



Mary Karom
researcher



Karom oversees the lab of Elliot Albers, Regents' Professor of Biology and director of the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience.

What's your job like?

Basically, I'm in charge of running the research end of the lab to make sure the research gets done and the data are good. I train the graduate students and the technicians and work with the post-docs.

What's the best part of your job?

It's taking tissue sections or serum and determining the levels of peptides or hormones, so really the bench work. I'm doing a lot of different things with tissue and serum that can take days to do. That's my favorite thing because that's what yields the data. That's what tells you what happened and what didn't.

Were you always interested in science?

I didn't start college until I was 30, so I was a nontraditional student. I was working at Wachovia, and I was a secretary. And a guy there said, 'I don't know why you don't go to college.' And I said, 'I'm not smart enough to go to college.' But I finally did. And when I started, I started on a business path, but then as I was studying I realized that I liked science.

So, when you're not doing science what do you do?

I like to ride my horses, and I like to travel. Actually, tomorrow I'm going to Prague. I started traveling about three years ago. When I hit 45, I said, 'I want to start seeing things!' So, each year I go at least two places. My first trip was to Ireland. I went to Rome, but I just did a city tour. And I went to France last October with a friend because it was her 50th birthday. I said, 'I'll book it, let's go!'

SoundBITE

"This is nothing compared to what people in Iraq might face when they vote."

— University lab technician and Iraqi expatriate Zeinab Saleh in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, commenting on her four-hour drive last month through icy weather to cast an absentee ballot in Iraq's first free elections in 50 years.

Plans unveiled for new downtown student housing

By Lisa Borello
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The university is moving forward with plans to build a new residence hall complex just blocks from campus, with demolition set to begin on the downtown site later this month, officials recently announced.

Located on the seven-acre lot of the former Beaudry Ford car dealership, at the corner of Piedmont Avenue and Ellis Street, the new residence halls will house beds for 2,000 students. The \$175 million project is expected to be completed by fall 2007.

The longtime downtown landmark will be razed to construct a four-building housing complex that will include a courtyard, meeting and study rooms, and a clubhouse-like central area for students. The project also includes plans for 1,000 parking spaces.

The apartment-style units will be offered in a variety of floor plans, each with individual bedrooms, shared and private bathrooms and a common living room and kitchen. The fully furnished units also will boast Internet and cable access, and utilities will be included in the cost of the units. More than 18,000 square feet of retail space on the Piedmont Avenue corridor also is planned.

The Georgia State University Foundation purchased the site in 2002 for about \$12 million. John Marshall, university attorney and foundation vice president, said the university had initially planned to use the property to

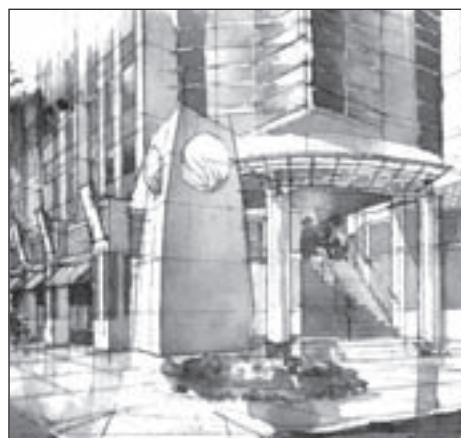


City Living: An artist's rendering shows aerial views of the 2,000-bed residence hall to be constructed at Piedmont Avenue and Ellis Street.

build a convocation center, but the demand for student housing changed the direction of the project. The university currently has about 2,400 beds at both the Georgia State University Village and the University Lofts. Most urban institutions offer housing for about 20 percent of its student body, Marshall said.

Since the university began offering student housing in 1996, Georgia State has been able to attract more traditional-age students, as well as students from outside the metro Atlanta area, he said. Offering more housing options closer to campus will continue to pull in younger, brighter and more diverse students, and create a more unified campus feel, he said.

"To have housing two blocks from campus will create a nice flow and feel to the down-



town and a much more traditional campus feel," said Marshall. "The City of Atlanta and the downtown business community are excited because they see this as a great opportunity to add a lot more life to downtown."

