

## Cheer on Panthers at first CAA games

*With students out for the Thanksgiving holiday, Panthers need faculty, staff support to cheer Georgia State Panthers on to victory*



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Panthers' coaches' shouts to "Move, move!" and yells to "Keep your arms up!" were the only sounds breaking up the squeak of players' Nike shoes on the basketball court at a recent practice. For the most part, this practice was indistinguishable from those in past seasons — with the exception of three things: the letters CAA stenciled near the court's foul lines.

Those letters speak volumes on just how different this season will be from those in the past — this year marks the first time the Georgia State University Panthers will compete in the Colonial Athletic Association. Coaches and players expect tougher competition in the CAA than what they faced in the Atlantic Sun Conference last year.

The men's opener, Nov. 22 at home against Delaware, which is ranked eighth by a CAA preseason poll to start the season, will mark the basketball team's first CAA contest. CAA Commissioner Tom Yeager will be on hand for a ceremonial tip-off to welcome Georgia State into the CAA. Because the game, and another on Nov. 26 against Charlotte, falls around the Thanksgiving holiday, support from faculty and staff will be key in making sure the Panthers have plenty of noise backing them.

"Student athletes appreciate faculty and staff coming and showing their support that way," Georgia State Athletics Director Mary McElroy said. "It's important for these particular games because we're expecting to have a smaller number of students because of the holiday weekend. We want to make sure we have good crowds."

A supportive wave of blue and white from the stands will make a difference, whether the Panthers are up against a CAA competitor or one from another conference, especially when well-known teams such as Georgia Tech (from the Atlantic Coast Conference) take on the Lady Panthers Nov. 30.

"The crowd is a huge part of what your team's atmosphere is all about," said Lea Henry-Manning, head coach of Georgia State's women's team. "Our players play hard, and it is so rewarding to them when they have a large, vocal crowd behind them. It gives them that extra incentive. The crowd is such a factor when athletes play close games. It creates a better atmosphere."

Ticket sales for some games, including the one against University of Georgia, an SEC team, on Dec. 10 at Gwinnett Arena, have been brisk, McElroy said. She may have to make



**Game time:** The Panthers hope to draw large crowds during some tough games as they begin play in the competitive Colonial Athletic Association. Above left: Panthers Head Coach Michael Perry said fans can expect exciting games, including ones against Delaware and the University of Kentucky. Above right: Georgia State senior Malcolm Manier finished third on the team last year in scoring and will be a big part of the Panthers' success as they head into the CAA. Below left: Lady Panther Monica Thomas is ranked fourth in school history for successful three-point field goals. Below right: Junior Robyn Gilbert and the rest of the Lady Panthers plan to build off their 2004-05 success and make a major impact in the CAA.

more tickets for that game available if the trend continues. The Panthers hope the hype about ticket sales will bring new fans to cheer them on through this year's intense competition.

Though the Panthers have some tough fights ahead, they are far from unprepared. Both teams have been practicing for weeks, reviewing tapes and working to fix any weak areas before the season gets underway.

McElroy hopes to see the men's and women's



Men's Head Coach Michael Perry said he is confident the Panthers can compete for the CAA championship. "We want to be one of the best teams in this league. I don't want it to be a long process. We have the talent and ability. You have to have a sense of urgency and pride about wanting to be good."

While Old Dominion also will be a hard team for the men to beat, the toughest game could be on Dec. 6 when the Kentucky Wildcats, an SEC team that is ranked 10th in the nation according to the *USA Today/ESPN* preseason coaches' poll, takes the court at Philips Arena. Last year in Lexington, the Wildcats won 77-59.

With the game in Atlanta this year, the Panthers expect a big turnout of faculty and staff. Supportive fans could be a factor in the outcome. "People in those big crowds enjoy the atmosphere," Perry said. "But what they don't realize is they contribute to that atmosphere. If we can get people to see what an outstanding impact a big crowd can have, then they have a chance to make that environment very special. We take pride in that because it does help us. No question."

