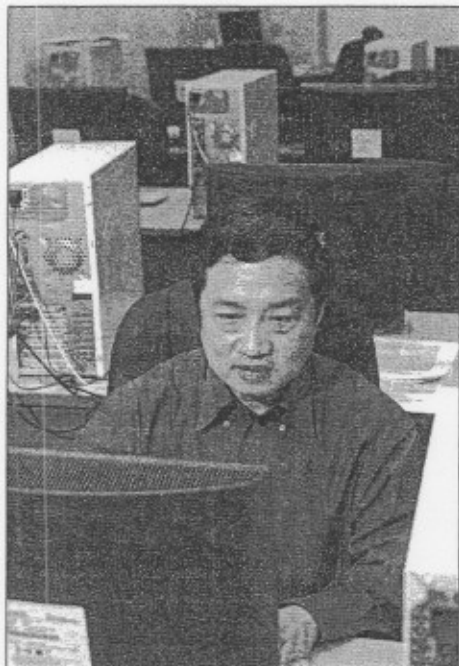


# National Science Foundation taps FAU professor



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Born in Shanghai, Dr. Jie Wu immigrated to the United States in 1987.

BY ED DUGGAN

The National Science Foundation has named Florida Atlantic University's Dr. Jie Wu as program director for its Networking Technology and Systems Program.

Wu is a distinguished research professor in FAU's Department of Computer Science and Engineering. In his NSF position, he will be responsible for a \$10 million annual budget.

"There are four of us that will handle a combined \$40 million budget for grants," Wu said. "If you apply for a lot of grants, eventually they put you in charge - like when you write a lot of papers, they make you an editor."

Wu, born in Shanghai, immigrated to the United States in 1987. He is a Ph.D. graduate of FAU. The short version of his resume is 27 pages long and lists enough personal academic accomplishments, awards and distinctions for a small university.

There are a number of theses, dissertations, research papers and conference presentations made solely or in collaboration with other scientists. Wu also applied for and received numerous grants, both industrial and federal, many from the NSF itself.

The appointment is a double-edged sword. He must recuse himself from voting on any grants that FAU applies for while he is a program director.

"Luckily, we don't have anything pending at the moment," he said.

Wu's specialties are multimedia systems, video coding and compression,

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video image processing and Internet engineering.

If anyone could have a paperless office, it would be Wu. However, his office - with bookcases brimming with scientific volumes, research reports, and student theses - looks like it could belong to a literature professor in England. Books and papers are stacked everywhere, from floor to desk, and yet he seems to know where everything is.

While he could probably do much of his NSF work by teleconferencing, he spends at least half of his week in Washington, D.C., at the NSF.

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Dr. Jie Wu, distinguished research professor  
Florida Atlantic University

"There is a great deal of peer-to-peer discussion and in-person presentations that would be lost trying to do it electronically," he explained.

FAU pays his salary while he is on NSF business, but the government reimburses the university, so it is not a burden on its budget.

One of Wu's greatest personal accomplishments to date is not something that appears on his resume.

I have mentored six students to their Ph.D.s - and each of them has chosen an academic career," he said.

"Each will make a great difference in the years ahead, both with their students and with their research. I am very proud to have been a part of it."

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## ***Three finalists in running for RCC chancellor***

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**By MARISA AGHA  
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Riverside Community College District leaders have announced three finalists, all current or former California community college administrators, for the district's top job.

The finalists are: Stan Arterberry, chancellor of the West Valley-Mission Community College District; Piedad Robertson, former president of the Education Commission of the States in Denver; and Noelia Vela, president of Cerritos College in Norwalk, according to an RCC statement released Tuesday night.

The district has scheduled two-day visits with each of the finalists in March. During those visits, faculty, students, staff and the public can meet the candidates during forums. The finalists also will interview with the board of trustees. Robertson is scheduled to be on campus visit March 5 and 6; Arterberry, March 8 and 9; and Vela, March 12 and 13.

Times for the forums are still being scheduled.

The chancellor manages a \$240 million annual budget for the three-campus system, with sites in Riverside, Moreno Valley and Norco. The district is in the midst of planning for each campus to become its own college.

