MLK Torch of Peace Award Recipients

The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies had four winners of the Torch of Peace Award, and were recognized at Georgia State’s 30th Anniversary Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation on January 24, 2013. The Torch of Peace Award honors those who have demonstrated leadership and service in the promotion of intercultural relations.

**Nancy Friauf**, graduate student (Public Management and Policy) and an alumna of Georgia State University (MED Community Counseling ‘83) is the alumni recipient of the 2013 MLK Torch of Peace Award. She is the Executive Director of Genesis Shelter, which serves homeless families with newborn babies six months and younger.

**Justin Hargesheimer**, (Peace Corps Master’s International – M.P.A. ‘12) is the graduate student recipient of the 2013 MLK Torch of Peace Award. He recently completed his volunteer work in Guatemala as a municipal developer. While there he launched the Nuevo Paraiso bottle school project where he helped construct a school building made of plastic soda bottles. He has accepted a position as corporate and foundation relations manager for the Piedmont Park Conservancy that begins Feb. 4.

**Jamie L. Redding**, undergraduate student (Social Work) was recognized as the undergraduate student recipient of the 2013 MLK Torch of Peace Award.

Additionally, **Andrea Young**, member (AYSPS Advisory Board) and executive director of the Andrew J. Young Foundation, received the Hosea Williams award for her public service efforts.
Grants

The Andrew Young School has been designated one of two U.S.-based International Partners with the University of Liege in Belgium and an “InterUniversity Attraction Pole.” Dennis Young, professor (Public Management and Policy), and director (Nonprofit Studies Program) is the project leader. The designation involves a five-year grant from the Belgian State-Federal Policy Office to underwrite collaborative research on social enterprise.

Publications


Kurt Schnier (pictured), associate professor (Economics), “Transplantation at the Nexus of Behavioral Economics and Health Care Delivery” with co-authors James C. Cox, professor (Economics), director (Experimental Economics Center), and the Noah Langdale Jr./Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar Chair, and Vjollca Sadiraj, assistant professor (Economics) and Colleen McIntyre, Ravi Ruhil and Nicole Turgeon (all from Emory University School of Medicine), American Journal of Transplantation, 13: 31-35.

Presentations


Barry Hirsch, professor (Economics) and W.J. Usery Chair of the American Workplace presented “Teacher Salaries, State Collective Bargaining Laws, and Union Coverage” with David Macpherson (Trinity University) and John Winters (pictured), alum (Ph.D. Economics '09 and now a faculty member at the University of Cincinnati) at the American Economic Association Meetings session, Public Sector Collective Bargaining, January 6, 2013, San Diego.

Nancy Kropf, professor and director (School of Social Work), facilitated a symposium at the Society for Social Work & Research conference (Jan 16-20 in San Diego) titled, “Diversity in Family Caregiving Experiences During Late Life”. As part of the symposium, she presented “Predictors of Depression among Caregivers of Older Adults with Severe Mental Illness,” with Sherry Cummings (University of Tennessee, Nashville).

Joshua Hinkle, assistant professor (Criminal Justice and Criminology), David Weisburd (Hebrew University and George Mason University), Christine Famega (California State University, San Bernardino) and Justin Ready (Arizona State University) presented, “The problem of statistical power in evaluating hot spots policing in smaller cities” at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL, November 2012.

Hinkle also presented:

- “The impact of variations in hot spots policing dosage on street-segment crime and disorder,” and
- “Observations from the field: Rearticulating broken windows theory as a culture of permissiveness.”
Media Hits

Barry Hirsch, professor (Economics) and W.J. Usery Chair of the American Workplace, was quoted and provided data used in an article by Steven Greenhouse, “Share of the Work Force in a Union Falls to a 97-Year Low, 11.3%,” in the New York Times, January 23, 2013.

Outreach

Nancy Kropf, professor and director (School of Social Work), has been appointed to serve on the John A. Hartford/Gerontological Society of America National Advisory Board for the National Center on Gerontological Excellence. This is a three year commitment (2013 – 2016).

Dennis Young, professor (Public Management and Policy), and director (Nonprofit Studies Program), spoke to a group of 21 leaders of nonprofit organizations worldwide who were visiting the United States under the auspices of the Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program. The group visited the school to learn about the nature of the U.S nonprofit sector, its management practices and initiatives in nonprofit management education on January 22, 2013.