The project coincides with several downtown revitalization efforts, including the redevelopment of the south side of Auburn Avenue to include condominiums and retail space. The university also has received federal funding for pedestrian and aesthetic improvements along the two-block stretch from the future housing complex to campus.

The university will host a demolition ceremony at noon Feb. 11 at the site, as part of this year's Homecoming celebration. For more information, call Ext. 1-3025.

CHARA array captures luminous discovery in nighttime sky

By Robin Tricoles
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It's well-established that Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo, spins much faster than the sun. But thanks to a powerful new telescopic array, astronomers now know, with unprecedented clarity, what that means to this massive celestial body.

Using Georgia State's new Center for High Angular Resolution Astronomy's array of telescopes – located atop Mount Wilson in Southern California – Regents' Professor Hal McAlister led a group of scientists who detected, for the first time, Regulus' rotationally induced distortions.

Most stars rotate sedately about their spin axes, says McAlister, CHARA's director; the sun, for example, takes about 24 days to complete a full rotation (that's 4,500 miles per hour in equatorial spin speed). Regulus, in contrast, tops out at about 700,000 miles per hour, even with a mass nearly 3.5 times greater than the sun and a diameter five times as large.

Regulus' centrifugal force causes it to expand at its equator, a stellar rarity that leads to an equatorial diameter about one-third larger than the star's polar diameter. In fact, if Regulus were rotating about 10 percent faster, its outward centrifugal force would exceed the inward pull of gravity, causing it to literally fly apart, says McAlister.

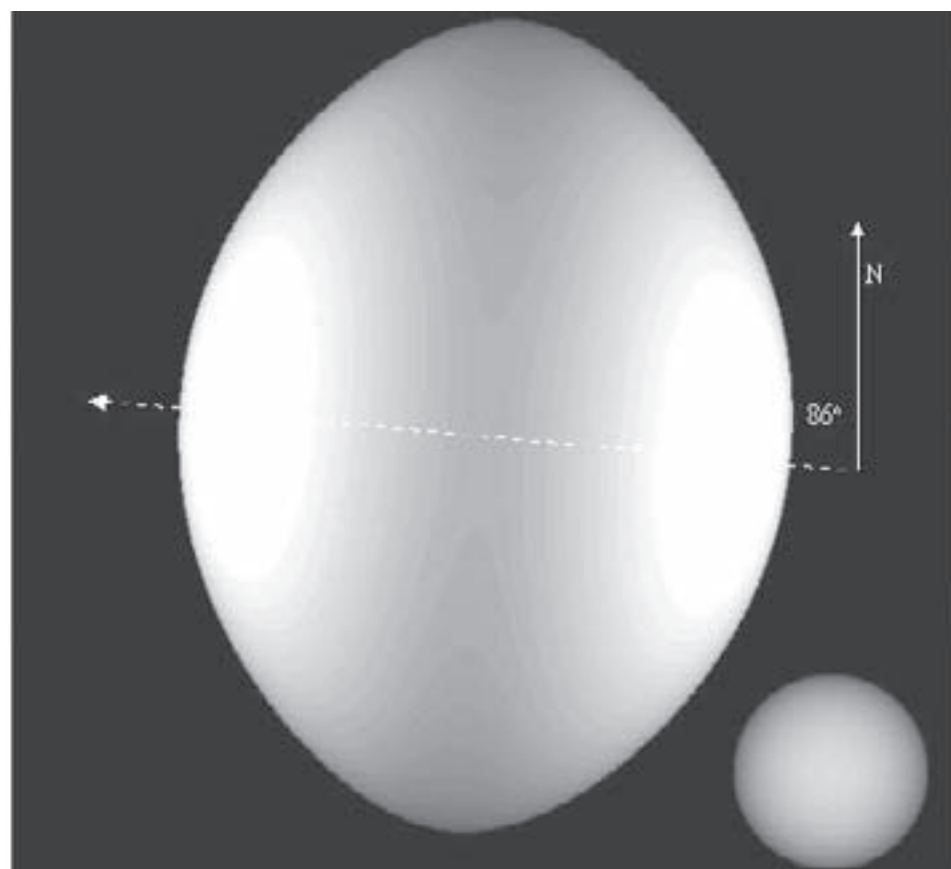
Because of its distorted shape, Regulus exhibits what scientists refer to as "gravity darkening," the first time this typically binary phenomenon has been detected in a single star. According to McAlister, the darkening occurs because Regulus' equatorial bulge diminishes the pull of gravity at the equator compared with the poles, causing the temperature to decrease near the center.