The finalists were chosen after interviews with 10 candidates behind closed doors earlier this month.

Chancellor Salvatore Rotella, 72, is expected to retire once his successor is named.

The district also needs to find new presidents for the Riverside and Moreno Valley campuses. Board members have said it is unlikely that those jobs will be filled permanently until a new chancellor is appointed.

All three finalists have held a number of administrative posts at community colleges.

Arterberry, 58, is a former assistant professor of history and sociology and an assistant dean of student affairs at Riverside City College. He also has held the posts of superintendent/president in the West Hills Community College and Solano Community College districts.

Arterberry holds a bachelor's degree from Whittier College and a master's degree from Atlanta University in Georgia.

"I want the job because it's Riverside" he said. "It has a great, great reputation."

Robertson is a former president of Santa Monica College. She also was a special assistant to the California secretary of education under Gov. Schwarzenegger, the RCC statement said.

"I have decided to take a break between jobs," said Robertson, a Santa Monica resident who isn't currently working.

The job of leading RCC attracted Robertson because of the district's transition to three separate colleges.

"I think that Riverside is right on the verge of becoming something even better," Robertson said. "It's a convergence of incredible opportunities."

She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Miami and an education doctorate from Florida Atlantic University.

Vela, the third finalist, is a former president of Pima Community College's downtown campus in Tucson, Ariz. She also was president of Evergreen Valley College in San Jose. She has bachelor's and master's degrees from Illinois State University and an education doctorate from the University of San Diego.

"The Riverside Community College District has a strong reputation," said Vela, 57. "I believe it's an exciting time."

Trustee Janet Green said the finalists appealed to her because all three had a familiarity with California's community college system and a demonstrated knowledge of finance and budgets.

"All of three of them appeared to be concerned about community as well as serving the students," Green said.

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## GOP's quick fix on property taxes a terrible idea

Howard Goodman  
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The Republican leadership in the state House has come up with a quick and easy way to fix property taxes.

Eliminate 'em. On homesteaded properties, at least.

For other properties, cut 'em by almost 20 percent.

And try to make up for lost revenue by instituting the nation's highest state sales tax: 8.5 percent. It's now 6 percent.

This plan from House Speaker Marco Rubio, R-Miami, has the benefit of simplicity. And it would please an awful lot of homeowners who live here year round.

But in all other respects, it's a terrible idea.

For starters, city and county governments would lose billions of dollars. Which would be swell if our public schools were awash in too much money, but I haven't heard of that being a problem.

Think there's inequality now between residents who get homestead exemptions and the landlords, business owners and snowbirds who don't? Just wait until there's no tax at all on a homesteaded property.

And in exchange for easing the tax load for people well off enough to afford a house, we'd be boosting the sales tax -- which disproportionately affects the worse-off.

The lower you are on the income scale, the higher a percentage of your income you'll be paying, day after day, as you go to the store and fork out almost 9 cents on every dollar.

People who are rolling in dough won't notice these little nicks. But folks living on the edge, paycheck to paycheck, would feel them plenty.

Upping the sales tax would probably hurt tourism. But it would be a boon to little towns in Georgia just past the state line, where you bet whole neighborhoods of Wal-Marts and Costcos will spring up in no time to snare fugitive shoppers from Florida.

This sudden fondness for the sales tax is pretty funny, given the Legislature's long history of relaxing that tax, almost on demand.

Over decades, special interests have persuaded the Legislature to enact some 440 exemptions, according to Floridians Against Inequities in Rates, which has tried to force a re-examination of the exemptions.

Some of these moves were for good reason. It makes sense to waive sales taxes on necessities like food, drugs and medical services.

But the other exemptions recounted by FAIR make for a pretty strange bag: Super Bowl tickets, tanning studios, "lap dancing" and other adult entertainment, tattoo parlors, charter boat fishing, haircuts and coloring, lawn and pool service, food for ostriches and racehorses, seed for

farmers.

No question, we have a property tax system that's massively unfair to various groups of people.

