

## University to transfer ownership of Village

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The University System of Georgia announced that Georgia State's University Village will be transferred to the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Georgia State University President Carl V. Patton said the property transfer will enable the university to serve students better and motivate them to become more involved in campus life, get better grades and graduate quicker by living closer to campus.

"Thanks to the efforts of many individuals within the University System, the transfer of Georgia State's Village will provide resources needed to build more student housing on our campus, a component of our updated master plan that calls for an additional 4,500 beds over the next 10 years," Patton said.

Replacing the student housing that the Village provided will be the 2,000-bed University Commons being built at the intersection of Piedmont Avenue and Ellis Street. The four-building complex, opening this fall, includes a courtyard, meeting and study rooms, a student commons area and 786 parking spaces.

University System of Georgia Chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr. announced that Georgia Tech will assume financial liability of the Board of Regents-owned Village from Georgia State. The Office of Planning and Budget and the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) worked with University System staff, as well as staff at the two institutions, to develop an equitable solution to the existing financing arrangements for the property, located at North Avenue and Centennial Olympic Park Drive. Georgia Tech will begin occupancy of the Village in the fall 2007 semester.

"On behalf of the Board of Regents, we are pleased with this outcome that keeps this valuable property within the University System," Davis said. "This is an optimal result for the System and will benefit both Georgia State and Georgia Tech."

## Is Georgia State ready for football?

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Georgia State Athletics is inviting the entire University community to two Town Hall meetings April 10 for an information exchange on the possibility of building a football program.

Since the feasibility survey conducted last fall, which showed that students, faculty, staff and alumni want football at Georgia State, Athletics Director Mary McElroy said the Athletics Board has established a committee to break down the fine print of the study.

"We have indications that strategically it makes sense for Georgia State to have a football program, so we're going to look into whether or not we can afford it," she said.

McElroy said that some of the recent committee findings will be shared during the Town Hall meetings, scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sports Arena.

Mostly, she said, it's a chance for the community to speak out about Georgia State football.

"We are having these Town Hall meetings to give people the chance to rally," she said. "Either rally in support of or rally against."

The feasibility study used four major components to assess the financial impact of adding football: the football program itself, adding additional women's sports to maintain gender equity, additional staff in the athletic department to support the new sports and facility costs for practice and competition. The price tag falls somewhere between \$6.2 million and \$24 million annually.

McElroy stressed that for Georgia State to have a football team, there must be widespread support.

"Additionally, Georgia State should consider what level of play we would initially and ultimately pursue," she said. "We have to gauge what kind of program we're trying to build, one that's competing for a national championship, or one we just go out and yell for on Saturdays."

Georgia State would compete as part of the Football Championship Subdivision (Division I-AA) in the Colonial Athletic Association.

## 5 minutes with:

### Lucy Pickering

Assistant Professor of  
Applied Linguistics & ESL  
and Intonation Researcher

#### How did you begin this type of research?

I received my graduate degree at the University of Florida. Many of the initial labs – chemistry labs, physics and engineering – are taught by international teaching assistants (ITA), many of whom are from China, Korea or India. As a graduate teaching assistant, my job was to teach the ITAs how to work with their students. It became clear to me that something was happening that made the students perceive the [ITAs] as being anything from aggressive to disinterested, and yet I knew ... the ITAs, and I knew that's not how they wanted to come across and that's not who they were. So I began to look into that.

#### And what did you discover?

Well, let's say you have an Indian-English speaker. They have completely different ideas of how to use volume and stress. Native English speakers indicate stress by pitch, but our volume stays the same. If our volume increases, then we might sound aggressive, but for them, stresses are volume related. So both their pitch and their volume go up. So their students were saying, "What's your problem; why are you screaming at me?" Students would feel like the ITAs didn't care.

#### How do you help them?

By recording an American and a Chinese instructor; for example, teaching the exact same lab and running their voices through a computerized speech lab, I can get the melody of their speech. And the results could be mapped on a screen. To improve intonation, the Chinese instructor can match that pitch line of the American instructor.

#### Could this also have a commercial angle?

Yes, what we're talking about is building awareness that this is an issue. For a commercial venture like a call center, you give them the tools to address this. For pedagogical purposes, this is a consciousness-building program for the ITAs because usually they aren't really taught spoken English, certainly not at this level.



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# Healthy eating out

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With dinner plates the size of manhole covers and salads that could feed four instead of one, it is hard to know where to begin to eat healthfully when dining out. Here are some tips for ordering a healthy meal without giving up taste and enjoyment.

