Andrew Young School hosts the W.J. Usery Workplace Conference on Labor Market Issues and Policy

Some of the most critical issues facing the American workplace were discussed by top labor economists at the W.J. Usery Workplace Conference at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies April 16-17. The Conference, organized by Barry Hirsch, professor (Economics) and holder of the W.J. Usery Chair of the American Workplace, began with a dinner Thursday night at the Commerce Club, where attendees were welcomed by Robert Moore, associate professor (Economics) and dean (AYS), and W.J. “Bill” Usery, Distinguished Executive Fellow in Labor Policy (AYS), in whose honor the event was named. Henry Farber (Princeton University) gave the keynote address, “Long-term Employment and Job Security,” which highlighted changes over time in U.S. job loss and job tenure, with evidence of declining job attachment concentrated among men in the private sector.

Friday’s open forum at the AYS featured five sessions, each of which included a presentation by an invited expert on the topic, commentary by a Georgia State scholar, and audience discussion. Brigitte Madrian (Harvard University) spoke on pensions and savings with William Custer (J. Mac Robinson College of Business) commenting. Madrian emphasized the dramatic shift from defined benefit to defined contribution pension plans and the sensitivity of worker savings behavior to default rules and framing. Amitabh Chandra (Harvard University) spoke on rising employee health care costs with James Marton, associate professor (Economics) commenting. Chandra

Pictured left to right: Price Fishback, Harry Holzer, Barry Hirsch, Amitabh Chandra, W.J. Usery, Brigitte Madrian, Henry Farber, and Charles Clotfelter
emphasized that the average benefits of healthcare investments are high, but marginal benefits typically low. Large differences in health expenditures across the U.S. (for similar patient populations) are largely uncorrelated with health outcomes. Price Fishback (University of Arizona) considered whether the Great Depression and New Deal can provide lessons for today’s economic crisis. He identified the legacy of the New Deal and provided evidence on which New Deal policies worked and which did not. Bruce Kaufman, professor (Economics), commented. Harry Holzer (Georgetown University) presented evidence on the deterioration of wages, employment and workforce attachment of African American males, emphasizing the negative effects of incarceration and child support on formal employment. David L. Sjoquist, professor (Economics), director (Fiscal Research Center and Domestic Programs), and the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy, provided comments. Charles Clotfelter (Duke University) discussed the re-segregation of public schools, the increasing tendency for inexperienced teachers to be assigned to the most challenging schools, and resulting educational inequity, with detailed evidence from North Carolina. Mary Beth Walker, associate professor (Economics) and interim associate dean (AYS), provided comments and parallel evidence from Georgia.

Friday’s session concluded with a Labor Policy Roundtable that engaged speakers and the audience in a lively exchange of ideas on key conference themes. Bill Usery, former U.S. Secretary of Labor, whose long career in both public service and private industry has helped enhance the well-being of workers, provided some perspective on the current state of the American workplace, and encouraged those who are seeking solutions to today’s major problems.

Copies of each of the lectures are posted at the Conference website, http://aysps.gsu.edu/usery/2962.html. Podcasts of the sessions and roundtable will be available at GSU iTunes, with links from the Conference site.
The Nonprofit Studies Program Hosts 9th Annual Nonprofit Roundtable

The 9th Annual Nonprofit Roundtable, sponsored by the Nonprofit Studies Program, took place on the morning of April 3, 2009 on the 7th floor of the AYSPS Building. The event was attended by more than 60 Atlanta area nonprofit leaders and scholars, who were welcomed by NSP Director Dennis Young, professor (Public Management & Policy), director (Nonprofit Studies Program), and the Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Chair of Private Enterprise, Mark Becker, president (Georgia State University), and Robert Meier, advisory board member (AYS and NSP) and president of The Northern Trust Company, sponsor of the event.

The keynote address featured attorney Marc Owens, a member of the Washington, DC law firm of Caplin & Drysdale, who spoke on, “Profit-Making by Nonprofit Organizations: Organizational Strategies and Tax Implications.” This presentation was followed by an audience question and answer session. The second half of the morning included panel presentations by Cassady Brewer, an Atlanta attorney who was involved in the development of L3Cs—a new legal form that can be advantageous for nonprofits, David Jackson, a nonprofit executive with on-the-ground experience with implementing for-profit activities, and Janelle Kerlin, assistant professor (Public Management & Policy), who has studied social enterprise globally. Following the panel presentations, the floor was opened to all attendees, who engaged in a lively discussion of the day’s topic, moderated by Dennis Young.
Publications


**James Cox**, professor (Economics), director (Experimental Economics Center), and the Noah Langdale Jr. Chair in Economics/Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, "Trust in Private and Common Property Experiments", *Southern Economic Journal*. The article is co-authored with Elinor Ostrom (Indiana University) and James M. Walker (Indiana University), et al. April 2009 issue.

Presentations


Media Hits


The **Fiscal Research Center**'s Fiscal Notes were cited in "Will tax breaks bust state budget?" *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, April 20, 2009.

Correction: In the May 1st Dean’s E-News on page 6, Taiwan was incorrectly identified as the Republic of Taiwan. Taiwan should have been mentioned as Taiwan, Republic of China.
Publications

James Marton (pictured), associate professor (Economics), "SCHIP Premiums, Enrollment, and Expenditures: A Two State, Competing Risk Analysis" co-authored with Pat Ketsche (Robinson College of Business) and Mei Zhou (Georgia Health Policy Center), *Health Economics*, forthcoming.

Presentations

Julie Hotchkiss, adjunct professor (Economics) and research economist and policy adviser (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta), presented "Undocumented Worker Employment and Firm Survival", coauthored with J. David Brown (Heriot-Watt University) and Myriam Quispe-Agnoli (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta) at the Society of Labor Economists meeting, Boston, MA, May 9, 2009.

Julie Hotchkiss, professor (Economics) and research economist and policy adviser (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta), presented "Assessing the Welfare Impact of the 2001 Tax Reform on Dual-earner Families" co-author with Robert E. Moore (pictured), interim dean (AYS) and associate professor (Economics), at the Federal Reserve System meeting on Applied Microeconomics, Kansas City, May 22, 2009.

Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management & Policy), presented to a delegation visiting Atlanta from the Republic of Georgia, "Ethics and Accountability in Local Government." The group was part of a program sponsored by Friendship Force International. The event was held on May 19, 2009 at AYS.
Kurt Schnier, associate Professor (Economics), presented the following papers at North American Association of Fisheries Economists Meeting in Newport, RI which ran from May 17-20. (1) "Accounting for Spatial Heterogeneity and Autocorrelation in Spatial Discrete Choice Models: Implications for Behavioral Predictions," co-authored with Ronald Felthoven (National Marine Fisheries Service), (2) "Dynamic Discrete Choice Modeling in Fisheries: Temporal and Spatial Management in the Atka Mackerel Fishery," co-authored with Ronald Felthoven (National Marine Fisheries Service), (3) "The Value of Statistical Life: Pursuing the Deadliest Catch," co-authored with William C. Horrace (Syracuse University) and Ronald Felthoven (National Marine Fisheries Service), (4) "Estimating Measures of Spatial Efficiency for Highly-Mobile Production Technologies," co-authored with William C. Horrace (Syracuse University), (5) "A Dynamic Model of Intra-Annual Species Selection in Fisheries," co-authored with Robert Hicks (The College of William and Mary), Sherry Larkin (University of Florida), and Charles Adams (University of Florida).

Activities & Outreach

Roy Bahl, regents professor (Economics), served as lead faculty in a three day course on fiscal decentralization for World Bank staff members, held in Washington, DC, April 28 – May 1, 2009. He also participated in a panel to evaluate World Bank sub national government programs.


Bill Kahnweiler, associate professor (Public Management & Policy), designed and facilitated a workshop on effective networking techniques for members of GSU's Staff Council at their annual retreat in Atlanta on May 15, 2009.
Bill Kahnweiler, associate professor (Public Management & Policy), served as an expert to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics on the supply and demand for career development professionals, to be included in their annual Employment Outlook" report.

Student & Alumni News


Gustavo Canavire-Bacarreza, Ph.D. student (Economics), presented "Unemployment Duration and Labor Mobility in Argentina: a Socioeconomic-Based Pre-and Post-Crisis Analysis" joint with Luis Lima (Universidad de La Plata (Argentina)) at the Fourth IZA/World Bank Conference in Bonn, Germany, May 4 – 5, 2009.

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Publications


Media Hits

Paula Stephan, professor (Economics), was interviewed for an article in the Duke University Alumni Magazine concerning the job market for newly minted Ph.D.s.

Dennis Young, professor (Public Management & Policy), director (Nonprofit Studies Program), and the Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Chair of Private Enterprise, was quoted in the article "Buy coffee, help a village," *Atlanta Journal-Constitution - Online*, May 23, 2009.

Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management & Policy), was quoted in "Keys to the city Anniston's search for a city manager nearing final stage," *Anniston Star*, May 24, 2009.


Mary Beth Walker, associate professor (Economics) and interim associate dean (AYS), was quoted in "Private schools close as funding drops," *The Tennessean - Online*, May 26, 2009.
Felix Rioja, associate professor (Economics), was quoted in "Backshoring Just PR, or Long-Term Business Strategy?" in CIO Australia, Considering Convergence, May 27, 2009.

Activities & Outreach

Sally Wallace (pictured), professor (Economics) and associate director (Fiscal Research Center) and Nandya Yuwono, (Ph.D. Economics ’08) participated in the Indonesian-Australia Technical Advisory Program workshop "Training on Individual Income Tax Microsimulation" with officials from the Indonesia Director General Tax and Revenue Office, Fiscal Policy Office and the Central Bureau of Statistics, May 25-26, 2009.

