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Georgia Professor to Study, Create College Course as Part of Stony Brook Minority Outreach Program

STONY BROOK - As part of its minority outreach program, the Marine Sciences Research Center (MSRC) at State University of New York at Stony Brook has awarded its first Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences Summer Fellowship to Livingston S. Marshall, Jr. a professor at Clark Atlanta University in Georgia.

The fellowship is funded by a Presidential Mini-Grant Award from University President Shirley Strum Kenny.

Dr. Marshall will spend the month of August at Stony Brook where he will work with MSRC scientist Kamazima Lwiza to develop a course on remote sensing for the Clark Atlanta curriculum and do research on benthic ecology with MSRC scientists Glenn Lopez and Robert Cerrato.

The fellowship is one part of a plan developed by the Center's Diversity Outreach Committee to attract under-represented minorities to the field of marine sciences. According to Dr. Sergio Sanudo-Wilhelmy, who chairs the committee, "as a leading institution in oceanography, we are trying to create ties with other institutions that have a high percentage of minority students." To do this the committee advertises in news letters published by professional organizations that serve minorities, especially in Texas and California, two states that have discontinued affirmative action programs in their state colleges and universities. It also develops ties to colleges and universities that historically serve black and other minority populations, supports graduate student research with the MSRC William E. Simon Minority Fellowship, sends out mailings each semester to minority students in their junior and senior years at Stony Brook and sends representatives to university fairs and professional meetings.