

Talented English faculty earn national recognition

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A trio of Georgia State English professors is making its mark on the literary world with nationally-recognized writing and editing talent.

Janet Gabler-Hover and Robert Sattelmeyer compiled and edited a just-published encyclopedia, *American History in Literature, 1820-1870*. Meanwhile, Josh Russell has won a prestigious fiction-writing fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, one of only 50 such grants awarded this year.

Gabler-Hover and Sattelmeyer spent three years on their compilation, which is one book in a three-volume set. They edited more than 240 entries to provide a historical context for the writing of the period. Gabler-Hover says literature is always a response to the time in which it was written.

"Students can have a hard time thinking of history as real," she said. "We're trying to help them engage with the realities of past times."

In order to do that, the book covers topics from abolitionism to transcendentalism, to the development of the dime-store novel. The collaboration worked well because Gabler-Hover and Sattelmeyer are strong scholars and their different areas of expertise complemented each other.

Her specialty is minority fiction and the classics; his is transcendentalism. Working on the book exposed them to many other specialties as well. Gabler-Hover found working with so many scholar-authors to be both humbling and moving.

"It's easy to get cynical when you get wrapped up in your own little world of



Making their marks: Robert Sattelmeyer (left), Janet Gabler-Hover (center) and Josh Russell, department of English faculty, have received national recognition for their works. Sattelmeyer and Gabler-Hover compiled and edited a volume called *American History in Literature, 1820-1870*. Russell won a fiction-writing fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

scholarship," she said. "But all these people are doing so many different things so wonderfully."

Russell beat out about 900 other writers for the \$20,000 NEA award. He published his first novel, *Yellow Jack*, in 2000, and the excerpts he submitted to the NEA were from a second, not-yet-published project called *My Bright Midnight*.

Both books are historical fiction set in New Orleans, where Russell lived for several years. *Yellow Jack* follows a young photographer as he captures images of the dead and dying during the yellow fever epidemics of the 1840s. *My Bright Midnight* is the story of a German immigrant struggling to understand his relationship

with America during the last weeks of World War II.

In fact, Russell had long planned to write a third novel set in New Orleans but abandoned it after Hurricane Katrina ravaged the city last summer.

"In some ways, I feel like I've written a couple of eulogies," Russell said. "I finished the last touches on *My Bright Midnight* the day the levee broke." Afterward, he says, writing about the city "just felt so exploitative."

Instead, his next project centers on writings from the American Colonial period – specifically, stories of European women kidnapped and held in captivity by American Indian tribes.

5 minutes with...

Jennifer Stewart
 outdoor recreational coordinator,
 Department of Recreational Services



What is the Touch the Earth Program?

It's the outdoor recreation program, offered through recreational services. On land, we've got hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, snow skiing and cycling. In the water we fly-fish, water ski, canoe and kayak. It's designed for beginners and novice participants. We cover Georgia extensively, but during breaks we ski Colorado and we've been to Maine, canoed in Minnesota, hiked in Utah and backpacked the Pacific north coast.

What's the philosophy of the program?

First, to provide an atmosphere that's going to keep people safe and comfortable. If we do that, they are going to have a memorable experience. [Hopefully], they'll see life a little differently and enjoy lunch by a waterfall or get to the mountain top and look out over the ridge. Just take a deep breath.

What's on tap for the spring semester?

To name a few, we've got four beginning fly-fishing clinics on Saturdays in March and April; one-day ski trips to North Carolina on Fridays until March 3 and an introductory backpacking clinic in April. For spring break we're going to Sanibel Island in Florida to camp, canoe, hike, bike, watch birds and beach comb.

Who can participate and how do they sign up?

Students, faculty and staff are eligible and they can bring a non-Georgia State guest. They sign up in the Touch the Earth Office, which is on the backside of the Student Recreation Center. Each trip has a separate cost, depending on travel distance, equipment required and whether it includes meals.

How can anyone interested find schedules or more information?

Check out the Touch the Earth Web site at www.gsu.edu/~wwwrec/touch; call me at 404-463-1526 or email jenniferstewart@gsu.edu.

Georgia State employee carries Olympic flame

By Leah Harris
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Gregory Wright's 15 minutes of fame lasted more like six minutes, but he tried to run slow enough to savor his moment in Olympic history.

