In 2009, Dr. Ron Caldwell, Professor of Biology, in conjunction with the Belize Foundation for Research and Environmental Education (BFREE), selected a site for an LMU research field station. The forest was cleared, footers poured and the first posts erected.

This field station will provide a launching point for LMU faculty and students to conduct research in the surrounding country, and critically needed space for sorting and cataloging specimens for shipment back to LMU. This unique site is already stirring interest. Dr. Caldwell is fielding inquiries from other institutions about using the field station for their researchers.

Article and photos contributed by Dr. Ron Caldwell. For more information about BFREE, please visit www.bfreebz.org.

The frame for the first floor is completed.

The field station is completely framed up and roofed.

We’re down to the final touches—windows and hardwood flooring.

Workers are installing the solar cells which will power the field station.
Recent Scholarly Activity

Dr. Adam Rollins, Assistant Professor of Biology, presented a talk/paper at the 2010 Mycological Society of America meeting (June 28 to July 1) entitled, "Preliminary report of dictyostelid cellular slime molds from southern Belize".

Dr. Ronald Caldwell, Professor of Biology was a co-author.

Dr. Ann M. Callahan, Assistant Professor of Social Work, has had a book review published;


Dr. Jack McCann, Dean of the School of Business, co-authored an article with Dr. Daryl Green entitled "Benchmarking a Leadership Model for the Green Economy." The article was provisionally accepted in Benchmarking: an International Journal - Decision on Manuscript ID BJI-05-2010-0024.

Dr. Shu-Li Chen recently joined the LMU Caylor School of Nursing as the new Chair of Graduate Nursing. Dr. Chen holds a PhD in nursing and comes to us with much experience, especially in regards to research, from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville College of Nursing. Dr. Mary Ann Modrcin, Dean for the Caylor School of Nursing said “we are very happy that Dr. Chen joined the Caylor School of Nursing. She will be very instrumental in growing the graduate nursing program and moving the Caylor School of Nursing toward the Doctorate of Nursing Practice.”

Listed below, are some of Dr. Chen’s recent publications.


Chen, S.-L. (U.S.A), Member of the International Editorial Advisory Board (By Invitation), the Journal of Nursing and Healthcare Research; an official peer-reviewed journal of Taiwan Nurses Association.

Welcome Dr. Chen!

Recent Research Grant Submissions

Congratulations to those who recently put in the extra time and hard work it takes to submit a grant application:

Dr. Adam Rollins, Assistant Professor of Biology—National Science Foundation (NSF), for a project entitled “Microbial Diversity of Canopy Microhabitats in Neotropical Forests and the Role of Terrestrial Snails as Ground-to-Aerial Vectors of Microorganisms”. Dr. Ron Caldwell is a co-PI for this grant.
If your scholarly activity has not been mentioned in this edition, please forward your information to us using the contact information listed on the left.

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We would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the newsletter!

Lisa Travis, Medical Librarian, has compiled a list of journals that publish articles on pedagogies and/or instructional methods. This list is a work in progress; journals for disciplines not yet covered will be added over time. If you know of a journal to add or find a broken link, please email Lisa at lisa.travis@lmunet.edu. You can find the list here.