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## State of the University Address:

The Georgia State community is invited to University President Mark Becker's State of the University address at 4 p.m. April 16 in the Student Center Ballroom. Reception to follow.

## Conference celebrates undergraduate research

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For senior anthropology major Monica Ponce, researching the diet of our ancient human relatives using dental analysis was more than just an exploration into an interest. It was a confidence booster that will help her in her future academic career.

"I was very nervous coming into it, and I didn't know what to expect," Ponce said. "After the entire experience, I feel more comfortable with myself, as well as my research."

Ponce was one of several winners at the 2009 Georgia State Undergraduate Research Conference, held March 13.

The research conducted by students who participated in the conference was more than a pure academic exercise solely for practice. Undergraduate researchers are performing inquiries which become part of a larger body of knowledge, said Tracie Stewart, assistant professor of psychology.

"Undergraduate research is not necessarily less rigorous research. It's a lot of work, but you can make a major contribution to the field," said Stewart, who was awarded the 2009 University Faculty Award for Undergraduate Research in recognition of her commitment to mentoring and supporting undergraduate students in research activities. "It's a contribution that no one can ever take away from you."

### Winners included:

- Provost's Award and First Place poster: Isaac Solomon, "Synthesis of Iminosulfuranes as Dermal Penetration Enhancers"
- Second Place poster: Monica Ponce, "Diet Variability Among *Australopithecus africanus* and *Australopithecus robustus* Through Dental Microwear Analysis"
- First Place oral presentation: Heather Kravagna, "Kushite Archaism in the 25th Dynasty: An Examination of Gender and Agency in Nubian Art"

- Second Place oral presentation: Kelly J. Pittman, "LuxS Expression Influences *Escherichia coli* Biofilm Macrostructure"
- First Place art and design: Donnie Reider, "The Bond of Brothers"



Amber Wimscott explains her research project on Autism Spectrum Disorders in African-Americans.

## Nominations sought for provost position

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The search for a new Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost is underway, and all members of the Georgia State University community are strongly encouraged to submit nominations for the position.

"Nominations are critically important," said Paul Alberto, Regents' Professor of special education and chair of the search committee. "The best way to find a great provost is if someone nominates him or her."

A Web site with detailed information about the provost search has been launched and is available at [www.gsu.edu/provostsearch](http://www.gsu.edu/provostsearch).

An advertisement for the position has been placed in various publications and is available on the provost search Web site under the "position description" tab. To make a nomination for the position, e-mail or submit a written letter to any member of the search committee. Names are listed under the "search committee" tab on the Web site. Or, e-mail Laurie Wilder of Parker Executive Search at [lwilder@parkersearch.com](mailto:lwilder@parkersearch.com). Confidential review of materials will begin immediately. All nominations should be submitted prior to May 8.

First-round interviews are scheduled for late May with the intent that final candidates will be invited to campus mid-to-late June to meet with the search committee and various Georgia State constituencies.

After nearly 15 years as provost, Ronald J. Henry announced in February his plans to retire June 30. Georgia State President Mark Becker immediately appointed a search committee to review and recommend candidates for the position. The president will make the final decision on the next provost.

"We want the entire university community to participate in this process," Becker said at an open meeting on the search March 10. "This is the most important hire I will make. We want [the provost] to be here for a long, long time."

## 5 minutes with:

### Pearl McHaney

associate professor of English and editor of the *Eudora Welty Review*

*For the centennial of Eudora Welty's birthday, you've planned a multifaceted celebration at Georgia State. What can we expect?*

We're going to have a centennial lecture delivered by Dr. Daniele Pitavy-Souques, from Dijon, France, from the University of Burgundy. She is the leading European scholar of Eudora Welty's work, and she's going to talk about Eudora Welty, inspired child of her times. And then we'll have a celebration at



the Rialto on April 13 where we will have an exhibition of photographs taken by Welty. Tom Key and Brenda Bynam, two of Atlanta's most famous and highly regarded actors, are going to do readings. Geoffrey Haydon from the School of Music will be playing jazz piano and talking about Welty's story "Powerhouse," which is based on Fats Waller, and we'll have cake and champagne toasts, and pimento cheese sandwiches, books to buy and to read from and just a great celebration. And, of course, singing "Happy Birthday" with great fervor.