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Nonprofit Studies Program Co-Hosts Lecture

The Nonprofit Studies Program, along with four partnering organizations - the Woodruff Arts Center, United Way of Greater Atlanta, The Foundation Center-Atlanta, The Southeastern Council of Foundations and the law firm of Alston and Bird - sponsored a lecture and discussion program led by Dan Pallotta on his new book *Uncharitable*, on May 29, 2009. The controversial premise of the book is that to unleash the potential of nonprofit organizations to address major problems such as poverty, disease and environmental degradation, they must be unshackled from the operating constraints they face, such as limits on administrative and fund raising costs, advertising and executive salaries. The program consisted of a presentation by Mr. Pallotta followed by a panel discussion chaired by Joe Bankoff, President of the Woodruff Arts Center, with Carol Naughton, Vice President of New Community Ventures, Milton Little, Jr., President of United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, Bill Bolling, Executive Director of the Atlanta Community Food Bank, and Martin Lehfeldt, retired CEO of the Southeastern Council on Foundations. The program was introduced and hosted by Dennis Young, professor (Public Management & Policy), director (Nonprofit Studies Program), and the Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Chair of Private Enterprise. Approximately 300 people attended the event at the Woodruff Arts Center. The program was taped for future viewing by Georgia Public Broadcasting.

Publications


Bruce Seaman, associate professor (Economics), invited contribution "Cultural Economics: State of Art and Perspectives" was published as the lead article in the Spanish economics Journal, *Estudios de Economía Aplicada*, April 2009 (Vol. 27, No 1).


**Media Hits**

Bruce Seaman, associate professor (Economics), based on the plenary session at the International Conference on Economy and Culture, was quoted in a number of Spanish (and Catalanian) newspapers including El Mundo and La Nacion, May 21, 2009.


**Presentations**


Bruce Seaman, associate professor (Economics), made a presentation and conducted a Q & A session (both in Spanish) on the subject of “American political culture and its effect on American cultural policy” while visiting the University of Valladolid in Spain, May 19, 2009.

David L. Sjoquist (pictured), professor (Economics), director (Fiscal Research Center and Domestic Programs), and the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy, attended a conference, “The Changing Landscape of Local Public Revenues,” held in Cambridge, MA and sponsored by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. He presented, "An Analysis of Alternative Revenue Sources for Local Government,” co-authored with Andrew Stephenson, Ph.D. student (Economics), June 1-2, 2009.

Activities & Outreach

Paula Stephan, professor (Economics), has been invited to serve as a member of the National Research Council's Board on Higher Education and the Workforce. The Board is chaired by William E. Kirwan, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, and is charged with overseeing a portfolio of studies on higher education and the science and engineering workforce. The invitation is for a two year term, beginning immediately.

The Nonprofit Studies Program hosted a group of 35 international masters degree students participating in on-line degree programs through the University of Barcelona May 18-21. The students, majoring in social economy and corporate social responsibility, came from Spain and eight countries in Latin America. They attended seminars at the Andrew Young School and took part in site visits to social enterprises in the Atlanta area. Students from the PMAP Maymester Social Enterprise class joined the group for many of their activities.

Bruce Seaman, associate professor (Economics), was a member of the opening plenary session (“Culture, Wealth and the Welfare of Nations”) at the International Conference on Economy and Culture held in Barcelona May 20-22. Later that opening day, he was introduced to H.M. Juan Carlos I, the King of Spain, with whom he had a short conversation in Spanish (mentioning in part his long friendship with that noted Castellano, Jorge Martinez Vazquez). He was introduced to the King by Pere Vicens, the president of the Culture Commission of the Official Chamber of Commerce of Barcelona.
Bruce Seaman, associate professor (Economics), was named as one of the ten Co-Editors of the Spanish academic journal Estudios de Economía Aplicada, and the only American. There is another American (Anne Carter, Brandeis University) among the 46 Associate Editors.

Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, professor (Economics) and director (International Studies Program) completed a week-long mission in Macedonia. This was the last of the three missions under the project commissioned by United Nations Development Program to propose a system of financing equitable service delivery by local governments and identify capacity building needed to operate the new system. The mission convened at a conference in Skopje to bring together all relevant stakeholders to formally present and discuss the draft feasibility study. The national conference is expected to function as the starting point for a specific policy to be formulated, agreed upon, and implemented. In addition, Dr. Martinez Vazquez was interviewed by different TV stations and print media on the role of the Andrew Young School in the fiscal reform process in Macedonia, from June 01-05, 2009.

Neven Valev, associate professor (Economics), principal investigator, "Investigating Monetary System Credibility in Bulgaria" Department of State Title VIII program, administered by the Center for International Studies, University of Delaware.

Student & Alumni

Fang Xiao, Ph.D. student (Public Management & Policy), "Boundary-Spanning in Emerging Technology Research: Determinants of Funding Success for Academic Scientists" co-authored with Julia Melkers (Georgia Institute of Technology), The Journal of Technology Transfer, forthcoming.
Publications


James Alm, professor (Economics), Robert D. Buschman (pictured), Ph.D. student (Economics), and David L. Sjoquist, professor (Economics), director (Fiscal Research Center and Domestic Programs), and the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy, "Economic Conditions and State and Local Education Revenue", Public Budgeting & Finance, forthcoming.

Media Hits

Barry Hirsch, professor (Economics) and the W.J. Usery Chair of the American Workplace, was quoted in a Virginian Pilot article by Philip Walzer and Teresa Annas, "Furloughs aren't just for blue collar workers anymore," May 17, 2009.

Presentations

Barry Hirsch, professor (Economics) and the W.J. Usery Chair of the American Workplace, presented "Wage Gap Estimation with Proxies and Nonresponse," co-authored with Chris Bollinger (University of Kentucky), at the 2009 Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, Boston, June 4-7, 2009.

Kurt Schnier, associate professor (Economics), presented “The Value of Statistical Life: Pursuing the Deadliest Catch,” co-authored with William Horrace (Syracuse University) and Ronald Felthoven (National Marine Fisheries Service), at the University of Stavanger in Stavanger, Norway, June 11, 2009.

Activities & Outreach

Sally Wallace, professor (Economics) and associate director (Fiscal Research Center), traveled to Bangalore, India to work with the Karnataka Fiscal Decentralization Cell and the World Bank along with Abdu Muwonge, Ph.D (Economics '07) on the evaluation of local government finances in Karnataka June 6-11, 2009.

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GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY RECEIVES $900,000 GRANT TO DEVELOP WEST AFRICAN UNIVERSITY

Leaders from Georgia State University and the International University of Grand-Bassam (IUGB) on Monday signed a collaborative agreement, expanding the partnership between the two institutions over the next three years.

As part of the agreement, IUGB will give Georgia State $900,000 during the 2009-2010 academic year for help developing its programs. The grant is expected to total $3 million over the next three years.

"Today is a very important day in this relationship," Georgia State President, Mark Becker said. "Fifteen years in the making, this dream is now a reality."

Georgia State began working with officials from the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire in 1994 to build IUGB. Progress was delayed because of civil war in the country and classes began in 2005 with 8 students. Today, more than 138 students are enrolled at IUGB with a goal of 1,200 students by 2014.

The International University of Grand-Bassam currently offers a two-year general education curriculum modeled after GSU's offerings. The institution will add a third year to its programs in fall 2009 and year four will be added in 2011. IUGB currently offers majors such as computer science, mathematics, accounting, economics and international policy/governance.

Georgia State faculty members will be taking on administrative roles at IUGB. Sally Wallace (pictured left), professor (Economics) and associate director (Fiscal Research Center), will serve as provost and vice president of academic affairs at the West African university.

Additionally, Georgia State has an exchange program with IUGB and 17 students from Cote d'Ivoire who are now enrolled at Georgia State, with 15 more expected to come in the fall.

"IUGB is poised to serve as a regional model of higher education in West Africa," said IUGB President Salio Toure, who traveled to Georgia State for the ceremony. "But we cannot do it without the help of our friend and your institution, Georgia State."

At Monday's ceremony, Georgia State University Provost, Ron Henry, was also presented with a medal of merit, the highest honor in higher education from the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire government, for his role in the partnership.
"I'm delighted to receive this and appreciate it very much," said Henry, who will retire this summer. "I'm just one person who made this happen, but it's been everyone else that's done all the hard work."

Department of Public Management & Policy Hosts Study Abroad Maymester Program in European

The Department of Public Management & Policy had a very successful Maymester European program. Gregory Streib (pictured left), professor (Public Management & Policy), was the lead instructor this year. A record 18 participants traveled to Europe this year, even with the bad economy.

Major highlights of the trip were visits to: St. Genevieve Library in Paris; NATO in Brussels, the Deutsche Bundesbank in Frankfurt, UNESCO, and the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris.

The program had one student on the trip who was taking his first plane flight. Most of the students had never been to Europe. The study abroad was a great addition to a GSU education in public management and policy.

The European hosts were very welcoming. Many students were able to take side trips such as; to Interlocken, Amsterdam, Barcelona, and to Rome.

Deon Locklin, director (Public Policy & Management Group), was a co-instructor for our academic program, and she had a great rapport with the students. Carol Hansen, associate professor (Public Management & Policy), joined the group in Paris, offering additional tours and visits. Her excellent French was a great help on occasion, and her knowledge of Paris was invaluable.