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— Michael Perry, Panthers' head coach

teams reach the NCAA tournament. To do that, the Panthers must take home the CAA title. Last year the Old Dominion men's and women's teams won the CAA, and both teams are picked to win it again this year. The Old Dominion women have been the CAA champions for 14 straight years. The Lady Panthers host them at the end of the season.

"Just beating a team with Old Dominion's success could put us right on the map," Henry-Manning said. "They're our measuring stick. They're the team we have to measure ourselves by."

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**Michael Perry,**

*Georgia State Men's Basketball coach*

**What can fans look forward to at a Georgia State basketball game?**

You're going to see an exciting brand of basketball. You're going to see a team that defends from one baseline to the other. We're not going to wait for the teams to come to us. We're going to go after them.

**Why all the hype around the Dec. 6 game against Kentucky?**

That game just signals or blows the trumpet that Georgia State basketball has arrived. It's a [game of] tremendous significance. It can take on an even greater significance with a win. I think for the program, it's great to have that game.

**Other than practice and looking at film, what else happens in a regular day for you?**

I like to go out and look at classes. I like to go show our kids that academics matter as much as basketball.

**What do you hope your players get from your coaching?**

I want the guys to be able to win and to be able to win championships, not only to win a lot of games. I want guys to leave the program in better shape than when they came in. I want guys to have as many options as they can. Sometimes they have options to play for money [in professional leagues]. I want them to have as many options off the floor as they do on the floor.



**Lea Henry-Manning**

*Georgia State Women's Basketball coach*

**What's a typical day like for you as a coach?**

The season is very busy. In the morning, the coaching staff comes in and gets ready for practice. We evaluate a lot of film and evaluate our own team. Then we'll have practice. After practice, we'll talk about how we're doing as a team.

**What are your goals for the season?**

We want to have a 20-win season. We want to win our regular-season championship. We want to be prepared when tournament time comes around to play our best basketball and win the conference championship. We want to advance to the NCAA championship, and we would like to enjoy the process along the way.

**How do you balance on-court goals with academic goals?**

We have to have priorities in life. Our players understand what's expected of them. They're here to graduate, number one, and prepare for the rest of their lives. Number two, they are here to represent the university in a professional way.

**How do you relax after a game?**

I really don't. The only way you do is if your team played well. You have a tendency at that point to just mentally let go. But if your team doesn't play well, and if your team isn't successful, you can't relax. What I look to do after a game is have dinner with my family. It's important to have balance.

## ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES

**Males, African-Americans, veterans comprise large portion of Atlanta-area homeless population, study says**

The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies on Nov. 2 presented the results of a survey called, "The 2005 Metro Atlanta Tri-Jurisdictional Collaborative Homeless Survey," which explores the characteristics and conditions of Atlanta's homeless population. AYSPS officials announced the survey results at the Symposium on Homelessness Program at the Georgia State University Student Center.

The study found that:

- Two-thirds to three-fourths of all homeless surveyed were male
- 87 percent of the homeless surveyed were African-American
- The top two primary causes for homelessness were drug/alcohol abuse and lack of a job

- The percentage of veterans in the homeless population was significantly larger in 2005 than in 2003 (29 percent vs. 17 percent), when a similar survey was conducted. The difference was most significant for homeless males of an age corresponding to Vietnam era service.

"Metro Atlanta is working hard on homelessness, which is a tough job, particularly in a city of this size," said David Sjoquist, professor of economics and Dan Sweat Chair in Educational and Community Policy. "It is even harder if you don't know what you are up against, or what works and what doesn't. How do you know if you are winning the battle if you don't track your progress over time? Research on the homeless is vital to that work."

A joint project between AYSPS's Nonprofit Studies Program and the Pathways Community Network Inc., the study is based on interviews with more than 800 homeless adults and was conducted this past March and April with help from homeless men and women and volunteers from AYSPS and other local universities. Officials hope the results

will increase public awareness of homeless issues and provide more detailed information for service providers to implement services that best meet the needs of the homeless. Download the full report from Pathway's Web site at [www.pcni.org](http://www.pcni.org).

