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Honors program expands across university

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Robert Sattelmeyer, Regents' Professor of English and the new director of the University Honors Program, is excited about expanding the program beyond the College of Arts and Sciences.

Advanced academic opportunities will soon be in reach for more students as Georgia State launches a universitywide Honors Program that could double the size of the program's current enrollment.

"Georgia State's Honors Program has always had a really strong base in the humanities, which is typical of honors programs historically," said Robert Sattelmeyer, director of the Honors Program that has been housed in the College of Arts and Sciences since 1975. "However, as universities evolve, it has been understood that in order to provide attractions and academic programs for gifted undergraduates, the Honors Program needs to serve all undergraduates."

Honors students have access to individualized advisement, small classes and seminars, priority registration, and special housing in the University Lofts. The Honors Program also provides facilities for seminars, study and computer use.

Sattelmeyer, who can share countless accomplishments of Georgia State honor students, hopes to raise the profile of the program and boost enrollment from 550 to more than 1,000 students.

"My vision is to create a strong program that will provide the best possible opportunities for high-ability students," Sattelmeyer said. "This program serves as a magnet for highly accomplished students, and it can be a powerful recruiting tool for the university."

The Honors Program is open to incoming freshmen, transfer students and current Georgia State students.

Divya Nair, an English major and a junior in the Honors Program, says that taking an Honors course forges a more personal rapport between students and professors.

"It was simply fantastic to be in a classroom with a group of students, who are equally engaged in the academic issues at hand and can engage in spirited and articulate debates about them," Nair said. "I find the Honors classroom to be more of a dialogue between student and teacher rather than a unilateral lecture from an authority figure. It's this sense of academic camaraderie that I enjoy."

Honors Program students must meet the following admission criteria:

- Freshmen who have attained a 3.5 grade point average in high school and who have scored at least a 1200 on the math and verbal section of the SAT or 26 on the ACT
- Transfer students who have attained a 3.3 grade point average on at least 12 hours of credit from another accredited university
- Current Georgia State students with a 3.3 grade point average on at least 12 hours of credit

Georgia State dedicates new student housing complex

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony opened a new chapter in Georgia State's history as hundreds of students, alumni and university supporters attended the dedication of the University Commons Aug. 10.

"University Commons opens its doors to 2,000 students," said Georgia State President Carl Patton. "Without a doubt, these students will bring a lot of excitement to downtown Atlanta."

Construction of the four-building facility that towers over a 4.2-acre site was completed under budget and ahead of schedule for the kick-off of the fall semester. A movie screening and a "Welcome Back" barbecue are just a few of the events held in the University Commons Courtyard to welcome students who moved in Aug. 15.

The facility has 646 two- and four-bedroom apartments for students, the Student Health Clinic, and 17,982 square feet of retail space that includes Landmark Diner, Jittery Joe's Coffee Shop and a convenience store.



Ceremony speakers included Patton; Kwanza Hall, Atlanta city councilman; Douglass Covey, Georgia State vice president for student affairs; Cathy Henson, chair of the Georgia State University Foundation Board; Charles Perry, president of Ambling University Development Group; and Kelly Minor, a Gates Millennium Scholarship student who resides in the Commons.

Ambling, developer on the project, presented \$110,000 to the university to establish an endowed scholarship for University Commons' residents preferably studying real estate, finance or urban policy studies.

5 minutes with:

Randy Kamphaus
Dean of the College of Education

How were your first few weeks as dean?

As is the case with any new job, I'm merely trying to get a sip of water from the proverbial fire hose. Altogether it has been great fun developing all of my new working relationships here. I'm struck by how helpful and supportive everyone has been. Individuals in the Midwest call this "Minnesota nice." I think that there's an incredible amount of "Atlanta nice" as well.



What are your priorities for your first year as dean?

The list of my priorities is long, as I described for our faculty at our first collegewide meeting in August. I have nine areas that I want to address as we create a new direction for the college, which include allocating more faculty time to research and obtaining more college, university, federal and private support for research. I was drawn here by the past accomplishments and unlimited potential of our college and look forward to helping and watching us unfold. I have the recurring sense that I'm sitting atop a volcano that is about to erupt.