Wright, a Georgia State facilities planner, was one of 10,001 torchbearers who participated in relaying the Olympic flame toward Turin, Italy, the site of the 2006 Winter Games. Wright, who ran for about six minutes on Dec. 18 in Portofino, Italy, was a guest of Coca-Cola, a sponsor of the Games and torch relay.

"You can look down the road and see the entourage and the flame coming toward you, and the anticipation builds as it gets to you," said Wright, who displays his Olympic torch in his Bennett A. Brown Commerce Building office. "Suddenly you're in the spotlight and you run. It's one of those experiences that happened so quickly that I was thinking, 'Don't run too fast and don't be too excited because you'll forget this completely.'"

This year's Olympic torch relay covers about 6,835 miles, lasts 64 days and tours 140 cities in Italy and neighboring National Olympic Committees of San Marino, Slovenia, Austria, Switzerland and France. Torchbearers return to Turin on Feb. 9 in time for the lighting of the Winter Games' opening ceremony on Feb. 10.

Wright says he wasn't an avid Olympic fan until he watched the Games in Atlanta. And although he also attended the games in Athens, Greece, and saw the Atlanta and Salt Lake City torch relays, he said serving as a torchbearer is a different experience.

Dressed in an official Olympic jogging suit, Wright was taken to his spot in the relay by a bus filled with other participants. There was virtually no one along the coastal road where he was set to run until the flame arrived, he said. After a ceremonial lighting of the torch, Wright was escorted on his run by a member of the torch relay team, along with a truck filled with photographers and policemen and a bus of participants behind him.

"I underestimated how cool it would be because I had seen it so many times," he said. "It's a cool thing to have been a part of carrying the flame from Olympia, Greece, to the Games and opening ceremony in Turin. When they light the cauldron, I'll know I've had a part in holding onto that flame."

Wright will get to experience that moment when he returns to Turin Feb. 6 to attend the 20th Olympic Winter Games, taking place



Running man: Georgia State facilities planner Gregory Wright was one of 10,001 torchbearers who participated in the Olympic torch relay. He ran for six minutes in Portofino, Italy, this past December.

Feb. 10-26. Though he doesn't have a favorite sport, Wright said he plans to attend the figure and speed skating events, downhill skiing and ski jumping.

Sound BITE

"If people can't find equal justice in their communities, schools and in their workplaces, we can look in vain for progress in a larger world. The example has to be set at home."

— Morris Dees, long-time civil rights activist, attorney and founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, speaking at Georgia State's University Speaker Series on Jan. 17.

ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES Neighborhood Collaborative provides tax assistance

The Georgia State University Neighborhood Collaborative (The Atlanta Project) and The Regional Council of Churches have formed a partnership to provide free income tax preparation for low-income individuals.

The hours of operation for helping residents complete their tax returns are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Feb. 4 and ending March 4. The tax return assistance will take place at City Hall East, 678 Ponce de Leon, and Georgia State Neighborhood Collaborative computer lab, Carter Collaboration Center, on the second floor.

For more information or to register to volunteer, contact the Regional Council of Churches at 404/389-0590 or nberdeen@rccatl.org.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Computer scientist receives prestigious NSF Career Award

Yingshu Li, assistant professor of computer science, has won the National Science Foundation's Career Award. It is the most competitive and prestigious award the foundation offers for young faculty.

"It's even more significant since it was the first Career award in the history of our department," said Yi Pan, chair of computer science.

Career awards support promising college and university junior faculty who are committed to the integration of research and education. Li, in her first year as a Georgia State faculty member, said she wants to attract a more diverse student body to computer science.

"It's a new department – only six years old – and it's very exciting to help develop it," Li said.

She will use the \$400,000, five-year award to study energy efficiency in wireless sensor networks by purchasing network components.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION College of Education calling for annual award nominations

The College of Education is gearing up to recognize its faculty, staff and alumni at its annual award ceremony. Award recipients will be recognized during the college's Honors Day ceremony, which will be held Thursday, April 27. The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 10.

The college is collecting nominations for the following awards: the Hayden-Walz Doctoral Dissertation Award; the College of Education Distinguished Alumnus Award; outstanding faculty teaching, faculty research, and faculty service awards; the Dean's Outstanding Staff Service Award; and the faculty and staff Samuel M. Dietz awards.

Most award nominations require a letter of nomination or support and a vita. The complete list of awards can be found at http://education.gsu.edu/coe/content/news_main.htm.

Submissions should be addressed to Angela Turk, College of Education Dean's Office, Suite 1005.

