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## Homecoming 2009 celebrates “The Blue Print”

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With a new president on campus, a new football program kicking off in 2010 and new construction projects underway, Georgia State University continues to build a foundation to become one of the nation’s leading urban research institutions with a more traditional student experience.

It seems appropriate then for this year’s Homecoming theme to be “The Blue Print,” which celebrates the university’s accomplishments and plans for future success.



Faculty, students, staff, alumni and other supporters are invited to take part in Homecoming events Feb. 7-14 and show off their Georgia State spirit.

“We’re trying to bring all the campus players together — students, faculty, staff, alumni and emeriti,” said Evan Eskridge, Student Government Association president. “It’s important to enhance the campus community and leave a lasting legacy.”

Homecoming Week will begin with the Alumni Kick-Off Reception at 2 p.m. on Feb. 7 in the University Center Campus Club. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$12 for basketball season ticket holders and \$5 for students. The reception will be followed by the Georgia State men’s basketball game versus Delaware at 4 p.m.

A new event this year is the Homecoming Carnival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 10 in Hurt Park, where employees can enjoy games, free food and activities. Also, the tailgate before the Homecoming basketball game has been expanded to include food, interactive displays and vendors. The tailgate will run from 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Feb. 14 at the Urban Life Plaza, followed by the 4 p.m. Homecoming basketball game versus UNC-Wilmington.

Established traditions are also incorporated in this year’s Homecoming. Show off your Panther spirit by participating in the Door and Office Decorating Contest on Feb. 11 or cruise through campus as a part of the Golf Cart Parade from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 12. Applications for the parade are available in the Spotlight Office. The fee is \$25 and the deadline is Feb. 5.

For more information, visit [www.gsu.edu/spotlight](http://www.gsu.edu/spotlight) or call 404-413-1610.

“Homecoming is a chance for people to interact with faculty, students and staff they might not normally see in their everyday routines,” said Carole Golder, chair of the campus-wide Homecoming committee. “Come out, have fun and show your Panther spirit.”

## 5 minutes with: Nan Seamans Dean of the University Library

*The recently renovated University Library is a state-of-the-art facility. Now that you have a great building, what are you going to do with it?*

When we look at the library as a physical space, it’s at the core of the university. It’s a great gathering spot and repository, but I’d like to think it can be more than that. We’ve got a wonderful collection of electronic resources that can be used anywhere, on and off campus. Also, our liaison librarians are embedded in colleges and departments across the entire campus. We want to make ourselves more visible to the community we’re serving.



*What is your vision for the library?*

The amount of change that has occurred in my time as a librarian is just enormous and the change isn’t over; it’s something we need to be comfortable with. Libraries have to be willing to experiment and take risks. My vision is to be adaptable and flexible, to be able to respond to our ever-changing environment. There’s no library without demand from faculty and students, so being responsive to their needs is critical.

*What’s on your to-do list?*

We’re looking at how best to deliver digital content. We have some unique collections here at the library, particularly in Special Collections, and we need to look at how people can easily access those. We’re trying to make it so people don’t necessarily have to come into the building. We’re also working on some events, particularly a celebration of Johnny Mercer’s 100th birthday anniversary, with events scheduled throughout 2009.

*Since you started in August, have you noticed faculty, students and staff taking advantage of the new library?*

We’re packed — really busy. And it’s a great place to be. There’s a lot going on and there’s an incredible sense among the students that this is a comfortable place to be. That’s very rewarding. There are a lot of libraries that are seeing a decrease in the number of people coming in. Not us — it’s going up. And I’m glad to be someplace this dynamic.

## Budget foremost issue for ’09 session

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The opening gavel of the 2009 legislative session fell Monday, Jan. 12, with lawmakers pledging to reach across the aisle and close the state’s nearly \$2 billion deficit. Clearly, the budget will dominate this year’s session. Gov. Sonny Perdue joked at the annual Eggs and Issues breakfast that the event could have been renamed to just “Eggs and Issue.”

