From The Dean

Has anyone noticed our overflowing undergraduate classes this spring? Overall, our undergraduate credit hours are up over 20%! Total undergraduate hours in CJC are up almost 1000 credit hours, in SSW, lower level undergraduate credit hours have increased by a factor of three, and in Econ, the hours are up by over 800. (PMAP hours are holding steady.) We are especially glad to see that graduate hours are also up overall, with a total college increase of almost 7 percent. Most of these 428 hours come from Econ, which shows a 380 hour increase over last spring. You all have been doing a great job in talking up our classes and marketing our majors. Thank you!

I also wanted to allay any concerns you might have about continuing budget reductions for higher education. You might have read about how Gwinnett College is struggling with the additional 2% budget cuts that were levied midyear. Here at GSU, those budget cuts have already been taken into account. We are certainly hoping that the reduction we struggled through in the fall will be the last.

GSU Criminologists Named Nation’s Most Productive

In a study of productivity among criminal justice and criminology scholars, several AYSPS Criminal Justice and Criminology faculty members were identified as rising stars. Among assistant professors, Leah Daigle, associate professor ranked #6 in the nation and Brent Teasdale, associate professor and director of graduate studies ranked #7. Timothy Brezina, associate professor was ranked as the twelfth most productive associate professor.

The study, titled “Criminology and Criminal Justice Hit Parade,” was published in the December 2012 issue of the Journal of Criminal Justice Education and ranked scholars based on their number of articles, articles per year, citations, and h-index (a measure comparing the number of published articles to the number of citations of published articles). Note: Scott Jacques, assistant professor was cited in the article as being in the top ten of assistant professors on the m-quotient measure, a measure assessing number of citations and publications but controlling for number of years as a scholar.

For more information, please see the full story at: http://aysps.gsu.edu/news/criminal-justice-faculty-rank-highly.
Publications


Melissa Trussell (pictured), Ph.D. student (Economics) and Robert E. Moore, associate dean (AYSPS) and associate professor (Economics), "Local Economic Development in Africa: The Case of Saclepea, Liberia," Journal of Sustainable Development in Africa 14(8), (Winter 2012(B)): 15-33.

Susan J. Kelley (Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions), Deborah Whitley (pictured), associate professor (School of Social Work), and Peter Campos, statistician (School of Social Work), (2013). “African American caregiving grandmothers: Results of an intervention to improve health indicators and health promotion behaviors.” Journal of Family Nursing. 19, 53-73.

Presentations

James C. Cox (pictured), professor (Economics), director (Experimental Economics Center), and the Noah Langdale Jr. Chair in Economics/Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, presented an invited paper, “Status Quo Effects in Fairness Games: Reciprocal Responses to Acts of Commission vs. Acts of Omission,” at the Biennial Social Dilemmas Conference 2013 held on February 8 & 9 at the California Institute of Technology. The paper is co-authored with Maroš Servátka (University of Canterbury) and Radovan Vadovič (Carleton University).
Media Hits

Robert Friedmann, professor emeritus (Criminal Justice and Criminology) and director (Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange), was quoted in a recent Creative Loafing article titled “Atlanta under surveillance.” [http://clatl.com/atlanta/atlanta-under-surveillance/Content?oid=7121394](http://clatl.com/atlanta/atlanta-under-surveillance/Content?oid=7121394).

Friedmann has also recently appeared as a blog author at Community Policing, writing on the “Riverside Police Department, California,” and “Rishon Leziyon Police Station, Israel.” Blog articles can be found at: [www.iacpcommunitypolicing.org](http://www.iacpcommunitypolicing.org).

Paula Stephan, professor (Economics), was interviewed about her research for the January 2013 edition of the Biophysical Society Newsletter.

A commentary by Paula Stephan entitled “Too Many Scientists?” appeared in the February issue of Chemistry News, the journal of the Royal Society of Chemists.

Student and Alumni

Scott Bales, (MPP student) was elected Vice President of the newly constituted nonprofit, the Atlanta Autism Consortium. Bales also serves on Georgia’s State Advisory Panel (SAP) for Special Education.