1. **Study the entire menu and ask about the specials before making your selection.** Don't be afraid to ask for substitutions; most restaurants will honor your requests. If the special entree is not to your liking but the sides of wild herbed rice and grilled vegetables are, ask to substitute sides with your entree choice.

2. **Learn to decode the adjectives used to describe foods.** Au gratin, crispy, pan-fried or stuffed foods are high in fat and calories. If you need to limit your sodium intake, foods that are pickled, smoked or made with soy or teriyaki sauce are swimming in salt.

3. **Beware of the bread basket.** Most restaurants serve a delicious selection of breads or chips. Enjoy just one piece of bread (or about a dozen chips with salsa) and forgo the butter. Better yet, skip the bread and order a cup of broth-based soup. Foods with high water content, like soup, fill you up so you won't be tempted to overeat.

4. **Slow down.** You're paying good money for the ambience in a restaurant, so enjoy the evening out and savor every bite. Put your fork down between bites and chew each mouthful thoroughly before eating a second bite. Practice tasting the food; eating is not a race.

5. **Break the rules.** You won't be asked to leave if you choose your entree from the appetizer menu. I often choose a salad and an appetizer, and I've never left a restaurant hungry.

6. **Steer clear of the all-you-can-eat buffet.** Buffets may look wonderful, but you will be tempted to get your money's worth and needlessly overeat. Research shows that when faced with three shapes of pasta, most people will eat much more than if there was only one kind available. If you must go to a buffet, peruse the spread before grabbing a plate. When you decide what you want to eat, take tiny portions.

7. **Ask for a doggie bag only if you plan to eat the leftovers within two days and you can get them home within two hours.** Be sure to reheat them thoroughly to avoid bringing home more than the food. Reheat foods to 165 degrees to enjoy the meal safely the second time around.

# Celebrating longevity

Georgia State's Office of Employment Relations would like to recognize employees celebrating milestone anniversaries with the university. Faculty and staff marking their 25th, 30th, 35th and 40th anniversaries are listed below.

Milestone honorees will be recognized at a universitywide recognition reception at 2 p.m. May 4 in the Student Center Ballroom. To view the full list of honorees, visit [www2.gsu.edu/~wwwafa/employee/2007MilestoneList.pdf](http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwafa/employee/2007MilestoneList.pdf).

- 25** Hiram Barksdale, Marketing  
 Daniel Bello, Marketing  
 Thomas Bowden, Information Systems & Technology  
 William Brook, Facilities Management Services  
 Carola Butler, Physics & Astronomy  
 Danny Darby, Child Development Center  
 Donald Edwards, Biology  
 William Fritz, Enrollment Services  
 Karen Gilbreath, Georgia Career Information Center  
 Carol A. Hand, Institutional Research  
 Mark Hopkins, College of Education  
 Hugh Hudson, History  
 Cheryl Jester-George, College of Law  
 Ernest R. Larkins, School of Accountancy  
 Timothy Latour, GeoSciences  
 Mark S. Mayfield, Information Systems & Technology  
 David Pirkle, Information Systems & Technology  
 Sally Siewert, Public Performance & Management Group  
 John Simmons, Library  
 Vijay Vaishnavi, Computer Information Systems  
 Pedro Vasquez, Chemistry  
 John Ward, Robinson College of Business  
 Pamela B. Willis, Law Library

- 30** Mary Armstrong, Facilities Management Services  
 Alfons Baumstark, Chemistry  
 Cynthia Carmichael, Registrar  
 Paul Farnham, Economics  
 Deborah Housworth, Purchasing  
 Carol Latta, Decision Sciences Institute  
 John D. Marshall, Legal Affairs  
 Richard Morris, Police  
 Susan Neel, Counseling Center  
 Joseph S. Rabianski, Real Estate  
 Willie T. Riley, Police  
 Sharon Spurley, College of Education  
 Dennis Thompson, Educational Psychology & Special Education

- 35** Ronald P. Colarusso, College of Education  
 Elgie Ogburn, Facilities Management Services  
 Mary Ann Simpkins, Accounting Services

- 40** Kenneth B. Matheny, Counseling & Psychological Services

## COLLEGE NEWS

### ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES

#### Mayor Franklin to speak at Spring Leadership Series

Atlanta Mayor **Shirley Franklin** will be the guest speaker at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies' Public Administration and Urban Studies Spring Leadership Series from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. March 22 in Room 749 of the AYSPS building, 14 Marietta St.