An itinerary of the trip can be found at:
http://www2.gsu.edu/~padgds/EUMaymesterProgram.pdf

A link to pictures taken by Greg Streib during the study abroad trip, and post family trip to Barcelona and the Pyrenees can be found at:
http://picasaweb.google.com/greg.streib/PMAPEuropeMaymester09?authkey=Gv1sRgCOObUteb4vPzBZg&feat=email#
Publications

James Alm, professor (Economics), and John V. Winters, Ph.D. student (Economics), "Distance and Intrastate College Student Migration", forthcoming, Economics of Education Review.


Presentations


Erdal Tekin, associate professor (Economics), presented "Child Care Subsidies and Childhood Obesity" at the European Society for Population Economics Meetings in Seville, Spain. He also served as a chair for the session titled "Child Care and Child Development" at the meetings, June 12, 2009.
Media Hits


Harvey Newman, professor and chair (Public Management & Policy) was quoted in “Hopefuls envision roles as president” by Eric Stirgus, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, June 20, 2009.

Activities & Outreach

Katherine Willoughby (pictured on left), professor (Public Management & Policy), participated in the Workshop, "Financing Governance: Managing Commitments over the Long Term", at the Fifth Transatlantic Dialogue, an annual conference held in Washington, D.C. on June 11-13, 2009. This conference is a collaborative effort of ASPA (American Society for Public Administration) and EGPA (European Group for Public Administration) and was sponsored in part by Rutgers University, George Mason University and George Washington University. Organized jointly by European and American networks, this conference aims to strengthen cooperation between European and American academics. Katherine Willoughby is co-chair of the 2010 conference with Dr. Ricardo Mussari of the University of Siena, Italy. Katherine Willoughby presented her paper co-authored with Marilyn Rubin (City University of New York), titled, "State Budget Balancing Strategies: Riding into the Future on Lessons Learned from the Past."

As a part of the Georgia Health Policy Center's ongoing legislative educational activities, the Center sponsored a two-day training with health policy/public health staff eager to learn about our initiative and replicate similar programs in their states. The 15 participants came from Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana and South Carolina. A highlight of the program was a panel presentation by attendees of the 2008 Legislative Health Policy Certificate Program, including two state representatives, legislative staff and program funder.
Publications

V. Kerry Smith (Arizona State University), Mary F. Evans (University of Tennessee), H. Spencer Banzhaf, associate professor (Economics), and C. Poulos (RTI), "Can Weak Substitution Be Rehabilitated?" *Environmental and Resource Economics*, forthcoming.

James Alm (pictured), professor (Economics), Mikhail I. Melnik (Ph.D. Economics ’03 and at Niagara University), and Yongsheng Xu, professor (Economics), “The Choice of Opening Prices on eBay”, *The Manchester School*, Vol. 77, No. 4 (July 2009), 411-429.

James Alm, professor (Economics), Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, regents professor (Economics) and director (International Studies Program), and Sally Wallace (pictured), professor (Economics) and associate director (Fiscal Research Center), “Do Tax Amnesties Work? The Revenue Effects of Tax Amnesties in the Russian Federation”, *Economic Analysis and Policy*, forthcoming.

Media Hits

David L. Sjoquist, professor (Economics), director (Fiscal Research Center and Domestic Programs), and the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy, was quoted in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Metro section titled “Big payoff promised in waiver,” June 18, 2009.

Presentations

Activities & Outreach

Paul Ferraro, associate professor (Economics), conducted a series of lectures to PhD students from Europe, Asia and Africa on "Payments for Environmental Services and Market-based Instruments for Environmental Protection," University of Copenhagen, Denmark, June 15-19, 2009.

Student News

Congratulations to Robynn Cox, Ph.D. student (Economics) who gave birth to son Daniel on June 15th. Both mother and son are doing well. Well wishes can be sent to Robynn at robynncox@netscape.net.
New AYS Dean Begins First Day

W. Bartley Hildreth, dean (AYS) and professor (Public Management & Policy) began his tenure as dean of the Andrew Young School on July 1, 2009. “It is an honor to be selected to lead the Andrew Young School, a top-ranked policy school known for its scholarly contribution and policy advice in Atlanta and in capitals around the globe,” Hildreth said. “Ambassador Andrew Young said the world calls all of us to leadership. My job is to keep that vision alive during the Andrew Young School’s next stage of growth as a creative leader in the world of policy studies.”

Andrew Young School Welcomes New Dean’s Assistant

The Andrew Young School Dean’s Office welcomes Shannan Hodgman, admin.-spec.-academic (AYS Dean’s Office) as the new assistant to AYS Dean, W. Bartley Hildreth. Shannan joins the AYS from Reno, Nevada where she worked as a research analyst for the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education. Shannan also previously worked for the Nevada Office of the Governor as a legislative staff assistant.

Andrew Young School Announces Recipients of the 2009 AYS Teaching Award

The Andrew Young School is pleased to announce the recipients for the 2009 AYS Excellence in Teaching Award. Professor Gregory B. Lewis (Public Management & Policy) and Associate Professor Bruce Seaman (Economics) were selected for their teaching excellence in the classroom. The recipients will be formally recognized at the AYS Fall Faculty Meeting in November and at the School’s 2010 Honors Day dinner and program.
Publications

John C. Thomas (pictured), professor (Public Management & Policy), manuscript, "Customer, Partner, Principal: Local Government Perspectives on State Agency Performance in Georgia", coauthors Theodore Poister, professor (Public Management & Policy), and Nevbahar Ertas, research associate (Fiscal Research Center) has been accepted for publication by the Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory. JPART is now generally viewed as the top scholarly journal in public administration and management.

Glenn M. Landers (pictured), senior research associate (Georgia Health Policy Center) and Mei Zhou, research associate (Georgia Health Policy Center), "An Analysis of Relationships among Peer Support, Psychiatric Hospitalization, and Crisis Stabilization", Community Mental Health Journal. Available online at: http://www.springerlink.com/content/0x32784p24554318/fulltext.pdf

Presentations

Kurt Schnier, associate Professor (Economics), presented "Property Rights in the Environment: The Case of Fisheries", at the Property and Environment Research Center (PERC), Bozeman, MT, June 16, 2009.

Media Hits


Executive Leadership Program for Nonprofit Organizations

The Nonprofit Studies Program held its third annual Executive Leadership Program for Nonprofit Organizations (ELPNO) training session June 21-26, 2009 at the Emory Conference Center Hotel. The program focuses on strategic thinking, finance and resource development, governance and leadership. Thirteen nonprofit executives from the Georgia, Maryland, and from the Republic of Georgia attended. Generous underwriting was provided by The UPS Foundation, and additional scholarships were granted by The Community Foundation, Calvin Edwards & Company, Coxe Curry & Associates, and Alston + Bird, LLP.

Participating AYS faculty included Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management & Policy), Mike Mescon, advisory board member (AYS) and dean emeritus (J. Mac Robinson College of Business), Deon Locklin, director (Public Performance Management), John O’Kane, SVP (Coxe Curry) and part-time instructor (Public Management & Policy), and Dennis Young, professor (Public Management & Policy), director (Nonprofit Studies Program), and the Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Chair of Private Enterprise. Other faculty included Edward Queen (Emory University), Peter Topping (Emory University), Virginia Hodgkinson (Georgetown University), Janet Greenlee (University of Dayton), Janet Rechtman (UGA) and John Bryson (University of Minnesota). Roxanne Spillett, CEO of Boys and Girls Clubs of America, was the keynote speaker the first night of the program. Other dinner presentations featured Brad Branch (Deloitte) and Trinita Logue (IFF—formerly the Illinois Facilities Finance Fund). Sam Pettway (Boardwalk Consulting) led a luncheon panel on governance with Joe Arnold (Sun Trust), Ann Cramer (IBM Foundation) and Sheffield Hale (American Cancer Society).

2009 ELPNO Graduates pictured with Harvey K. Newman (pictured back row on right).
Experimental Economics Center (ExCEN) Hosts EconPort National Dissemination Workshop

James C. Cox, professor (Economics), director (Experimental Economics Center), and the Noah Langdale Jr. Chair in Economics/Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, Todd Swarthout, research assistant professor (Economics), Susan Laury, associate professor (Economics), Vjollca Sadiraj, assistant professor (Economics), and Kevin Ackaramongkolrotn, research associate (ExCEN), faculty and staff, held the latest workshop in the four-year series of EconPort National Dissemination Workshops. EconPort is a digital library and virtual laboratory created under a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). For information on EconPort, see http://www.econport.org/. This series of workshops is supported by a second NSF grant. For information on the workshops, see http://excen.gsu.edu/workshops/. The June workshop taught faculty how to use experiment software and other educational resources on EconPort in teaching economics. Topics covered included homegrown supply and demand, competitive markets, tax incidence vs. liability to pay, Bertrand competition, other-regarding preferences, voluntary contributions to public goods, and prisoner’s dilemma games. Participants also learned about using classroom-response systems, or “clickers”, to conduct experiments in the classroom. The workshop was held in the ExCEN Laboratory in the AYS building on June 3 and 4, with 34 participants from 15 states primarily in the New England and Mid-Atlantic regions.

Publications

Yoon Jik Cho, assistant professor (Public Management & Policy), "Exploring the Link Between Integrated Leadership and Public Sector Performance" co-authored with Sergio Fernandez (Indiana University at Bloomington) and James L. Perry (Indiana University at Bloomington), Leadership Quarterly, forthcoming.

Felix Rioja (pictured), associate professor (Economics) and Neven Valev, associate professor (Economics), "Disaggregating financial development: The effects of lending to households and firms," with Thorsten Beck (Tilburg University) and Berrak Buyukkarabacak (University of Richmond), Vox policy portal, July 9, 2009 http://www.voxeu.org/index.php?q=node/3753
Presentations

**Carol Hansen**, associate professor (Public Management & Policy), presented "The Emic Side of Culture and Human Resource Development" at the International Academy of Human Resource Development, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom, June 2009.