Describe your research interests.

My current grant for the Institute of Education Sciences is to develop a two- to three-minute teacher screener that will identify children as young as age 5 who have behavioral or emotional problems that are likely to impede learning and other educational outcomes. My students, colleagues and I will begin three years of data collection [this month] that will allow us to make definitive statements about the long-term effectiveness of using early behavioral and emotional screening methods in schools.

Do you like any particular type of music?

My iPod playlists probably speak volumes about me. I have eclectic tastes. For the faculty meeting this morning I included songs by Daughtry, Gladys Knight, Chuck Brown, Otis Redding, Celtic Woman, Louis Armstrong and Augustana.

What is your most fascinating life experience?

One of my greatest joys in life was being present at the birth of my youngest daughter, Natalie. ...I've been unable to top this event from 1983.



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Getting beyond the headlines

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Chris Rosenbloom, Ph.D., is a nutrition professor and associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Health and Human Sciences. Her columns appear regularly in Villager courtesy of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

When I ask consumers what prevents them from eating healthfully, they quickly reel off three reasons: time, taste and confusion. We never seem to have enough time to eat healthfully, and many people think that good nutrition and good taste are diametrically opposed. But it's the confusion reason that catches my interest when I scan the nutrition headlines. Here are just a few that I've collected over the past year:

- "Tomatoes no defense against prostate cancer."
- "Soy-anora: American Heart Association does not recommend soy to prevent heart disease."
- "B vitamins are a bust against heart attack."
- "Vitamin E supplements won't help mental decline in aging."
- "FDA says 'no' to benefits of green tea and heart disease."

No wonder we are confused. One day we hear that eating tomatoes fights prostate cancer, and then we read a headline that says tomatoes are no help at all against the disease. How can you sort it all out?

First, know that the latest study isn't the greatest study. Martin Gibala, associate professor and research scientist at McMaster University in Canada, tells students that "scientific discovery is like building a house." Most research is presented to consumers as "bricks," or one study, without looking at the larger "house" of research. Editors want a headline that will catch your eye. You have to read the whole story to understand the meaning of the headline, and even then you may not understand how it applies to you.

Were the subjects young or old, healthy or sick? Did the researcher consider what the participants ate or how much they exercised? Did it show an association; for example, green grass in spring and the number of birds at your feeder may be related, but that doesn't mean the greening of the grass caused an increase in birds.

Know the length of the study. Variables may take years to show an effect. Another problem with food and disease links is that it is hard to isolate one component from food and measure its ability to prevent disease. Our diets contain hundreds of nutrients. If you eat a tomato-rich diet but the tomatoes come with sausage lasagna, the total fat in your diet might block the effectiveness of the tomatoes to prevent disease.

As for the tomato headlines, most were from studies where a relationship was noted between, for example, blood levels of lycopene (the compound found in tomatoes) and the development of prostate cancer. This particular study found lycopene levels unrelated to prostate cancer. However, other studies have found that men who eat tomato-based products have lower risk.

That should not dissuade you from eating tomatoes because they are rich in many healthful nutrients. However, it emphasizes that there is a lot researchers don't know about the role of foods in cancer development so eating a wide variety of fruits and vegetables is still good advice.

Regents' Board honors two professors

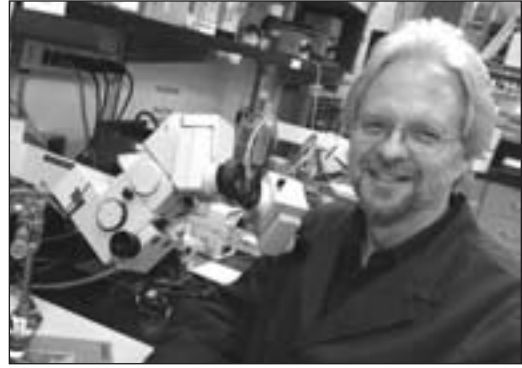
By Ann Claycombe • claycombe@gsu.edu

Timothy Bartness of biology and George Beasley of art and design have been named Regents' Professors by the University System of Georgia. The honor is reserved for the most outstanding senior faculty at Georgia's research universities.