Franklin, the first female mayor of Atlanta and the first African-American woman to serve as mayor of a major southern city, will discuss the topic "Policy Leadership: Making Things Happen."

The presentation is free and open to the public.

### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

#### Applied linguistics gets new major

A new major in applied linguistics has been approved by the Board of Regents.

The creation of the Bachelor of Arts degree in applied linguistics will standardize the degree paths of approximately 80 students enrolled in the Bachelor of Independent Studies program in language arts.

The designation will make it easier for the department to advise the students.

The new major will include one requirement that earlier B.I.S. students did not have to meet: Every major will have to complete at least one semester of a "less commonly taught" language – that is, a lan-

guage that students are unlikely to have already taken in high school or college.

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

#### Closing the achievement gap

**Douglas Reeves**, chairman and founder of the Center for Performance Assessment, will speak at Georgia State at 8 a.m. March 21 in the Student Center.

Reeves' speech is titled "Leadership and Learning: Closing the Achievement Gap" and is based on his research "90/90/90 Schools: High Poverty, High Minority, High Success Schools." This event will be hosted by the Principals Center, which is housed in the College of Education and is a collaborative effort between the Georgia State, local school districts and other agencies to provide cutting-edge professional development for school leaders.

The author of more than 20 books and articles on leadership and organizational effectiveness, Reeves has twice been named to the Harvard University Distinguished Authors Series.

To register, call (404) 651-1151 or visit [www.principalscenter.org](http://www.principalscenter.org).

### COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

IPH teams return to Africa, share experiences online  
 Researchers in the Institute of Public Health returned to Africa with Georgia State graduate students in recent weeks to wrap up projects to improve environmental and children's health in Tanzania and Nigeria.

Assistant professor **Derek Shendell**, working on a research grant through Georgia State's International Strategic Initiatives Program, is following up on work with graduate students in Nigeria helping to train local health care workers on outdoor air quality and pollution. Shendell's work is being done in conjunction with the University of Ibadan in Nigeria.

Additionally, assistant professor **Karen Giesecker** completed a three-week trip in Tanzania as part of a project to evaluate goals of a reproductive health program operated by CARE International and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The project is designed to reduce infant mortality rates. Giesecker's two-year research project is being paid for by the CDC and Georgia State.

While in Tanzania, Giesecker and her team contributed to an online diary, or blog, with entries about their travels and work in Africa. The blog may be viewed at [www.outbr8k.blogspot.com](http://www.outbr8k.blogspot.com).

### COLLEGE OF LAW

#### Acclaimed child advocate to lecture

Harvard University law professor **Elizabeth Bartholet** will speak on "International Adoption: Thoughts on Children's Rights Issues" during the 40th Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series at the College of Law from noon to 1:15 p.m. March 29 in the Student Center Ballroom.

Bartholet, the Morris Wasserstein Public Interest Professor of Law and faculty

director of the Child Advocacy Program at Harvard Law School, also will discuss challenging issues awaiting tomorrow's child advocates. In 2004, Bartholet founded the Child Advocacy Program, which advances children's interests through encouraging interaction between academia and the world of policy. She teaches civil rights and family law, specializing in child welfare, adoption and reproductive technology.

The Miller Lecture is free of charge and open to the public, with reservations required by March 20. R.S.V.P. to **Vickie Dye** at (404) 651-4360 or at [vdye@gsu.edu](mailto:vdye@gsu.edu).

### J. MACK ROBINSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

#### Free business workshop

The J. Mack Robinson College of Business is offering a free workshop to teach new and small business owners how to take their companies worldwide and enable them to compete in the global arena.

The "Financing: Show Me the Money" workshop will address corporate and start-up structures, angel investors and banking. It will be held from 9 a.m. to noon April 9 in Room 608 of the Classroom South building, located at the corner of Decatur Street and Central Avenue.

For more information, e-mail [iibgw@gsu.edu](mailto:iibgw@gsu.edu) or call professors **David Bruce** at (404) 463-9415 or **Pedro Carillo** at (404) 463-9416.

# university briefs

## Campus Campaign kicks off

► The Office of Annual Giving will kick off Georgia State's 2007 Campus Campaign at 2 p.m. March 23 in the Student Center's Court Salon.

The yearly initiative is a time for faculty and staff to provide philanthropic support to the university, which is used in a variety of ways including helping to create scholarships for staff and students, recruiting distinguished faculty, expanding campus facilities and funding research and academic programs. During the campaign, which is themed "360 Degrees of Giving: Educate, Inspire, Invest, Grow," employees can select specific programs, departments or cultural activities to which they want to give, including the Georgia State University Fund that allocates money to high-priority initiatives and areas of greatest need.