College of Education students collect teddy bears for children

Members of the College of Education's Georgia Association of Educators-Student Program are collecting new teddy bears for children through the "Grin and Bear It" project, ending April 13.

Group members hope to collect at least 300 bears to comfort children in trying circumstances at Atlanta-area children's hospitals. Faculty, staff and students can leave bears in

drop-off boxes on the second and fifth floors of the College of Education building.

The student program is a pre-professional program, sponsored by the Georgia Association of Educators and the National Education Association, geared to prepare aspiring educators for both classroom and non-instructional aspects of the profession.

For details, visit <http://education.gsu.edu/sgae/>.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Institute of Public Health hosts its first Fulbright Scholars

Two Fulbright International Scholars began the master in public health degree program at Georgia State this spring. Sardar Ahmad and Regine Emilien are the first Fulbright Scholars for the Institute of Public Health and the College of Health and Human Services.

Ahmad, former communications officer for the World Health Organization, is one of the first Afghani Fulbright Scholars. Afghanistan has not participated in the program since the 1970s. Emilien is a physician from Haiti. Both are exceptional young professionals coming to Georgia State after succeeding in challenging environments in their home countries.

The Fulbright Scholarship Program is the premier academic exchange program providing grants for graduate students, faculty and scholars from the United States and around the world.

COLLEGE OF LAW

Nobel Peace Prize nominee featured at Miller Lecture

Nobel Peace Prize nominee M. Cherif Bassiouni will be the featured speaker at the 38th Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series at the College of Law this spring.

Bassiouni, who was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999, is known as the father of the International Criminal Court for his role as chair of the drafting committee for the 1998 Diplomatic Conference, which established that court.

Bassiouni's lecture, titled "The Perennial Conflict Between International Criminal Justice and Real Politics," is set for noon March 14 at the Student Center State Ballroom.

Bassiouni, president of the International Human Rights Law Institute, is the author of 27 books and editor of 45 books on international criminal law, comparative criminal law, human rights and U.S. criminal law.

The free event will include a luncheon. Reservations are required; R.S.V.P. by March 1. For more information, contact Vickie Dye at 404/651-4360 or vdye@gsu.edu.

J. MACK ROBINSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS Speakers discuss real estate trends of North Georgia, Southeast

The J. Mack Robinson College of Business will hold an Economic Forecasting Conference about real estate at 8 a.m. Feb. 22 in the Student Center Speaker's Auditorium.

Topics at "Novel Trends in Real Estate: What you need to Know" will include real estate trends in North Georgia and the Southeast. Speakers include Frank Norton, president of the Norton Agency; James Diffley, managing director of U.S. Regional Services Global Insight; and Rajeev Dhawan, director of Georgia State's Economic Forecasting Center.

To register or for more information, contact the Economic Forecasting Center at 404/651-3288.

Book, exhibit highlight 10 African-American presidents of Liberia

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While the United States has yet to elect an African-American president, Liberia has elected 10 of them — and David Smith Jr. wants people to know about it.

To that end, Smith, a Georgia State College of Education alumnus (Ph.D. '05) and College of Law assistant director for career services, recently published a book, *The African American Presidents, the Founding Fathers of Liberia 1848 to 1904*, that profiles African-American men who became presidents of Liberia. Smith also created an exhibit, featuring portraits and historical documents from the presidents, which is slated to open at The Museum of the Jimmy Carter Library later this month.

Smith's work on the project began when he and a colleague were discussing the Americans who went to Liberia, the first republic of Africa, during the early- and mid-19th century. In 1816, the U.S. Congress formed an organization called the American Colonization Society that sponsored the passage of African-Americans to Liberia, including free black Americans and emancipated slaves. Smith realized that the first man to become president of Liberia was an African-American who immigrated to Liberia at the age of 20. Smith asked how many other African-American men had become president of Liberia, but his colleague didn't know.

"I had never heard about this before, and I found out that most Americans were unaware of the fact that we had 10 Americans that became presidents of Liberia," Smith said. "I asked that question, and it became my research interest."

Smith spent the next three years conducting research for the book and exhibit, which opens Feb. 25 and runs through May 21. The 3,000-square-foot exhibit features 14 oil portraits, historical documents and letters written by the presidents. It also showcases more recent artifacts, including documents from Jimmy Carter, the first American president to visit Liberia while still in office.

"It's fitting to have the exhibit in the Carter Library because he went there in the '70s, and members of his staff were recently there monitoring the elections," Smith said.