This, in turn, leads to gravity darkening, which is when the star becomes brighter at its poles than at equatorial regions.

Regulus also displays a significant temperature difference between its polar and equatorial regions. McAlister says the CHARA group measured the temperature at the poles to be 15,100 degrees Celsius, with the equator topping out at 10,000 C.

This temperature variation causes the star to be about five times brighter at its poles than at its equator. In contrast, the sun's surface is much cooler (about 5,500 C), making Regulus nearly 350 times more luminous than the sun.

The new results for Regulus are the first scientific output from the CHARA array, which became operational in early 2004.



Star Light, Star Bright: Above, Regulus and the sun are shown as they would appear side by side, based on scientific measurements. Regulus – with a diameter at its equator more than four times that of the sun – displays more brightness at its poles due to "gravity darkening." The dashed line identifies the spin axis of the star alongside the 86-degree tilt of the pole from the north.

ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES

Economist appointed to state post

Kenneth Heaghey has been appointed the state's fiscal economist by Gov. Sonny Perdue.

"Dr. Heaghey's vast experience will give him the extraordinary ability to apply economic concepts and trends to drive Georgia's financial revenue projections," Perdue said.

As Georgia's fiscal economist, Heaghey will prepare the annual state revenue forecast while also serving as research professor of economics at Georgia State University. Heaghey also will monitor and analyze state and national economic trends, project revenue figures and advise the governor on economic issues related to Georgia.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

City displaying prof's artistry

Georgia State University sculpture professor George Beasley is one of two artists whose work will be featured in "Traditions," the 11th Annual Masters Series exhibition presented by the City of Atlanta Bureau of Cultural Affairs' City Gallery East through April 1.

"My inspiration for imagery has been developed through research into the Celtic influences on European foundry history and practices," says Beasley, who will be discussing his work at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at the City Gallery East, located on the first floor of City Hall East at 675 Ponce de Leon Ave. The free exhibit is open to the public. For more information, call 404/817-6981 or visit www.bcaatlanta.com.

Cinefest plays host to film festival

The Georgia Middle East Studies Consortium will host its second annual Middle East Film Festival through Feb. 10 at Georgia State's Cinefest Film Theater.

The screening of "Control Room" on Feb. 10 at 2:30 p.m. will be followed by a lecture and question-and-answer session with former Lt. Josh Rushing and Muhammad An-Nawaway on Al-Jazeera and media coverage of the second Iraq war.

Admission is free for Georgia State and Emory students, faculty and staff. For all others, admission is \$3 for shows before 5 p.m. and \$5 for those after 5 p.m.

The Georgia Middle East Studies Consortium is a U.S. Department of Education resource center led by the Middle East Center for Peace, Culture and Development at Georgia State University and the Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies at Emory University. GMESC is directed by Dona Stewart, director of Georgia State's Middle East center, and Kristen Brustad, associate professor of Middle East and South Asian studies at Emory. For more information, contact Autumn Cockrell at mideast@gsu.edu or Ext. 1-4239. For a complete film schedule, visit www.cas.gsu.edu.

Prof's gift targets Southern music

Georgia State Professor Emeritus Wayne W. Daniel recently funded a library endowment to support the acquisition of material related to Southern gospel, bluegrass and country music. The collection will be included in the "Special Collections Popular Music" archive.

Daniel is the author of "Pickin' on Peachtree: a History of Country Music in Atlanta, Georgia" (University of Illinois Press, 1990). To contribute to the endowment in Daniel's honor, contact

development director Melisa Baldwin at mbaldwin7@gsu.edu or Ext. 1-1429.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Educator tapped to evaluate state program

Sheryl Gowen, an assistant professor in the College of Education's Department of Educational Policy Studies, was selected by the Georgia Department of Education to evaluate the effectiveness of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers in Georgia.

The 21st CCLC grant program was established through Title IV, Part B of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, amended by the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act. Its purpose is to provide federal funds to establish or expand community learning centers that operate after school.