*Why has Welty's work continued to remain culturally relevant?*

Eudora Welty's writing never really went out of fashion. She wrote and published from 1936 until 1984. She was publishing in the *New Yorker*, so she was being read all during her lifetime. She's always been available and always been liked by both a popular and a scholarly audience. Plus, she's not really a regional writer, so she's not tied to this particular region.

*Your newly published book, "Eudora Welty as Photographer," examines Welty beyond her writing.*

The book prints 40 photographs, 30 of which have not been published before. My premise for this is to look at the history of Welty's efforts to become a more skilled photographer. She started vocationally during the '30s. She had a job as a junior publicity agent for the WPA, traveling around Mississippi and writing up small articles. And while she was doing that, she took along her camera. Had things turned out differently, we might be writing a book about Eudora Welty as fiction writer, because she would have been a famed photographer.

*What prompted you to transition the Eudora Welty Newsletter into a journal, the Eudora Welty Review?*

The *Eudora Welty Newsletter* was started in 1977 by William McDonald Jr., a professor and bibliographer at the University of Toledo. When McDonald retired and passed the newsletter on to me, we began to introduce more scholarly articles. Since, we've gone to more and more scholarly essays. And so I thought that the centennial would be a good time to move forward and begin to publish it as a journal.



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## Make an informed choice about taking vitamins

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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 column appears regularly in Villager courtesy of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Have you shelved your daily multivitamin because you saw a headline that said vitamins don't prevent heart disease or cancer and might even be the cause of disease?

Remember that the latest study isn't the greatest study, and you need to dig beyond the headline to see if the results apply to you. For example, some researchers study patients who already have advanced disease, then give them a vitamin to see if it will restore health.

There also has been disappointing news about antioxidant vitamins (vitamins C and E) for preventing disease. Dr. Jeffrey Blumberg of Tufts University, writing in a 2007 medical journal, suggested that we might need to study vitamins at early ages (before disease has been diagnosed), use higher doses of vitamins and ensure that the most active form of the vitamin is used.

Although taking a vitamin won't make up for a bad diet, there are times when supplements should be considered. The American Dietetic Association suggests that the following groups of people may need to supplement their diets:

- Adults consuming fewer than 1,500 to 1,600 calories a day. At this calorie level it is unlikely you are getting all the vitamins and minerals you need for good health.
- Pregnant women are advised to take a vitamin that contains higher levels of iron and the B-vitamin folic acid. Both are crucial for the mother's and the baby's health. Just don't take the prenatal vitamin and your calcium supplement at the same time, since calcium can block iron absorption.
- Older adults would benefit from a supplement with low levels of iron and higher levels of vitamin B12. Our need for iron goes down with advancing age and our need for vitamin B12 goes up because we don't absorb this vitamin from foods as well as we did when we were younger.
- Vegans or people who eliminate an entire food group, such as dairy, from their diets. Vegans need minerals like iron, magnesium, calcium and zinc because the primary food sources of these nutrients are from animal or dairy foods. Since about 70 percent of calcium in the U.S. diet comes from dairy foods, people who avoid dairy need to pay special attention to good sources of calcium, potassium and the B-vitamin riboflavin.



## research HORIZON

### Georgia State/Georgia Tech Center for Advanced Brain Imaging to expand brain research

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Georgia State and Georgia Tech have joined to open a new center that will provide researchers around Atlanta with a dedicated magnetic resonance imaging scanner to further study the mysteries of the brain and mind.

The Center for Advanced Brain Imaging opened last month for researchers exploring topics from autism and learning disabilities, to applied physiology, brain signals and brain-computer interfaces.

"We are excited to provide researchers exploring the mind with a dedicated, around-the-clock center to advance research in some of the most fascinating and challenging areas of neuroscience," said Robin Morris, vice president of research at Georgia State. "This is yet another example of how the University System of Georgia has encouraged partnerships between institutions, which yield great gains in scientific advancement."

"The center, more than a decade in the making, will provide a huge boost to the study of neuroscience on both campuses," said Randall Engle, professor of psychology at Georgia Tech and interim director of the Center for Advanced Brain Imaging.

"It will bring people together from a broad range of disciplines to study how the brain works, how the brain creates the mind, and to better understand disorders and disabilities emanating from the brain," Engle said.