Those elections resulted in another milestone — the first female president elected in Africa.

Smith hopes that those who read his book or attend the exhibit realize that this is an important page in American history. "It's American history with an underlying theme of African-American history, but this is American history."

The Museum of the Jimmy Carter Library will host a grand opening for the exhibit from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Feb. 25. For details, visit www.jimmycarterlibrary.org or call 404/865-7114.

African-American Presidents by the Numbers

Nearly 20,000 African-Americans emigrated from the United States to Liberia during the 1800s. Among the 10 men who became president of that nation:

Three were from Virginia
One was from South Carolina
Three were from Maryland
One was from Ohio
Two were from Kentucky
Two were former slaves



Founding fathers: David Smith Jr. holds an oil painting of Joseph Jenkins Roberts, an African-American who became the first president of Liberia in 1848. Smith wrote a book and created an exhibit, both called *The African American Presidents, the Founding Fathers of Liberia 1848 to 1904*, which profile the 10 African-American men who became presidents of Liberia.

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University BRIEFS

Former Governor Roy Barnes to speak at 2006 Barbara Payne Lecture

All are invited to hear former Governor Roy Barnes speak at the Barbara Payne Lecture at 6 p.m. Feb. 16 in the Student Center Speaker's Auditorium.

After leaving the Governor's office in 2003, Barnes worked at the Atlanta Legal Aid Society as a full-time volunteer. His accomplishments during his term as governor focused on education, affordable health care, patients' rights, property tax cuts and the first sales tax holiday.

The Barbara Payne Lecture was established in 1990 in honor of Barbara Pittard Payne (1919-2001), founder and former director of gerontology at Georgia State. The lecture is cosponsored by the Gerontology Institute and the College of Law. A reception will be held at 5 p.m. in the lobby immediately preceding the lecture. For more information call 404/651-2692 or visit the gerontology Web site at www.gsu.edu/gerontology. Please RSVP for reception only.

School of Music offers discounted classes for children of employees

Children of Georgia State faculty and staff are eligible to receive a discount on tuition for The School of Music's Music Time program. Regular tuition is \$120 for the 12-week program, which features classes designed to give infants, toddlers and their parents or caregivers an opportunity to explore music making and develop singing and rhythm skills in a play-based setting. Faculty and staff pay a reduced tuition of \$108, a 10 percent discount.

Classes last 30 minutes and are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., beginning Feb. 14 or 15 and ending May 9 or 12. Georgia State alumna Diana Dansereau, who has a Ph.D. in teaching and learning with a research focus in early childhood music education, teaches the classes, which are segmented by age. The infant class requires adult participation.

For details on the program, call 404/651-1111.

Georgia State folks invited to take the plunge Feb. 25

Faculty and staff are invited to take a flying leap, or cheer on the daredevils who do, at the "Polar Bear Plunge" from noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25 in the frigid waters of Indian Creek Pool.

The event, sponsored by the department of recreational services, is free, and prizes will be awarded to the first 100 participants. After the event, hot cocoa and apple cider will be offered. Participants should bring a towel and change of clothes. Changing areas are available around the pool. Only swimsuits should be worn in the pool.

Participants must be students, faculty, staff or alumni and must bring their Panthercards to register in the Student Recreation Center lobby.

The pool is located at 900 South Indian Creek Drive in Stone Mountain.

The following are driving and MARTA directions:

Driving: From I-85, take Memorial Drive (exit No. 41) and turn east toward Stone Mountain. Turn right at the traffic light onto Rockbridge Road. At the next traffic light, make a right onto South Indian Creek Drive. After a mile, the entrance to Indian Creek Lodge and Recreation Area will be on the left. Follow signs to the pool at the end of the road.

MARTA: Take the train to the Indian Creek MARTA Station. Exit the station to the left along the bus line and make a left across the bridge. Then take a right on Durham Park. Cross South Indian Creek Drive and turn left. The Indian Creek Lodge Recreation Area will be visible. Follow the road to the lodge and follow signs to the pool at the bottom of the hill.

Georgia State helps employees stay fit through the winter

The faculty and staff assistance office is offering three classes through its 2006 Winter Wellness Program. Georgia State employees can join the eight-week yoga and meditation class, which began Jan. 27. The class is one hour of gentle yoga, emphasizing stress reduction and relaxation. Participants will learn to practice breathing and meditation techniques. Classes are held at 10:45 a.m. Fridays in Alumni Hall's Veterans Memorial Alumni Hall. Individual classes cost \$10 and the eight-week program is \$64.