But the protestations we're hearing about the crushing tax burden ring a little hollow, when you look at other states.

We now rank 37th in the amount we pay in state taxes on a per-person basis. Total state taxes in Florida came to \$1,905 per person in 2005, according to the Census Bureau.

We're well below the U.S. average of \$2,189.

This proposal to shift more taxes onto working stiffs is a longstanding pattern. Last year, then-Gov. Jeb Bush boasted of passing \$19 billion in tax breaks since 1999. While these have been nice for most taxpayers, they've extra nice for the rich. Typical was last year's repeal of the intangibles tax -- an "insidious" tax, Bush called it, which affected those unfortunates with an average \$1.6 million in taxable assets, the *Orlando Sentinel* reported.

The goal now should be to make everyone's tax obligation more fair.

Not starve government.

"Our per-pupil expenditures are still very low, the costs of health care are going way up, we have a ton of infrastructure needs, we've got the Everglades cleanup and you're saying you want to cut out a viable source of revenue? This is crazy," said Robert Watson, associate professor of political science at Florida Atlantic University and a sometime Democratic candidate for the state Legislature.

We've got a cockamamie tax system. Leave it to the Legislature to make it cockamamier.

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## Feminism and female oppression

Thomas Lifson

*Brussels Journal* carries a long and interesting essay on the role of feminism as an enabler of the oppression of women. It attempts to explain the paradox of feminists demonizing Western Civilization as oppressive of women, and remaining mostly silent on the role of non-Western systems in oppressing women. For example:

...we know that other feminists in academia assert that the veil, or even the burka, represents "an alternative feminism." Dr. Wairimu Njambi is an Assistant Professor of "Women's Studies" at the [Florida Atlantic University](#). Much of her scholarship is dedicated to advancing the notion that the cruel practice of female genital mutilation (FGM) is actually a triumph for Feminism and that it is hateful to suggest otherwise. According to Njambi "anti-FGM discourse perpetuates a colonialist assumption by universalizing a particular western image of a 'normal' body and sexuality." [...]

As Ellen Willis, self-proclaimed democratic socialist and founder of *Redstockings*, a radical feminist group from 1969, stated to left-wing *The Nation* in 1981: "Feminism is not just an issue or a group of issues, it is the cutting edge of a revolution in cultural and moral values. [...] The objective of every feminist reform, from legal abortion [...] to child-care programs, is to undermine traditional family values." Feminist icon Simone de Beauvoir stated that "no woman should be authorized to stay at home to raise her children [...] because if there is such a choice, too many women will make that one."

So far, I have not noted any Western feminists reacting to this news from Pakistan:

A Pakistani minister and woman's activist has been shot dead by an Islamic extremist for refusing to wear the veil.

Zilla Huma Usman, the minister for social welfare in Punjab province and an ally of President Pervez Musharraf, was killed as she was about to deliver a speech to dozens of party activists, by a "fanatic", who believed that she was dressed inappropriately and that women should not be involved in politics, officials said.

Mrs Usman, 35, was wearing the shalwar kameez worn by many professional women in Pakistan, but did not cover her head.

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# FAU Board Of Trustees Visits Jupiter Campus



Dr. Kristen Murtaugh, Trustee Sherry Phymale, Frank T. Brogan, Trustee William Bryant



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Members of FAU's Board of Trustees, their spouses, university faculty and staff, along with faculty from Scripps Florida, gathered recently for a reception and dinner at the Abacoa Golf Club. President Frank T. Brogan welcomed everyone and introduced special guests Dr. Richard Houghton from the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies, and his wife Pam. After dinner, Dr. Harry Orf, vice president for scientific operations, gave a brief update on Scripps Florida's progress.

# FAU Jupiter Hosts Two Local Artists



Artist Elodia Fanjul and Dianne Reeves, assistant vice president for university advancement



Wilkes Honors College student Echo Keif, and artist Esther Gordon

*The Journey: A Dialogue between Artists*, featuring work by artists Elodia Fanjul and Esther Gordon, will run through March 2. The exhibit is part of the Art in the Atrium series. A "Meet the Artists" reception was held on Thursday, Jan. 11. Family, friends and guests of the university enjoyed light refreshments and a question-and-answer session with both artists.

