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Scholarship in the spotlight Second annual conference showcases undergrad research

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More than 170 student researchers showed off their scholarship through presentations and performances during the second annual Georgia State Undergraduate Research Conference on March 14 at the Student Center.

Organizers said the goal of the conference is to encourage research and scholarship among undergraduates. That effort continues to grow, as the number of entrants in this year's conference increased by about 40 students over last year. The number of participating departments also increased — from 18 to 22.



Biology student Hau Bui explains his research project to GSURC judge Dabney Dixon, professor of chemistry.

"It was great," said Deborah Garfin, a psychology lecturer and one of the conference organizers. "It was so impressive that the students did a phenomenal job. There were faculty members who said several presentations could have appeared at a professional seminar."

The event showcased presentations and performances by students working in teams of up to 10 members. Projects could be presented orally, by poster or through an artistic performance.

John Sullivan, a senior religious studies major, won first place in the oral presentation. Biology students Bianca Lester, Erin Keen-Rhinehart, Brett Teubner and Teal Pelish won first place in the poster competition. They were sponsored by

biology professor Timothy Bartness. Nija Dalal, a student in the Welch School of Art and Design, won first place for artistic performance. Her faculty sponsors were associate professor Liz Throop and lecturer Paul Rodecker from the Welch School.

During the afternoon awards ceremony, Sullivan's project was selected as winner of the Provost Award. His presentation was on the role of mantras and sound in Hinduism.

"I was very surprised and excited," Sullivan said. "I'm very grateful. It's nice validation of my research."

Georgia State is sponsoring the three category winners to attend the sixth annual Colonial Academic Alliance Undergraduate Research Conference at Northeastern University in Boston from April 4-5.

Also at the awards ceremony, communications professor Leonard Teel received the inaugural Faculty Award for Undergraduate Research, which is given to a faculty member who shows commitment to fostering the research of undergraduate students. Teel received an award of \$2,000 and gave the keynote address at the conference.

5 minutes with: Barry Hirsch

Professor of economics and W.J. Usery Chair of the American Workplace

What is the purpose of the Usery chair?

The idea for the chair is to help promote an understanding of the workplace and enhance the well-being of workers. The chair will conduct and facilitate high-quality research and interact with researchers, policy-makers and community leaders dealing with labor policy. I believe that good research really does help lead to — maybe not ideal — but at least more reasonable public policies.

Where were you before joining Georgia State's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies?

I started here in January. For the last eight years I've been at a small liberal arts university, Trinity University in San Antonio. It is a wonderful place to send one's kids to college. But it had a small department and I missed having research colleagues. Prior to that, I was at Florida State University for quite a few years. My contact with Georgia State started following



an academic meeting at which my wife was at dinner talking with a Georgia State faculty member and saying how much she loved Atlanta.

How has the American workplace changed over the years?

Stated simply, labor markets are more competitive and the nature of jobs has changed. Increased trade and immigration have increased competition. Computing technology has led to a loss in jobs with tasks that are readily programmable or routinized — production jobs, reservation agents, etcetera, complemented employment in jobs with non-routine tasks involving analytic and abstract thinking. These changes help explain some of the increased earnings inequality.

What type of research are you planning as the inaugural holder of the Usery Chair?

Much of my past research has looked at wage determination — basically how wage differences are determined. I've focused on the effects of skills, in particular education and job experience; institutions such as unions; discrimination; and public policies such as deregulating airlines and trucking. I will continue work along these lines but with particular emphasis on how worker attributes, such as schooling, interact with job-specific tasks and skill requirements to determine worker compensation.

President's Award winners announced

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For his continued work developing projects for his students to assist the needy in the Atlanta community, associate professor of sociology Charles Gallagher has been named the outstanding faculty member for the 2008 President's Awards for Community Service and Social Action.

Gallagher is one of five award recipients who will be honored by Georgia State President Carl Patton and the Office of Civic Engagement during a 2 p.m. ceremony April 9 in the Student Center Speaker's Auditorium. This year's keynote speaker is Alicia Philipp, president of the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta.

The President's Awards were established to honor faculty, staff, students and community groups making a significant, positive impact in the community and demonstrating an

outstanding commitment to service and social action. The university community is invited to attend the ceremony.