The office also is offering the Freshstart Smoking Cessation Program. The class is a four-phase program designed by the American Cancer Society to help participants stop smoking. The class will meet from noon to 1 p.m. each week for 12 weeks in the hu-

man resources basement conference room of One Park Place South. The class is cosponsored by Student Health Promotion and Education. A minimum of 10 participants is needed to confirm the class.

A Weight Watchers "At Work" program also is offered to faculty and staff through April 20. Participants meet for an hour every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the human resources basement conference room at One Park Place South. The program costs \$168 per person.

To register for classes and check on starting dates for the Freshstart and Weight Watchers programs, call 404/651-4741.

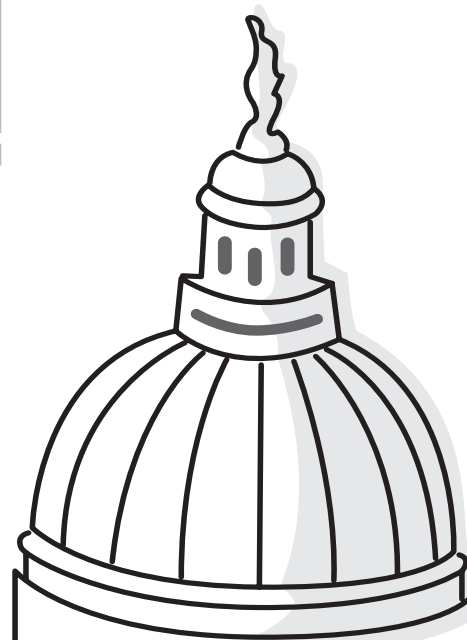
New police patrol unit to target problem areas on campus

In response to recent vehicle burglaries in university parking areas, Georgia State police are using a specialized patrol unit to target problem areas on campus.

Under the direction of Capt. Anthony Coleman, the directed patrol unit made 10 arrests during the holiday break, said Sgt. James Porter, department spokesman. The unit operates on bicycles and in plain clothes to move quickly and quietly to apprehend suspects. The team will operate indefinitely, he said.

To keep parked cars safe:

- Remove valuables from the vehicle or lock them in the trunk.
- Lock the doors.
- Don't leave a vehicle in a parking deck or lot overnight, if possible.
- If you see suspicious behavior, call the police department at 404/651-2100, or use one of the 60 emergency call boxes on campus.

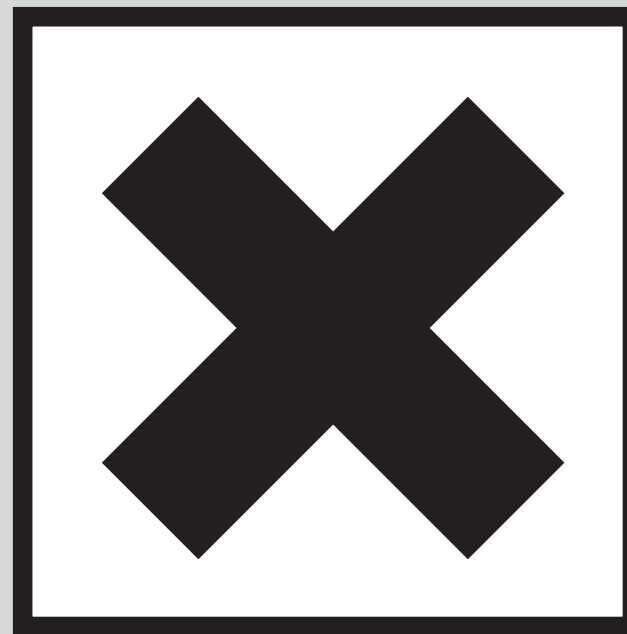


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Sandy symbol: Tibetan monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery, India, create a mandala sand painting Jan. 20 in Veterans Memorial Hall. It took the monks four days of painstaking work to create the mandala, which was then consecrated before being swept away as a metaphor of the impermanence of life.



THE ANDY WARHOL FOUNDATION FOR THE VISUAL ARTS

• Tuesday, Feb. 7

7 p.m. **Censorship of Film.** This event is presented as part of a series of legal seminars directed by Georgia Lawyers for the Arts. The series addresses issues related to artistic integrity, prior restraint and fair use, and is part of the "Potentially Harmful" exhibit at the Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design Gallery. 404/651-2257.

