

# Academic Affairs Newsletter

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## Shoals Woman Magazine

The November/December 2012 issue of *Shoals Woman* has nice articles on two UNA employees. One article is on Dr. Ernestine Davis, Professor of Nursing, and her work on behalf of diversity. The other article is on Emily Kelley, Coordinator of the UNA Center for Women's Studies. Copies of the magazine are available at the *Times Daily* office, downtown Florence.

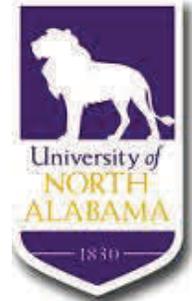
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## New Faculty Introductions

Prema Monteiro is an Assistant Professor of Culinary Arts in the College of Education and Human Sciences. She received her bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism management in May 1999, a master's degree in hospitality and tourism in August 2000, and an Ed.S. degree in career technical education in May 2006, all from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. She has 12 years' experience in the hospitality and tourism industry, seven years' teaching experience at the University of Wisconsin-Stout in the undergraduate and graduate programs, and five years of teaching and program administration experience in the two-year college system at J.F. Drake State Technical College, Huntsville, Alabama. She enjoys spending time with her eight-year old daughter, Olivia, who is in the fourth grade, attending her martial arts and piano performances and working in the yard.



Lauri McCoy is a part-time instructor at Kilby Laboratory School. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1987, a master's degree in special education in 1997, and a master's degree in school counseling in 2001. Prior to her appointment at Kilby, she worked as a physical education teacher for Tusculumbia City Schools and as an elementary school counselor in Raleigh, North Carolina, for 12 years. Lauri has been a National Board Certified Counselor since 2005. She is also a personal trainer at Fitness Unlimited in Muscle Shoals and enjoys running, training, and time with her two wonderful dogs. Lauri is all smiles since joining the family at Kilby.

## The Shoals Economy

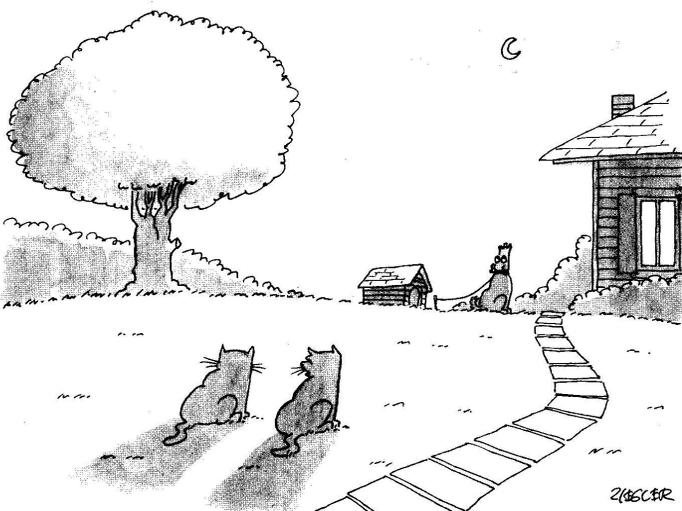
Is the Shoals economy recovering? This monthly housing report from Coldwell Banker suggests progress. Hopefully, UNA will see tangential benefits if the trend continues.



### Shoals Area Residential Housing Statistics

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In the month of October:	Year to Date:
Houses sold 2011— 96	Houses sold 2011— 1033
Houses sold 2012— 98	Houses sold 2012— 1118
Dollar amt. sold 2011—\$12,675,118	Dollar amt. sold 2011—\$131,830,664
Dollar amt. sold 2012—\$14,123,041	Dollar amt. sold 2012—\$149,535,596
Avg. selling price 2011—\$132,032	Avg. selling price 2011—\$127,619
Avg. selling price 2012— \$144,112	Avg. selling price 2012— \$133,752

## Age Old Question:



"How come the most ignorant among us are always the loudest?"

## Collier Library

Libraries have undergone seismic shifts in recent years as they deal with technology changes that drastically alter the way information is transmitted and used. Collier Library is initiating a strategic planning effort to help develop a blueprint for its future and also ensure that its focus is aligned with the university's new strategic plan. Thanks to Collier Library for taking this important step.

## Congratulations

David Black, Director of the Small Business Development Center at UNA, was elected as a county commissioner for District 2 in Colbert County. Good job, David.