"Both Tim Bartness and George Beasley have contributed greatly to their fields and to Georgia State University," said Lauren Adamson of the College of Arts and Sciences. "I'm proud to have them as colleagues and pleased that their work has been recognized by the Board of Regents."

Bartness is a neurobiologist whose specialty is obesity and the mechanisms that regulate body fat. His research has discovered links between the brain and fat cells through the body's nervous system – in other words, that the brain can communicate with fat cells and control their buildup. Bartness was invited to present his work at the 2006 Nobel Symposium in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Beasley is the founder of Georgia State's sculpture program in the Welch School of Art and Design. He specializes in foundry work, casting sculptures out of bronze and iron. Beasley has exhibited internationally and has contributed considerably to public art in Atlanta, such as at Five Points, where he created a monument to commemorate the 1996 Olympic Games, and at the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.



Neurobiologist Tim Bartness (top) and sculptor George Beasley (bottom) were recently named Regents' Professors.

Third time's a charm in CAA blood drive

By William Inman • winman@gsu.edu

Since joining the Colonial Athletic Association in 2005, Georgia State has earned bronze each year in the annual CAA Blood Drive Challenge. This time around, it's hoping to take the gold.

From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 25, Georgia State and the American Red Cross will host the CAA Blood Drive Challenge. Faculty, staff and students can donate at the Sports Arena on the fourth floor.

Last year, Georgia State collected 299 units of blood to finish third for the second straight year among the 12 member schools. The 2006 challenge shattered all previous records with 3,215 actual donors and 3,287 productive units of blood collected from the campuses. Over the past five years, the schools in the CAA have collected a total of 10,697 productive units of blood.

To encourage donations, organizers are giving away T-shirts to the first 100 donors, and there will be several raffles and other give-aways, said Joanna Harris, student-athlete development adviser and CAA Blood Drive Challenge coordinator.

"Everyone is encouraged to sign up online," she said. "It will make it so much easier."

Organizers will accept walk-ins, but those with an appointment will be served first. To schedule a time online, visit www.givelife.org and enter "georgiasu" as the sponsor code.

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ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES Conference targets Georgia's aging population

"Georgia's Aging Population: What to Expect and How to Cope" is a one-day conference for leading policy officials who must address the issues the state will face as the largest demographic group in the United States reaches retirement age.

The conference is presented by the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies' Public Performance and Management Group and will take place from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Student Center Ballroom. Featured speakers include noted futurist Glen Hiemstra and Georgia Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle.

For more information, call (404) 413-0180 or visit www.aysps.gsu.edu/aging.html.

New York Times columnist speaks about health care

The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies is hosting a discussion about the future of health care featuring Princeton University economic professor Paul Krugman. Krugman is a noted economist and a popular op-ed columnist for *The*

New York Times. The event will be held at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 28 in the Student Center Ballroom and will focus on the current and future state of health care in the United States as well as the reasons behind the high cost of health care in the United States compared to other advanced countries.

The lecture, sponsored by Worth Publishers, is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.aysps.gsu.edu/krugman.html.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES Religious Studies graduates first master's degree class

Georgia State's Master of Arts program in the Department of Religious Studies is graduating its first students this year. They are going on to top-flight Ph.D. programs, to overseas studies and to work in universities and the media. The first class of 11 students entered the program in the summer of 2005 and eight of the 11 finished their degrees in August for a two-year graduation rate of 73 percent. All of the graduates have already found jobs or been admitted into Ph.D. programs.

"The success that our first class of M.A. students has had confirms at least two things," said Timothy Renick, chair of religious studies. "First, there is a national need for students trained in the academic study of religion. Literacy about other religions is no longer a luxury; it is a crucial component of a university education. Second, our approach to religious studies at Georgia State, an approach in which religions are studied in a truly comparative fashion, is the direction the field is headed."