Fanjul was born in Havana, Cuba, and emigrated to the United States at the age of 13. She grew up in South Florida and married John Fanjul in 1969. They have three children and

five grandchildren. Fanjul studied art in high school, in Miami and West Palm Beach, and at the New World School of the Arts, Miami. She is currently studying at the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach, under Dennis Aulfery. This is her first public show.

Gordon, a native of South Florida, began actively pursuing a career in art after retiring from BellSouth in 1991. She received an associate of arts degree from PBCC and is currently working toward her bachelor's of fine arts degree

at FAU. She has studied at the Armory Arts Center and is an active member of the North County Art Association. Her artwork has been on display at many area businesses and restaurants, including PBCC's Eissey Campus Theater and the Jupiter Town Center.

The exhibit, located in the Student Resources (SR) building, is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. and on the weekends from noon until 5 p.m. For more information, call (561) 799-8105.



## Storey Named Sun Belt Pitcher of the Week

Junior Strikes Out 12 in Win Over Oklahoma State

Feb. 21, 2007

The Sun Belt Conference named Florida Atlantic University's Mickey Storey the conference Pitcher of the Week on Wednesday. The junior recorded a career-high 12 strikeouts in a win over no. 17 Oklahoma State on Saturday night.

Storey improved to 3-0 on the year after he worked 7  $\frac{2}{3}$  innings against the Cowboys. He did not allow a walk and he faced 13 batters from the third through the seventh innings without allowing a hit.

For the season he is holding opponents to a .239 batting average and holds a 9.3 strikeout to walk ratio. He takes those stats into this weekend's matchup with no. 6 Rice on Friday.





## Owls Complete First Spring Tournament

Mark Washburn Ties For Seventh

Feb. 21, 2007

Charleston, SC - Florida Atlantic University Men's Golf completed its first spring tournament on Tuesday afternoon. Mark Washburn finished in a tie for seventh in the three round CSU Spring Kick Off Tournament that was held in Charleston, SC.

Washburn (73, 74, 75- 222) shot 8-over-par in the par-71, 6593 yard course. His tie for seventh place finish was his highest of the year. Adam Kolloff (77, 82, 72- 231) had a strong final round, shooting 1-over-par on his way to a tie for 22nd place. Derren Garber, (84, 71, 80- 235), Michael Berger, (77, 80, 79- 236) and Andrew Storm (79, 82, 79- 240) round out the Owl competitors with a 34th, tie for 35th, and tie for 45th place finish respectively.

FAU (306, 307, 305- 918) placed in seventh place in the two day-event. The host Charleston Southern (289, 297, 287- 873) was the team winner with three individuals in the top ten. Their competitor Shawn Hall (69, 71, 72, 212) was the individual medalist, shooting 1-under-par.

Florida Atlantic will be back in action Saturday February, 24 in the Bethune Cookman Tournament.

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The Student Newspaper of Middle Tennessee State University

# **Ladies want to end season undefeated**

**Cody Gibson**

**Posted: 2/22/07**

The last week of the regular season holds a lot of questions for the Lady Raiders. Can they run the table, and finish the Sun Belt season undefeated? Where will the Lady Raiders be playing come tournament time?

Yet, the biggest obstacle to overcome for the Blue Raiders is not an opponent. The Lady Raiders must face the pressure that goes with being ranked the highest in school history and carrying a winning streak into the final week of the season.

Coach Rick Insell believes that this week will go a long way in determining how this season ends.

"I think it is important that we win both of these games," Insell said. "Looking at the next two games, we should win both of them. Our players have done a good job of meeting the challenges put in front of them. We don't need to allow one of them to slip up and beat us. Right now, we are forcing the NCAA selection committee to look at us as a higher seed."

The Lady Raiders travel to Troy and face the Lady Trojans on Thursday night. The Lady Trojans are 12-14 on the season including a 5-11 record in the conference.

The Trojans, led offensively by Amy Lewis and Kylie Morrisy, are averaging around 15 points per game this season.

