

University of Mississippi

eGrove

---

University of Mississippi News

---

9-29-2015

## Alumni gathering in Vicksburg

Edwin Smith

Follow this and additional works at: <https://egrove.olemiss.edu/umnews>

---

### Recommended Citation

Smith, Edwin, "Alumni gathering in Vicksburg" (2015). *University of Mississippi News*. 5567.  
<https://egrove.olemiss.edu/umnews/5567>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by eGrove. It has been accepted for inclusion in University of Mississippi News by an authorized administrator of eGrove. For more information, please contact [egrove@olemiss.edu](mailto:egrove@olemiss.edu).

## Alumni gathering in Vicksburg

### Dean and faculty met with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg

SEPTEMBER 29, 2015 BY EDWIN SMITH

[Fa](#) [Tv](#) [Li](#) [Er](#) [Co](#) [SM](#) [Pr](#) [St](#)



Dean Alex Cheng (far left in blue shirt) spent time recently with Ole Miss engineering alumni in Vicksburg.

Social activity mixed with development presentations yielded a “win-win” situation for **University of Mississippi School of Engineering** administrators and alumni who gathered recently in Vicksburg.

Using the opportunity of Dean Alex Cheng’s visit to the **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Engineering Research and Development Center**, or ERDC, a meeting was called at the 10 South Rooftop Bar and Grill, overlooking the city and the Mississippi River.

“Our purpose for meeting with ERDC was to seek an institutional-level research collaboration,” Cheng said. “As a good number of Ole Miss engineering graduates work at the ERDC and **Corps of Engineers Vicksburg District**, we took the opportunity to hold an alumni gathering to get acquainted and to bring news of the school to them.”

Others from UM in attendance were development officer Kevin Gardner of the UM Foundation; Jim Chambers, associate engineering dean and former director of the National Center for Physical Acoustics; and former UM Athletics Director Warner Alford. ERDC and Corps representatives included Maureen Corcoran, Ned Mitchell, Lakierra Brown, David May, Charles Burchfield and William “Bill” Lovelady.

“I enjoyed seeing an Ole Miss interest in increasing the presence of Ole Miss engineers at ERDC,” said May, a 2014 Ole Miss civil engineering graduate who is a research hydraulic engineer in the river engineering branch of the EDRC Coastal Hydraulics Laboratory. “All participants agreed that more needed to be done to increase the presence and influence of Ole Miss engineering at ERDC.”

The next day, an Ole Miss delegation visited the ERDC to build a long-term collaborative relationship. Participants included Cheng; Chambers; Josh Gladden, interim associate vice chancellor for research and NCPA director; Ahmed Al-Ostaz, Brevard family endowed chair of the Department of Civil Engineering; and Stephen J. Cutler, chair and professor of medicinal chemistry, pharmacology and pharmacognosy in UM’s School of Pharmacy.

Known as Waterway Experiment Station for many years, ERDC is a premier research facility for U.S. Army and Corps of Engineers research.

FILED UNDER: [ENGINEERING ALUMNI NEWS](#), [ENGINEERING NEWS ARCHIVE](#), [SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING](#)

## Follow us on social



## Campus Briefs

### Students Learn ‘Real Politics’ in Washington, D.C., Winter Session

OXFORD, Miss. – Eleven University of Mississippi students spent their winter break learning about the people who work behind the scenes of the American government in Washington, D.C. Lead by Jonathan Klingler, assistant professor of political science, the students of Pol 391: Applied Politics met not with candidates, but with the people who make candidates’

[Read the story ...](#)

### More Posts from this Category

## Thank You To Our Donors

### Young Alumna Gives Back to School of Accountancy

OXFORD, Miss. – Stephanie Jennings Teague, of Chicago, sees her commitment of \$100,000 to the Patterson School of Accountancy’s new building at the University of Mississippi as a means of saying “thank you.” “It is a way to show a small token of my appreciation to Ole Miss, the faculty and staff, and the accounting

[Read the story ...](#)

### More Posts from this Category

## Ole Miss In the News

### Reuters: Keep an Eye on the Money Supply

U.S. inflation roller coaster prompts fresh look at long-ignored money supply By Michael S. Derby NEW YORK – The amount of money sloshing around the U.S. economy shrank last year for the first time on record, a development that some economists believe bolsters the case for U.S. inflation pressures continuing to abate. The Federal Reserve’s

[Read the story ...](#)

More Posts from this Category

[Return to top of page](#)

Copyright © 2023 · [The University of Mississippi](#)