NCBS receives Ford Foundation grant

The National Council for Black Studies, housed within the Department of African-American Studies, recently received a \$238,000 grant from the Ford Foundation. The grant will help the organization promote scholarly research within African Studies by providing research grants for its members and facilitate the recruitment of black scholars. It also will help support the NCBS's annual undergraduate essay contest.

The NCBS is the leading professional association for scholars in Black and African Studies.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION Center for Safety fights bullying

The American International Group Inc. awarded Georgia State's Center for Research on School Safety, School Climate and Classroom Management a \$225,000 grant to study the effectiveness of bully prevention programs and to strengthen the center's work in metro Atlanta. AIG has made a commitment to provide the center \$75,000 a year for three years.

"...We will work to expand our efforts to develop, implement and research the effectiveness of a bully prevention program that we offer to victims of bullying. We are also planning to conduct pilot work to develop approaches to working with bullies and eventually bystanders, in an effort to prevent bullying and reduce its negative effects," said Joel Meyers, director of the Center for Safety housed in the College of Education.

The Center for Safety, established at Georgia State in 2000, also plans to work with AIG to develop and implement strategies to increase school and community involvement with the center and eventually increase funding.

Library hours expand as transformation continues

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Students can now study longer at Georgia State's library since library hours were expanded at the start of the fall semester.

The library is now open from 7:30 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.

"We will be monitoring demand and will reconsider hours as needed throughout this transition period," said Charlene Hurt, dean of libraries. "By the midpoint of the semester, our goal is to expand Sunday hours to 10 a.m. to 11 p.m."

As its hours are expanded, the library continues its \$20 million renovation. The Library North entrance closed Aug. 27 for the installation of a new storefront entrance and is expected to open by Oct. 29. The Library South entrance closed Aug. 20 to allow for a separate project to waterproof the Library South Plaza, which is expected to take about six weeks. Entrance to both library buildings will be through Classroom South during the periods that both library entrances are closed.



Incoming students on an Incept orientation tour take in the campus from one of the newly renovated library skywalks, which are known as links.

Links on the second and third floor opened Aug. 20, which will significantly increase the number of workstations and group study rooms available, Hurt said. Library North 4 and Link 4 will be open soon, she said, and Library North 5 will open this month.

The Library South computer lab moved to the Library Learning Commons Aug. 31. As part of the move, the Learning Commons will add 50 new workstations, bringing the total to more than 370 new PCs available for students.

The lab relocation will provide needed space on the fourth and fifth floors of Classroom South, which currently houses Information Systems and Technology (IS&T) units that will move to the current Library South computer lab.

The Library South lab will be transformed into a new technology resource area that will include a walk-up help desk where students, staff and faculty can take their laptops for basic troubleshooting and wireless connectivity setup. Across the hall from this area will be a new teaching and resource lab to offer faculty assistance with course design.



The College of Health and Human Sciences

announces
the fifth annual

J. Rhodes Haverty Lecture

Healthcare and Financial Security: Divided We Fail

presented by
William D. Novelli, CEO
AARP

on
Thursday, October 25, 2007
at 7:00 p.m.

in the Speaker's Auditorium, Student Center

A reception will immediately follow
the lecture in the Senate Salon

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by October 16, 2007



College of Health and Human Sciences

Researchers in the center also will expand plans to collect survey data for more information about the causes and outcomes of youth violence.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES Head of AARP selected as Haverty lecturer

William Novelli, CEO of AARP, has been selected as the speaker for the J. Rhodes Haverty Lecture that will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 25.

Before taking over as head of AARP, the largest organization for people over the age of 50, Novelli was the president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and executive vice president of CARE. He continues to serve as chairman of the board for the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

During the 1980s, Novelli co-founded and was president of the public relations firm Porter Novelli, now part of Omnicom Corp., which has focused on numerous health and social issues. He was named one of the 100 most influential public relations professionals of the 20th century by a leading public relations publication.

School of Physical Therapy celebrates 35 years

The School of Physical Therapy is celebrating the 35th anniversary of its first graduating class with a series of special events in November. It is Georgia's oldest school of physical therapy.

