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Is it a man's world? Research explores scientific gender gap

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Does a male scientist have a better chance of capitalizing on the commercial potential of his research? Are female scientists less likely to promote or even disclose their findings?

According to Andrew Young School of Policy Studies professor of economics Paula Stephan, a clear gender gap does exist in scientific entrepreneurship, but there are a number of likely causes.



Professor of economics Paula Stephan reached some interesting conclusions in her examination of the gender gaps inherent in scientific research.

In an article published in the *Journal of Technology Transfer*, Stephan and doctoral economics alumna Asmaa El-Ganainy document and analyze the productivity and entrepreneurial gap between men and women scientists.

"The results are not surprising in the sense that ... holding other things equal, women have been found to publish less than men," Stephan said. "However, this gender gap has diminished considerably in the last 10 to 15 years."

Stephan's interest in the careers of scientists and engineers began in the 1980s when she was challenged by a fellow labor economist to examine how a hiring slowdown was leading to an older, less productive U.S. scientific work force.

Her recent article, "The Entrepreneurial Puzzle: Explaining the Gender Gap," demonstrates that women are much less likely to be on scientific advisory boards at venture capital firms, and they are underrepresented at higher ranks in top-tier research schools. Stephan and El-Ganainy also note

that women have been found to be, in some cases, less inclined to engage in the kind of self-promotion needed to attract the attention of investors.

"Not only is it helpful to sell, it is helpful to be able to engage in successful self-promotion," the authors write. "One reason that women may engage in less entrepreneurial activity than men is that they may be less predisposed to 'sell' the science that they are doing."

It's not clear whether women are less likely to work in areas that lend themselves easily to commercial pursuits, but some anecdotal evidence suggests women have gravitated toward "small," "safe," less risky research areas.

"Small is safe but not grandiose enough to sell effectively," the authors write.

Stephan's current research, in collaboration with researchers at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and funded by a Mellon Foundation grant, examines how emerging information technologies have been adopted by research institutions and whether women have benefitted from those technologies more than men.

5 minutes with: Tim Woltering

PAWS Project Director,
Office of Registrar

What is PAWS?

PAWS (Panther Access to Web Services) is a Web portal you log into and it knows who you are and what your role is at Georgia State, whether you're a student, faculty or staff member. Then it brings back information that applies to you. If you're a faculty member, you might get information about research or teaching. A student might get information about enrollment services or student affairs. We will still have our Web site, but the portal will provide more communication among staff, faculty and students.

How will this be different from GoSOLAR, the current online record access service?

PAWS will offer all the same services as GoSOLAR, such as registering for classes and paying fees online, but it will provide a lot more information about the university. We want to create a dynamic environment where you can go to the portal and see the very latest that is happening and what events are coming up soon like workshops, presentations and other activities.



What other features will it have?

It also will provide access to other applications like e-mail, the library system, Galileo, and EasyView for electronic pay stubs. PAWS will be a home base that not only gives you a good entry into all the different things going on at the university, but also entry into the different applications you might need to use.

When will PAWS launch?

It should be up by late spring. Look for announcements over the next two to four months, or visit www.gsu.edu/PAWS.

Any other future possibilities with PAWS?

We will eventually have it set up so potential applicants to Georgia State can create an account in the portal, log in and receive information specific to the programs or majors they may be interested in. We also want to create a feature called "Groups," a discussion board that would connect faculty, staff and students with like interests.

How will you get people excited about PAWS?

We don't want to create a Web site where the information becomes static and doesn't really change that much. PAWS is going to be user-friendly and provide lots of different information.

Technology Operations Center goes green

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Georgia State's technology staff is proving Kermit the Frog wrong: It is easy being green.

The Technology Operations Center (TOC) is now one of the most environmentally friendly data centers in the Southeast, thanks to its new "green" power source.

Instead of relying on acid batteries for backup power, Georgia State's data center has two compressed air power supplies to keep the center running during an electrical outage.

Georgia State is one of the first organizations in the Southeast to install this technology into its data center, a 5,000-square-foot facility that monitors and supports 21 network systems across the university.

"There are no harmful chemicals, and we're not polluting the environment," said William Paraska, director of technology infrastructure. "It's a renewable power source."

Top firms and organizations from Atlanta to South Korea have recently visited the center to see how it is being run, Paraska said.