"We know people don't engage in service to receive recognition," said Lovell Lemons, director of the Office of Civic Engagement. "So, we feel it is important that we take the time to celebrate their accomplishments to let them know we appreciate what they do, and hopefully their work will inspire others to give back and address a community need."

Over the last decade, Gallagher's sociology students have logged about 1,500 hours of community service. Some of their service projects have included tutoring students in underperforming schools, helping low-income women prepare for job interviews and delivering meals to those suffering from advanced AIDS.

2008 President's Award winners

- Outstanding Community Impact (Student): **Karishma Saini**
- Outstanding Community Impact (Student Organization): **Rialto Student Ambassadors**
- Outstanding Faculty Member: **Charles Gallagher, associate professor of sociology**
- Outstanding Community Partner: **The Enchanted Closet**
- Outstanding University Program: **Low Income Tax Payer Clinic**



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Beware of quick fixes to trim belly fat

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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.

“Belly Fat Gone,” “Flatten Your Belly in Four Days,” “Five Foods to Help Banish Belly Fat.” These are a few of the titles found when scanning health magazines.

All the stories pointed to research published in *Diabetes Care* in 2007 on body composition that used three different diets with the same calories but different nutrients. The researchers recruited 11 Spanish volunteers (that’s right, only 11 subjects), average age of 62 years, with a family history of diabetes. All were obese and insulin-resistant. All subjects followed the diets for 28 days. One diet was high in carbohydrates, the second was high in saturated fat and the third was a Mediterranean-type diet that was high in monounsaturated fats.

These heart-healthy fats are found in avocados, olives and olive oil, nuts and seeds and dark or semi-sweet chocolate. Results showed that weight and fat were unchanged, but when on the high-carbohydrate

diet, body-fat distribution was altered and fat tended to accumulate in the gut. That is a bit different than claiming that foods high in monounsaturates shrink belly fat.

I’m not criticizing the study; the authors found that a diet rich in monounsaturated fats prevented (but did not reduce) belly fat from accumulating when compared with a high-carbohydrate diet in older obese men and women, and that has implications for disease prevention. They also reported that insulin resistance was lowered with the Mediterranean-diet type.

All of the plans restrict calories while including foods rich in the heart-healthy fats. One diet plan called for 1,600 calories a day eaten in four 400-calorie meals. Again, nothing wrong with that diet plan, but let’s call it what it is — a diet that restricts calories. Adding unlimited servings of guacamole, macadamia nuts, olive oil, olives and chocolate without cutting calories will not help much.

To keep your belly in check, remember the acronym SED — strength training to preserve muscle mass, exercise aerobically to burn fat and diet should include heart-healthy fat while cutting about 100 calories per day.

university briefs

New technology services available

► Georgia State’s Division of Information Systems and Technology (IS&T) is now offering a new customer service walk-up window and will soon open the Exchange, a faculty technology resource center.

The customer service walk-up window, located in 109 Library South, opened in January as a place for faculty, students and staff to get general information about IT services available on campus. At the window, users can also receive help connecting their personal laptops to Georgia State’s wireless network, CatChat.

This summer, IS&T will open the Exchange, a resource center with the latest technology, training and support for faculty and their staff. Similar to the Digital Aquarium, the Exchange will have private and open work areas with PCs and Macs, conference rooms with Smartboards, a recording studio, and equipment available for checkout. Faculty can receive training to make podcasts, multimedia presentations and videos.

The Exchange will be located across from the walk-up window in 106 Library South. Both the customer walk-up window and the Exchange will be open 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact the IS&T Help Center at (404) 413-4357.

Celebration of Garifuna culture

► Experience the sounds of Afro-Caribbean soul this month during a celebration of Garifuna culture and music, including a special tribute to musician **Andy Palacio**.

The School of Music, in partnership with the Rialto Center for the Arts, the Office of Student Life and Leadership and the Auburn Avenue Research Library, will host a symposium on Garifuna culture April 14-20, featuring a film series on Garifuna history, a Garifuna art exhibit, a demonstration on Garifuna music, lecture presentations and more.