Georgia State University President Mark Becker has been making the rounds at the Gold Dome. Becker held one-on-one meetings with House Speaker Glenn Richardson and Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle and is planning more such meetings with House and Senate leadership.

Tuesday, Jan. 13 was dubbed “Georgia State Day” at the capitol. Becker, university administrators, lawmakers and members of the Board of Regents gathered at an event at the Georgia Railroad Depot to talk about Georgia State. On Jan. 8, Georgia State teamed with the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech to host a barbecue for legislative interns.

The session will present challenges for higher education. The governor’s budget recommendations, released last week after his State of the State address, show an overall 9 percent reduction for 2009 for the university system, and a 10 percent reduction for 2010. University system budget officials will be providing more detailed analysis over the next week.

Sen. Seth Harp (R-Midland) heads the Senate Higher Education Committee. Rep. Bill Hembree (R-Winston) leads the House committee.



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# What you eat can help the environment, too

By Chris Rosenbloom • dietitian@ajc.com



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

Can what you eat be more important to the environment than what you drive? Kate Geagan, registered dietitian in Park City, Utah, says Americans have an "SUV eating style" that contributes to global warming more than the cars we drive. Her book, "Go Green Get Lean: Trim Your Waistline With the Ultimate Low-Carbon Footprint Diet," will be published in March. I interviewed Geagan about food habits and the connection to the environment and asked her to share tips with consumers about the advantages of eating green.

**Q: How can changing our diet impact the environment?**

**A:** The average distance that your food travels to get to your table is about 1,500 miles, according to a University of Iowa study," Geagan said. "When we choose highly processed packaged foods, we contribute to global warming, so food is a new part of the dialogue about the environment. And this is something that everyone can do now and not wait for politicians to enact changes. An added bonus is that eating green saves green and what consumer doesn't want to save money on food?"

**Q: How is eating green different than being a vegetarian?**

**A:** Only about 3 percent of the U.S. population identifies themselves as vegetarians, so that is not doable for most people. But what is doable is choosing local or regional foods to reduce our carbon footprint. This isn't just about eliminating meat or eating only organic foods. If your organic smoothie is shipped by air and freight halfway around the world, then it isn't healthy for the environment. Eating green strikes a balance between cost, health and the planet — a win-win for everyone.

**Q: What are your top three tips for consumers to go green?**

- A:**
- Eat more plants and cut down on beef and dairy. You don't have to give up beef or dairy, but by eating meatless one day a week you can improve the environment and do something good for your health.
  - Eat less food product and eat more food. Highly processed packaged foods consume valuable resources and they are usually not very healthful.
  - Rethink your drink. Bottled beverages are heavy to ship. Consider drinking tap water instead of bottled water and rethink the diet soft drinks. Did you know it takes 2,200 fossil fuel calories to produce a one-calorie diet drink?

## university briefs

### Bill Curry named interim athletics director

► Head football coach **Bill Curry** has been named interim athletics director while a national search is under way for a leader to head Georgia State's sports program. A university search committee will be named to assist Atlanta's Parker Executive Search in finding a permanent athletics director. Georgia State President **Mark Becker** said the university's plan is to have a new athletics director in place by spring.

### Georgia State University receives \$1M gift from Cox

► Georgia State recently received an unrestricted gift of \$1 million from **James C. Kennedy**, chairman of the privately held Cox Enterprises, Inc., and the James M. Cox Foundation.

The gift has not yet been earmarked for a specific use but will help the university with its expansion toward becoming one of the nation's leading urban research institutions with a more traditional student life, said **Nancy Peterman**, Georgia State's vice president for development.

"It will significantly enhance our abilities to reach the ambitious goals we have set for our institution in the coming years," Peterman said.

Georgia State continues to make good progress towards its annual and long-range fund-raising goals, despite the difficult economic climate, Peterman said.

For more information, contact **Joe Piffaretti**, corporate and foundation relations, at 404-413-3415.

### Nominations sought for President's Awards

► Georgia State's Office of Civic Engagement is accepting nominations for the 4th 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.