The Marietta Street center provides both institutions with a research-dedicated functional magnetic resonance imaging scanner (fMRI). The \$2.3 million fMRI scanner, funded by the Georgia State University Research Foundation, Georgia Tech Research Institute and the Georgia Research Alliance through the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience, is rated at 3 Tesla — a unit measuring the strength of a magnetic field — which provides the power to observe details of electrical impulses and pathways in the brain.

# ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.

Thursday, April 9 at 1 p.m.  
Student Center Ballroom  
Free!



Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is an environmental lawyer and was named one of *Time* magazine's "Heroes for the Planet." He currently serves as Chief Prosecuting Attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper and President of Waterkeeper Alliance. He is also a Clinical Professor and Supervising Attorney at Pace University School of Law's Environmental Litigation Clinic and is co-host of *Ring of Fire* on Air America Radio.

**Book signing to follow presentation.**

For more information call 404/413-1876  
or email [campusevents@gsu.edu](mailto:campusevents@gsu.edu).

This event is sponsored by Campus Events and supported by student activity fees.



## President's Awards Ceremony on April 8

► The winners of the 2009 President's Awards for Community Service and Social Action will be announced at a ceremony at 2 p.m. on April 8 in the Student Center's Speaker's Auditorium.

Georgia State University President **Mark Becker** and the Office of Civic Engagement invite faculty, staff and students to celebrate the winners at the ceremony and a reception to follow.

The awards were established in 2005 by former University President **Carl Patton** and the Office of Civic Engagement in recognition of organizations and individuals who have made significant contributions to the community through an outstanding commitment to service. President Becker is continuing the tradition.

Awards will be given in five categories: Outstanding Community Impact Award, Outstanding Campus Impact Award, Outstanding Faculty or Staff Award, Outstanding University Program Award and Outstanding Community Partner Award.

For more information, please contact **Kelli Vincent**, student affairs adviser in the Office of Civic Engagement, at 404-413-1152 or visit: [www.gsu.edu/service](http://www.gsu.edu/service).

## GSU Night at Six Flags

► Show your school spirit while riding roller coasters and playing games at Six Flags Over Georgia during a special GSU night from 6 p.m. to midnight on April 24.

Faculty, students, staff, family and friends of Georgia State are welcome to attend. Ticket prices are \$19.99 until April 10, \$27 after April 10 and \$32 on April 24. Attendees will receive one free return ticket for specific dates after the event.

Tickets can be purchased at the Student Center Information Desk, the Georgia State University Bookstore and online at the Rialto Center Box Office at [www.tickets.rialto.org](http://www.tickets.rialto.org). Students IDs are not needed to purchase tickets.

The university must reach at least 3,000 tickets sold to have at least 70 percent of the theme park open, which includes Superman, Georgia Cyclone, Georgia Scorcher, Batman, Acrophobia, Déjà Vu, Goliath, Bumper Cars and game areas. Additional sections will be open as more Panthers buy tickets. If 5,000 people or more purchase tickets, the entire park opens. It will be just like a normal operating day at Six Flags but without the lines.

The event is sponsored by Spotlight Programs Board and supported by student activity fees. More information will be available online at [www.gsu.edu/spotlight](http://www.gsu.edu/spotlight) or contact Spotlight Programs Board at 404-413-1610.

## Campus Campaign gets underway

► The Georgia State University Campus Campaign is an outstanding example of how faculty and staff continue to shape the future of Georgia State and make a difference in the lives of the university's students. Last year, through the generosity of faculty and staff, the Campus Campaign secured an unprecedented amount of more than \$500,000.

Gifts donated through the Campus Campaign are used in a variety of ways, such as creating scholarships for staff and students, recruiting distinguished faculty, expanding campus facilities, and funding research and academic programs.

Through the Campus Campaign, employees can designate their contribution toward their own department or special interest, or they can give to the Georgia State University Fund, which allocates money to high-priority initiatives and areas of greatest need. Employees will soon receive Campus Campaign packets through campus mail with donation forms and instructions on how to donate. Employees will be able to contribute through payroll deduction, online, in person or by mail. Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information, visit [www.gsu.edu/giving/cc](http://www.gsu.edu/giving/cc).

## Center for Ethics to host "Race and Racism in America" seminar

► **Lawrence D. Bobo**, W.E.B. Dubois Professor of Social Sciences at Harvard University, will lead a one-day seminar, "Race and Racism in America," on April 3.