The data center also is using a flywheel-based power supply to back up the system in



Jerry Allen, manager of the Technology Operations Center

case of an electrical outage. During normal usage, the flywheel and the compressed air systems help decrease highs and lows in electricity that can harm IT equipment.

But these are not the only green changes at the data center. Technology staff members are trying to reduce power and heat consumption by running multiple applications on a single piece of server. They also are driving natural-gas-powered pickup trucks to haul tapes and other supplies.

"These processes reduce power loss, save energy and allow the hardware to run more efficiently," said Jerry Allen, TOC manager.



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Don't blame the holidays

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True or false? The average person gains 7 pounds during the holiday season.

The answer is false, at least based on one study in a small sample of about 200 adults that found the average weight gain between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day was slightly less than 1 pound. However, overweight adults were more likely to gain more than 5 pounds and, perhaps more importantly, the weight gain seemed to be permanent.

Maybe we are focusing too much on holiday weight gain and not paying attention to a real cause of weight creep: week-end eating. Dawn Jackson Blatner, registered dietitian and spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association, believes that we ought to be more aware of what we eat Friday through Sunday.

A study published in *Obesity Research* in 2003 has not gotten much media attention, but Blatner thinks it can help us in our battle of the bulge. Researchers found that in the 19- to 50-year-old age group, the average calorie increase was 115 calories each day for a total of an extra 350 calories Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

While the researchers couldn't point to particular foods that caused the weight gain, they did find that the calorie increase was coming from two sources: alcohol and fat. "Dietitians know that people eat differently on the weekends than during the week," Blatner said, "but this study validates that by focusing on small changes in our weekend eating and drinking habits, we can curtail weight gain."

Blatner offers the following plan of action to shave off weekend calories.

- Friday night happy hour: Drink light beer (100 calories) instead of beer (150 calories). If you drink vodka tonic (180 calories) switch to vodka and club soda (100 calories).
- Friday night pizza party: Try two slices of cheese pizza with mushrooms instead of two slices of pepperoni pizza, for a 100-calorie savings.
- Saturday shopping at the mall: Drink a 16-ounce cappuccino with low-fat milk (120 calories) in place of a 16-ounce latte with low-fat milk (190 calories). Skip the cheese on a fast-food burger (250 calories vs. 300 calories) for a 50-calorie savings.
- Saturday night out: Choose a baked potato (128 calories) instead of mashed potatoes (237 calories).
- Sunday breakfast: Skip the two pats butter on your pancakes. Use syrup but no butter and save 72 calories.

So this year, make a resolution to cut a few calories from each weekend to halt weight gain.

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Nominations sought for President's Awards

▶ Georgia State's Office of Civic Engagement is accepting nominations for the third annual President's Awards for Community Service and Social Action, honoring people who have made a commitment to develop positive connections within the community and gain an understanding of civic responsibility. Nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. Feb. 15 to the Office of Civic Engagement, 320 Student Center.

The Office of Civic Engagement, which promotes opportunities for community service and service learning, established the awards to honor faculty, staff, students and community partners who are making significant contributions to the greater Atlanta area through their outstanding commitment to service.

The five award categories are Outstanding Community Impact, Outstanding Campus Impact, Outstanding Faculty or Staff Member, Outstanding University Program and Outstanding Community Partner. Each award recipient may select a Georgia State University program or scholarship to receive a \$500 gift in their name. For more information, contact Lovell Lemons at (404) 413-1550.

Convocation award winners announced

▶ The winners of the 2008 Hosea Williams Award for Community Activism and the Torch of Peace Award will be recognized at the 25th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation at 4 p.m. Jan. 17 in the Student Center Speaker's Auditorium.

The Hosea Williams Award honors an individual and a community-based organization for their public service efforts. The individual award winner is **Collette Hopkins**, director of the education and family programs for the National Black Arts Festival. The organization award winner is **The Atlanta Women's Foundation**, a nonprofit group that advocates for the self-sufficiency of women and girls.