**Paula Stephan**, professor (Economics), presented "Information Technology and Research Patterns in the Life Sciences" at the 2nd Communia Conference 2009, Turin, Italy, June 28-30th. She also was a discussant and participated in a panel discussion concerning science policy.

**Paula Stephan**, professor (Economics), was an invited participant in the plenary session which focused on the productivity of physicists in Italy and France at the XI European Workshop on Efficiency and Productivity Analysis, Pisa, Italy, June 23-26, 2009.

**Paula Stephan**, professor (Economics), delivered two lectures in the DIMETIC Doctoral European Summer School in Pecs, Hungary. The program has 30 Ph.D. students and focused on Regional and Policy Dimensions of Innovation and Growth, July 7, 2009.


Barry Hirsch, professor (Economics) and the W.J. Usery Chair of the American Workplace, presented "Does the Law of One (Real) Wage Really Hold?" co-authored with John Winters, alum (Ph.D. Economics ’09 and now at Auburn University at Montgomery), at the 2009 Western Economic Association Meetings in Vancouver, June 29 through July 3, 2009. Hirsch also was a discussant of the paper, "Do Minimum Wage Laws Affect People Who are Not Covered?" and chaired the session, "Employee Behavior in Labor Markets."

Media Hits

Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management & Policy), was quoted by Thomas Wheatley in an issue of Creative Loafing on Atlanta’s City Council races. The headline is "Atlanta City Council race candidates line up for November election," July 6, 2009.

Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management & Policy), was quoted in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution article “Funds grow in mayor’s race” about the campaign finance reports filed by the candidates for mayor of the City of Atlanta, July 8, 2009. Article can be found at: http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/printedition/2009/07/08/atlmayor0708.html?cxnid=inform_artr.

Peter Bluestone, research associate (Fiscal Research Center), was referenced along with his FRC Report, “Georgia Revenues and Expenditures: An Analysis of their Geographic Distribution” in the issue of the Athens Banner-Herald, OnlineAthens article titled "Athens, Atlanta get back less than they contribute" July 7, 2009. Article can be found at: http://www.onlineathens.com/stories/070809/new_460930254.shtml.
Kenneth Heaghney, research professor (Economics) and State Fiscal Economist, was one of three experts featured in "There are signs of hope the economy is turning," Atlanta Journal-Constitution, July 12, 2009.

Activities & Outreach

Roy Bahl, regents professor (Economics), has been appointed Professor Extraordinarius in the Economics Department at the University of Pretoria, South Africa, for the 2009-2011 period. He will lecture in Pretoria in July. Duties will include faculty seminars and lectures in the African Tax Institute.

James Alm, professor (Economics), was an invited participant at the "Barcelona Forum on Decentralized Governance and Conflict Prevention", held in Barcelona, Spain sponsored by the United Nations Staff College in cooperation with the Generalitat de Catalunya and the Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona on July 6-8, 2009.

Student & Alumni News


Reynold V. Galope, Ph.D. student (Public Management & Policy), presented "A Matching Protocol to Measure the Impact of Federal, State and University Business Assistance Programs: An Application Using the Georgia Manufacturing Survey" at the 6th PRIME Ph.D. and Early Career Researcher Conference: Challenges in Research and Innovation Policy Studies held at the Manchester Institute of Innovation Research, University of Manchester, United Kingdom, June 29, 2009 to July 2, 2009. He also served as discussant for one of the conference papers.
Elizabeth A.M. Searing, incoming Ph.D. student (Economics), presented "Casuistry: The Tape Measure in the Cognitive Toolbox," at the 2009 joint conference of the International Association for Research in Economic Psychology (IAREP) and the Society for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics (SABE), Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 7-11, 2009. She also won Third place in the 2009 Best Student Paper Competition for the paper. She was awarded a complimentary year's subscription to both the Journal of Economic Psychology and the Journal of Socio-Economics.

Thatcher Young, alum (MPA '06), was featured in "Ignition Signs on First Sustainability Director for Experiential Marketing Industry," CSRwire, June 24, 2009.
International Studies Program at the Andrew Young School Delivers Fiscal Decentralization and Local Governance Course, July 6 – 24, 2009

As part of its annual Public Policy Summer Training Courses, the International Studies Program delivered a three-week training program on “Fiscal Decentralization and Local Governance”, July 6 – 24, 2009. This course provides a detailed overview of the theoretical and applied dimensions of intergovernmental fiscal relations, with a focus on developing and transitional countries. The course is delivered through a combination of in-class lectures, roundtable discussions, and site visits to government agencies, including Hall County Administration, Georgia Department of Revenue, and Fulton County Tax Assessor’s Office. Lectures are delivered by Andrew Young School faculty, including Professors Roy Bahl, Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, Jim Alm, Jenny Ligthart, Paul Kagundu, Mark Rider, David Sjoquist, and Greg Streib, ISP Research Associates Musharraf Cyan, Eunice Heredia-Ortiz, Juan Luis Gomez, Cristian Sepulveda, and Andrey Timofeev. The training course was managed by Eunice Heredia-Ortiz.

Participants represent government officials and donor agencies from various countries, including Bangladesh, Cambodia, Egypt, India and Indonesia.

Publications

Paul Ferraro, associate professor (Economics) with K. Andam, alum (Ph.D. Public Management & Policy ’08), A. Pfaff (Duke University), J. Robalino (Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza or CATIE) and A. Sanchez (University of Alberta), "Park Location Affects Forest Protection: land characteristics cause differences in park impacts across Costa Rica." The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy (Contributions) 9(2), Article 5.

Sally Wallace, professor (Economics) and associate director (Fiscal Research Center), article "Buoyancy of Georgia's Personal Income Tax", State Tax Notes, Issue in their Tax Analysts, special report section, June 22, 2009.

Presentations

James C. Cox, professor (Economics), director (Experimental Economics Center), and the Noah Langdale Jr. Chair in Economics/Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, presented "Arms or Legs: Isomorphic Dutch Auctions and Centipede Games" at the International Meeting of the Economic Science Association, Washington, D.C., June 25-28.

Media Hits

Paul Ferraro, associate professor (Economics), an auction run by conservation groups for private grazing rights on federal lands in Montana, has served as an advisor, was highlighted in a series of news articles: "Wildlife refuge grazing deal sought" in the Great Falls Tribune (K Puckett), July 8, 2009, and "Groups Denounce "Cash-for-Grass"" in the Great Falls Tribune (Associated Press), July 10, 2009, and "Cash for grass sprouts controversy on the CMR" in the Lewistown News (D. Murray) on July 11, 2009.

Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management & Policy), was interviewed by Emily Badger for a story on the neighborhood impacts of the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. The interview appeared on ESPN.com in a story describing the Chicago bid for the games on July 20, 2009.


David L. Sjoquist, professor (Economics), director (Fiscal Research Center and Domestic Programs), and the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy, is featured in an article titled "Economists and Policymakers: Speaking Truth to Power" in the tax analysts section of the June 22, 2009 issue of the State Tax Notes.

Activities & Outreach

James C. Cox, professor (Economics), director (Experimental Economics Center), and the Noah Langdale Jr. Chair in Economics/Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, and Vjollca Sadiraj (pictured), assistant professor (Economics), have been awarded a three-year, $329,511 grant from the Political Science Program of the National Science Foundation. The research topic is “Asymmetric Power in Paired Common Pool and Public Good Games: Experiments, Institutions, and Behavior.” This is a collaborative grant with a second one with the same title awarded to Elinor Ostrom and James M. Walker at Indiana University. The two grants provide support for the ongoing collaborative research program between the Experimental Economics Center at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at Indiana University.
**Dennis Young**, professor (Public Management & Policy), director (Nonprofit Studies Program), and the Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Chair of Private Enterprise, was a member of the international faculty of the European Summer School on Social Economy in Bertinoro, Italy, from July 6th through July 11th, where he delivered the keynote presentation entitled "Alternative Understandings of Social Enterprise" and participated in the closing panel in which he presented a paper on "A Unified Theory of Social Enterprise: International applications". Prof. Young visited Italy as a Fulbright Senior Specialist. In the attached photo (left to right), Prof. Young is shown with fellow faculty members Profs. Carlo Borzaga of the University of Trento, Italy, Eva Kuti from Budapest College of Management, Victor Pestoff of Ersta Skondal University College, Stockholm, Alex Murdoch from London Southbank University and Andrea Bassi of the University of Bologna in Forli, Italy.

![Photo of faculty members](image)

**Student & Alumni News**

**Nara Monkam**, alumna (Ph.D. Economics ’08), accepted a tenure track position as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Pretoria (South Africa). She will also assume the position of deputy director of the African Tax Institute which is housed within the Department of Economics. The African Tax Institute (ATI) is devoted to training, research, and technical assistance in the areas of tax policy and tax administration on the African continent.

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Publications


Katherine Willoughby, professor (Public Management & Policy), has published a book review of The International Handbook of Practice-Based Performance Management, an edited text by Patria de Lancer Julnes, Frances Stokes Berry, Maria P. Aristigueta, and Kaifeng Yang and The Dynamics of Performance Management: Constructing Information and Reform, by Donald P. Moynihan in Public Administration Review, July/August 2009 issue. Her review, "The Psychology of Performance Management: Think Locally, Act Locally," explains current practices and interpretations of performance management and budgeting systems as presented by the authors and highlights those principles that promote the most successful use of performance information for positive results.