The seminar will consist of four 75-minute sessions, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. The morning sessions will be "Racial Discrimination and Prejudice: Theoretical Overview," and "Racial Attitudes in the United States." The afternoon sessions will be "Race and the Criminal Justice System" and "Race, Poverty and Politics."

The seminar is sponsored by the Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics and is open to all regular Georgia State faculty, regardless of their discipline. Registration is required. To participate, send an e-mail indicating which sessions you would like to attend to **Claire Kooy**, [kkooy@gsu.edu](mailto:kkooy@gsu.edu). For more information, e-mail **Andrew Altman** at [aaltman@gsu.edu](mailto:aaltman@gsu.edu).

## GSU receives grants for vehicle safety and alcohol prevention

► For the third year in a row, Georgia State's Department of Student Health Promotion has received a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The \$51,000 grant provides traffic and pedestrian safety programs throughout the year, addressing issues such as speeding, impaired driving, motorcycle safety, aggressive driving, distracted driving and pedestrian education. For more information on this grant, contact **Kevin Modglin**, health educator and manager of the Department of Student Health Promotions, at [kmodglin@gsu.edu](mailto:kmodglin@gsu.edu).

Additionally, GSU's Counseling and Testing Center, Department of Student Health Promotion and Department of Athletics were awarded a \$31,000 CHOICES grant from the NCAA. The purpose of the grant is to provide alcohol prevention services to the Georgia State community over a three-year period, from Sept. 1, 2008, to June 30, 2011.

The grant administrators have created a team, Athletes Recognizing Responsible Choices, of student athletes, Greeks, resident assistants and other interested students who will become peer mentors, encouraging and promoting low-risk alcohol choices among their peers. For more information on this grant, contact **Yared Alemu**, assistant director of the Counseling and Testing Center at [yalemu@gsu.edu](mailto:yalemu@gsu.edu).

# 2009 President's Awards

For Community Service and Social Justice

**April 8**

2 p.m.

Speaker's Auditorium, Student University Center



We invite you to join us in honoring  
*The 2009 President's Awards Recipients*  
who strive every day to improve our community  
through their dedication to Service and Social Action.



## Attention Faculty



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## 'GSU Going Green' for Earth Day

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Georgia State will celebrate Earth Day with a variety of events this month focused on sustainability.

Themed "GSU Going Green," the endeavors are "primarily driven by students who wanted to see us as a university do more in terms of going green," said Lovell Lemons, director of the Office of Civic Engagement, one of the event coordinators.

From 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on April 9, the student-run Sustainable Energy Tribe is hosting an Earth Day street fair to introduce students, faculty and staff to environmental companies, non-profit organizations and community groups. The street fair will include a solar-powered concert, hybrid vehicles, fuel-efficient scooters, games and performances by Georgia State University dance groups.

Also on April 9, Robert Kennedy Jr. will be giving a lecture on "Our Environmental Destiny" at 1 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Kennedy serves as senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council and was named one of *Time* magazine's "Heroes for the Planet." His lecture is open to the public.

Faculty, students and staff will have an opportunity on April 18 to participate in green community service projects such as planting trees in local parks and replacing incandescent light bulbs with energy efficient bulbs in low-income communities. For more information on the projects, contact Georgia State's Circle K Club President Delca Jackson at 404-259-3373 or [delca.jackson@gmail.com](mailto:delca.jackson@gmail.com).

"It's so important for the university to host Earth Day events to demonstrate to the greater community that Georgia State is committed to protecting the environment," said McNair Wagner, a Georgia State alumnus who helped organize the events through his environmental marketing company, Earth Endeavors.

Other organizations involved in the Earth Day events include the Center for Ethics and Responsibility, the Office of Intercultural Relations, the Environmental Law Institute, the Office of Facilities Management and Building Services, the Leadership Academy, University Career Services, University Housing, Staff Council, the Office of Student Life and Leadership, the Office of University Relations, the Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc., the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the non-profit, Net Impact.

For more information on Earth Day events, visit [www.gsu.edu/gogreen](http://www.gsu.edu/gogreen).



Decorated recycling bins around campus, like this one in Library Plaza, are artful indicators that Georgia State is going green.

The Center for Civic Education, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, has selected political science Professor and Chair Emeritus Glenn Abney as a national judge in the forthcoming "We the People" competition to be held in Washington, D.C. in late April.

Florencia Anggoro, assistant professor of educational psychology and special education, made a presentation at the Developmental Psychology Colloquium at the University of Chicago in February titled "A developmental study of physical science learning: The importance of starting early."

