From the Dean

The university delegation to Turkey has just returned from a highly successful trip, mostly due to the extraordinary efforts of CJC faculty, Volkan Topalli. As you probably know, he leads the university task force for Turkey, which is one of the five countries that GSU chose to focus on for internationalization efforts. He was assisted by economics faculty Erdal Tekin and between the two of them, they made the trip both productive and enjoyable. I am very grateful to the two of them for their help and for making the AYS look so good.

We visited five universities and I believe we have very strong chances of meaningful connections at three, if not four, of these universities. I am doing follow up work on these visits now. I think there will be opportunities for exchanges, dual degree programs, and executive training. One university, Bacesehir, not only has two AYS alums on faculty, Bulent Anil (Ph.D. Economics ’07), and Deniz R. Gokce (Ph.D. Economics ’81), but they also have an interest in expanding their center for social research into a larger policy school.

I hope other faculty will also be engaged in these different efforts as we go further.

Faculty Recognition

Brent Teasdale, associate professor and director of graduate studies (Criminal Justice and Criminology), was recently elected the division chair for the Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. The term runs from 2013-2015.
Robert Friedmann, professor emeritus (Criminal Justice and Criminology), and director (Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange), was named among the most popular authors in the Criminology and Criminal Justice Commons in August 2012. Per a March 25 email from the Digital Commons Network, of the 466 authors in this discipline, his work received some of the highest downloads.

Harvey K. Newman, professor (Public Management and Policy) and John C. Thomas (pictured), professor (Public Management and Policy), were placed on the Urban Affairs Association’s Service Honor Roll for their lifetimes of outstanding leadership and commitment to the organization and its members at its annual meeting April 5, 2013 in San Francisco, Calif.

AYSPS Public Service & Research End Event

Thank you to the students who participated in and faculty/alumni who judged the AYSPS Public Service & Research End Event in May. It was a full house with over 200 students, faculty, guests and alumni celebrating student work this academic year.

The winners (1) and runners up (2) in each category were:

**Capstone Projects**
1) Identifying Communities for Great Promise Partnership Program Expansion, Ashley Brooks, Kenneth Durden and Pamela Holmes (PMAP)
2) ACORN Remittance Justice Campaign, Charlene Davison, Alice Lee, Jennifer Phillips, Brittany Burgess and Tim Zdencanovic (SW)

**Internships**
1) Continued Police Officer Hand-to-Hand Combat Training After the Academy, Joshua Johnson (CJ)
2) Success in the TANF Program, Kimberly Chiltoskie (PMAP)

**Research (Undergraduate)**
1) Pathways to Homelessness of Older Adults Living in Extended Stay Hotels, Wendy Myers (SW)
2) Citizen Participation and Local Governance Effectiveness: Evidence from Uganda, Maria Morales (Econ)
Research (Graduate)
1) Impact of Charter District Status on Student Performance, Brandon Williams (Econ)
2) Disaster Demographics: Assessing Resilience Through Social Connectivity, Erik Brownsworth, Parker Martin, Rachel Mast and Andriy Kruglasho (PMAP)

Publications


Vjollca Sadiraj (pictured), assistant professor (Economics) with co-authors James C. Cox, professor (Economics), director (Experimental Economics Center), and the Noah Langdale Jr. Chair in Economics/Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, Kurt E. Schnier, associate professor (Economics), Ira L. Leeds (Emory University School of Medicine), and John F. Sweeney (Emory University School of Medicine), “Assessing Clinical Discharge Data Preferences among Practicing Surgeons,” *Journal of Surgical Research*, Vol. 179, (2), February 2013.


James Alm, (Tulane University), Robert D. Buschman (pictured), senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center), and David L. Sjoquist, “How Did Foreclosures Affect Property Values in Georgia?” *State Tax Notes*, 67 (12) (2013): 947-952.