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**Islam scholar explores media coverage of Osama bin Laden**

The department of religious studies will host a lecture featuring one of the country's leading scholars of Islam, Bruce Lawrence, a professor of religion at Duke University, who will present a lecture titled, "Writing Terror: Osama bin Laden as Public Villain and Media Star," in which he will discuss his book, *Messengers to the World: The Statements of Osama bin Laden* (Verso, 2005). The book includes the first English translations of several speeches and writings of Osama bin Laden.

"There's a continued importance to understanding religions other than those we're most familiar with," said Timothy Renick, chair of Georgia State University's department of religious studies. "And in no area is that understanding more important than in issues touching upon religious violence."

The presentation is free and open to the public and scheduled for 3 p.m. Dec. 8 in the Troy Moore Library, room 939 of the General Classroom Building. Lawrence will sign copies of his book following the presentation.

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

**Chinese Ministry of Education team visits College of Education**

A six-member team from the Chinese Ministry of Education attended a series of College of Education seminars last month about teacher education and technology integration. Charles Xiaoxue Wang, assistant professor of instructional technology, and Peggy Gallagher, the College of Education's international programs director and associate professor of

educational psychology and special education, coordinated the visit. Wang is a member of the International Division of the Association for Educational Communications Technology and is responsible for promoting academic exchanges in Asia and the Pacific region.

Michael Metzler and Gwendolyn Benson, College of Education associate deans, led seminars about the federal and state governments' roles in teacher education, teacher education program content, teacher certification and professional-development schools. Laurie B. Dias and Mary B. Shoffner, who are assistant and associate professors, respectively, of the middle-secondary education and instructional technology program, led discussions on challenges in technology integration for teacher education.

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

**Nutrition interns reach out to Atlanta community**

Interns in Georgia State University's nutrition program are busy in metro Atlanta with education and research projects. One group of interns is teaching a 12-week course on nutrition and physical activity for the DeKalb County Steps program. A second group is teaching a nutrition class Fridays at Grady High School for students who are enrolled in the Health Science Academy.

Another group of interns is conducting an experiment to ascertain if it is possible to eat a healthy diet according to daily allowances recommended by the Food and Drug Administration's revised food pyramid using only a food stamp budget.

## COLLEGE OF LAW

**Author discusses book about country's busiest felony courthouse**

Author Steve Bogira discussed his book, *Courtroom 302: A Year Behind the Scenes of An American Criminal Courthouse*, Nov. 3 at Georgia State University's College of Law.

*Courtroom 302* recounts one year in Chicago's Cook County Criminal Courthouse, the country's busiest felony courthouse. Bogira's book allows readers to see the system through the eyes of those who experienced the courtroom, lockup, jury room, judge's chambers and spectators' gallery. Professor Clark Cunningham's Criminal Justice Fieldwork Course, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Asian American Law Students Association sponsored Bogira's visit.

## J. MACK ROBINSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

**Business school recognizes industry leaders**

The J. Mack Robinson College of Business will honor eight business executives tonight, Nov. 15, at the Third Annual Robinson College of Business Alumni Awards at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History.

"These individuals have distinguished themselves as leaders in their fields and as outstanding contributors within their communities, said Dean H. Fenwick Huss. "They represent the very best of the Robinson College of Business, and we are proud to honor them."

The Egyptian-themed event will feature a reception and a brief presentation by Dia Ghaly, graduate of the Robinson-Cairo University joint MBA program. Attendees also will see the IMAX presentation, "Mystery of the Nile."

Awards recipients are David A. Stonecipher, chairman of the board, Jefferson-Pilot Corporation; J. Joiner, cofounder and president of AJC International Inc.; Ed H. Bowman Jr., president, CEO and a director of Sourcecorp; Sandra E. Bergeron, chairman of the board, TriCipher Inc.; Michael B. Russell, CEO of H.J. Russell & Company; Horace H. Sibley, retired partner with King & Spalding; Joseph K. Taylor, Georgia State University Foundation trustee; and Donald Ratajczak, Regents Professor Emeritus of economics at Georgia State.

## President's Awards recognize community service efforts

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If you have been involved in a service project that improved the well-being of a community on a local, state or regional level, Georgia State University's Office of Community Service wants to know. The office will present its first President's Awards for Community Service and Social Action early next year and is accepting nominations until Dec. 16.