Deron Boyles, professor of educational policy studies, made a presentation at the Southeast Philosophy of Education Society annual meeting at Auburn University in February titled "Dewey as Ecologist?"

Curtis Bryant, instructor of music theory/choral arranging, will have the world premiere of his Lenten Vespers service, "Redeemer Evening Prayer," April 1 at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Atlanta.

Political science Professor John Duffield published "The Obama Presidency, Oil, and the Middle East" in the *Middle East Review of International Affairs* and has a forthcoming edited volume, "Balance Sheet: The Iraq War and U.S. National Security," to be published by Stanford University Press in June.

Carsedra Glass, network technician intermediate in IS&T, has earned Extreme Networks Associate (ENA) Certification.

Daphne Greenberg, associate professor of educational psychology and special education, made a presentation at the Pacific Coast Research Conference in Coronado, Calif., in February titled "Research on Reading Instruction for Low Literate Adults."

Steve Harmon, associate professor of middle-secondary education and instructional technology, was the keynote speaker at the "Creating Futures through Technology" conference in Biloxi, Miss. His address was titled "The Changing Landscape of Learners and Learning."

Philo Hutcheson, associate professor of educational policy studies, was elected president-elect of the History of Education Society. His term will run until 2011.

The research of Paul Katz, professor of neuroscience, into the neurons of sea slugs was recently featured on the cover of *Natural History* magazine.

Jaro Klc, software systems engineer intermediate in IS&T, earned the Lean Six Sigma "Gold" Black Belt for Corporate Performance Management.

Law Professor Paul Lombardo traveled to Rome in February where he was invited to speak at a conference at the Vatican on "New Frontiers of Genetics

and the Danger of Eugenics," sponsored by the Pontifical Academy for Life.

Kenneth A. Long, woodwind coordinator/assistant professor of clarinet, has been selected to present his lecture-recital "An Analysis of Elliott Carter's Gra" at the 2009 College Music Society Southern Chapter Conference at the University of Central Florida. He will also be a featured artist at the 2009 North American Saxophone Alliance Region Six Conference at Columbus State University.

Elizabeth Majestic, associate adjunct professor in the Institute of Public Health, is the guest editor for the April issue of *Preventing Chronic Disease*, an official journal of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The edition includes an editorial by Majestic and a video interview with Michael Eriksen, director of the IPH.

James Marton, associate professor of economics, presented "SCHIP Premiums, Enrollment, and Expenditures: A Two State, Competing Hazard Analysis" co-authored with Pat Ketsche and Mei Zhou at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss., on March 6.

Susan Crim McClendon, associate director of the Alonzo A. Crim Center for Urban Educational Excellence, was invited to speak at a Black History

Month event honoring Alonzo Herndon on Feb. 28. This year's focus was on individuals who shape Atlanta's African-American community and the city's families.

Lesley Reid, associate professor of sociology, is the primary investigator on a recently awarded \$146,105 grant from the National Science Foundation to further research about residents of Atlanta public housing projects as they are relocated from projects that are scheduled to be demolished.

Assistant Professor of Music Education Marilyn Seelman served as guest clinician at the Fourth Annual Minnesota State University at Moorhead Invitational Orchestra Festival.

Assistant Professor of Political Science Jelena Subotic has been invited by the non-profit organization Israel America Academic Exchange to participate in a prestigious mission to Israel in June.

Frederick Taylor, coordinator of music management, was elected executive secretary of the National Association for the Study and Performance of African-American Music.

Jonathan Todres, associate professor of law in the College of Law, has been named a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. The Fellows is an honorary organization of attorneys, judges, law faculty and legal scholars who have been elected by their peers to become members.

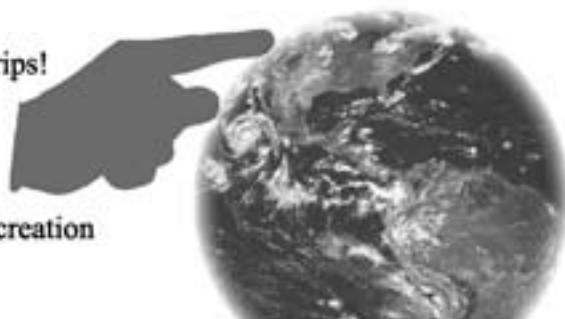
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