The grant program serves approximately 18,000 children, providing homework assistance, mentoring, tutoring and classes in sports, recreation, mathematics and chess, among other subjects. A total of \$27.1 million in 21st CCLC grants has been awarded.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Prof weighs in on dietary guidelines

Missy Cody, associate professor of nutrition, recently served as a regional technical consultant for the World Health Organization in Cairo, Egypt. Cody was part of an international panel tapped to review the status of the dietary guidelines in the eastern Mediterranean region, identifying needs and resources involved in setting up the national food-based dietary guidelines as well as developing and implementing those guidelines.

Several Middle Eastern countries were examined in the study, including Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Kuwait, Jordan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon.

COLLEGE OF LAW

Panel to examine health care conflict

The *Georgia State University Law Review* is sponsoring a symposium on conflict management in health care settings, which the journal labels "one of the biggest challenges facing the legal and medical professions today." Beyond calls for tort reform and plaintiffs' rights, the panel of experts will discuss changing the ways such conflict is dealt with from the outset, before litigation becomes the sole alternative.

Admission is free for the all-day discussion, scheduled to begin at 8:45 a.m. Feb. 15 at the Student Center. Reservations are appreciated and can be obtained by e-mailing symposiumRSVP@gmail.com.

J. MACK ROBINSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

E.M.B.A. to be offered in Alpharetta

Business professionals in the Alpharetta area will have access to one of the world's leading executive M.B.A. programs when the J. Mack Robinson College of Business launches an E.M.B.A. at Georgia State University's Alpharetta Center.

The Alpharetta E.M.B.A., identical to the one offered at the college's downtown location, will be an 18-month program focused on leadership. Classes will meet twice a month on Fridays and Saturdays.

As part of the program, students in the Alpharetta E.M.B.A. will be immersed into the culture, customs and business practices of such cities as Bangkok, Beijing and Shanghai.

Robinson's E.M.B.A. Program has been ranked among the best in the world by *BusinessWeek* for the past 14 years. It is also listed among the top 50 programs worldwide by *Financial Times*.

University BRIEFS

Homecoming festivities to unveil campus statue

This week's Homecoming 2005 events will culminate Feb. 13 with a day-long slate of activities, including the unveiling and dedication of a bronze panther sculpture in the Student Center's Unity Plaza. The presentation will follow the men's basketball game against the Lipscomb University Bisons, which begins at 2 p.m. in the Sports Arena.

The unveiling of the panther sculpture in Unity Plaza will be followed by an alumni reception and live concert from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom with the Swingin' Medallions, a group that last performed on Georgia State's campus 30 years ago.

Tickets that include admission to both the basketball game and the reception can be purchased for \$10 (\$8 for basketball season ticket holders) from the Georgia State University Alumni Association. Children under 6 are admitted free. For more information, visit www.gsu.edu/gastate_athletics_3861.htm.

Alumni association seminar offers employee tax advice

With April 15 just a few months away, the Georgia State University Alumni Association is inviting Georgia State

employees to take advantage of all the tax breaks they're entitled to.

The alumni association will present a "Tax Readiness Seminar" with H&R Block from noon to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 15 in the Rialto Center for the Performing Arts lobby. As part of the Panther PERQs program, Georgia State employees will receive 10 percent off their preparation fees. Lunch will be served.

Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the alumni association at Ext. 1-2190.

Rialto honors alumni couple with Pioneer Award

The Rialto Center for the Performing Arts honored Georgia State alumni Bill and Peg Balzer last week as recipients of the 2005 Pioneer Award, presented annually to notable arts leaders. Last year, the award was given to Joanne McGhee, founding artistic director of the Dancers Collective.

The Balzers first came to Atlanta 14 years ago, entering the local arts scene as board members of Theatrical Outfit, the Rialto's former resident theater company. The couple was instrumental in securing the theater company's new space in the renovated Herren's restaurant near the Rialto.

"Georgia State University's decision to renovate and operate the Rialto Center was a pioneering achievement in bringing the arts downtown to spur the rebirth of the historic district," said Rialto director Leslie Gordon. "Peg and Bill Balzer's leadership exemplifies the pioneering spirit we want to celebrate with this award."