The Torch of Peace Award honors students, faculty, staff and alumni who have demonstrated leadership and service in the promotion of intercultural relations. The winners are as follows:

- Undergraduate student: **Cynthia Padilla**
- Graduate student: **Kimberly Cooper**
- Alumni: **Shena Ashley** (Ph.D. '06), assistant professor of public administration and urban studies, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
- Staff: **Lovell Lemons**, director of the Office of Civic Engagement
- Faculty: **Clifford Kuhn**, associate professor of history and director of the Georgia Government Documentation Project, College of Arts and Sciences

This year's Special Honorary Torch of Peace Award will be given posthumously to **Asa Grant Hilliard**, Georgia State's esteemed urban education professor who died suddenly last August.

We're Moving!

The Division of Information Systems and Technology (IS&T) is relocating some of its offices this December to provide space for 13 new classrooms and to enhance technology services on campus.

- ~ **New Walk-up Help Desk, LS-109 (opens January 2008)**
- ~ **New Faculty Resource Facility, LS-106 (opens late spring)**

Service/Unit	Current Location(s)	New Location
Help Center	CS 4th floor	Library South -109
Workstation Support	CS 4th fl., LS-106, KH-102	Library South -109
Advanced Campus Services (ACS)	CS 4th floor	Commerce Bldg., 10th fl.
Experience Design Group (EDG)	Aderhold Building	Commerce Bldg., 13th fl.
Tech. Infrastructure (formerly UCCS)	CS 5th floor	Citizen's Trust Bldg., 10th fl.
Library Support Services (LSS)	CS 4th floor	Commerce Bldg., 10th fl.
University Edu. Tech. Services (UETS)	Commerce Bldg., 13th fl.	Commerce Bldg., 10th fl.
University Information Systems (UIS)	Commerce Bldg., 10th fl.	Citizen's Trust Bldg., 4th fl.



COLLEGE NEWS

ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES

Reception held honoring Bahl's tenure

Roy Bahl, the founding dean of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, was recognized last month with a reception honoring his tenure as dean and a surprise portrait unveiling.

Before coming to Georgia State in 1988, Bahl taught at Syracuse University. When the policy school was founded in 1996, he was appointed dean and, within a few short years, steered the school toward national recognition.

His portrait, which hangs in the lobby of the AYSPS building across from a portrait of former Ambassador Andrew Young, was painted by the Bulgarian artist **Rossin**.

"Of course I am very honored and humbled by the whole thing," said Bahl.

Bahl continues to serve as an economics professor, specializing in state and local finances, urban and regional economics, and public finances of developing countries.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

February concerts to showcase recital hall renovations

The School of Music will kick off its Friday Student Concert Series Feb. 1, hosting three faculty recitals, a graduate recital and a guest artist performance in the days leading up to the completion of the Florence Kopleff Recital Hall renovation project known as "Encore."

The musical celebration for culmination of the project will be held Feb. 17. The two-

phase renovation has been underway since the summer of 2006. Improvements to the hall include a new orchestra lift, new cherry wood panels, a surround-sound system and a prominent entrance canopy. The celebratory concert will feature performances by the Georgia State University choruses, faculty members and other special guests. The school also will host the 2008 High School Honor Bands performances Feb. 10-11 at the Rialto Center for the Arts.

For more information, call the concert information line at (404) 413-5901.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION Graduate degree programs go online

Starting this spring, the College of Education will offer online graduate degree programs for teachers and professionals who would like to become educators. Certified, in-service teachers can now apply for a Master of Education degree program in reading, language and literacy education, with a concentration in teaching English for speakers of other languages. A Master of Education program in mathematics or science will be available later this year.

For provisional teachers and paraprofessionals in Georgia working with English language learners, the college is offering a Master of Arts degree in reading, language and literacy education.

Each program is open to about 100 applicants and offers flexible, convenient scheduling. The application process is designed to be quick, allowing candidates

Nominations for Staff Council Elections

► Make a difference at Georgia State by being a Staff Council representative. The next Staff Council elections will be held Feb. 18 through Feb. 29. Georgia State employees can nominate representatives Jan. 21 through Feb. 1.

Staff Council is the staff representation in the University Senate, which also has student and faculty representation. The Staff Council's mission is to foster effective communication within the university community. Full-time staff members with at least one year of continuous service with Georgia State as of Feb. 1 are eligible for a nomination.

For more information, visit www.gsu.edu/staffcouncil or e-mail staffcouncil@langate.gsu.edu.