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### Fresh faces under the Dome

*New Georgia State University President Mark Becker shares a laugh with legislative interns during a Jan. 8 barbecue at the state capitol. The interns were treated to the lunch by Georgia State, the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech.*

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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**, director of the Office of Civic Engagement, at 404-413-1550 or **Kelli Vincent**, student affairs adviser, at 404-413-1552.

### New Wave Atlanta features urban art projects

► Work by eight artists will be on display at the Welch School Gallery through Feb. 26 for "New Wave Atlanta: When Urban Intervention Speaks French." As part of the exhibit, the gallery will also be hosting free art lessons Feb. 10, 17 and 24. At 6 p.m. Feb. 5, artist in residence **Didier Fiuza Faustino** will speak. For more information, visit [www.gsu.edu/art](http://www.gsu.edu/art) or call 404-413-5230.

### College of Education hosts lecture series

► The College of Education invites faculty, students and staff members to its Research Wednesday Speaker Series, a platform for exploring new ways of conducting and disseminating educational research. The lectures are held Wednesdays at noon in room 1030 in the College of Education. Lunch will be served.

The program provides access to cutting-edge researchers at the state and national level and an opportunity to discuss new methods of mentoring doctoral students in an effort to enhance their development as researchers.

The series will also be available online on the College of Education's Web site or by downloading from iTunesU. For more information, contact The Educational Research Bureau at 404-413-8090. An R.S.V.P. is required to attend Research Wednesdays. To R.S.V.P. please contact **Rosemarie Capps** at [erbracx@langate.gsu.edu](mailto:erbracx@langate.gsu.edu) or visit <http://education.gsu.edu>.



## INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS 2009 SPRING PROGRAMS



### JANUARY 2009

Friday, 30

#### Tunnel of Oppression Planning Retreat

Come get involved in organizing the 3rd Annual Tunnel of Oppression! Open to everyone. For more information, contact Student Life and Leadership at 404-413-1580.

### FEBRUARY 2009

Monday, 2

#### Atlanta Exploration Program (Applications available)

Experience Atlanta through a cultural lens. For more information, contact Student Life and Leadership at 404-413-1580.

Tuesday, 10

12:15 p.m. – 1 p.m.

#### Lunch and Learn Series: The Dating Matrix (Lunch provided)

Student Center, Capital Suite

Friday, 13

5 p.m.

#### 2009 President's Awards for Community Service and Social Action

Nominations due to the Office of Civic Engagement Student Center, Suite 320 For more information, contact the Office of Civic Engagement 404-413-1550.

Wednesday, 18

12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

#### Feed Your Senses: Nefetari Bey, Jazz Singer (Lunch provided)

Rialto Center for the Arts, Main Lobby

Friday, 20

#### Atlanta Exploration Program visits Dialog in the Dark

Tuesday, 24

12:15 p.m. – 1 p.m.

#### Lunch and Learn: Exploring the intersection of race and sexual identity (Lunch provided)

Student Center, Sinclair Suite co-sponsored by Safe Zone

### MARCH 2009

Sunday, 2 – Thursday, 4

#### Alternative Spring Break: Retracing the path of Civil Rights

Monday, 16 – Tuesday, 17

10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

#### Tunnel of Oppression Program (Tours begin every 30 minutes.)

Ride the train of social injustice to learn more about oppression and its impact on our society. Student Center, Ballroom

Wednesday, 18

12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

#### Feed Your Senses: Woman — Music/Poetry (Lunch provided)

Rialto Center for the Arts, Main Lobby

Thursday, 26

12:15 p.m. – 1 p.m.

#### Lunch and Learn Series: Girl Power: The Struggle for Women's Rights (Lunch provided)

Student Center, Capital Suite

### APRIL 2009

Thursday, 2

5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

#### Turner's First Thursday Art Gallery Crawl

Meet in Student Life and Leadership at 5 p.m.

Thursday, 14

12:15 p.m. – 1 p.m.