A dinner for faculty, students and alumni will be held Nov. 3, and various in-school events have been planned for the same week.

Since its founding, the school has expanded to include graduate physical therapy studies, and it scored another first in 2005 when it launched the state's first doctoral physical therapy program, which will graduate its first students in 2008. The school has affiliations with more than 200 health care facilities nationally.

COLLEGE OF LAW First Amendment scholar speaks for lecture series

Frederick Schauer, the Frank Stanton Professor of the First Amendment at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, is the keynote speaker for the College of Law's 41st Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture

Series. The luncheon and lecture will begin at noon Sept. 10 in the Student Center State Ballroom. Schauer's lecture is titled "Has Precedent Ever Really Mattered in the Supreme Court?"

Schauer is one of America's most distinguished scholars of constitutional law and legal philosophy. He is the chair of the Committee on Philosophy and Law and former chair of the Section on Constitutional Law, both of the Association of American Law Schools.

Public law litigation is focus of international seminar

The Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth will host a one-day international seminar titled "Public Law Litigation and Enforcement: Comparative Perspectives" Friday, Sept. 7. Co-sponsored by the Georgia State Law Review, the event will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 100 of the Urban Life Building.

The seminar is part of the College of Law's 25th anniversary celebration to recognize international programs. For more information, contact Karen Butler at (404) 413-9082 or kpbutler@gsu.edu.

J. MACK ROBINSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS Georgia State and Penn State share major research grant

The National Science Foundation is funding a collaborative research project between Georgia State and Penn State University to revise and enhance methods for teaching information technology classes at the undergraduate level. The \$705,000 grant will be divided between the two universities in an effort to transfer Penn State's Augmenting Education of Systems-of-Systems Professionals, or AESOP, program to Georgia State.

College of Business professors Vijay Vaishnavi of the Computer Information Systems department and Richard Welke of the Center for Process Innovation join Faye Borthick, director of Georgia State's Center for Teaching and Learning, in leading the AESOP adoption team at Georgia State.

Georgia State purchases Citizens Trust site

By William Inman • winman@gsu.edu

Georgia State recently purchased the Citizens Trust Bank building site at 75 Piedmont Ave. The building will be used for university office space, freeing space in other buildings for classroom use.

The 2.2-acre site, which is officially being called 75 Piedmont, includes the 12-story, 162,000 square-foot building and a 400-plus-car parking deck, said Mark Lawson, head of real estate for Georgia State. The purchase price was \$12 million.

The site is across the street from the new University Commons student housing complex at Piedmont Avenue and Ellis Street.

Lawson said the division of Information Systems and Technology, the Housing Office and the Counseling Center are candidates to move into the new building. Some will begin moving soon, but he figures it will take around 10 years before the leases of all the current tenants expire.

"Over time, we will occupy the whole building," he said.

Lawson added that they are exploring the notion of retail space at 75 Piedmont, with one idea being a Georgia State Panthers sports-themed restaurant.

Georgia State recently acquired the Citizens Trust building, which is officially being called 75 Piedmont, to be used for office space. The site is located across the street from the University Commons.



STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS - 2007 FALL PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, 4th 12 p.m.-5 p.m.
Intercultural Relations Informational
Speakers Auditorium Lobby, Student Center
Tuesday, 4th 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Dinner and a Movie
Speakers Auditorium, Student Center
Thursday, 6th 5:30 p.m.
**Turner's First Thursdays:
A Guided Tour of Local
Visual Arts Exhibits**
Rialto Center for the Arts, Main Lobby
Wednesday, 19th 12 p.m.
Feed Your Senses (Lunch provided)
Rialto Center for the Arts, Main Lobby
Thursday, 20th 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
**Through A Panther's Eye
Intercultural Fair**
In Collaboration with Lambda Theta
Alpha Sorority, Inc. & Theta Nu Xi
Multicultural Sorority
Library Plaza
Thursday, 20th 12 p.m. -1 p.m.
**Safe Zone LGBTQIQ Awareness
Program (Lunch provided)**
Capital Suite, Student Center
Thursday, 27th 12:15 p.m.-1 p.m.
Lunch and Learn (Lunch provided)
**Personal Power: Examining the
Politics of Voting**
Sinclair Suite, Student Center