Heather Devlin, research associate (Georgia Health Policy Center) and Jay Desai and Anne Walaszek (Minnesota Department of Health), "Reviewing Performance of Birth Certificate and Hospital Discharge Data to Identify Births Complicated by Maternal Diabetes", Maternal and Child Health Journal 13(5):660-666.

Presentations


James Alm, professor (Economics), gave a keynote address at the conference "The Shadow Economy, Tax Evasion, and Social Norms", held at the University of Muenster in Muenster, Germany. His address was titled "Designing Alternative Strategies to Reduce Tax Evasion" on July 23-26, 2009.
Media Hits

Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management & Policy), was interviewed about "Atlanta Councilman Mitchell Robbed at Gunpoint" by Eric Stirgus and Alyse Knorr. The story appeared online on July 26, 2009 and in the print edition on July 27, 2009 of the AJC. His comments addressed the impact of crime on the race for mayor and president of the city council. Newspaper article can be found at: http://www.ajc.com/news/atlanta/atlanta-councilman-mitchell-robbed-100895.html.

Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management & Policy), was interviewed by Jamaal Abdul-Alim of YouthToday.org for a story on the American Humanics program to prepare students for careers in youth-serving nonprofit organizations. Newman described the development of our Bachelor of Public Policy concentration in Nonprofit Leadership and the American Humanics certificate program on July 29, 2009.

Activities & Outreach

Congratulations to Cynthia S. Searcy, assistant professor (Public Management & Policy), on completing the Lake Placid Ironman Triathlon in 15 hours, 5 minutes, and 40 seconds. The triathlon included a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride, and a 26.2 mile run.

Student & Alumni News

Grace I. Chikoto, Ph.D. student (Public Management & Policy), presented and passed her final oral exam on Tuesday, July 28, 2009. The dissertation topic was “Government Funding and INGO Autonomy: From Resource Dependence and Tool Choice Perspectives.”
NONPROFIT STUDIES PROGRAM WELCOMES PROFESSOR WOODS BOWMAN

Woods Bowman, Professor of Public Service at DePaul University, will be a Visiting Scholar in the Nonprofit Studies Program for the fall semester, 2009. Professor Bowman has an MPA and a PhD in Economics from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. Early in his career he worked as a research economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. His distinguished public service has included fourteen years as an elected member of the Illinois House of Representatives, and four years as Chief Financial Officer for Cook County in Chicago.

Professor Bowman’s research interests include nonprofit finance and financial health, the value of volunteer time, and the relationship between confidence in charitable organizations and volunteering. He is the Ethics columnist for Nonprofit Quarterly. Professor Bowman will be teaching the course, PAUS 8262: Nonprofit Financial Management. He will also be collaborating with other NSP researchers on joint research, and will present a seminar on some of his research in October.

Fiscal Research Center Publishes Policy Briefs

Laura Wheeler, senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center), FRC Brief #196 "Corporate Tax Revenue Buoyancy". This brief analyzes the growth pattern of the Georgia corporate income tax over time and the factors that have influenced this growth. http://aysps.gsu.edu/Brief_196.pdf.

Cynthia Searcy, assistant professor (Public Management & Policy) with William Duncombe (Syracuse University), FRC Report/Brief #197 "An Examination of the Financial Health of Georgia's Start-Up Charter Schools". This report examines the financial health of start-up charter schools in Georgia during the 2006-07 school year. http://aysps.gsu.edu/Brief_197.pdf.
Publications

James Alm (pictured), professor (Economics), and David L. Sjoquist, professor (Economics), director (Fiscal Research Center and Domestic Programs), and the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy, "The Response of Local School Systems in Georgia to Fiscal and Economic Conditions", *Journal of Education Finance*, Vol. 35, No. 1 (Summer 2009), 60-84.

James C. Cox, professor (Economics), director (Experimental Economics Center), and the Noah Langdale Jr. Chair in Economics/Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, "Trust and Reciprocity: Implications of Game Triads and Social Contexts", in the *New Zealand Economic Papers*, August 2009.

Presentations

Karen Minyard, associate research professor (Public Management & Policy) and Executive Director (Georgia Health Policy Center), presented “Building systems thinking capacity with state policymakers” at Weight of the Nation, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s Inaugural Conference on Obesity Prevention and Control, Washington, D.C., July 28, 2009

Rachel Ferencik, research associate (Georgia Health Policy Center), presented a poster “Collaborative Modeling to Address Childhood Obesity: Bridging Research and Policy-making” at Weight of the Nation, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s Inaugural Conference on Obesity Prevention and Control, Washington, D.C., July 27, 2009.

Christine H. Roch, associate professor (Public Management & Policy), presented "Representative Bureaucracy and Policy Tools" at the Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, July 29, 2009.

Kenneth Heaghney, research professor (Economics) and State Fiscal Economist, presented “Georgia’s Economy – Is the Glass Half-full or Half Empty”, at the Georgia Forestry Association, Savannah, GA, July 20, 2009.
Media Hits

Kenneth Heaghney, research professor (Economics) and State Fiscal Economist, was quoted in the article titled “Georgia’s tax-free holiday on borrowed time?” Atlanta Journal-Constitution, August 3, 2009. Article can be found at: http://www.ajc.com/news/georgias-tax-free-holiday-on-borrowed-time-107424.html.

Activities & Outreach

Erdal Tekin, associate professor (Economics), recent article “The Relationship Between Suicidal Behavior and Productive Activities of Young Adults,” co-authored with Sara Markowitz (Emory University) has been selected as the first runner-up of the 2009 Georgescu-Roegen Prize. The Roegen Prize is awarded each year by the Southern Economic Association to the author(s) of the best academic article published in the Southern Economic Journal.

Student & Alumni News

Matthew Davichik, alum (BA Economics ’09), was selected to work for Teach for America. Matthew will be teaching in Houston, TX, bringing new energy and leadership to the challenge of closing the academic achievement gap for students in low-income communities.

Patrick Larson, graduate student (Public Management & Policy) was chosen to do an internship at the U.S. Embassy in London, England during the 2010 Spring Semester (January – April). During this time, he will have the opportunity to work with the embassy’s Department of Economic Affairs. His duties will include providing administrative support to local diplomats and embassy officers. The internship will be a valuable opportunity to get practical experience in the Foreign Service and a chance to learn many new and important skills in a fast-paced and demanding environment.

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Publications

**Sarah Arnett** (pictured), Ph.D. student (Public Management & Policy) and **Katherine Willoughby**, professor (Public Management & Policy), are co-authors with Yi Lu, (John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY) of "Legislating Results: Examining the Legal Foundations of Performance Based Budgeting (PBB) Systems in the States" that is forthcoming in Public Productivity and Management Review. This research examines state code that prescribes PBB systems in state governments and their legal components. Findings indicate that the comprehensiveness of PBB law and requirements for shared responsibility have a positive relationship with the successful practice of performance budgeting in these governments.


**Andrew Hanson**, assistant professor (Economics), "Local employment, poverty, and property value effects of geographically-targeted tax incentives: An instrumental variables approach" *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, forthcoming.

Presentations

**John Matthews**, senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center), presented “Community Benefits 101: What they are; how they work; who is involved; and a historical context of relevant examples in Atlanta” at the “BeltLine Citywide Conversation on Community Benefits” at Friendship Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, sponsored by Atlanta Beltline, Inc, August 11, 2009.
Media Hits


The International Studies Program was featured in the Georgia Department of Revenue’s Summer 2009 newsletter e-Revenews for the site visit during the Fiscal Decentralization and Local Governance course, July 2009.

Activities & Outreach

Klara Sabirianova Peter, assistant professor (Economics), joins the Editorial Board of the Journal of Comparative Economics, the leading journal in the field of comparative and transition economics.

The Public Performance and Management Group (PPM) received notice of a funding award from the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration. The award is for $750,000 to prepare qualified counselors to work in the state/federal vocational rehabilitation program. During the five year project period, PPM will work closely with the Georgia Department of Labor to recruit, prepare, and place students in employment. Ultimately, this project supports state and federal policy aimed at strengthening capacity to deliver quality vocational rehabilitation services and enhance outcomes for individuals with disabilities.
This is the second "RSA Scholars Program" funding award for PPM. The previous five year project ended on 7/31/09. The RSA Scholars Program is a collaboration between PPM within the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and the Counseling and Psychological Services Department within the College of Education at Georgia State University.

Student & Alumni News

Amy Clark, graduate student (Public Management & Policy), has accepted a position as an education program specialist in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s University branch of that agency’s Office of Workforce and Career Development. She will be developing and delivering public health and health policy curriculum to CDC staff.

Congratulations to Bonnie Naugle, alum (MPA ’04), who gave birth to Polly Mae on July 16, 2009 at 8:54 p.m. She came in at 7 lbs 9 oz. Well wishes can be sent to Bonnie at bonnie.naugle@gmail.com.
Undergraduate policy interns complete research projects

The participants in the 2009 Summer Policy Internship have successfully completed this summer’s program. Their research projects covered a wide range of topics including health care reform, fiscal decentralization, decision making under uncertainty, housing values, tax evasion, crime, poverty, and childhood obesity. The program is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation and has run for ten years.

While at the AYSPS, the interns performed research with faculty mentors, attended seminars and mixers, and visited policy institutions in Atlanta. The program culminated in their final research presentations that were held July 13 and 14. All papers are published on the website of the program. In the past, many of the interns have continued their education in leading graduate programs.

Standing from (left): Jim Marton (director of the program), Matt Zuzic, Alvine Sangang, Diego Rivera, Samantha Latty, and Courtney Reaford.