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Yvette Hilaire, an administrative coordinator in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, and her family were part of the Georgia State contingent that took over the Georgia Aquarium for "A Georgia State Night at the Aquarium" in November. The event was sponsored by the Student/University Center and the Spotlight Programs Board.

to apply until the day before classes start. The online programs cost slightly more than in-state tuition at \$350 per credit hour.

The College of Education is one of five colleges in the University System of Georgia piloting online graduate teacher education programs as part of "Georgia ONmyLINE," a Web site launched in October by the Board of Regions.

Visit www.georgiaonmyline.org and click on "Online Graduate Teacher Education Programs" for more information.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES New panel series unites researchers

The Partnership for Urban Health Research, which is part of the School of Public Health, has started a new series of interdisciplinary research panels to bring together various faculty members working on the same issue. The first panel, held Dec. 10, brought together researchers examining HIV/AIDS. Industry experts in public health, psychology, economics and law joined biology, nursing, nutrition and other faculty to speak about their research and how it could relate to the research of others.

The goal of the panels is to foster partnerships between faculty members from different departments who conduct research into similar subjects. Organizers said future panels could address research into substance abuse, violence or obesity.

COLLEGE OF LAW Sharing views about stem cell research

The College of Law and the Center for Health, Law & Society will sponsor a discussion on the medical and ethical issues surrounding research into the use of human embryos in stem cell research.

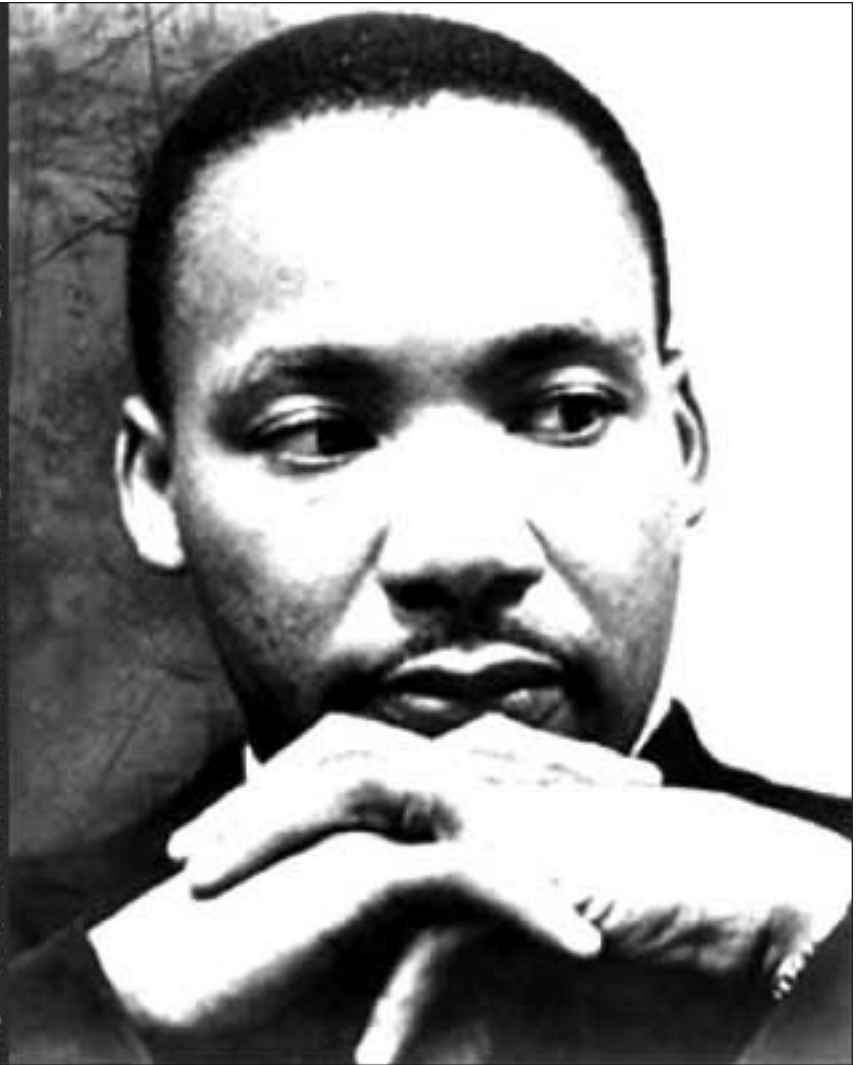
The event, "Stem Cell Research: Understanding the Controversies," will be held from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 10 in the Speaker's Auditorium. Scheduled speakers include state lawmakers as well as faculty members with expertise in law, health policy and ethics from Georgia State and Georgia Tech, which is co-sponsoring the event. The event is free and open to the public.