The Office of Community Service, which promotes opportunities for community service and service learning, established the awards to honor faculty, staff and student groups that have given back to the community.

"As a citizen, you have an obligation to your fellow human beings," said President Carl Patton, a strong advocate for community service activism.

The awards underscore the university's and Patton's philosophy of serving the community. For instance, Patton works with Central Atlanta Progress and the Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership. His desire to serve the community stems in part from the fact that he cares about the community in which he lives and works.

Many students and employees share his concern for the community. A group of Georgia State students plans to spend spring break helping communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Also, faculty, staff and students donated nearly 400 pints of blood in September during the university's most successful blood drive.

"President Patton has meant so much to the community," said Lovell Lemons, the university's community service director.

"He regularly uses the words 'be a part of' and not 'apart from' the community. This [award] is another way to emphasize the importance of community."

A panel of university and community representatives will select winners in each of the five categories. Winners will receive a plaque, and a monetary donation will be given by President and Mrs. Patton to a charity of the winner's choice. The presentations will be made at the first Community Forum, hosted by the School of Social Work, on March 29.

President's Awards categories are:

- Outstanding Community Impact Award for a student or student group that makes community service or social action part of their college experience.
- Outstanding Campus Impact Award for a student or student organization that demonstrates excellence in creating, developing or continuing service activities.
- Outstanding Faculty or Staff Member Award for an individual who develops and provides opportunities to engage students in service.
- Outstanding University Program Award for an academic or cocurricular program that creates opportunities for community service and action.
- Outstanding Community Partner Award for a community organization that partners with a college or department on campus to provide opportunities for community service or social action.

### PRESIDENT'S AWARDS AT-A-GLANCE

**What is the nomination deadline?** Dec. 16.

**Who's eligible?** Faculty, staff members, students or student groups that have been involved in a community service project between May 15, 2004, and Dec. 1, 2005.

**How do I get a nomination form?** Call 404/463-9043 or e-mail Lovell Lemons, director of community service, at [llemons@gsu.edu](mailto:llemons@gsu.edu).

**What other materials must I submit?**

Supporting material should include:

- information about the project
- the names of the project's organizers, activities and people who participated in the project
- how it benefited others

**Additional information may include:**

- how many people were affected by the project
- how diverse the impacted group was
- how the project was innovative or creative
- how the project impacted the local community
- participant feedback sheets
- media coverage of the event, such as newspaper clips or video

**Where do I submit the nomination packet?** Send materials to the Office of Community Service, Student Center, Suite 320 (Community Service, P.O. Box 3973, Atlanta, GA, 30302-3973).

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## Speakers address hurricanes' aftermath

More than two months have passed since Hurricane Katrina wreaked havoc on the nation, killing hundreds of people in coastal cities and leaving thousands more without homes. To address the psychological, religious and social impact of hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, the College of Arts and Sciences is cosponsoring a speaker series titled, "Natural Disasters: Reflections and Responses."

The series, which also is cosponsored by Georgia State University's Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics and the Center for Neighborhood and Metropolitan Studies, began Nov. 8 with a panel on "Religion, Disasters and the Problem of Suffering." Moderated by Andrew I. Cohen, Center for Ethics director, the panel included a rabbi, Buddhist monk, imam and a Christian minister. The panel addressed the philosophical questions raised by natural disasters.

Upcoming events in the series include:

- A lecture by Fran Norris, a Dartmouth professor of psychiatry and community and family medicine. She will present "The Psychosocial Consequences of Disaster: What We Know, What We Should Know and How We Study This." The lecture, which is part of the College of Arts and Sciences Lecture Series, is scheduled for 1 p.m. Nov. 17.

- A presentation titled, "New Orleans Past and Present: Social Scientists Look at Hurricanes and Cities." Three Georgia State faculty members will consider different factors leading to the disaster in New Orleans. Timothy J. Crimmins, history professor, will speak on "New Orleans: A City Built at a Perfect Location on the Worst Site." Glenn Abney, professor of political science, will speak on "Coordinating Governmental Responses to Hurricane Disasters." Lesley Williams Reid, assistant professor of sociology, will address "Structural Inequalities in New Orleans: A Disaster Waiting to Happen." The presentation is scheduled for 12:15 p.m. Dec. 1.