**Presentations**

Paul Ferraro, professor (Economics), presented “The social and environmental impacts of USAID’s SCAPES initiative,” as the keynote speaker at the U.S. Agency for International Development Sustainable Conservation Approaches in Priority Ecosystems network annual meeting, Baltimore, Md., March 19, 2013.

Paul Ferraro was the keynote speaker at a meeting of the Consultative Group on Biological Diversity, a group of philanthropic foundations that fund environmental programs, where he presented “What works and how? Impact evaluations to catalyze conservation policy and practice,” San Francisco, Calif., January 8, 2013.

Paul Ferraro presented “Panel Data Designs and Estimators as Substitutes for Randomized Controlled Trials in the Evaluation of Environmental Policy: a design-replication study” as an invited speaker at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore., January 11, 2013.


Media Hits

Robert Friedmann, professor emeritus (Criminal Justice and Criminology) and director (Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange), was quoted in an Atlanta Journal-Constitution PolitiFact Georgia story titled “Fuzzy use of data undercuts marijuana arrests claim,” March 14, 2013. Article can be found at: http://www.politifact.com/georgia/statements/2013/mar/26/james-bell/fuzzy-use-data-undercuts-marijuana-arrests-claim/

Activities & Outreach

Sally Wallace, chair and professor (Economics), provided testimony on Washington, D.C.’s fiscal structure to the D.C. Tax Revision Commission, April 15, 2013, D.C.
Harvey K Newman, professor (Public Management and Policy), participated in an oral history project of the Urban Affairs Association. As one of the pioneers of the association, he was interviewed about its annual meetings, publications and his two terms as a member and chair of the Governing Board.

Student Awards, Honors and other News

Five MSW students presented “Fired Up, Ready to Go! Disaster Readiness in African American Communities” at the annual National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW) 45th Annual Conference, Jacksonville, Fla., April 6, 2013. Breanna Kelly, Tiffany Person, Brittney Adams, Franci Frazier and Brandi Shine presented their research findings on emergency preparedness disparities among African Americans in the metro Atlanta area and on providing tools and strategies to prepare community members for disasters. They worked vigorously in coordination with the NABSW Disaster Preparedness Team to examine these disparities and identify methods to decrease them. The students completed this project as part of the final community project required of their master’s program.

Graduating BSW student, Wendy Meyers took 2nd place in a competitive Poster Presentation at the Southern Gerontological Society Conference on April 6, 2013, in Charlotte, N.C. Meyers’ topic, “Pathways to Homelessness for Older Adults Residing in Extended Stay Hotels,” emerged from Terri Lewinson’s, assistant professor (School of Social Work), funded John A. Hartford study exploring ‘Health Challenges of Older Adults Residing in Extended Stay Hotels.’ Meyers will continue to work in this area as she transitions into the MSW program this fall.
AYSPS Field Day

We extend a big thank you to our students and faculty who joined us for Field Day 2013 on April 6th. After some intense competition among the 33 competitors representing our four academic departments, PMAP came out on top, making them the reigning AYPS Cup Champions for 2013! Students topped the competition with a BBQ lunch and mingling in perfect weather at the Student Rec Center. PMAP winning team pictured on right.

We look forward to continuing this friendly rivalry at next year’s Field Day event.

Congratulations to the 2013 Co-Ed Intramural Softball Team (regular season: 1-3, playoffs: 1-1)

**Top:** Dennis Young (PMAP), Lily Haley (GHPC), Margo Doers (FRC), Angie Snyder (GHPC), Debbie Kibbe (GHPC), Julia Manzella (Econ)

**Bottom:** Huiping Du (FRC), Jim Marton (Econ), Chuck Courtemanche (Econ), Travis Blake (PMAP), Eric Napierala (Econ)

**Not Pictured:** Jenny Giarratano (Dean’s Office), Danyang Li (Econ), Lorenzo Almada (Econ), Shelby Frost (Econ), Shelly-Ann Williams (OAA), Kyle Mangum (Econ), Yanling Qi (Econ), Melissa Haberlen (GHPC), Laura Wheeler (FRC), Dan Montanera (RBC).