The highlight of the week will be a special tribute concert 8 p.m. April 19 at the Rialto to honor the late Palacio, a critically-acclaimed Garifuna musician. The Garifuna Collective, Umalali, Adrian Martinez and Aurelio Martinez will perform. Tickets for the concert are available through the Rialto Center Box Office by calling (404) 413-9TIX. All other symposium events are free and open to the public. For a schedule of events, visit www.rialtocenter.org/garifunasymposium.html.

Georgia State Student Recreation Center hosts annual Fit Fair

► The Student Recreation Center’s Fitness Center is bringing together health-related services from across the campus for its annual Fit Fair April 8-10.

Themed “Outwit, Outplay, Outlast,” the Fit Fair will kick off with a marketplace of different departments and groups sharing information about health and fitness, offering blood pressure and body fat assessments as well as other health services and programs. The marketplace, and a scavenger hunt, will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. April 8 in the Library Plaza.

Test your department’s health by signing up faculty and staff for mini-fitness assessments. The Fitness Center staff will be traveling to campus offices from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. April 9 to offer the service. Make an appointment by calling (404) 413-1779.

Also on April 9, learn how to create healthy meals at a cooking demonstration at 1 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center lobby, or participate in a bench press contest at 2 p.m. in the free weight area. For more information, visit <http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwrecl>.

Georgia State University President
Carl V. Patton
and the University Office of Civic Engagement
cordially invites you to the

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FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SOCIAL ACTION
PRESENTATION AND CEREMONY

to honor
The 2008 President’s Award Recipients
“Improving Our Community Through Dedication
to Service and Social Action”

Wednesday, April 9, 2008
2 p.m.
Speakers Auditorium - Student University Center

2008 President’s Award Recipients

Outstanding Community Impact Award
(Student)
KARISHMA SAINI

Outstanding Campus and Community Impact Award
(Student Organization)
RIALTO STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Outstanding Faculty or Staff Member Award
DR. CHARLES GALLAGHER

Outstanding University Program Award
LOW INCOME TAX PAYER CLINIC

Outstanding Community Partner Award
THE ENCHANTED CLOSET

COLLEGE NEWS

ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES Panel to discuss congresswoman’s legacy

Among the milestones **Barbara Jordan** is remembered for are being the first African-American woman elected to the Texas Senate and being the first African-American congresswoman elected, and re-elected, from the South.

But it will be her skillful oratory — as evidenced in her landmark keynote address to the 1976 Democratic National Convention — that will be remembered during a roundtable discussion at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

“Remembering Barbara Jordan: A Moral Voice of the American Political System” will be held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, in the 7th-floor seminar room.

The discussion panel will include former U.N. Ambassador **Andrew Young** and **Max Sherman**, professor emeritus and former dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. It will be moderated by Atlanta City Council President **Lisa Borders**.

The discussion, which will be followed by a reception, is free and open to the public.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES Legendary performer to teach Maymester course for English department

Legendary performance artist **Karen Finley**, professor of art and public policy at the

Tisch School of the Performing Arts at New York University, will teach a special topics course for the department of English during Maymester. Finley’s performances have long provoked controversy and debate, and she has received both an Obie Award and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

English department chair **Matthew Roudané** added that she will also deliver a performance while at Georgia State. Finley performed last September at the Rialto Center for the Arts. “To say the least, we are thrilled that Karen will be teaching in the department of English here at Georgia State,” Roudané said.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION Students to unveil research on urban education

Undergraduate and graduate students from the College of Education will have a chance to show off their research on urban education April 26 at a conference hosted by the Alonzo A. Crim Center for Urban Educational Excellence.

The third annual “Sources of Urban Educational Excellence: Research to Practice Conference” will highlight the work of students in the Urban Teacher Leaders Masters’ Program, Urban Research Fellows Program, Educational Specialist in Early Childhood Education Program and the Urban Accelerated Certification and Masters’ Program.

Free and open to the public, the conference will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 26 in room 150 of the College of Education.

Gloria Merriex, an award-winning, fifth-grade math teacher from the Duval Fine Arts

Neuroscience Expo returns to Zoo Atlanta

► The finale to March's Brain Awareness Month in Georgia is actually coming in April, as biology faculty members partner with the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience to host the Neuroscience Expo at Zoo Atlanta.