Both events will take place in the Troy Moore Library, room 939 of the General Classroom Building. They are free and open to the public.

## Plans for new absence-reporting procedure set for next year

The absence-reporting process for Georgia State University exempt employees may change next year. Human resources and payroll administrators say the new process should be easier for employees and reduce the amount of paperwork involved in the current absence-reporting process.

Now, employees submit absence report forms each time they take time off. Under the new system, employees will submit absences only once a month. Employees will fill out an improved report-of-absence form, which will be an Excel file downloadable from the human resources Web site. Once an employee inputs the date of his first absence, the form will automatically calculate the amount of leave time he has remaining. The employee will update the form throughout the month, after which he can print it and submit it to his supervisor for approval.

Another benefit of the new process is that it allows employees to compare reported absences to what appears on their payroll statement. "Employees can keep the form on their computer desktop and compare it to their check stub to ensure we properly posted their leave," said Melissa Bell Brennaman, director of human resources information systems.

The new process currently is being tested by several university departments. If the test period goes smoothly, the human resources

department will implement the procedure campus-wide on Jan. 1. Initial reaction among those who have tested the procedure has been positive.

## Fight the flu with a \$15 shot

Faculty and staff members can get flu shots for \$15 at the Georgia State University Clinic, located at 147 Sparks Hall, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The clinic will offer shots through the end of flu season, or until it runs out of vaccines.

Though flu shots are the best protection against the virus, health service providers suggest practicing healthy habits during flu season, including washing your hands often; avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; staying away from those who have the flu; covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing; getting regular exercise and rest; and eating balanced meals.

The flu is caused by the influenza virus, which infects the nose, throat and lungs. Symptoms include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. The flu season peaks from late December through March. For details about getting a flu shot on campus, call 404/651-1171.

## African-American initiative looking for male staff members

African-American staff looking to advance their careers are invited to participate in the African-American Male Staff Initiative. The group's mission is to provide mentoring and professional development for African-American male staff.

In October, about 100 people attended the organization's kickoff at the Rialto Center for the Performing Arts, where Capital University law professor Floyd D. Weatherspoon discussed the status of African-American males in higher education. For program details, contact John Day, director of diversity programs in the Office of Opportunity Development and Diversity Education Planning, at 404/651-2567.

## Healthy Grandparents holiday program needs faculty, staff volunteers

For several years, members of the Georgia State community have been involved in an annual holiday service project to assist grandparents raising their grandchildren. The grandparents are participants in the Georgia State-sponsored Project Healthy Grandparents program. Program administrators are looking for departments, colleges, units or individuals to sponsor one of 36 grandparent families during the holiday season. For more information, call Virginia A. Brown at 404/651-3573, or e-mail vbrown@gsu.edu.

## Biocomputing researchers share information at Georgia State workshop

Georgia State hosted the Southeast Collaborative Alliance Biocomputing Center's second annual fall workshop on Oct. 27. Biocomputing is the application of mathematics and computer science to the understanding of living systems. It is fast emerging as an important discipline for academic research and industrial application.

The symposium brought together researchers from a variety of disciplines to discuss issues such as bioinformatic databases, data visualization, gene expression and micro-arrays, molecular sequence analysis, and sequence assembly. The event was sponsored by the Georgia State departments of biology, chemistry and computer science and the Biomedical Computational Center and the Molecular Basis of Disease Program.