#### Lunch and Learn Series: A Sound Mind: Poetry and Jazz Appreciation (Lunch provided)

Student Center, Capital Suite

Tuesday, 14 – Wednesday, 15

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

#### Volunteer Fair: Get involved in your community!

Library Plaza

For more information, contact the Office of Civic Engagement 404-413-1550.

Wednesday, 15

12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

#### Feed Your Senses: Exploring The Art of Hip Hop (Lunch provided)

Rialto Center for the Arts, Main Lobby

Friday, 17

12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

#### Atlanta Exploration Program visits the West End Community

## research HORIZON

# Georgia State to participate in Howard Hughes Medical Institute science education program

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Georgia State University has been chosen to join an innovative science education program, the Science Education Alliance (SEA), headed by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) in Chevy Chase, Md.

"The HHMI has developed a remarkable program that gives incoming freshmen the opportunity to conduct scientific research at a level that would normally not be encountered until a student was well into graduate school," said Biology Professor Barbara Baumstark.

Baumstark, along with her colleagues in biology, Associate Professor Casonya Johnson and Senior Lecturer Malcolm Zellars, submitted Georgia State's application to the Alliance.

"Through this program, students will be able to experience the thrill of discovery, of being the first person in the world to learn something completely new," she said.

As a part of the SEA's National Genomics Research Initiative, Georgia State will offer a two-part, year-long research course this fall. The research course is aimed at beginning college students, who make discoveries by performing research on bacterial viruses called phage.

Given the diversity of phage, each virus is almost certain to be unique, so the students will have the unique experience of working with a newly identified life form. They will then spend the rest of the term purifying and characterizing their phage and extracting its DNA.

Between terms, the purified DNA will be sent to the Joint Genome Institute-Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, where it will be sequenced. In the second term, the students will receive files containing their phage's DNA sequence. The students will then use bioinformatics tools to analyze and annotate the DNA from their phage.

HHMI will provide research and laboratory materials, and Johnson and Zellars will attend training sessions that will allow them to implement this research experience in laboratory classes on campus.

For additional information, please visit Student Center, Suite 330  
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## Georgia State associate professor leads team in restoring Egyptian tomb

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The paintings that decorate the Tomb of Menna are some of the most viewed in Egypt's Theban Necropolis — an area on the west bank of the Nile used for ritual burials during Pharoanic times. At nearly 3,500 years old, they are also some of the most endangered.

Melinda Hartwig, an associate professor of Egyptian art and archaeology in the Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design, is part of a team that is working to ensure that the ancient art can be enjoyed by future generations.

Hartwig is field director and principal investigator on a project to analyze and preserve the tomb's architecture and decoration. So far, her team has completed two seasons of work, conserving the tomb chapel and completing a survey of the site. They are now focusing on digitally photographing the tomb and further protecting it with a new floor, LED lights and a barrier system to protect the walls.

Hartwig's team is also using state-of-the-art techniques to measure the chemical and organic compositions of the tomb's plaster, pigments and binders. These techniques use light to analyze the chemicals used in the pigment and do not involve touching the walls, so they will not harm the ancient paintings. So far, the analysis has yielded some unexpected discoveries, Hartwig said.

"The archaeometry revealed that the artists used arsenic sulfide-based pigments mixed with natural occurring ochers," she said. "Both are usually used in royal tombs because they are hard to find and make colors more vibrant. Clearly, Menna had access to the best materials and artists to make his tomb, even though he was only an overseer and scribe of royal and temple fields.

"The Tomb of Menna is a primer of what could be done in ancient Egyptian paintings."



Melinda Hartwig, associate professor of Egyptian art and archaeology, next to the ancient paintings inside the Tomb of Menna.

**Arzu Ari**, assistant professor in the Division of Respiratory Therapy, was given the 2008 Monaghan/Trudell Fellowship for Aerosol Technique Development, an annual fellowship given to a scholar who contributes to the field with innovative research projects dealing with aerosol delivery issues. She was presented this award at the 54th International Respiratory Congress last December in Anaheim, Calif.