The event, held April 5, will feature a wealth of education opportunities at interactive booths set up throughout the zoo. Each year about 4,000 visitors enjoy the expo as a chance to learn more about the brain while viewing the array of wildlife at Zoo Atlanta.

Guests also can play games at the expo and win prizes. It's the largest public event of its kind in the country. For more information, visit www.cbn-atl.org/education/brainsrule.shtml.

Students participate in food stamp outreach

► Graduate students in assistant professor of social work **Fred Brooks'** community projects course are collaborating with the Atlanta Community Food Bank's (ACFB) Atlanta Prosperity Campaign. They're working to implement software programs in identified ACFB partner social service agencies throughout metro Atlanta. The two software programs will identify services for which agency clients are eligible, with a focus on food stamps.

The goal of the Atlanta Prosperity Campaign is to help reduce inequalities and broaden wealth among Georgia residents. In Georgia, only 65 percent of eligible people participate in the Food Stamp program. An estimated 408,000 households in Georgia live with hunger or the threat of hunger, which amounts to 12.3 percent of households in Georgia, according to the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute. The students hope that their participation in this project will help to increase awareness of food and economic insecurity issues in Georgia.

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Dozens of medallions bearing the Georgia State logo have been installed around campus, like this one going up in front of Kell Hall.



Academy in Gainesville, Fla., will be the guest speaker. A teacher with 25 years of experience, Merriex will talk about adapting culturally relevant teaching practices into the instruction in the urban classroom.

For additional information, call (404) 413-8070 or visit <http://education.gsu.edu/cuee>.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES Nurses meet with legislators

The Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and nursing students at Georgia State recently hosted the Georgia Nurses Association Legislative Day 2008. More than 350 nursing students and faculty from across Georgia met at the Student Center, and then went to the state capitol. There, they talked with legislators about the GNA legislative platform, which includes plans to act on problems such as faculty shortage and the lack of prescriptive authority for advance practice nurses.

COLLEGE OF LAW Gala set for April 17

A "Conversation with Georgia Governors" will highlight the College of Law's 25th Anniversary Gala 6 p.m. April 17 at the Atlanta History Center, the culmination of a year-long celebration of the college's past, present and future.

The discussion will provide a unique forum for three of the state's former chief executives — **Roy Barnes**, **Joe Frank Harris** and **Carl E. Sanders** — to swap stories and share memories of Georgia State University's College of Law. The event also serves as a

"thank you" to supporters who have made the college a success, said **Bill Prigge**, the college's assistant dean for administration and finance.

The Atlanta History Center is located at 130 West Paces Ferry Road.

J. MACK ROBINSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS MAX Award goes to UPS

The coveted MAX Grand Award for innovative marketing this year goes to UPS' Delivery Intercept, a unique online package-recall service.

The Marketing Award for Excellence (MAX Awards) marked 16 years in February as a presentation of the Robinson College of Business' Department of Marketing and the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*. The awards recognize the successful marketing techniques of Georgia-based businesses and the creative minds behind those efforts.

Other winners this year included the STEEM ScoutParents Program, a campaign which sought to get more parents involved in local scouting, and InterfaceFLOR's collection of flooring solutions developed from reclaimed materials.

"The three winners listened to their target consumer and recognized a true need or problem within the marketplace," said **Ken Bernhardt**, Regents' Professor of Marketing and assistant dean for corporate relations at Robinson. "Each winner demonstrates how product and service innovation can lead to tremendous success."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wind Orchestra

Thursday, April 3 - 7:30 PM

Joanne Brandes, conductor
Lee Ewing, graduate assistant conductor
Ann Musco, guest conductor
Featuring works by Gabrieli, del Tredici, Holst, Jager and Tchaikovsky.
Rialto Center for the Arts - FREE

University Singers, Men's Chorus & Women's Chorus

Sunday, April 6 - 3:00 PM

Randall Hooper, conductor
Featuring Durufle's Requiem.
Peachtree Road United Methodist - FREE
For information, call 404-413-5939