## UNIVERSITY JAZZ BAND Thursday, November 17 - 7:30 PM

Gordon Vernick, director  
Featuring jazz favorites by Jelly Roll Morton, the Gershwins, Duke Ellington and others.  
Rialto Center for the Performing Arts - FREE



## OPERA SCENES Friday, November 18 - 7:30 PM

W. Dwight Coleman, artistic director  
Featuring scenes from operas by Britten, Menotti, Poulenc, Vaughan Williams, Mark Adamo, and School of Music faculty member Curtis Bryant.  
Florence Kopleff Recital Hall - FREE



## BRASSFEST Sunday, November 20 - 3:00 PM

Tom Gibson, artistic director  
Saxton's Cornet Band, Georgia Brass Band and University Brass Ensemble  
Rialto Center for the Performing Arts - FREE



## MASTERCLASS - David Sánchez, saxophone Friday, December 2 - 1:00 PM

Featuring the Grammy Award-nominated jazz composer and tenor saxophonist.  
Aderhold Learning Center 405



## GALA HOLIDAY FAMILY CONCERT Saturday, December 3 - 8:00 PM Sunday, December 4 - 3:00 PM

Georgia State University Choral Ensembles, Percussion Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra; Robert Ambrose, Stuart Gerber, John Haberlen, Michael Palmer and Alan Raines, conductors



Featuring traditional holiday favorites, from carols to Klezmer!  
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## Campaign committee thanked donors at 'Party for a Purpose'



**Movers and shakers:** Jennifer Anderson (left), Autumn Baskin (center) and Dorian Scott, Alumni Association staff, compete in a hula hoop contest Nov. 3 at "Party with a Purpose." The 2005-06 State Charitable Contributions Program planners hosted the event to thank employees who have contributed to this year's campaign.

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Thousands of charitable organizations will get a financial boost this year from Georgia State University's participation in the State Charitable Contributions Program. As a way to thank employees who have already contributed and to encourage more donations, campaign organizers hosted the "Party with a Purpose" on Nov. 3 at the Student Center.

"Faculty and staff are asked to do a lot of things, and I don't think the staff is thanked enough for all that they do," said Debi Robbe, campus cochair of the 2005-06 SCCP campaign. "[The party] was an opportunity for our staff and faculty to come and play, and it gives us an opportunity to say, 'thank you for giving.'" Pineapple bowling, basketball and miniature golf were just a few

of the games available for guests. Campaign volunteers also offered free pizza and door prizes to attendees.

Created in 1982 by the Georgia General Assembly, the SCCP allows state employees to donate to charitable organizations that provide services to citizens and communities throughout Georgia. Donors can contribute through a one-time gift or a year-long payroll deduction. In the SCCP's 24-year history, state and university system employees have donated more than \$38 million to charitable organizations. Last year Georgia State University contributed nearly \$129,000.

The SCCP committee distributed gift pledge forms to university divisions in September. To find out more about the campaign, which runs through the end of the year, contact Robbe at 404/651-3512 or Greg Jones, campus campaign cochair, at 404/651-3025.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 15**

3 p.m. **Crossing Paths, Crossing Cultures International Photo Competition.** This competition represents the work of Georgia State University's study abroad and international students. Student Center Ballroom. Free and open to all. Contact Farrah Bernardino at farrahb@gsu.edu or 404/654-5819 for details.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 16**

Noon. **Feed Your Senses.** The Office of Student Life and Leadership, Intercultural Relations presents the blues stylings Gordon Vernick. Free. Rialto Center for the Performing Arts. Info: 404/651-1234.

7:30 p.m. **Symphonic Wind Ensemble.** Robert J. Ambrose, conductor. Rialto Center for the Performing Arts. Free. 404/651-INFO.

• **Thursday, Nov. 17**

9 a.m. **Influential Leadership and Ethics from a Compliance Perspective.** This seminar, presented by Hamid Mirsalimi and Maureen Hunter of DBH Consulting, covers responsibilities of an ethical leader in equal-opportunity employment. \$100. Human resources training room, One Park Place South. Info: 404/651-0875.

10 a.m. **International Student & Scholar Services Open House.** Tour the department's new office at 252 Sparks Hall. Refreshments, trivia and prizes will be offered. For details, call Heather Housley at 404/463-9073.

7:30 p.m. **University Jazz Band.** Gordon Vernick, director. Rialto Center for the Performing Arts. Free. 404/651-INFO.

• **Thursday, Nov. 17, through Sunday, Nov. 20**

8 p.m. (Sunday performance at 5 p.m.) "End-game" by Samuel Beckett. The department of theatre launches Atlanta's city-wide festival celebrating Samuel Beckett's 100th birthday with a production of one of his most popular plays. \$5. Alumni Hall Theatre. Info and reservations: 404/651-2226.