**Raheem Beyah**, assistant professor of computer science, will co-chair the Computer and Network Security Symposium of the Fifth International Wireless Communications and Mobile Computing Conference, to be held in June 2009 in Leipzig, Germany.

**Janet Burns**, clinical associate professor of middle-secondary education, has been selected to participate in the upcoming Georgia PSC/NCATE Board of Examiners' training, scheduled for Feb. 21-25 at Callaway Gardens.

**Brendan Calandra**, associate professor of middle-secondary education, with Peter Rich of Brigham Young University, has been asked to edit an invited special section on using digital video for teacher education to be published in *Educational Technology Magazine* next year.

**Daniel Deocampo**, assistant professor of geosciences, was recently elected as vice-chair of the Limnogeology Division of the Geological Society of America. The division includes nearly

300 member scientists who research modern and ancient lakes.

**Susan Easterbrooks**, professor of educational psychology and special education, had four articles published in a special issue of *Communication Disorders Quarterly*, Volume 30, pages 3-4; 5-11; 12-36; 37-48.

**Steve Harmon**, associate professor of middle-secondary education, was keynote speaker at the November meeting of the International Society for Performance Improvement in Atlanta, delivering a lecture titled "The Changing Landscape of Learners and Learning."

**Kai He**, assistant professor of political science, published "Institutional Balancing in the Asia Pacific: Economic Interdependence and China's Rise."

**Philo A. Hutcheson**, associate professor of educational policy studies, has accepted an invitation to be a distinguished scholar at the 60th anniversary celebration of the State University of New York, to be held in April 2009.

**Randy Kamphaus**, dean of the College of Education, with Cecil R. Reynolds, a retired Texas A&M University professor, and Kimberly Vannest, assistant professor of educational psychology at Texas A&M, published a book, "Behavior Assessment System for Children - Second Edition (BASC-2): Intervention Guide (BASC-2 IG)."

**Bruce Kaufman**, professor of economics and senior associate to the W.T. Beebe Institute of Personnel and Employment Relations, received the 2008 Andrew Young School Teaching Award.

**Jacqueline Laures-Gore**, associate professor of educational psychology and special education, and graduate student **Amy Barnett**, presented the following at the 2008 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention in Chicago, Ill.: "Evaluation of Psychosocial Well-being in Individuals with Aphasia: A Review."

**Seyda Ozcaliskan**, assistant professor of psychology, is a co-editor of *Crosslinguistic Approaches to the Psychology of Language: Research in the Tradition of Dan Isaac Slobin*, published in December by Psychology Press.

**Jennifer Patico**, assistant professor of anthropology, recently authored *Consumption and Social Change in a Post-Soviet Middle Class*, published by Stanford University Press.

**Elizabeth A. Steed**, assistant professor of educational policy studies, was invited to present on "Program-wide Positive Behavior Support in Early Childhood Settings" for University of Georgia's Reed Seminar Series in November.

**Floretta Thornton-Reid**, clinical assistant professor of early childhood education, and **Sue Duncan**, executive director of the Reading Recovery

program, had their article, "Passing the Test: Early Intervention Spells Success for Struggling Students" published in the Research Section of the *Journal of Reading Recovery*, Volume 8, No. 1, Fall 2008.

**Russ Toal**, clinical associate professor of health finance and policy at the Institute of Public Health, has been elected president of the Georgia Public Health Association.

### APPLAUSE

Associate Professor of Economics **Neven Valev** was appointed as a columnist for the Bulgarian business newspaper *Capital*. His first piece on the role of finance in economic development appeared Oct. 31.

**Cassandra White**, assistant professor of anthropology, recently authored *An Uncertain Cure: Living With Leprosy in Brazil*, published by Rutgers University Press.

**Rihana S. Williams**, assistant professor of psychology, judged a research competition at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) in Orlando, Fla., on Nov. 5-8, 2008. Williams also was awarded the ABRCMS Judge's Travel Subsidy, which supports first-time judges at the conference.



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