OCTOBER

Thursday, 4th 5:30 p.m.
**Turner's First Thursdays:
A Guided Tour of Local Visual Arts
Exhibits**
Rialto Center for the Arts, Main Lobby
Friday- Sunday, 5th- 7th
Social Justice Weekend
Exploring Global Citizenship
Visit: www2.gsu.edu/interculturalrelations
Applications due September 14, 2007
Tuesday, 9th 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Safe Zone Ally Training
Senate Salon, Student Center
Dinner provided
Wednesday, 10th 12:15 p.m.-1 p.m.
**Atlanta Based Learning- Lunch and
Learn (Lunch provided)**
**The Quest for Healing & Peace:
Reflections on Campus Crisis**
Rialto Center for the Arts, Main Lobby

Wednesday, 17th 12 p.m.
Feed Your Senses (Lunch provided)
Rialto Center for the Arts
Saturday, 20th 8 p.m.
**Geri Allen's Jazz Suite
For The Healing of the Nations**
Rialto Center for the Arts
Thursday, 25th 12:15 p.m.-1 p.m.
Lunch and Learn (Lunch provided)
**Epilepsy: Living with a Chronic
Disorder**
Sinclair Suite, Student Center
Wednesday, 31st 5 p.m.
**Deadline to submit applications for
Martin Luther King, Jr. Torch of
Peace Awards**

NOVEMBER

Thursday, 1st 5:30 p.m.
**Turner's First Thursdays:
A Guided Tour of Local
Visual Arts Exhibits**
Rialto Center for the Arts, Main Lobby
Wednesday, 7th 5 p.m.-6 p.m.
**Safe Zone LGBTQIQ Awareness
Program**
Sinclair Suite, Student Center
Wednesday, 7th 5 p.m.
**Deadline to submit applications for
Hosea Williams
Community Activism Awards**
Saturday, 10th 8 p.m.
The Whirling Dervishes of Turkey
Rialto Center for the Arts
Wednesday, 14th 12:15-1 p.m.
**Atlanta Based Learning- Lunch and
Learn (Lunch provided)**
Exploring the World of Sufism
Rialto Center for the Arts, Main Lobby
Wednesday, 21st 12 p.m.
Feed Your Senses
Rialto Center for the Arts, Main Lobby
Thursday, 29th 12:15 p.m.-1 p.m.
Lunch and Learn (Lunch provided)
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? Diversity in
Family Structures and Traditions
235 University Center

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Nominations sought for Torch of Peace Award

► Georgia State's Office of Student Life and Leadership/Intercultural Relations is seeking nominations for the 2008 Martin Luther King Jr. Torch of Peace Award.

Nominations are open to undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff, alumni and student organizations who have demonstrated an outstanding ability to facilitate or promote positive intercultural relations in the Georgia State University community. The deadline is Oct. 31.

The award will be presented at the 25th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation Jan. 17 at the Student Center in the Speaker's Auditorium located at Courtland and Gilmer streets.

Two letters of recommendation, a resume and a written statement highlighting the character and accomplishments for the nominee must be submitted. Undergraduate students must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average and graduate students must have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. Student organizations must be university-chartered or a paraprofessional organization, and a portfolio must be submitted. Each nominee must submit a 150-word biographical sketch. Supplemental materials supporting the nominee's accomplishments are encouraged.

For more information or to request a nomination information sheet, call (404) 413-1580 or e-mail tcook3@gsu.edu. For information about intercultural relations initiatives at Georgia State, go to www2.gsu.edu/interculturalrelations.

Coleman becomes School of Music director

► **W. Dwight Coleman** took over duties as director of the School of Music in August, succeeding **John Haberlen** who will retire Nov. 30 after more than three decades at Georgia State. **Robert Ambrose** has been appointed associate director. Ambrose succeeds **David Myers**, who will return to the School of Music faculty as professor of music education and director of the nationally renowned Center for Educational Partnerships in Music.