• Wednesday, Feb. 8

8 p.m. **Comedy night with Cocoa Brown.** Laugh it up with this BET and Comedy Central veteran. Student Center Ballroom. 404/463-9031.

• Thursday, Feb. 9

Noon. **Homecoming Pep Rally and Third Annual Golf-Cart Parade.** The parade route begins at Panther Pen (corner of Decatur and Piedmont streets).

7 p.m. **Men's basketball.** Panthers vs. Hofstra. Sports Arena. \$7. 404/651-4629.

9 p.m. **Homecoming Coronation and Ball.** Don't miss the crowning of the 2006 Royal Homecoming Court. The event also includes food, dancing and other entertainment. Student Center Ballroom. Free.

• Friday, Feb. 10

7 p.m. **Premier Night Variety Show.** Come watch Georgia State students show their talent through singing, dancing, comedy, poetry and acting. Student Center Ballroom. 404/463-9031.

• Saturday, Feb. 11

Noon. **Women's tennis.** Lady Panthers vs. Charlotte. Piedmont Park Tennis Center. Free. 404/651-4629.

2 p.m. **Homecoming basketball game.** Panthers vs. UNC-Wilmington. Sports Arena. \$7. 404/651-4629.

2:30 p.m. **Softball.** Lady Panthers vs. Western Carolina (First Pitch Classic). Panthersville. Free. 404/651-4629.

4:45 p.m. **Softball.** Lady Panthers vs. Mercer (First Pitch Classic). Panthersville. Free. 404/651-4629.

4 p.m. **Alumni reception and dance.** Cap off Homecoming week with a live concert with the Swingin' Medallions. \$15 (includes game and reception). www.gastatealummi.net/homecoming.

• Sunday, Feb. 12

10 a.m. **Women's tennis.** Lady Panthers vs. Georgia Southern. Piedmont Park Tennis Center. Free. 404/651-4629.

10 a.m. **Softball.** Lady Panthers vs. Tennessee Tech (First Pitch Classic). Panthersville. Free. 404/651-4629.

2:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. **Softball.** Lady Panthers vs. Consolation/Championship (First Pitch Classic). Panthersville. Free. 404/651-4629.

• Tuesday, Feb. 14

5 p.m. **Softball.** Lady Panthers vs. Auburn. Panthersville. Free. 404/651-4629.

• Wednesday, Feb. 15

Noon. **Feed Your Senses.** In honor of Black History Month, this special presentation features jazz from Nefertari Bey. Free lunch is sponsored by the Office of Student Life and Leadership, Intercultural Relations. 404/651-4727 or www.rialtocenter.org.

3 p.m. **Men's tennis.** Panthers vs. Georgia Tech. Bitsy Grant Tennis Center. Free. 404/651-4629.

4 p.m. **Baseball.** Panthers vs. Georgia Tech. Panthersville. \$3 for adults, students free. 404/651-4629.

7 p.m. **Censorship of Visual Art.** This event is presented as part of a series of legal seminars directed by Georgia Lawyers for the Arts. The series addresses issues related to artistic integrity, prior restraint and fair use, and is part of the "Potentially Harmful" exhibit at the Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design Gallery.

• Friday, Feb. 17

3 p.m. **Baseball.** Panthers vs. Albany. Panthersville. \$3 for adults, students free. 404/651-4629.

• Saturday, Feb. 18

10 a.m. **Softball.** Lady Panthers vs. Eastern Kentucky. (Lady Panther Invitational) Panthersville. Free. 404/651-4629.

11 a.m. and 3 p.m. **Baseball.** Panthers vs. Albany. Panthersville. \$3 for adults, students free. 404/651-4629.

12:15 p.m. **Softball.** Lady Panthers vs. Georgia Tech (Lady Panther Invitational) Panthersville. Free. 404/651-4629.

• Sunday, Feb. 19

10 a.m. **Softball.** Lady Panthers vs. Kennesaw State (Lady Panther Invitational) Panthersville. Free. 404/651-4629.

2:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. **Softball.** Panthers vs. Consolation/Championship. (Lady Panthers Invitational) Panthersville. Free. 404/651-4629.