• **Friday, Nov. 18**

7:30 p.m. **Opera Scenes.** W. Dwight Coleman, artistic director. Kopleff Recital Hall. Free. 404/651-INFO.

• **Saturday, Nov. 19**

8 p.m. **Jazz at Lincoln Center's Music of the Masters.** This event features the music of Miles Davis with Gary Bartz, Jimmy Cobb and Eddie Henderson. Tickets range from \$36 to \$62. Rialto Center for the Performing Arts. Info: 404/651-4727 or www.rialtocenter.org.

• **Sunday, Nov. 20**

3 p.m. **BrassFest.** Tom Gibson, artistic director, with Saxton's Cornet Band, Georgia Brass Band and University Brass Ensemble. Rialto Center for the Performing Arts. Free. 404/651-INFO.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 22**

7 p.m. **Men's Basketball.** Panthers vs. Delaware (first CAA game). Sports Arena. \$7 with valid ID.

• **Saturday, Nov. 26**

2 p.m. **Men's Basketball.** Panthers vs. Charlotte (CAA). Sports Arena. \$7 with valid ID.

• **Tuesday, Nov. 29**

7 p.m. **Men's Basketball.** Panthers vs. Louisiana-Lafayette. Sports Arena. \$7 with valid ID.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 30**

6 p.m. **Women's Basketball.** Lady Panthers vs. Georgia Tech. Sports Arena. \$4.

• **Thursday, Dec. 1**

5 p.m. **First Thursday Downtown Arts Walk.** Take a self-guided tour of art featured at various venues in historic Downtown Atlanta. Free. 404/651-4727.

• **Friday, Dec. 2**

1 p.m. **Masterclass.** Featuring Grammy Award-nominated jazz composer and tenor saxophonist, David Sánchez. Aderhold Learning Center, room 405. Free. 404/651-1318.

5:30 p.m. **Pregame Party:** Panthers vs. George Mason. Join the School of Hospitality and J.Mack Robinson College of Business for the a pregame party prior to the game. The event will feature food and games. Sports Arena. Organizers encourage attendees to bring a new stuffed animal, which will go to Hugh Spalding Hospital. Info: 404/651-3512.

7 p.m. **Men's Basketball.** Panthers vs. George Mason (CAA). Sports Arena. \$7 with valid ID.

• **Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4**

8 p.m. (Sunday performance at 3 p.m.) **Gala Holiday Family Concert.** The School of Music presents its eighth annual Gala Holiday Family Concert featuring more than 200 student and faculty musicians. The program will include traditional holiday favorites, spirituals and a Hanukkah medley. Rialto Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets start at \$16. Info: 404/651-4727 or www.rialtocenter.org.

• **Monday, Dec. 5**

7:30 p.m. **Faculty Recital.** Kenneth Long, clarinet; Paula Peace, piano. Kopleff Recital Hall. Free. 404/651-INFO.

• **Tuesday, Dec. 6**

8 p.m. **Men's Basketball.** Panthers vs. Kentucky. Philips Arena. \$15 with valid ID.

• **Wednesday, December 7**

Noon. **FASA Lunch n Learn: Holiday Budgeting.** E. Tyrone Burke, president/CEO Georgia State University Federal Credit Union, will speak. Lunch will be provided. Free. One Park Place South, basement level conference room. Registration required at 404/651-4741.

• **Thursday, Dec. 8**

9 a.m. **Title IX Guidelines.** Presented by the Office of Civil Rights, this workshop will discuss Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972. Seminar Room 750, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. Free. 404/651-0875.

**Carolyn Curasi**, assistant professor of marketing, cochaired a committee for the 2005 Association for Consumer Research Conference. Curasi presented the paper, "Maybe It Is Your Father's Oldsmobile: The Symbolic Dimensions of Intergenerationally Transferred Possessions and the Adoption of Corresponding Possession Meanings."