Percussion Ensemble

Tuesday, April 8 - 7:30 PM

Stuart Gerber, artistic director
The "Rock and Roll Biennale," featuring works by Frank Zappa, the Beatles, King Crimson, and others.
Rialto Center for the Arts - FREE

Friday Student Concert Series

Friday, April 11 - 12:00 PM

Kapleff Recital Hall - FREE

Jimmy Heath, saxophone

with the Georgia State Jazz Band
Friday, April 11 - 8:00 PM

Jimmy Heath, saxophone
Gordon Vernick, director
Saxophone legend Jimmy Heath has been recognized as a brilliant performer and composer for over 50 years.
Rialto Center for the Arts - \$16/\$26/\$42; GSU students 1/2 price w/ID
404-413-971X or www.rialtocenter.org

neoPhonia

Tuesday, April 15 - 7:30 PM

Nickitas J. Demos, artistic director
Adam Pendleton, saxophone
Featuring contemporary works for the saxophone, including the premiere of Demos' *Tanai VII*.
Kapleff Recital Hall - FREE

Symphonic Wind Ensemble

Thursday, April 17 - 7:30 PM

Robert J. Ambrose, conductor
John P. Lynch, guest conductor
Robert C. Taylor, guest conductor
Brandt Fredriksen, piano
"Viva La Francia" - featuring works by Milhaud, Messiaen, Schmitt, Gossec and Debussy.
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Milestone honors

Georgia State's Office of Employment Relations would like to recognize employees celebrating milestone anniversaries with the university. Milestone honorees will be recognized at a universitywide recognition reception 2 p.m. April 21 in the Student Center Ballroom. To view the full list of honorees visit www.2gsu.edu/~wwwafa/employee/2008MilestoneList.pdf.

Faculty and staff marking their 25th, 30th and 35th anniversaries are listed below.

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Lynn H. Batson, <i>Registrar</i>
David Bottoms, <i>English</i>
James L. Bross, <i>College of Law</i>
Jacqueline J. Cooper, <i>Child Development Center</i>
James G. Emshoff, <i>Psychology</i>
Teryl K. Frey, <i>Biology</i>
Janet Ann Gabler-Hover, <i>English</i>
Jakki Gaither, <i>Psychology</i>
L. Lynn Hogue, <i>College of Law</i>
Nancy P. Johnson, <i>Law Library</i>
Laurie L. Jones, <i>Business Administration-Dean</i></p> | <p>Robin Morris, <i>Vice President of Research</i>
James D. Palmour, <i>Library Services Support</i>
Gloria M. Person, <i>Building Services Administration and Support</i>
Jerry Rackliffe, <i>Finance and Administration</i>
Matthew C. Roudané, <i>English</i>
Cynthia A. Shinkle, <i>College of Business, Graduate Placement</i>
Cherian S. Thachenkary, <i>Management</i>
Annie H. Turman, <i>Student Advising Services</i>
Arthur Vandenberg, <i>Information Systems and Technology</i>
Marolyn C. Wells, <i>Counseling Center</i>
Jackie Wilson, <i>Information Systems and Services</i>
Michael R. Young, <i>Facilities Renovations</i></p> |
| <p>30 David G. Anderson, <i>Library</i>
Michael B. Binford, <i>Political Science</i>
Suzanne D. Fagan, <i>AYSPS</i>
Brian O. Gorman, <i>Library</i>
Victor M. Grant, <i>Police</i>
Elsie C. Hall, <i>Building Services</i>
Carol C. Howell, <i>School Of Nursing</i>
Annette H. Johnson, <i>Counseling and Psychological Services</i>
Bruce E. Kaufman, <i>Economics Department</i>
Toshimasa Kii, <i>Sociology</i>
E. Ray Lanier, <i>College of Law</i>
Jorge L. Martinez, <i>Economics Department</i></p> | <p>Harold McAlister, <i>Physics and Astronomy</i>
David J. McCreery, <i>History</i>
Laverne M. Morris, <i>Property Control</i>
George P. Moschis, <i>Marketing</i>
Ellen I. Posey, <i>Provost/VP Academic Affairs</i>
Donald C. Reitzes, <i>Sociology</i>
Susan B. Roman, <i>Nutrition</i>
Alphonso L. Rosser, <i>Information Systems and Technology</i>
Bruce A. Seaman, <i>Economics Department</i>
C. Leigh Walling, <i>College of Health and Human Sciences</i>
Phillip E. Williams, <i>Library Services Support</i></p> |
| <p>35 T. Kay Beck, <i>Communication</i>
Kenneth L. Bernhardt, <i>Marketing</i>
Timothy J. Crimmins, <i>History</i></p> | <p>William R. Feldhaus, <i>Risk Management and Insurance</i>
M. Armenia Williams, <i>School of Nursing</i></p> |