• Tuesday, Feb. 21

9 a.m. **Disability Accommodations: The Georgia State Process.** This presentation will review the process employees must take to self-disclose disabilities. Reasonable accommodations for the university setting and appropriate action for managers will be identified. Seminar Room 750, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. Free. 404/651-0875.

Vikas Agarwal, assistant professor of finance, has received a 10,000 euro research grant from the Institute for Quantitative Investment Research (INQUIRE). The research project is titled "Risk and Return in Convertible Arbitrage Strategy: Evidence from Convertible Bond Market and Hedge Funds."

Perry Binder, associate professor of legal studies in risk management and insurance, spoke at the "Management of Technology in the Workplace," conference on Jan. 20. Perry's topic, "Ethical Issues with Employee Gripe Sites & Blogs," addressed privacy, ethical and morale issues related to employee Internet posting activities, both on and off company time.

David Bruce, Institute of International Business professor, was awarded the Study Abroad Program Director of the Year Award from the Office of International Affairs in recognition of promoting international education.

Janet Burns, associate professor of middle/secondary and instructional technology, received the Outstanding Service Award from the National Association of Industrial and Technical Teacher Educators.

The **Center for Behavioral Neuroscience**, a research and education consortium led by Georgia State, has received a 2006 Georgia Biomedical Partnership Community Award for its contributions to the state's life sciences industry. CBN director **Elliott Albers** accepted the award at a Jan. 12 awards dinner.

Charles Derby, professor of biology, spoke at the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology meeting Jan. 4-8 in Orlando. A report on the topic of his lecture and research at the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience was published Jan. 20 in *Science* magazine.

Sidney Harris, professor of computer information systems, was appointed to the National Advisory Council for the Camp Coca-Cola Foundation. The foundation's goal is to inspire teens from disadvantaged circumstances to rise to their leadership potential and shine throughout their communities.

Ken Heaghey, state economist and research professor of economics, gave a presentation to the Georgia Senate Appropriations Committee regarding the economic

outlook for the U.S. and Georgia on Jan. 5. Heaghey also gave a presentation Jan. 17 before the Joint Senate and House Appropriations Committee concerning revenue estimates for fiscal years 2006 and 2007.

Valerie Hepburn, assistant professor in the Institute of Public Health, has been awarded the Commonwealth Fund's Packer Policy Fellowship. This is an international health policy research program sponsored by the Commonwealth Fund and the Australian government, with only two fellows selected annually.

Amy Lederberg, professor of educational psychology, and **Susan Easterbrooks**, professor of deaf education, received a grant from the new Institute of Education Sciences on Improving Deaf Preschoolers' Literacy Skills. If fully funded, the grant would be \$1.5 million over three years.

Joyce Many, professor in the middle/secondary education and instructional technology department, was elected to the board of directors for the National Reading Conference.

Paula E. Stephan, professor of economics, presented the paper, "The Role of Foreign Born Graduate Students in U.S. Patenting," at the Annual Allied Social Science Association meeting Jan. 7. **Shiferaw Gurmu**, associate professor of economics, co-authored the paper.

Greg Streib, chair of the public administration and urban studies department, spoke Jan. 17 at the monthly meeting of The Council of Volunteer Administrators, as part of a panel discussion on education and training opportunities for nonprofit professionals in the Atlanta area. He talked about the nonprofit programs in Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

Kimberly G. Walker, prospect research associate in the division of development, presented a paper at a symposium on the 19th century press and the Civil War in Chattanooga. "Broken Shackles: How Frederick Douglass Used the Freedoms of Press, Speech and Religion in the Cause of Freedom for the African-American Slave, 1847-1863" was recognized as Outstanding Student Paper.

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

12:15 p.m. **Lunch and Learn – Class-ism: the New Racism.** Sinclair Suite, Student Center. Free. 404/463-9031.

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

• Wednesday, Feb. 22

8 a.m. **Economic Forecasting Conference: Novel Trends in Real Estate.** Join 250 professionals and listen to four business speakers, including Rajeev Dhawan from

the J. Mack Robinson College of Business's Economic Forecasting Center. Student Center Speaker's Auditorium. Free for Georgia State students, faculty and staff. Visit <http://register.efcgsu.com/> for registration and information, or call 404/651-3298.
4 p.m. **Baseball.** Panthers vs. Georgia. Panthersville. \$3 for adults, students free.

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Tennis tournament March 2
Dodgeball tournament March 23
Softball begins March 26

Table Tennis tournament March 30
8 Ball tournament April 12
Golf tournament April 7/8

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