"Professor Coleman demonstrates a great understanding of the strengths and promise of the School of Music," said Lauren Adamson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "The Dean's Office believes that his vision, experience and support of the faculty equip him to be a highly effective director."

Coleman served as the School of Music's graduate coordinator from 2002 to 2003 and has run the department's Division of Voice, Opera, Choral and Piano Studies for 10 years.

Rialto and the Welch Gallery top stops on downtown art stroll

► For six years, Georgia State's Welch Gallery and the Rialto Center for the Arts have held visual art exhibitions in conjunction with Turner First Thursdays, a downtown art stroll held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. the first Thursday of every month.

This year, the first exhibition at the Rialto features "Lukasa" by **Lillian Blades** and "Feather Woman of the Jungle Goddesses and Gods of the African Diaspora" by **Kevin Sipp**. The exhibition runs through Sept. 24.

The two-part exhibition "At the Edge" at the Welch School Gallery kicks off Thursday, Sept. 6 and runs through Nov. 8. Held with the Youth Connection Gallery on Auburn Avenue, the exhibit presents art by adults and teenagers in residential treatment. Project curator and Welch Gallery director **Cathy Byrd** said the result is a critical dialogue about mental health and the creative edge.

Turner First Thursdays is a free self-guided tour of six of downtown Atlanta's arts and cultural venues. For more information, visit www.atlantadowntown.com. For more information about the Welch Gallery, visit www2.gsu.edu/~wwwgal.

School of Music wins collaboration award

► The Atlanta Partners for Education, a joint venture of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and Atlanta Public Schools, honored Georgia State's School of Music, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Centennial Place Elementary School with a 2007 A+ Collaborative Partnership Award in recognition of the School of Music's Sound Learning program.

Sound Learning is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts and partners Georgia State with the ASO, community musicians and four elementary schools throughout metropolitan Atlanta to develop strong music programs, cross-cultural learning and mentorships between university students and professional teachers and musicians.

New Panthers on the prowl

► This summer has been a busy one for Georgia State athletics. Athletics Director **Mary McElroy** hired **Allison George** to be the associate athletics director for communications. Women's basketball head coach **Lea Henry** recently hired Olympic gold medalist and 2007 Women's Basketball Hall of Fame inductee **Bridgette Gordon**, former University of Central Florida head coach **Gail Striegler** and former UNC Wilmington assistant coach **Kyle Snipes** as assistant coaches. Other new hires to the athletics department include head athletic trainer **Robert Murphy**, assistant volleyball coach **Christen Garcia**, men's tennis head coach **Jarod Camerota**, women's tennis head coach **Miha Lisac**, assistant men's basketball coaches **Scepter Brownlee** and **William Small**, assistant women's soccer coach **Edgar Flores** and men's soccer assistant coach **Arturo Norambuena**.

Nominations open for Study Abroad's best director

► It's time to nominate program directors who have made study abroad trips and exchange programs a reality at Georgia State. The Office of International Affairs Study Abroad Programs is seeking nominations for the 2007 Study Abroad Program Director of the Year.

Nominees must have directed a Georgia State-sponsored study abroad program or exchange between fall 2006 and summer 2007. Nominations may come from any member of the university community. The winner will be honored at the eighth annual "Crossing Paths, Crossing Cultures" ceremony in November as part of International Education Week.

Nominations should include a one-page description of why this person should be selected as well as nominee affiliation and contact information. Supplemental materials in support of the nomination are strongly encouraged. Selection will be based on student nominations, quality of program management, adherence to university guidance on study abroad, and overall dedication to international education.

Nominations are due Oct. 5 and may be e-mailed to mholm@gsu.edu or sent to **Misty Holm**, Study Abroad Programs, 10 Park Place South, Suite 500. For more information and a complete list of this year's programs and program directors, call (404) 413-2529.

Promotions and appointments announced

► Georgia State Division of Development announced the following promotions and appointments:

- **David Brown**, associate vice president for development from director of planned giving
- **Walter Massey**, associate vice president for development, constituent programs

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Move-in day at University Commons proved to be a whirlwind of activity for students and parents alike.