Gerontology Institute hosting health fair for seniors

The Gerontology Institute is hosting its third annual senior health fair in partnership with the North Fulton Regional Hospital from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 11 on Georgia State's Alpharetta campus.

Members of the public who are 50 years or older are invited to participate in free health screenings, including cholesterol, glucose, bone density and blood pressure, as well as health-related lectures and door prizes. A licensed pharmacist and other health care professionals will be available for consultation. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Mary MacKinnon at Ext. 1-1087 or mmackinnon@gsu.edu, or Carole Hollingsworth at Ext. 3-9480 or cstumbaugh1@gsu.edu.



Georgia State Legislative Update

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In child development center, little pitchers have big hearts

By Lisa Borello
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After watching news images of December's devastating tsunami and earthquake in Asia, and the global outpouring of assistance for the victims, 5-year-old Santana McKnight knew she wanted to help, too.

"As soon as she saw the telethon on television, she went to her room and came back with a piggy bank and said she wanted to help – especially the children so they could buy school supplies and toys," says April Lawhorn, Santana's mother and an academic administrative specialist in the university's honors office.

"She's very compassionate and has been ever since she was little," says Lawhorn of her daughter, who frequently gives money to the homeless and has led clean-up efforts in her neighborhood. "She's got such a big heart, and she really sees the big picture."

Wanting to enlist the help of her friends, Santana asked to bring a collection jar to the university's Lanette L. Suttles Child Development Center, where she's enrolled in pre-kindergarten. Her enthusiasm and philanthropic spirit soon caught on as her classmates voluntarily begin bringing their own piggy banks to school.

"I want it to fill all the way to the top," says Santana, pointing to the giant glass collection jar placed prominently at the entrance of her classroom. "This is for the kids in Asia because they don't have any food or water. I was sad when (the tsunami hit) because they lost their friends and families, and kids lost their mommies and daddies."

Following the lead of Santana and her classmates, children throughout the Child Development Center – including Santana's two-year-old brother, Stone, and his classroom – began their own fund-raising efforts, bringing in their own hard-earned dollars and loose change to school.

"It's really taken off," says Santana's pre-kindergarten teacher, Mary Goldsmith, who plans to use the experience as both a geography and math lesson to teach the children where their money is going and how to sort and count the coins. "It's nice to see the children willing and wanting to bring in their money, and it still keeps pouring in."

"Usually at this point in their development, they're in the 'me' stage," she adds. "So it's unusual for them to be so giving. A lot of times they don't even want to share their toys, and now they're sharing with children they don't even know. It's absolutely wonderful."

In addition to donations Santana collected personally from university employees – "the big people" – in Alumni Hall, the center raised about \$150 for the American Red Cross. Santana's class was recently visited by a representative from the organization, who explained how their money would help with tsunami relief efforts.

Across campus, individual colleges and student organizations also have led efforts to raise money for tsunami victims. Georgia State's International Student Association Council collected more than \$3,000 from students, faculty and staff for UNICEF's relief efforts during a week-long



Count on Me: Santana McKnight (daughter of April Lawhorn, academic administrative specialist in the university's honors office) and classmate Ananda Thomas (daughter of LaShanda Thomas, academic adviser in the Office of Undergraduate Assistance in the J. Mack Robinson College of Business), count the money in a large glass jar they're using to collect donations for tsunami victims.

fund-raising effort in the Library Plaza and Aderhold Learning Center. Faculty and staff in the Andrew Young School of Policy

Center also collected donations for the college's former Indonesian students who were directly impacted by the catastrophe.



Her Majesty: Junco Sato Pollack, above left, artist and Georgia State associate professor of textiles, greets the queen of Belgium last month at the 11th Lace Biennial Exhibition and Competition, held in Brussels. Pollack was one of 26 artists from 13 countries around the world whose artwork will be on display through Feb. 29. For more information, visit www.lacebiennial.be.