Seated from (left): Siyao Zhu, Kyle Borders, Jennifer Ghandhi, Laura Dorick, and Omar Farooque. The interns arrived from Kentucky, Ohio, Texas, Massachusetts, New York, Alabama, Arizona, and various towns in Georgia.

Not pictured: Mary Kenyatta (administrative coordinator of the program)
Publications


**Carol Hansen**, associate professor (Public Management & Policy), with Yih-teen Lee (University of Navarra, Spain) published, as lead editor, *The Cultural Context of Human Resource Development*, with Palgrave Macmillan-UK.


Presentations


**Mary Ann Phillips**, senior research associate (Georgia Health Policy Center), presented "Public/Private Partnerships Impact Policy and Improve Access to Care" at the National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media, sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA, August 13, 2009.

**Andrey Timofeev** (pictured), research associate (International Studies Program) presented "Urbanization and the Poverty Level," with **Jorge Martinez-Vazquez**, regents professor (Economics) and director (International Studies Program), and **Panupong Panudulkitti**, alum (Ph.D. Economics '07) at the 65th Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF) held in Cape Town, South Africa, from August 13-16, 2009.

Media Hits


Peter Bluestone, research associate (Fiscal Research Center) and alum (Ph.D. Economics ’07), was referenced in The Atlanta Regional Commission's Saporta Report titled "Metro Atlanta needs to get its fair share of dollars from the state of Georgia" August 10, 2009.

Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management & Policy), was interviewed, for a segment on Bloomberg Financial news about the potential impact of having the Olympic Games in Chicago. The interview was conducted live at Bloomberg's Atlanta studio, August 13, 2009. Story and video can be found at: [http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aCFKw0K.HFFU](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aCFKw0K.HFFU).

Activities & Outreach

Bruce Kaufman, professor (Economics), has accepted a part-time research position with the Department of Employment Relations at Griffith University in Brisbane Australia. He has also been appointed a visiting professor in the Business School at the University of Loughborough in Leicestershire, UK.

Student & Alumni News

Richard Hawkins, alum (Ph.D. Economics ’96), *Fiscal Research Center Policy Brief* titled “Household Tax Burden Effects from Replacing Ad Valorem Taxes with Additional Sales Tax Levies”, August 2009. This brief estimates net tax effects across income classes from a sales tax for property tax swap, where Georgia property taxes are reduced and state sales taxes increased. [http://aysps.gsu.edu/Brief_198.pdf](http://aysps.gsu.edu/Brief_198.pdf).
Aaron Howard, graduate student (Public Management & Policy), interned in the Consulate Section of the Santo Domingo Post. He worked directly with Diplomats helping to carry out the Post’s Mission. His duties included adjudicating cases, attending court hearings, and investigating fraudulent passport applications. He helped revamp the passport scheduling system and took part in the Embassy’s Hurricane Task Force. Aaron had the chance to attend Policy Briefings, Country Team Meetings, and helped prepare legal and federal documents.
Publications


Andrew Hanson, assistant professor (Economics), and Ryan Sullivan (Syracuse University), "The Incidence of Tobacco Taxation: Evidence from Geographic Micro-Level Data" *National Tax Journal*, Forthcoming.

Media Hits

Bruce Kaufman, professor (Economics), was interviewed for a Reuters article "Flight Attendant Union Wants Membership Vote at Delta." on August 21, 2009. Article can be found at: [http://www.reuters.com/article/businessNews/idUSTRE57L03S20090822](http://www.reuters.com/article/businessNews/idUSTRE57L03S20090822).

Activities & Outreach

The Public Performance Management Group (PPM) completed a four month technical assistance project for the Georgia Department of Corrections and the Board of Pardons and Paroles. The purpose of this project was to identify redundancies and areas for improvement within the Department of Correction's Offender Administration Unit and the Board of Pardons and Parole's Clemency and Selection Division in order to establish the feasibility of an integrated offender administration system between the two agencies.

Deon Locklin, director (Public Performance Management Group), has received a $92,000 contract from the Department of Early Care and Learning for the third year to conduct customer satisfaction surveys for the Bright from the Start Program, which will be used to guide the program's leadership in targeting areas for performance improvement.
Kurt Schnier, associate professor (Economics), has recently been asked to serve on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Social and Economic Technical Advisory Panel. The Council manages the Federal fisheries off the coast of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and East Florida.

Student & Alumni News

Jungbu Kim, alumnus (Public Management & Policy Ph.D. '07), Seong Soo Oh, doctoral student (Public Management & Policy), and Taehyun Jung, alumnus (Public Management & Policy Ph.D. '09), "Funding for Disaster Recovery: Increased Taxes or Charitable Donations to Nonprofits?," *International Journal of Public Administration*, forthcoming.

Stephen Everhart, alumnus (Ph.D. Economics '02), was named Associate Dean for the School of Business at The American University in Cairo in May 2009. He previously served as Managing Director of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) in Washington D.C., part of the team managing a $14 billion portfolio invested exclusively in emerging markets. He began his international markets career in 1979 on Wall Street, working on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange and subsequently held analyst/portfolio manager positions with EF Hutton, Merrill Lynch, and Pru-Bache Securities. More information on Everhart can be found at: [http://www.aucegypt.edu/academics/facultyresearch/Profiles/Pages/StephenEverhart.aspx](http://www.aucegypt.edu/academics/facultyresearch/Profiles/Pages/StephenEverhart.aspx)

Seong Soo Oh, doctoral student (Public Management & Policy), presented and passed her final oral exam on the dissertation topic “The Impact of Performance Ratings on Federal Personnel Decisions.”

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Georgia State University Welcomes Edmund S. Muskie Fellows

Georgia State University is pleased to welcome four new international students on campus as part of the U.S. Department of State’s Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program. Joining the Georgia State University family are Otar Kantaria from Georgia, Reimbay Reiimbayev from Turkmenistan, Andrey Rybalov from Russia, and Bauyrzhan Yedgenov from Kazakhstan.

Established by the U.S. Congress in 1992 to encourage economic and democratic growth in Eurasia, the Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program is a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the US Department of State (ECA), and administered by IREX. The Muskie Program aims to promote mutual understanding, build democracy and foster the transition to market economies through intensive academic study and professional training for fellows from 12 countries of the former Soviet Union. In addition to their academic coursework, all Muskie fellows perform community service and complete a summer internship in their field of study. The Muskie program is highly competitive, averaging over 3,000 applications per year with a 5% rate of acceptance. For more information, visit: http://www.irex.org/programs/muskie/index.asp
The **International Studies Program** at the Andrew Young School of Public Policy Studies recently concluded its annual Public Policy Summer Training Program. The course targeted government officials, policy makers, and development experts from developing and transitional countries, as well as their counterparts with international donor agencies. This year’s program delivered two of the five policy reform courses regularly offered. First, as mentioned in an earlier edition of the Dean News, from July 6-24, 2009, the ISP hosted a total of ten participants for the Fiscal Decentralization and Local Governance course.

The second and last of the International Studies Program 2009 Summer Training Course – Tax Policy, Fiscal Analysis and Revenue Forecasting – was conducted from August 10-21. During that time the ISP hosted nine participants which represent government officials and donor agencies from Barbados, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ghana, The Netherlands, Montserrat, Philippines, Saint Kitts & Nevis and Tanzania. This course exposes public sector finance officers and budget officials to the latest developments in tax policy design, fiscal analysis and revenue forecasting. Lecturers including AYSPS faculty James Alm, Roy Bahl, Shif Gurmu, Susan Laury, Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, Katherine Willoughby; Visiting Scholar Jenny Ligthart; and ISP Research Associates Eunice Heredia-Ortiz and Andrey Timofeev. The training course was managed by Eunice Heredia-Ortiz.

Seated (From Left): George Ofori-Atta, Guy Dionne, Jorge Martinez-Vazquez (Director, ISP), Fatuma Ambo, Derek R. Gibbs.  
Standing (From Left): Roy R. Hernandez, Violette R. Silcott, Rhonda Forbes-Williams, Dorriel Tross-Phillip, Patrick Mugoya, Eunice Heredia-Ortiz (Course Coordinator).
Public Performance and Management Group Update

The Governor's Office of Customer Service is contracting with the Public Performance and Management Group (PPM) to evaluate the effectiveness of a 20 month email campaign targeting state employees. PPM will pre-test and conduct web-based focus groups, during which state employees' perceptions of the email campaign and recommendations for improvement will be gathered.

They will also conduct additional surveys for the State of Georgia during fiscal year 2010. Surveys will target service recipients and employees of up to seven state agencies and programs. This project builds upon work begun in 2006, in which OCS sponsored the development and refinement of statewide indices for service quality, customer satisfaction, workplace quality, and employee satisfaction.

Publications


Presentations

Bruce Kaufman, professor (Economics), presented "What is Distinctive and Value-Added about Employment Relations?" at the International Industrial Relations Congress in Sydney, Australia, August 27, 2009 and again on September 2, 2009 at a seminar at Griffith University in Brisbane.

Gregory B. Lewis, professor (Public Management and Policy), and Charles W. Gossett (CSU-Sacramento), presented "Why Did Californians Pass Proposition 8?" at the 2009 American Political Science Association meeting in Toronto, Ontario, September 3-6, 2009.

Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management and Policy), made a presentation to the Policy Institute for Civic Leadership on "Atlanta's History and Politics." The Policy Institute is sponsored by Georgia Stand-Up, and is an 8-week course for neighborhood and labor leaders, September 9, 2009.

**Media Hits**

Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management and Policy), was interviewed by Charles Edwards from WABE news on the Atlanta mayoral race. Parts of the interview were played on, September 9, 2009.