**Sarah Cook**, associate professor of psychology, recently had a research paper on the impact of traumatic events on incarcerated women published in the journal, *Women & Criminal Justice*. Georgia State graduate students **Sharon G. Smith**, **Chantal Poister Tusher** and **Jerris Raiford** contributed research and co-authored the paper.

**Karen Gibler**, associate professor of real estate, presented the paper, "Value Adding Attributes of Corporate Real Estate Management," at the American Real Estate Society meeting in Santa Fe, N.M. She also participated in a panel discussion on medical facilities and chaired a session on brokerage.

**Cece Grindel**, professor and associate director for graduate programs in the Byrdie F. Lewis School of Nursing, and **Pat Clark**, associate professor of nursing, have been admitted as fellows into the American Academy of Nursing. The AAN is a national nursing organization that tracks health care trends. As fellows, Grindel and Clark will have the opportunity to work with health care leaders on current issues.

**Wesley Johnston**, Center for Business and Industrial Marketing RoundTable Professor and CBIM director, co-authored an invited essay to introduce a special section of 11 articles in the October 2005 *Journal of Marketing*. The section is titled "A Customer Relationship Management Roadmap: What is Known, Potential Pitfalls and Where to Go."

**William Messier**, professor in the school of accountancy, chaired a panel session at the American Accounting Association's annual meeting on "The Future of Auditing Research." He also presented a paper at the meeting titled "Do Performance and Documentation of Business Process Analysis Influence Auditors' Risk Assessment?"

**Yi Pan**, professor of computer science, delivered two keynote speeches and one invited speech during a trip to China in September. He gave a keynote talk at the 5th International Conference on Computer and Information Technology in Shanghai, and a keynote talk at the 2005 Symposium on Information, Electronics and Control Technologies in Chengdu. He also gave an invited talk at a regional symposium in Chengdu.

• **Saturday, Dec. 10**

Noon. **Men's Basketball.** Panthers vs. University of Georgia. The Arena at Gwinnett Center, Duluth. \$15.

• **Tuesday, Dec. 13**

6 p.m. **Women's Basketball.** Lady Panthers vs. Norfolk State. Sports Arena. \$4.

**Mary Radford** and **Charity Scott**, professors in the College of Law, were honored as new members of the American Law Institute. Professors Radford and Scott join four other COL faculty members who have been elected to the ALI on the basis of professional achievement and demonstrated interest in the improvement of the law.

**Michael Rushton**, associate professor of public administration and urban studies, presented the paper, "State Legislative Appropriations for the Arts," at the annual Conference for Social Theory, Politics and the Arts. **Gregory Lewis**, professor of public administration and urban studies, co-authored the paper. The University of Oregon hosted the conference Oct. 7.

**Stephanie Z. Smith**, assistant professor of early childhood education, coauthored "Elaborating a Change Process Model for Elementary Mathematics Teachers' Beliefs and Practices" with Marvin E. Smith of Georgia Southern University and Steven R. Williams of Brigham Young University in *Current Issues in Education*. The article is available online at <http://cie.asu.edu/volume8/number19>.

**Erdal Tekin**, assistant professor of economics, presented "Ugly Criminals" at the University of Colorado at Denver. Tekin also presented "Long-Term Consequences of Child Abuse and Neglect" at the Child Policy Symposium in September at Clayton College and State University.

**Sally Wallace**, associate professor of economics, presented "Which Elasticity? Estimating the Responsiveness of Taxpayer Reporting Decisions" at the 60th International Atlantic Economic Society Conference in October in New York. **James Alm**, professor and chair of the economics department, co-authored the paper.

**Roger O. Weed**, professor of counseling and psychological services, received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the International Life Care Planning Conference in San Francisco. Earlier this year, Weed received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals.

**Yali Zhao**, assistant professor of early childhood education, received the Distinguished Research in Teacher Education award, sponsored by Georgia Association of Teacher Education in October. The association also honored **Caitlin Dooley**, assistant professor of early childhood education, with the Outstanding Dissertation in Teacher Education award at its conference in Jekyll Island.

Applause recognizes notable accomplishments of faculty, staff and administrators in the areas of teaching, research and service. E-mail items to [mmedina@gsu.edu](mailto:mmedina@gsu.edu).

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