J. MACK ROBINSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS Four grad students win tax competition

A team of four J. Mack Robinson College of Business graduate accounting students was named regional winner and national finalist in Deloitte's 2007 Tax Case Study Competition in November. **Rick Hearn, Donald Skola, Tatiana Kondrateva and Olga Vitebskiy** each were awarded \$250 and brought home \$2,500 for the school during the competition, sponsored by the Deloitte Foundation.

Participants in the competition were given five hours to determine and present a solution to a complex tax problem representative of what professionals face on a day-to-day basis, according to **Chet Wood**, chairman and CEO of Deloitte Tax LLP.

Celebrating His Dream... Continuing His Legacy



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Thursday, 1/17/08

25th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr.

Convocation:
4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Student Center, Speaker's Auditorium

This event pays tribute to Dr. King for his work in the areas of social justice and human rights. The presentation of the Torch of Peace awards will be made to Georgia State members who have facilitated and promoted positive intercultural relations on campus. The Hossa Williams awards for community activism will be presented to outstanding community heroes. The Keynote Speaker will be Reverend C.T. Vivian, a close friend and Lieutenant of Dr. King.

Friday, 1/18/08

MLK in the Eyes of the Youth:

12 a.m.-1 p.m.

Student Center, Speaker's Auditorium

Cook Elementary students will visit Georgia State's campus to hear about the power of MLK's dream, and exploring the opportunity of higher education.

Refugee's Among Us:

1 p.m.-3 p.m.

University Center (UC) 480/485

An introduction of the plight of refugees will be given, followed by first-hand accounts by panel participants. Opportunity for future involvement with refugee relief agencies will be provided.

Sunday, 1/20/08

Let's Take It To Church:

10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Fellowship and worship in the historic church of MLK. Space is limited. For more information and to make reservations to participate, please call 404/413-1580.

Monday, 1/21/08

MLK Rally & March:

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Student Center Peachtree & Baker King Center

Georgia State students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in the Atlanta City Wide March and Rally for MLK. Participants will unite at the Student Center to make their procession through the march which ends at the King Center to hear motivational and inspirational words.

Tuesday, 1/22/08

Peace Corps- Lunch N Learn:

12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Student Center, Lucerne Suite

Come be inspired by the opportunity to join an organization that promotes world peace and friendship. Find out how to be involved in the organization and hear experiences from past participants.

Project Empty Bowls:

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Alumni Hall, Veterans Memorial

This event is a national program that brings awareness to the issues of hunger and poverty locally, nationally and globally. The Georgia State program will provide participants a first hand experience in the challenges that are faced by individuals who suffer from hunger, poverty and homelessness.

Wednesday, 1/23/08

MLK Dedication Program:

5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Student Center, Speaker's Auditorium

Come be inspired as we relive the famous 1963 "I Have A Dream" speech. Reenactment and entertainment during the event are guaranteed to bring the Civil Rights Movement to the 21st Century.

Thursday, 1/24/08

King Center Visits:

12 p.m.-2 p.m., 1 p.m.-3 p.m. and 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

King Center

Take a historic trip to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center with your own personal Georgia State tour guide and explore his life and legacy. Please contact 404/413-1580 for tour routes and reservations.

MLK Movie Night:

7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Cinefest, University Center 2nd Floor

Watch social justice on the big screen with your Georgia State community. Come witness history and join the discussion after the credits.

Friday, 1/25/08

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12 p.m.-2 p.m., 1 p.m.-3 p.m. and 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

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Director's efforts lead to Ugandan nursing school

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Barbara Woodring, director of the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing, was instrumental in creating the first baccalaureate program for nursing in Uganda.

More than seven years ago at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Barbara Woodring was part of a team studying HIV with research partners in Uganda. But her work hit a snag when her team found inconsistencies in the test results sent to them from Africa.

Woodring, who is now director of the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing, soon found that her Ugandan partners who listed themselves as nurses actually had almost no nursing education or experience and had little idea how to retrieve data for a study, much less treat the many patients in the country's hospitals.