**Activities & Outreach**

James Alm, professor (Economics), has been invited as an Erskine Fellow in the Department of Economics and Finance, College of Business and Economics at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand. He will visit there from September through mid-October, and will give lectures and seminars on public economics issues in developing countries. Following his time at the University of Canterbury, he will also visit the Queensland University of Technology at Brisbane, Australia, at the invitation of Benno Torgler, and Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia where he will work with alumna Arti Adji (Ph.D. Economics ’06).

Gregory B. Lewis, professor (Public Management and Policy), and David W. Pitts (American University) won the Robert W. Bailey Award for the Best Paper on LGBT Issues at the 2008 American Political Science Association meeting in Boston for their paper "Representation of Lesbians and Gay Men in Federal, State, and Local Bureaucracies."
Shelby Frost, clinical associate professor (Economics) and director of the Georgia State Center for Economic Education attended the Georgia Council on Economic Education's Annual Directors Retreat in St. Simons Island, Georgia on September 4-5, 2009. Directors for the Centers for Economic Education at all the Universities in Georgia with such Centers were present to share what has occurred at the Centers in the past year. I'd like to share the following info:

The GSU Center for Business and Economic Education has been very active; from Jan 1 to Sept 3, it hosted 32 activities, serving 656 teachers (222 elementary, 303 middle, and 131 high school teachers), for a total of 222 hours and 4,630 contact hours. This represents a significant portion of workshops offered in Georgia; the total for the entire state are 100 activities, serving 2,059 teachers (866 elementary, 719 middle, 404 high, 50 home school, 2 other, and 18 pre-service school teachers), for a total of 803 hours and 15,870 contact hours. Compared with other states, Georgia is at the top in terms of workshops offered. As of Aug 14, Georgia ranks number 1 in training program hours (733) and total contact hours (14,820), and Georgia ranks number 2 (behind Virginia) in workshop participants (1,859) and number of training programs offered (90). Georgia high school students continue to perform better on "end of course tests" (EOCTs) in economics than other subject areas; of the 8 required EOCTs in Georgia, economics ranks 3rd in terms of student performance. Anyone interested in more detailed data should feel free to contact me for additional information.

Kurt Schnier, associate professor (Economics), was recently awarded a three year National Science Foundation (NSF) research grant (BCS-0908679: $199,861) titled, "Collaborative Research: The Proper Scale for Environmental Markets with Application to Nitrogen Trading in the Neuse River Basin." This grant is joint work with Martin Doyle (University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill) and Andrew Yates (University of Richmond). It is part of the Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems program at NSF and we will be conducting a series of experiments here at Georgia State University to test different theories of pollution market structure and analyze the market performance of nitrogen trading in the Neuse River.

Other News


Student & Alumni News

Sarah Jacobson, Ph.D. student (Economics), presented "The Effects of CRP Participation on Later Land Use" at Camp Resources XVI in Asheville, NC, August 14, 2009.


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Publications

Roy Bahl, regents professor (Economics), “Budget Making and Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in Pakistan” with Musharraf Cyan, Ph.D. student (Economics) and Sally Wallace (pictured), professor (Economics) and associate director (Fiscal Research Center), in Comparative Budgeting: An Examination of Public Budgeting Across U.S. Borders ed. by Charles Menifield (Jones and Bartlett Publishers), forthcoming.


Fiscal Research Center Policy Brief

Rayna Stoycheva (pictured), Ph.D. student (Public Management and Policy) and David L. Sjoquist, professor (Economics), director (Fiscal Research Center and Domestic Programs), and the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy, “Household Income Inequality in Georgia, 1980 – 2007,” Fiscal Research Center Brief #199. This brief explores the change in the distribution of income. Brief can be found at: http://aysps.gsu.edu/frc/files/Brief_199.pdf.

Presentations


David L. Sjoquist, professor (Economics), director (Fiscal Research Center and Domestic Programs), and the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy, presented “The Ever-Changing Property Tax” at the Annual Institute for City and County Attorneys, Athens, Georgia, September 11, 2009.
James C. Cox, professor (Economics), director (Experimental Economics Center) and the Noah Langdale Jr. Chair in Economics/Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, presented "Is There a Plausible Theory for Decision under Risk?" at the First IDEI-SCOR Conference on Risk Sharing and Finance at the University of Toulouse, France, September 10-11, 2009.

Media Hits

Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management and Policy), did an interview with Charles Edwards of WABE on the campaign financing of the candidates in the City of Atlanta mayoral race that aired, September 11, 2009.

Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management and Policy), was quoted in an article by Cameron McWhirter and Eric Stirgus in an Atlanta Journal-Constitution article, "Ethics Office lacks staff, funding," the article discussed the Ethics Case Study done as part of the Atlanta Case Studies project that is funded by the Atlanta Committee for Progress in the September 13, 2009.

David L. Sjoquist, professor (Economics), director (Fiscal Research Center and Domestic Programs), and the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy, was interviewed and quoted in a story regarding city bankruptcy in the issue of the National Journal, June 14, 2009.

Barry Hirsch, professor (Economics) and the W.J. Usery Chair of the American Workplace, is cited in two recent news articles, the first a September 8, 2009 Los Angeles Times article by Patrick McDonnell, "Union membership in California increases despite recession, study finds," and a second an article by Analisa Nazareno, "The Top 20 Companies Hiring Now," in the September issue of PODER 360.
Student & Alumni News


Upcoming Events

The 5th Dan E. Sweat Lecture
Thursday, September 24, 2009, 3:00 p.m.
Andrew Young School Building, Room #749/750
Dr. Amy Stuart Wells, Professor, Sociology and Education Director, Center for Understanding Race and Education (CURE) Teachers College, Columbia University, will present “Education Policy in Changing Suburban and Urban America.”
Publications


**Neven Valev**, associate professor (Economics), with Jeffry Frieden (Harvard University) and David LeBlang (University of Virginia) "The Political Economy of Exchange Rate Regimes in the Transition Countries" *Review of International Organizations*, forthcoming.

**Neven Valev**, associate professor (Economics), with Berrak Buyukkarabacak (University of Richmond) "Credit expansions and banking crises: The role of household and firm credit" *Journal of Banking and Finance*, forthcoming.

Presentations

**Dennis Young**, professor (Public Management and Policy), director (Nonprofit Studies Program), and the Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Chair of Private Enterprise, presented his paper "The Economics of Nonprofit Governance" at the plenary session of The Conference Internationale sur la Gouvernance des Associations at the Conservatoire des Arts et Metiers in Paris on September 7, 2009 and provided summary remarks at the conclusion of the conference on September 8, 2009.

**Dennis Young** (on right) pictured here with Dr. Philippe Eynaud and Prof. Jean-Louis Laville, the conference organizers.
Sally Wallace (pictured), professor (Economics) and associate director (Fiscal Research Center), Andrey Timofeev, research associate (International Studies Program) and Juan Luis Gomez, research associate (International Studies Program) traveled to Kolkata, India to present initial findings at a workshop with the World Bank, DFID, and the Government of West Bengal. The studies are titled “Fiscal Framework in West Bengal” by Sally Wallace and “Financial Management” by Katherine Willoughby, professor (Public Management and Policy) and Juan Luis Gomez.

Shif Gurmu, associate professor (Economics), presented "Bayesian Approach to Zero-inflated Ordered Probit Models, with an Application" at the 2009 Meetings of the Midwest Econometrics Group, Purdue University, Indiana, September 11-12, 2009.


Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management and Policy), presented to the 2010 class of LEAD Atlanta on "Atlanta History." The group was meeting at the Winshape Retreat Center on the campus of Berry College, Rome Georgia, on September 25, 2009. He was invited to participate by Spencer Humphrey, a LEAD Atlanta alumnus and a MS/UPS graduate of PMAP. Among those in the audience in the LEAD Atlanta class of 2010 was Jae Brown of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and a BS/UPS graduate of PMAP.

Activities & Outreach

Neven Valev, associate professor (Economics), was reappointed as editorial writer for Capital, the main Bulgarian business and economics newspaper. He will write articles for the "Applied Economics" section of the newspaper. These are full-page articles on current economic and policy debates in the region. The appointments are annual and professor Valev has served in this position for one year.
Dean Announces New Initiatives for Andrew Young School

At the inaugural reception held to introduce Dean W. Bartley Hildreth to members of the greater Atlanta business and civic community, the dean announced four key initiatives on which he plans to focus the efforts of the Andrew Young School:

We will expand a policy infrastructure orientation that is informed by market incentives, best practices and good governance rules … giving extra attention to the City of Atlanta and Georgia during the coming elections.

We will continue to improve student outcomes and our enrollment, and will help more students learn about the market economy through master teachers in the principles courses.

We will redouble our efforts to raise the school’s reputation and rankings to the level that reflects the top-ranked academic success of our two departments.

We will jump-start a legacy initiative to document and extend Andrew Young’s contributions to his namesake school.

Andrew and Carolyn Young and the AYS Advisory Board hosted the reception at Northern Trust Bank in Buckhead on September 15. Chairman Sam Allen and Robert Meier, president of Northern Trust Bank-Georgia and an Advisory Board Member, thanked the gathering and introduced the keynote speaker, Andrew Young, who recognized the school’s success in attracting “a group of creative, dedicated people who want to make the world a better place. “Things happen here that are relevant around the world,” said Young. “We have selected a dean with the vision and capacity to carry the school forward, and who can share what this vision is with students.”

Dean Hildreth told the crowd that his central job is to ensure that the school’s “start-up success – 13 years and counting – becomes a lasting brand.”
Dean Hildreth recognized as “founding avenues to excellence” several practices instilled by Founding Dean Roy Bahl and faculty, claiming they have made the Andrew Young School one of the top-ranked policy schools in the nation:

"Unlike most policy schools, the academic departments of the Andrew Young School – both economics and public management and policy – are expected to be among the very best in their academic discipline and to do research that informs policy. Our external indicators confirm success in both endeavors."