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Upcoming Events

NEOPHONIA - 10th Anniversary Season
Tuesday, February 15, 2005 - 7:30 PM
Nickitas J. Demos, artistic director
"Red Clay Connections" - Featuring works by Atlanta-affiliated composers, including Zack Browning and Nickitas J. Demos.
Florence Kopleff Recital Hall - FREE

MASTERCLASS:
Emanuel Ax, piano
Friday, February 18
12:00 - 2:00 PM
Masterclass with selected Georgia State piano performance majors and a Q&A session with audience members.
Co-presented by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the Georgia State University School of Music.
Florence Kopleff Recital Hall - FREE

SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE
Friday, February 18, 2005 - 7:30 PM
Robert J. Ambrose, conductor
Randall Coleman, guest conductor
Joanne Brandes, graduate conductor
Featuring works by Pärt, Shostakovich, Stravinsky, Sousa, Ticheli and others.
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• Thursday, Feb. 10

11 a.m. – Workshop Session: “Creating Personal Success: Success Formula for Today’s Professional Women.” Kristi Lucariello. Presented by the Women at Work Series. One of six one-hour sessions. \$100 (audio CD included). 404/651-0875 or www.gsu.edu/%7Ewwwafal/services/womenatworkseries.html.

4 p.m. – Lecture: “Two Neural Correlates of Consciousness.” Ned Block, professor of philosophy and psychology at New York University. Sponsored by Philosophy/Brains and Behavior Colloquium. Troy Moore Library, 939 General Classroom Building. Refreshments provided. Free. 404/651-2277, rhayaki@gsu.edu or www.gsu.edu/neurophilosophy.

6 p.m. – Women’s Basketball. Lady Panthers vs. UCF. Homecoming Week. Sports Arena. All seating general admission. Georgia State students, free with ID; general admission, \$5; children (6-12), \$3; children under 6, free. 404/651-3166.

7 p.m. – Lecture: “Negotiations and Elections in the Middle East.” Hussein Hassouna, Arab League ambassador, and Matthew Hodes, director of the Conflict Resolution Program, Carter Center. Emory University. afscha@emory.edu.

7:30 p.m. – High School Honor Orchestra Concert. Michael Palmer, director. This all-day event for Georgia’s most talented orchestra students culminates in a concert under the direction of Georgia State’s director of orchestras. Rialto Center for the Performing Arts. Free. 404/651-INFO.

• Friday, Feb. 11

9 a.m. – Gerontology Institute Senior Health Fair. The Gerontology Institute hosts its third-annual senior health fair for adults age 50 and up in partnership with North Fulton Regional Hospital. The public is invited for free health screenings (cholesterol, glucose, bone density, blood pressure), health-related lectures and door prizes. A licensed pharmacist and other health care professionals will be available for consultation. Georgia State Alpharetta Campus. Free. 404/651-2692.

10 a.m. – Lecture: “Spontaneous Network Activity and the Development of Neural Circuits.” Pete Wenner, Emory University. Presented by the Biology Seminar Series. 300 General Classroom Building. Free. 404/651-2259.

7:30 p.m. – Men’s Basketball. Panthers vs. Belmont. Homecoming Week. Sports Arena. Georgia State students, free with ID; faculty/staff, \$5 with ID; adults, \$8; children (6-12), \$3; children under 6, free. 404/651-3166.

• Saturday, Feb. 12

2 p.m. – Women’s Basketball. Lady Panthers vs. Florida Atlantic. Homecom-

ing Week. Sports Arena. All seating general admission. Georgia State students, free with ID; general admission, \$5; children (6-12), \$3; children under 6, free. 404/651-3166.

• Sunday, Feb. 13

2 p.m. – Men’s Basketball. Panthers vs. Lipscomb. Homecoming Week. Sports Arena. Georgia State students, free with ID; faculty/staff, \$5 with ID; adults, \$8; children (6-12), \$3; children under 6, free. 404/651-3166.

• Tuesday, Feb. 15

7:30 p.m. – Georgia State University Review Fiction Reading: Amy Bloom. Troy Moore Library, 939 General Classroom Building. Free. 404/651-2259.

7:30 p.m. – neoPhonia 10th Anniversary Season Performance. Nickitas J. Demos, artistic director. “Red Clay Connections,” featuring works by local and Atlanta-affiliated composers, including Zack Browning, Nickitas J. Demos and others. Kopleff Recital Hall. Free. 404/651-INFO.