Following decades of bloody civil war, Uganda's medical infrastructure had crumbled. While some doctors remained, nurses were few and had only high school educations.

"None of them knew anything about the research process," Woodring said.

Undeterred, Woodring applied for and received grants to work with Makerere University in Kampala to create the first baccalaureate program for nursing in Uganda. Since coming to Georgia State, Woodring has continued that involvement, making five trips to Uganda in all, the most recent in September.

"They made me feel very, very comfortable," she said of the people there.

While the nursing program in Uganda has been slow to develop, there are signs of success. Students are receiving degrees, their school now has a computer lab, and a Ugandan student who came to the United States and earned a Ph.D. this year is headed back to Kampala.

"That is setting them up for the future," Woodring said.

APPLAUSE

Associate professor of economics **Paul Ferraro** was awarded the first Kathryn Fuller Science for Nature Fund Visiting Scientist Award, and he was confirmed as the senior science adviser for biodiversity and cross-cutting issues for the Global Environment Facility. Ferraro also was appointed to a panel to help the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency evaluate the effectiveness of its partnership programs with communities and businesses.

Associate professor of English **Michael Galchinsky's** new book, *Jews and Human Rights: Dancing at Three Weddings*, was published in October by Rowman and Littlefield Publishers.

Mary Gebhardt, an assistant professor at the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing, received the Adviser of the Year Award from the Georgia Association of Nursing Students, which also honored the nursing students at Georgia State with its Organization of the Year Award.

Kristine Jolivette, assistant professor for educational psychology and special education, was elected for a three-year term to the Board of Trustees for the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders Foundation.

College of Education Dean **Randy Kamphaus** received a \$22,000 contract from the American Psychological Association to serve as editor of the journal, *School Psychology Quarterly*, for the current academic year. Kamphaus also recently published articles in three journals about his research regarding teacher screeners for child behavioral and emotional problems at school.

Mark Keil, professor of computer information systems, received the Outstanding Decision Sciences Associate Editor Award at the Decision Sciences Institute's annual meeting in Phoenix.

Melissa E. Lamoureux, assistant manager for IS&T's Technology Operations Center, was recently named a recipient of the Sandra Bergeron Women in Technology Scholarship, awarded by the J. Mack Robinson College of Business.

Laura McNeal, assistant professor of educational policy studies, was named a faculty fellow for the National Institute on Leadership, Disability and Students Placed at Risk. Her curriculum model for students with disabilities is on the institute's Web site for distribution to school leaders throughout the country.

George P. Moschis, the Alfred Bernhardt Research Professor and director of the Center for Mature Consumer Studies in the marketing department, was the keynote speaker at the ceremony establishing the Center for Mature Consumer Studies-Malaysia at the University of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur.

At the International Conference on Bioinformatics and Bioengineering in Boston, computer science chair **Yi Pan** received an outstanding achievement award, and associate professor **Yanqing Zhang** received an outstanding academic service award.

Kinesiology and health professor **Brenda Pitts** traveled to Guangzhou, China, to be the guest speaker at the third annual International Forum of Sports for All. She also recently published a research paper in the *Sport Management Education Journal*, and the third edition of her book, *Fundamentals of Sports Marketing*.

English department chair **Matthew Roudané's** new book, *Drama Essentials: An Anthology of Plays*, was published by Houghton Mifflin in November. Associate professor of English **Pearl McHaney** contributed an introductory essay titled "Writing about Drama" to the collection.

Associate professor of history **Jacqueline Rouse** was selected Mentor of the Year by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). The SREB offers fellowships to minority undergraduate and graduate students. Five of Rouse's doctoral students have received the SREB fellowship in the last five years.

Erdal Tekin, associate professor of economics, will be visiting economics professor at Georgetown University during the spring semester. He will work on joint projects with colleagues from Georgetown, the Maryland Public Policy School and the Institute for the Study of Labor.

Xiaoming Wang, an associate dean of the College of Computer Science at Shaanxi Normal University in China, has joined the computer science department as a visiting professor. Wang, who specializes in wireless sensor networks, will spend a year at Georgia State.

Katherine Willoughby, professor of public administration and urban studies, was elected chair of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management for 2009.

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