On the season, the team is averaging 61.7 points per game, while allowing 62.8. The Lady Trojans have been very strong shooting the ball, with a field goal percentage of over 43 percent.

Yet, they are averaging 17 turnovers per game, and that has been the key to their losing record.

The Lady Raiders should be able to continue their pressing ways, and force even more turnovers.

Saturday, Middle Tennessee hosts Florida Atlantic for their final game of the regular season.

Saturday is senior day, and the team will honor Chrissy Givens, Krystle Horton, Whitney Tate and Carden Cobb.

Florida Atlantic has been harshly welcomed to the Sun Belt this season as the Lady Owls have compiled a 5-23 record, after winning the Atlantic Sun last season. Florida Atlantic has only one player who averages double digits in scoring, Mistoria Brown.

Brown also leads the team in rebounding with 5.5 per game. Florida Atlantic has struggled shooting the ball this season hitting only 35 percent from the field. Defensively, the Lady Owls aren't much better as they allowed 45 percent shooting.

Not a lot has gone right for Florida Atlantic this season, and Middle Tennessee isn't likely to do them any favors.

Tip-off for senior day is 3 p.m. on Feb. 24.

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### Florida no vacation for Jaguars

USA suffers second consecutive loss on road trip

Thursday, February 22, 2007

By KIM SHUGART  
Sports Reporter

BOCA RATON, Fla. -- South

Alabama's basketball team started another streak on Wednesday night in the Sunshine State, but this one is headed in the opposite direction after the Jags dropped a 79-69 decision to Florida Atlantic.

USA (20-9, 13-4), which fell 69-67 at Florida International on Sunday, has lost back-to-back games for the first time since mid-December when they fell to Auburn, Mississippi State and Ole Miss before opening Sun Belt Conference play.

The two-game slide comes a week after South Alabama had increased its winning streak to 13, the second-longest in school history.

"It's been a long time since we've lost two straight, and I think the majority of the credit has to go to Florida Atlantic," USA coach John Pelphrey said. "I think we were playing a team that was playing well.

"They were hopping the ball around -- I mean they had 12 assists in the first half, and that's a sign of their offense operating at the pretty high level.

"The turnovers hurt us again and we settled for some long-range perimeter shots that weren't going in. Turnovers and bad shots put us in a bad position."

The mistakes and questionable shots came during the last 12 minutes of the first period when the Owls (15-13, 10-7) took control of the game.

The Jaguars had a 14-13 advantage with just over 12 minutes remaining in the half when things fell apart. South Alabama connected on just 2 of its last 20 attempts and Florida Atlantic went on a 22-8 run to build a 35-22 lead at the break.

"They were playing with a lot of energy and making plays," USA guard Demetric Bennett said. "We didn't come out with the right focus at the beginning of the game and we weren't making shots.

"We should have taken the ball to the basket more like we did in the second half. We made a run at them, but everytime we did, they would make big shots."

The Jaguars, who trailed by 16 points early in the final period, cut the lead to single digits six times only to see the Owls push the margin back to double figures.

USA made its best push near the five-minute mark when a Daon Merritt layup and foul shot made the score 60-52. Florida Atlantic answered with six straight points.

The Owls maintained the advantage by knocking down 15 of 16 free throws down the stretch. They were 25

of 32 from the line for the night. The Jaguars never came closer than six points and that was in the final minute of play.

"We certainly didn't play the way we have been playing (during the winning streak) and it's disappointing," Pelphrey said. "But you have to give credit to FAU. They're playing well both offensively and defensively."

The victory was Florida Atlantic's fifth straight and assured the Owls of at least the No. 6 seed in the league tournament.

Senior guard DeAndre Rice led FAU with 23 points. Sophomore forward Carlos Monroe finished with 21 points and 15 rebounds and junior Derrick Simmons added 16 points.

South Alabama, which plays its regular-season finale against Troy on Saturday at the Mitchell Center, was paced by Merritt's 18 points. Junior forward Ernest Little had 10 points. Bennett, USA's leading scorer on the season, had nine points.

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