Message from Dean Walker

Once again, I would like to thank the faculty and staff on developing the AYSPS Strategic Plan. The college approved the plan in May, and the next steps before implementation are to get feedback from the Provost, then present our plan to Administrative Council, and then begin the implementation phase.

In line with this plan, we have begun to look more closely at how we communicate and market news of our school, and how well we align our communications with the goals (and resources) of the university. In line with their first big push, we have begun working with GSU’s Public Relations and Marketing Communications office on a site map that will help us in transitioning our central, departmental and research center web pages to WordPress. Those of you with dedicated website people are likely to get involved earlier and deeper as we make progress through the transition project. Our goal is to make the final transition at about the same time all the other schools at Georgia State do – before the end of the calendar year.

We are beginning to move forward on our goal to raise the school’s global profile. In the last couple of weeks, Jennifer has conducted mini-communications audits with our department heads and a few of our center directors to better understand what we are doing well – and not so well – and what we need to do to better tell our story to and engage with our key audiences. We’ve also begun this conversation with Don Hale, Georgia State’s new Vice President for Public Relations and Marketing Communications, who has reviewed our publications and made suggestions to help us optimize the resources we use in our marketing and communications. As details emerge – and I expect that they will quickly – we will keep you informed and engaged in this effort. If you have any ideas you’d like to share with Jennifer and/or me, please drop us a line or stop us in the hallway. We’re eager to hear what you think.
Publications


Leah Daigle, (pictured) associate professor (Criminal Justice & Criminology), Ellen Ballard, Ph.D. student (Criminal Justice & Criminology) and Brent Teasdale, associate professor and director of graduate studies (Criminal Justice & Criminology), “Trajectories of Recurring Victimization amongst People with Major Mental Disorders,” the Journal of Interpersonal Violence (forthcoming).

Presentations

Bruce Kaufman, Professor (Economics), presented “A Pluralist Perspective on Employee Voice,” at the British Universities Industrial Relations Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, June 2013. Following the conference, Bruce Kaufman and his wife Diane then traveled to Kirkaldy (near Edinburgh) to visit the home of Adam Smith, father of demand-supply and the invisible hand.


Erdal Tekin, professor (Economics) presented “Stand Your Ground Laws, Homicides, and Injuries” with alumnus Chandler McClellan (Ph.D. in Economics ’13 and now with NBER) at the annual meeting of the European Society for Population Economics in Aarhus, Denmark, on June 14, 2013, and at the annual meeting of Society of Labor Economics in Boston, Mass., on May 3, 2013.

Cathy Y. Liu (pictured), assistant professor, (Public Management and Policy) presented “Entrepreneurial Entry and Self-Employment Earnings among Urban Residents in China” with Xi Huang, Ph.D. student (Public Management and Policy), at The 2nd International Workshop on Regional, Urban, and Spatial Economics in China, organized by Peking University-Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Land Policy in Beijing, China, June 28-29, 2013. Liu also chaired the session on “Employment and Labor.” From July 1-4, she served as the invited referee for Lincoln Institute’s scholarship and fellowship program.
Nancy Kropf, associate dean (AYSPS) and professor (School of Social Work), co-presented “Depression among older caregivers of adults with severe mental illness” with Sherry Cummings (University of Tennessee) at the 20th International Congress on Gerontology & Geriatrics in Seoul, South Korea, June 24 – 27, 2013.

Glenn Landers (pictured), associate project director (Georgia Health Policy Center) and Kristi Fuller, senior research associate (Georgia Health Policy Center), presented the poster “Dental Supply May Be Worse than You Think: Results from a State Census of Dentists,” at the 2013 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting in Baltimore, Md., on June 23, 2013.

James Marton (pictured), associate professor (Economics); Abhay Mishra (J. Mac Robinson College of Business); Pat Ketsche (J. Mac Robinson College of Business); Angela Snyder, research assistant professor (Public Management and Policy and the Georgia Health Policy Center); and Susan McLaren, research associate II (Georgia Health Policy Center), presented the poster “Can Information Technology Improve the Medicaid Application Process?” at the 2013 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Baltimore, Md., June 23, 2013.

Brittney Romanson, research associate I (Georgia Health Policy Center), presented “Leading through Health System Change: A Public Health Opportunity” at the 2013 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Baltimore, Md., June 23, 2013.

Kristi Fuller, senior research associate (Georgia Health Policy Center); Brittney Romanson, and Glenn Landers presented “Quality of Life Predictors: Differences Among Recently Transitioned Populations” at the 2013 AcademyHealth Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Md., June 23, 2013.


Media Hits

Erdal Tekin’s, professor (Economics), article “Food Prices and Body Fatness among Youths” with Michael Grossman (CUNY) and alumnus Roy Wada (Ph.D. in Economics ’07 and now with the University of Illinois, Chicago) was mentioned in a Freakonomics blog: www.freakonomics.com/2013/06/27/more-evidence-of-the-link-between-obesity-and-food-prices/.

Michael B. Shapiro, clinical instructor (Criminal Justice & Criminology) was quoted in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution article, “Police fail to show, court dismisses 1,800 cases” on May 11, 2013. Access to the full article is by subscription service, which begins at: http://www.myajc.com/news/news/police-fail-to-show-fulton-court-dismisses-1800-ca/nXpJh/.


Carolyn Bourdeaux contributed an article in the July 2013 issue of Governing Magazine, “Could Medicaid Be A Moneymaker?” is part of the magazine’s Problem Solver: Public Money section, discussing how health care reform may bend the cost curve for services well beyond health care.

David Sjoquist, director (Domestic Programs), professor (Economics), and the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy, was featured in an article in the July 11-17, 2013 issue of Creative Loafing Atlanta titled: “Georgia’s Blank Check to Hollywood.” Article can be found at: http://clatl.com/atlanta/georgiasblank-check-to-hollywood/Content?oid=8657171&storyPage=1.

Activities and Outreach

Catherine Johansson, career and employer relations specialist (Graduate Career Services & Student Life), has been chosen to join the 2014 class of Leadership DeKalb.

The Georgia Health Policy Center was a bronze sponsor at the 2013 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting held in Baltimore, Md., June 23-25, 2013.


The Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) has partnered with the Atlanta Police Department and the Atlanta Police Foundation on the development of the Atlanta Police Leadership Institute (APLI), which identifies and develops Atlanta Police leaders from the time they enter the academy as recruits and through their progression within the ranks of the department.

GILEE was a co-convener of the International Conference for Police & Law Enforcement Executives titled, “The New Reality: Can We Deliver.” Hosted by the Sandy Springs, Dunwoody and Atlanta police departments in Atlanta June 9-11, it attracted 200 world-wide participants.

Nadia Borissova, assistant director (GILEE), met with Austrian Police officials in Vienna in June to explore continuity of training programs with the Austrian Police.
Andrey Timofeev, research associate (International Center for Public Policy) and Sally Wallace, chair and professor (Economics), were in Amman, Jordan, the last week in June to advise the country’s Ministry of Finance regarding the distributional impacts (equity) of current and proposed tax reforms. The work was conducted through the International Center for Public Policy and sponsored by USAID.

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