APPLAUSE

James Amann, lead network technician in the Division of Information Systems and Technology, earned certification in the following areas: IT Service Catalog Design, Information Technology Infrastructure Library Foundations (ITIL) Version 2 Service Manager, and ITIL Foundations Version 2.

Associate professor of economics **H. Spencer Banzhaf** received a National Science Foundation research grant for his work on "Consumers' Progress: The History of Applied Welfare Economics."

Jessica Berry, assistant professor of philosophy, has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for her project "Nietzsche and the Ancient Skeptical Tradition."

Project Manager **Michael Calderon**, Chief Information Security Officer **Tammy Clark** and Web Manager **Gregori Faroux** in the Division of Information Systems and

Technology earned Project Management Professional Certification.

The following IS&T staff members received ITIL Version 3 certification: IS&T Director and Deputy CIO **Mary Jane Casto**, Software Systems Engineer Intermediate **Nancy Chang**, Chief Information Security Officer **Tammy Clark**, Lead Program Analyst **Carletta Duncan**, Intermediate Program Analyst **Troy Page**, Director of University Information Services **Kathy Pourmehr** and Help Desk Coordinator **Darlene Ward-Wright**.

Professor **Barry Chung**, in the College of Education's department of counseling and psychological services, visited Capitol Hill to advocate for the reauthorization of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. He also was elected to Fellow status in the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues.

Lee Daily, a clinical assistant, and **Lori Elliott**, a clinical instructor, in the College of Education's middle-secondary education department, participated in a panel discussion

in November at the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth in Portland, Ore. They shared their research from a grant-funded project on homeless and highly-mobile children in a Clayton County, Ga. elementary school.

Lisa Martin-Hansen, an assistant professor in the College of Education's middle-secondary education department, was elected to a two-year term on the elections committee for the Association for Science Teacher Education.

David Nasser, clinical assistant professor of marketing, taught a seminar called "Current Topics in Buyer Behavior" at the United Arab Emirates University in Abu Dhabi.

Public administration and urban studies professor **Harvey K. Newman** has been named co-chair of the 40th Anniversary Committee of the Urban Affairs Association. The committee will prepare the UAA to celebrate its past, assess the current state of the field and prepare the organization for the future.

Sushil Prasad, a professor of computer science, gave the keynote address at the first International Workshop on Mobile and Ubiquitous Context Aware Systems and Applications and then delivered an invited talk at the ninth International Conference on Distributed Computing and Networking.

Kim Reimann, assistant professor of political science, has been awarded the Social Science Research Council's Abe Fellowship for her project, "NGOs, Transnational Networks and Regional Governance in East Asia." The funds will support field research in Japan, Southeast Asia and Washington, D.C., beginning later this year.

God Gardened East: A Gardener's Meditation on the Dynamics of Genesis, a new book by **Louis Ruprecht**, associate professor and William M. Suttles Chair of Religious Studies was recently published by Wipf and Stock.

Challenge Yourself

Tuesday, April 8

- Marketplace and Scavenger Hunt
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Library Plaza



Division of Student Affairs

FREE Event



Wednesday, April 9

- Mini Fitness Assessment for your department
Call 3-1779 for appointment
(appointments available 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.)
- Healthy Cooking Demo - 1 -2 p.m. SRC Lobby
- Bench Press Contest - 2 p.m. Free weight area - SRC

April 8 - 10

Thursday, April 10

- Mini Fitness Assessment for your department
Call 3-1779 for appointment
(appointments available 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.)
- Basketball Shoot-Out - Noon - 1 p.m. Main Gym
- Line Dance-a-thon - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. SRC Lobby

visit www.gsu.edu/recreation for detailed information on this event.