• Tuesday, Feb. 15 and Wednesday, Feb. 16

Noon – Sankofa African-American Museum on Wheels. House/Senate Salons. Free. 404/463-9031.

• Wednesday, Feb. 16

Noon – Feed Your Senses. Monthly lunchtime learning series program providing an insider’s look at an artist’s craft. Bring your lunch. Rialto Center for the Performing Arts Lobby. Free. 404/651-1285.

6 p.m. – Lecture: “From Peace to War and Back Again? The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict After Arafat.” Robert Malley, Middle East and North Africa program director at the International Crisis Group. Court Salon, Student Center.

• Friday, Feb. 18

Noon – Master Class. Emanuel Ax, piano; Peter Marshall, host. Master class with selected Georgia State piano performance majors and a Q&A session with audience members. Co-presented by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the Georgia State University School of Music. Kopleff Recital Hall. Free. 404/651-INFO or 404/733-5038.

7:30 p.m. – Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Robert J. Ambrose, conductor; Randall Coleman, guest conductor; Joanne Brandes, graduate conductor. Rialto Center for the Performing Arts. Free. 404/651-INFO.

• Saturday, Feb. 19

8 p.m. – Paco Peña: “Flamenco in Concert.” Paco Peña, one of the world’s greatest flamenco guitarists, returns to the Rialto with a program featuring four guitarists, one singer and two dancers. Rialto Cen-

ter for the Performing Arts. Subscriptions on sale through the Rialto Center Box Office. 404/651-4727 or www.rialtocenter.org.

• Sunday, Feb. 20

3 p.m. – Faculty Recital. Nancy Schechter, violin, with special guest Mark Barnat, double bass. Featuring works by Bottecini and Handel-Halverson. Kopleff Recital Hall. Free. 404/651-INFO.

Monday, Feb. 21

5 p.m. – Slide Lecture: “Potential of Clay.” Ceramic artist Matt Nolen, the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, teaches at New York University and the Pratt Institute. Sponsored by the Art Students Union Visiting Artists Program. Speaker’s Auditorium, Student Center. Free. 404/651-2257.

7:30 p.m. – Piano Faculty Showcase. Geoffrey Haydon, Robert Henry, Erica Keithley, George Lucktenberg, Peter Marshall and Paula Peace, featuring solo pieces, works for two pianos and chamber music by Scriabin, Lutoslawski, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy and others. Kopleff Recital Hall. Free. 404/651-INFO.

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Richard Miller has been appointed chair of the physics and astronomy department.

Yi Pan has been appointed chair of the computer science department.

Students Chazia Merriweather, LaTasha Smith and Ijemoa Uzo-chukwu were recently accepted to the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators’ Minority Undergraduate Fellows Program, which seeks to increase the number of outstanding ethnic-minority students or students with disabilities who enter the student affairs profession. **Rebecca Stout**, associate vice president and dean of students; **Pamela Anthony**, assistant dean of students and director of student life and leadership; and **Scott Levin**, director of recreational services; served as student mentors.

A group of students from the **School of Music** were recently selected to represent Georgia State University in Shure’s Fantastic Scholastic Recording Competition. Music technology students Siraj Aziz, Darian Cornish, Korey Bowie, Jason Cartee and Jonathan Beckner form a team that will compete with nine other schools. The students will create a recording using only Shure microphones, provided by the company, and submit a stereo mix on compact disc to be reviewed by five industry professionals on the basis of overall fidelity, clarity and sonic balance. The winning school will receive a microphone package from Shure worth over \$10,000 and \$3,000 toward a scholarship, and each student involved will receive a microphone valued at \$575. Winners will be announced in April.

The **Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design’s** Student League of Independent Potters created and donated about 200 bowls for an Empty Bowls Project hunger-awareness dinner sponsored by Georgia State’s Office of Student Life and Leadership/Intercultural Relations, the Office of Community Service and Study Abroad Programs. In addition, the students collected, fired and glazed another 100 bowls that were donated by local potters.

Applause recognizes notable accomplishments of faculty, staff and administrators in the areas of teaching, research and service. E-mail items to kcroop@gsu.edu.

Join Jennifer on the annual spring break trip to Sanibel Island, Florida!

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Non Georgia State participants \$185
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