Employees will receive campaign packets through campus mail, which will include donation forms, envelopes and instructions on how to donate. For more information, contact the Office of Annual Giving at (404) 463-4866 or visit [www.gsu.edu/giving/cc](http://www.gsu.edu/giving/cc).

## New interim dean and administrative appointments

► **James Alm**, chair of the Department of Economics, has agreed to become interim dean of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. The appointment will become effective July 1 when current dean **Roy Bahl** steps down. Bahl will stay on as professor of economics and public administration.

"Roy Bahl is a tremendously difficult act to follow," says Alm, who joined the AYSPS faculty in 1999. "It's largely through his efforts and vision that the AYSPS exists and has achieved all the things it has achieved. I hope to continue the work that Roy and everyone at the school have contributed."

Alm's most recent research areas include tax issues, the determinants of state economic growth, and corruption. He also has worked extensively on fiscal and decentralization reforms in numerous countries.

**Mary Finn**, professor of criminal justice, has been appointed associate provost for institutional effectiveness succeeding **Joan Carson**. Finn also serves as the senior faculty associate for the Office of Advancement of Women.

Associate professor of political science **Peter Lindsay** is succeeding **Harry Dangel** as director of the Center for Teaching and Learning. Lindsay, who received the 2006 Georgia Board of Regents' Award for Excellence in Teaching, will lead the CTL in its mission to promote student learning by encouraging and supporting faculty efforts to explore the teaching-learning process.

Finn and Lindsay's appointments will become effective May 14.

## Gardner brings 'Happyness' to campus

► **Christopher Gardner**, whose life was portrayed by actor Will Smith in the film "The Pursuit of Happyness," brings his remarkable story to Georgia State. He will speak at 3 p.m. April 9 in the Student Center Speaker's Auditorium.

In early-1980s San Francisco, Gardner was homeless and the sole guardian of his toddler son. The film, based on Gardner's autobiography of the same name, depicts his struggles to maintain financial independence. Without connections or a college degree, Gardner eventually earned a spot in the Dean Witter Reynolds training program and went on to become the sole trainee offered a job at the brokerage company in 1981.

Gardner, now the owner and CEO of Christopher Gardner International Holdings, is involved with many community organizations that assist the homeless and at-risk populations. Gardner also served as the associate producer for the film "The Pursuit of Happyness."

Gardner will have a book signing at 4 p.m. in front of the Speaker's Auditorium. His visit is sponsored by the Campus Events Committee.

## Faculty invited to great debates of the Middle East

► The Middle East Institute at Georgia State will host a weekend workshop for all University System of Georgia faculty who are non-specialists in Middle Eastern Studies to explore some of the great debates in the region. It will be held March 30 - April 1 at the Institute.

Titled "Teaching the Middle East: The Great Debates," the event will include discussion, debate, politics, religion, culture, arts and cuisine. The workshop discussions will range from religion and politics to gender and culture. In addition to lectures and discussions, the weekend will offer Middle Eastern food, culture and film, including a special screening of the documentary "What is Being Said About ... Arabs and Terrorism," followed by a question-and-answer session with director **Bassam Haddad**.

The workshop is free for eligible University System of Georgia faculty and is co-sponsored by the Georgia Consortium for International Studies. For more information, contact **Alta Schwartz** at [aschwartz@gsu.edu](mailto:aschwartz@gsu.edu).

## Undergraduate research takes center stage


► Organizers are reviewing applications of faculty and students who are interested in making presentations for Georgia State's first Undergraduate Research Conference, which is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. April 11 in the Student Center.

The conference, which is being held by the Office of Undergraduate Studies, celebrates the outstanding academic work of Georgia State undergraduates to show how much the university integrates research and hands-on experience into its curriculum.

Students will present work in one of four formats: poster presentation, oral presentation, artistic display or artistic performance. Awards for the best presentations will be given to students at the end of the conference. Organizers hope to make it an annual event at Georgia State.

The typical study abroad student is:

- ❖ Middle to upper-class
- ❖ White
- ❖ Female
- ❖ Humanities major




## Broadening Horizons


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**Robert Baker**, assistant professor of history, has been awarded the Gambrinus Prize by the Milwaukee County Historical Society for his book, *The Rescue of Joshua Glover: A Fugitive Slave, the Constitution and the Coming of the Civil War*. The award is given annually for the best book-length study on Milwaukee-area history.