Vikas Agarwal, assistant professor in finance, recently had his paper, "Hedge Funds for Retail Investors? An Examination of Hedged Mutual Funds," accepted for publication in the *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*.

Mary Ball, an associate professor of gerontology, has been selected as a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America. The GSA is the nation's foremost scholarly association devoted to research on aging.

Ken Bernhardt, assistant dean for corporate relations in the J. Mack Robinson College of Business, is serving on the national nominating committee for the American Marketing Association.

The National Academic Advising Association awarded **Brian E. Buckwald** its Outstanding New Advisor Award in the Academic Advising Primary Role category. Buckwald, an academic advisor in the Student Advisement Center, will be honored with the other award recipients at a special reception Oct. 18 at the NACADA Conference in Baltimore.

Janet Zaleski Burns, associate clinical professor in middle secondary education and instructional technology, wrote a chapter in the *56th Yearbook of the Council on Technology Teacher Education*. Burns wrote Chapter 12, titled "Skills Assessment in Trade and Industrial Education," with Karen Schaefer, a former Georgia State professor.

Crawford Elliott, associate professor of geosciences, was named chair of the Department of Geosciences. Elliott has served as his department's graduate director since 2001, helping students through the department's transition from geology to geosciences. Elliott is stepping in for **Timothy La Tour**, who became chair in 2002.

Paul Ferraro, associate professor of economics, presented "Evaluating Policies to Secure the Provision of Ecosystem Services: An Analysis of Protected Areas" and chaired a session at the American Agricultural Economics Association meetings in Portland, Ore.

Daphne Greenberg, assistant professor of educational psychology, attended a three-day advanced studies seminar by the National Center for Education Statistics in the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences. The seminar focused on the use of the National Assessment of Adult Literacy data files and tools for research and policy analyses.

The Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys named College of Law professor **Bernadette Hartfield** the recipient of the Bensonetta Tipton Lane Award for Commitment to Family at the annual GABWA Founders Awards Gala. The award recognizes those who use professional

and personal leadership to advance family and child-related programs and initiatives, including those that focus on education, domestic violence, health care, child advocacy, adoption and other issues impacting the family.

Regents' Professor **Hal McAlister**, director and founder of the Center for High Angular Resolution Astronomy, or CHARA, was awarded the Astronomical Society of the Pacific's 2007 Maria and Eric Muhlmann Award, which is given annually to spotlight significant advances and innovations in astronomy.



Assistant professor of economics **Ragan Petrie** has been invited to be a visiting scholar in the Department of Economics at the University of Pittsburgh this fall.

George Pierce, professor of biology, was recently elected president of the Society for Industrial Microbiology. It is a three-year term as president-elect, president, and past president. The society's members include the world's leading pharmaceutical companies as well as members from academia and government.

Public safety officer **Kevin Potter** placed third in the Georgia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators annual firearms tournament in June. There were 29 participants from eight universities competing in the event, which brings campus officers from around Georgia together to fellowship, network and exchange information.

Fernando Reati, associate professor of Spanish, was named chair of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages. Reati has served as his department's associate chair since 2005. **Germán Torres**, assistant professor of Spanish, was named associate chair.

Law professor **Natsu Taylor Saito's** new book titled *From Chinese Exclusion to Guantanamo Bay: Plenary Power and the Prerogative State* was published by University Press of Colorado.

Economics professor **David L. Sjoquist**, director of the Fiscal Research Center and Domestic Programs, and Matthew Murray of the University of Tennessee presented "Reflections on the MTC" at the 40th annual Conference of the Multistate Tax Commission in Minneapolis in August.

Vijay Vaishnavi, a professor in the Department of Computer Information Systems, was recently presented the Information System Design Science Lifetime Achievement Award at the second International Conference on Design Science for making a significant fundamental contribution in design science through research, leadership and mentorship.

Associate dean for the humanities and communication professor **Carol Winkler** received a multi-year \$1 million grant to develop a citywide debate league for students in Milwaukee high schools.

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