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Holiday Hours

The **Vice Provost for Research Office** will close at 12 noon on Wednesday, December 24. Our hours on December 29-31 and January 2 will be 9 am - 3 pm with minimal staffing.

The **Office of Sponsored Programs Administration** will be closed December 24 through January 2.

The **Graduate College** will be closed December 24 through January 2.

New Patent

To David White, CCEE; Yadong Li, Flowood, MI; and R. Lee Peyton, Rocheport, MO; *Composite Material Composed of Fly Ash and Waste Polyethylene Terephthalate*, Patent No. 6,583,217

Welcome

- David Zimmerman, assistant professor of English, from the University of Wisconsin.
- Geoffrey Sauer, assistant professor of English, from the University of Washington.
- Laura Mielke, assistant professor of English, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- Jonathan Newell, assistant professor of journalism & communication in the Greenlee School, from Michigan State University.
- Daniela Dimitrova, assistant professor of journalism & communication in the Greenlee School, from the University of Florida.
- Jooyoung Kim, assistant professor of journalism & communication in the Greenlee School, from the University of Florida.
- Rachel Haywood-Ferreira, assistant professor of foreign languages and literatures, from Yale University.
- Daniel Sipe, assistant professor of foreign languages and literatures, from the University of Minnesota.
- Sang Kim, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, from Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology.

Grantsmanship Workshops

Nominations are sought for participation in the 2004 Grant Writers Workshops scheduled to begin in April 2004. The workshops will be conducted by Steve Russell and David Morrison of Grant Writers Seminars and Workshops, and will guide participants through the process of writing and submitting a completed grant application to an external funding agency. The application deadline is February 9, 2004. For more information, contact Sreeparna Mitra (mitra@iastate.edu or 4-1538) or visit the Web page <http://grants-svr.admin.iastate.edu/Funding/GrantSupport.html>

Assistance Available for Regulatory Requirements

Environmental Health and Safety has hired Dr. Beryl Packer to provide support for investigators on regulatory requirements. Dr. Packer is available to assist people in getting information to determine whether they need a permit, what type of permit is needed, or to help expedite the permit application process for Select Biological Agents; all other regulated plants, microorganisms, viruses, animals, or material of human origin; and for any research involving recombinant DNA. A centralized database is being created for all permits held on campus. Dr. Packer is available at 4-6366, bjpacker@iastate.edu.

Sponsored Funding Awards to Directly Benefit the State of Iowa:

- To Jon Van Gerpen, ME, *Biodiesel Fuel Education Program* from the University of Idaho, \$60,000
- To Charlie Brummer and Lee Burras, Agron, *Switchgrass Production in Iowa: Soil Suitability and Varietal Performance* from the Chariton Valley Resource Conservation and Development, Inc., \$86,400
- To Giancarlo Moschini and Harvey Lapan, Econ, *Economics of Higher-Generation GM Crops: Market Failures and Policy Options* from the USDA, \$118,496
- To Partha Sarkar and Fred Haan, Aero Engr, *Development of Field-Testing Equipment and Procedure for Evaluating Susceptibility of Corn Plants to Brittle-Snap Breakage in High Winds* from Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., \$12,507