students served as delegates and proposed resolutions addressing regional conflicts such as peacekeeping, human rights violation, economic and social development and the environment.”

“The conference gave our students a better understanding of the inner workings of the United Nations as they built skills in diplomacy and compromise. They received an opportunity to represent countries, other than their own. Furthermore, the conference is an opportunity to expose our students to the sheer grinds of international diplomacy; the patience needed to reach consensus and the team work that reaps result,” said Ero.

According to Andrew N. Ludlow, the Secretary General of the 2012 National Model United Nations Conference, “your experience may be a simulation of the United Nations, but is by no means an imitation. In the years to come, many of you will fill the positions of decision and responsibility...and the skills, networks and global perspectives that you develop at this conference are what each of you will need to resolve the vital issues in your own countries by working together across borders.”

The objective of the conference is to further participants’ understanding of the United Nations and contemporary problems through experience-based learning opportunities by providing avenues for the

simulation of UN activities. Participants learned how to become better global citizens and the next generation of global leaders.

The conference opening and closing ceremonies were held at the United Nations headquarters in New York. This year, Miss. Valley State University represented the West African country of the Federal Republic of Togo.

“Our students had the rare opportunity to build lasting and valuable relationships with delegates from all over the world, enhance their writing and oratory skills and meet with members of the diplomatic corps and ambassadors of the member countries of the United Nations,” added Dr. Ero.

The MVSU team included Rayshad Greene, De’Ryan Shanklin, L.E. Carter III, Miss Jeana McGee, Angela Lehman, Bianca Vigilante, Kayla Boyd, Dorien Jones, Zoraya Kentch and Kristin Swanson, head delegate. The delegation was accompanied by Dr. Morgan Ero, faculty advisor; Teneeshia Robinson and Margaret Clark, who served as chaperones.

In past years, delegates from MVSU have represented the countries of Angola, Swaziland, Nigeria, Cyprus and Equatorial Guinea. The University has attended the conference consecutively for the past 6 years.

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