Assistant professor of communication **Arla Bernstein's** submission to the 10th annual International Public Relations Research Conference has been selected as one of the top papers. Called "Ethnic Differences in Participative Public Relations for Community Planning," Bernstein's paper continues her longstanding interest in civic participation and public policy planning.

**Ly Bolia**, assistant professor of communication, was recently honored for two films he currently has in release. "Once Upon a Jedi" was selected to screen at the San Francisco International Children's Film Festival March 2-4. "Blame Falls" won the recent Georgia short film showcase called C-47 and will be featured on Georgia Public Broadcasting.

**Carolyn Bourdeaux**, assistant professor of public administration and urban studies, and **Jason Fernandes** of the Georgia Senate Budget and Evaluation Office won "Best Policy Paper" for their paper "A Legislative Perspective on Program Budgeting for Public Health in Georgia," which was published in the public finance issue of the *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*, Vol. 13, No. 2, March/April 2007.

**Dana Fox**, associate professor in middle-secondary education and instructional technology, has been invited to join a statewide English Language Arts Advisory Committee for the Georgia Department of Education.

**Jonathan Gayles**, assistant professor of African-American studies, was selected to participate in the first Teacher-Innovator Lecture Series at the University of the Pacific March 1. Gayles demonstrated how he uses computer games to spark student interest and discussed the shortcomings of standardized tests during his lecture.

**Joyce King**, Benjamin E. Mays Chair of educational policy studies, presented a lecture titled "A Transformative Research and Action Agenda in Teacher Education for the New Century," Feb 19 at the University of Maryland.

A department of geosciences research team will present findings about Georgia's Great Smoky Group and Talladega Belt rocks at a meeting of the Southeastern Section of the Geological Society of America later this month in Savannah, Ga. The team includes associate professor **Eirik Krogstad**, adjunct faculty member **John Costello** from the Georgia Geological Survey, geosciences researcher **Russell Malchow**, and students **Beth Lavoie** and **Gerald Pollack**.

**Andrew Roach**, assistant professor of counseling and psychological services, was selected to receive the 2007 Early Career Publication Award from the Council for Exceptional Children Division for Research (DR). He will be honored April 20 at the DR reception at the Council for Exceptional Children Annual Convention in Louisville, Ky.

**Steve Truscott**, associate professor of counseling and psychological services, is the new editor of the *Journal of Educational and Psychological Consultation*. JEPC is a national peer-reviewed journal focused on publishing interdisciplinary research on the science and practice of consultation.

**William Waugh**, a professor of public administration and urban studies and political science, authored the "Securing Mass Transit after the Madrid and London Bombings" chapter for the *Handbook of Transportation Policy and Administration* edited by Jeremy Plant for CRC Press.

**Jim Wolk**, professor of social work, recently received the Frankie V. Adams Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Social Workers Georgia Chapter. Wolk is the founding director of the Master of Social Work program. He has returned to the classroom after serving 10 years as director of the School of Social Work.

**APPLAUSE**



Nearly 70 participants took the plunge into the 50-degree water at the second annual Polar Bear Plunge in February. The event was held at Indian Creek Pool in Stone Mountain, Ga.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL of MUSIC

### Choral Society, Women's Chorus and Chamber Orchestra

Tuesday, March 20, 2007 - 7:30 PM  
Ryan McKendrick, conductor  
Featuring the Fauré Requiem.  
Koppleff Recital Hall - FREE

### Faculty Recital: Fia Durrett, violin & Brandt Fredriksen, piano

Wednesday, March 21, 2007 - 7:30 PM  
Featuring works by Debussy, Bolcom and Beethoven.  
Koppleff Recital Hall - FREE

### Faculty Recital: Tania Maxwell-Clements, viola

Sunday, March 25, 2007 - 3:00 PM  
Koppleff Recital Hall - FREE

### Honors Recital

Tuesday, April 3, 2007 - 7:30 PM  
John Haberlen & Stuart Gerber, hosts  
Featuring winners of the 2007 Honors Recital Auditions.  
Koppleff Recital Hall - FREE

### Wind Orchestra

Thursday, April 05, 2007 - 7:30 PM  
Robert J. Ambrose, conductor  
Rialto Center for the Arts - FREE

### Steve Reich Festival Rialto Series Event

Tuesday, April 10, 2007 - 8:00 PM  
Wednesday, April 11, 2007 - 8:00 PM  
Stuart Gerber, artistic director  
Georgia State University Percussion Ensemble;  
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