"The AYS promotes an entrepreneurial research team. In fact, our faculty, centers and programs lead the campus in raising external funding as measured by dollars per tenure track faculty member, and without expensive laboratories."

"Our highly productive research centers aim to be the ‘center of choice’ for their targeted client groups, with the evidence indicating success down the street and in more than 40 countries."

He outlined his vision for the school to be the leader in activities that inform the effective development of “policy infrastructure,” a concept he defined as “the policy foundation we help put in place locally and around the globe,” and continued, “Just as physical infrastructure is important to a community and country, so is our work focus on the policy infrastructure that helps businesses flourish, communities grow and societies prosper.

“How is that the case? Private interests depend upon a foundation of public goods for results – public goods such as public safety, courts, public works, education and health protections, a thriving nonprofit sector, and best-practice governance including strong finances and accountability.

“Individuals and businesses want their governments to operate under predictable rules that do not necessarily interfere with private choices. They expect competent public managers to interpret and enforce those rules evenly. Developing leaders that meet both of these expectations falls under our education charter."
Dean Hildreth closed by reminding the crowd that, “The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies is devoted to making a difference. I understand and embrace that challenge and look forward to working with you and others in the community to achieve those results.”

A complete copy of the speech from the reception can be found on Dean Hildreth’s welcome page at: [http://aysps.gsu.edu/dean_welcome.html](http://aysps.gsu.edu/dean_welcome.html).

Pictures from top to bottom on page one: W. Bartley Hildreth, dean (AYS) and Ambassador Andrew Young, Public Affairs Professor of Policy Studies; Sam Allen, Advisory Board Chair; Robert Meier, Advisory Board Member; Michael Mescon, Advisory Board Member, Andrew Young, and W. Bartley Hildreth.

Pictures from top to bottom on page two: Andrew Young; W. Bartley Hildreth; Paul Rosser, Advisory Board Member and Fenwick Huss, Dean, J. Mac Robinson College of Business; Fran Usery, W. J. Usery, Distinguished Executive Fellow in Labor Policy, and Andrew Young.
International Studies Program Hosts French Course in Fiscal Decentralization and Local Governance

The International Studies Program hosted seven government officials from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) who attended a two-week French Course in Fiscal Decentralization and Local Governance. The course was held September 21st – October 2nd at the Andrew Young School. Participants came from DRC’s Prime Minister’s Office and the Ministry of Finance. The course was delivered by François Vaillancourt, visiting professor (University of Montreal) and alum, Nara Monkam, (Ph.D. Economics ’08 and Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Pretoria).

Publications

Julie Hotchkiss, adjunct professor (Economics) and research economist and policy advisor (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta) and Mary Graham (Clarkson University), “A More Proactive Approach to Addressing Gender-related Employment Disparities in the United States” Gender in Management: an International Journal, forthcoming.

James Alm (pictured), professor (Economics), Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, regents professor (Economics) and director (International Studies Program), and Sally Wallace, professor (Economics) and associate director (Fiscal Research Center), "Do Tax Amnesties Work? The Revenue Effects of Tax Amnesties during the Transition in the Russian Federation," Economic Analysis and Policy, Vol. 39, No. 2 (September 2009), 235-253.

J. Todd Swarthout, research assistant professor (Economics), with Jason Shachat (Xiamen University), "Procurement Auctions for Differentiated Goods", Decision Analysis, forthcoming.

Presentations

David L. Sjoquist, professor (Economics), director (Fiscal Research Center and Domestic Programs), and the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy, made a presentation at the Southern Regional Education Board’s annual meeting of Executive and Legislative Staff. The topic of the speech was the current and projected economic and state fiscal situation across the U.S., August 28, 2009.

Shelby Frost, clinical associate professor (Economics) and director (Georgia State Center for Economic Education), was the primary presenter at an all day GCEE workshop for high school economics teachers entitled "The Math Behind AP Economics" at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Approximately 25 high school AP economics teachers attended the workshop, on August 28, 2009.
Shelby Frost, clinical assistant professor (Economics) and director (Georgia State Center for Economic Education) was a guest lecturer at GSU’s Family Day. She gave Georgia State families an idea of what a day in one of her classes might be like as well as talked about opportunity costs. Approximately 30 students and parents attended the session. They were exposed to the Classroom Response System also known as “clicker” technology used in the classroom on Saturday 26, 2009. Feedback from the group was excellent. For more information on Family Weekend: http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwnew/familyWeekend.htm.


Jorge Martinez-Vazquez (pictured), regents professor (Economics) and director (International Studies Program), presented a paper on “Direct versus Indirect Taxation: Trends, Theory and Economic Significance”, at the Tax Systems Whence and Wither conference in Malaga, Spain, September 9-11, 2009. This paper was authored jointly with Violeta Vulovic, Ph.D. student (Economics) and Yongzheng Liu, Ph.D. student (Economics).

Katherine Willoughby, professor (Public Management and Policy), chaired the 2009 ABFM conference in Washington, D.C. from September 24-26, 2009, the annual gathering of this professional association of public budgeting and financial management scholars and practitioners from around the country and the globe. Katherine made two research presentations, (1) "Modeling Performance Budgeting in the States: What Matters to the Integration of Performance with Budgeting," co-authored with Yi Lu (City University of New York); and (2) "State Budget Balancing Strategies: Riding into the Future on Lessons Learned from the Past," co-authored with Marilyn Rubin, (City University of New York). Katherine also served as chair of the panel for the upcoming Public Administration Review symposium on performance budgeting, which included presentations from Phil Joyce, (George Washington University), Yilin Hou (University of Georgia), Stanley W. Shelton (University of Georgia), and Alfred Ho, (Indiana University).

Media Hits

Bruce Kaufman, professor (Economics), was quoted in the Huffington Post "Learning from Down Under: Where Labor Policy is Center Stage" August 28, 2009.


Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management and Policy), and John Clayton Thomas (pictured), professor (Public Management and Policy), were both quoted in a story by April Hunt of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, "Qualifying begins in city elections." Their comments both relate to the issue of why people run for office in local elections, August 31, 2009.

Gregory B Lewis, (Public Management and Policy) was quoted in "Mayoral candidates lobby for gay vote", Atlanta Journal-Constitution, September 28, 2009. Article can be found at:

Activities & Outreach

Congratulations to James C. Cox, professor (Economics) and director (Experimental Economics Center), who will become President-elect of the Southern Economic Association, effective at the end of the 2009 annual association business meeting on November 22, 2009.

Tumenta Kennedy, Program Director (Wittenberg Center for Global Ethics) in Wittenberg Germany visited the Andrew Young School during the week of August 17–21, 2009. He worked with Roy Bahl, regents professor (Economics), Sally Rosser, member (AYS Advisory Board), and Paul Rosser, member (AYS Advisory Board) in developing a possible cooperative program in Africa.

Paula Stephan, professor (Economics), has been awarded a three-month fellowship from the International Center for Economic Research (ICER) to spend the Fall 2009 at the University of Torino to work on the book The Economics of Science.

Paul Ferraro, associate professor (Economics), had his paper, “What are the social impacts of land use restrictions on local communities? Empirical evidence from Costa Rica”, selected as one of three finalists for the T. Schultz Award for Best Paper at the International Association of Agricultural Economists annual conference in Beijing, China, August 16–22, 2009. Co-authors are alum Kwaw Andam (Ph.D. Public Policy ’07), Kate Sims (Amherst College), Margaret Holland (University of Wisconsin - Madison) and Andrew Healy (Loyola Marymount).

Sponsored Projects

Georgia State University, through the International Studies Program, has engaged with the Department of International Development (DFID), British High Commission, in a project aimed at the Indian Government of West Bengal’s modernization of the PRI system for rural local governance. The Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) or local government system in rural and peri-urban West Bengal, constitute a three-tier structure comprising 3,354 Gram Panchayat (GP) at the village level, 333 Panchayat Samiti (block), and 18 Zilla Parishad (district) institutions. As part of this project, in September 2009, Sally Wallace, professor (Economics),
Andrey Timofeev (pictured), research associate (International Studies Program) and Juan Luis Gomez, research associate (International Studies Program) traveled to Kolkata, India, to present initial findings at a workshop with the World Bank, DFID, and the Government of West Bengal. The studies are “Fiscal Framework in West Bengal” by Sally Wallace, and “Financial Management” by Katherine Willoughby, professor (Public Management and Policy) and Juan Luis Gomez.

Student & Alumni News

Alum Nikki McIntyre Finlay, (B.A. in Economics ’84, and Ph.D. Economics ’98), was promoted and granted tenure at Clayton State University. Finlay, along with colleague Reza Kheirandish (Clayton State University) received a grant from Bank of America to develop an economic research center to study the Southern Crescent (southern metro Atlanta). This is one of the first grants that the School of Business at Clayton State University has received.

Congratulations

Alum, Grant Black (Ph.D. Economics ’01) and Lynette Black are the parents of Nathaniel Clifton Black, born on August 26, 2009.

Jaiwan Harris, business manager (Domestic Programs) and Sekeia Harris, administrative specialist, curriculum (College of Arts and Sciences) welcomed son Langston Miles Harris, 7lbs 10.6oz at 2:39 pm on September 29, 2009.
International Studies Program Hosts Visiting Scholars

Magomet Batchaev, Fulbright Visiting Scholar
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- rural finance
- credit infrastructure.

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- Decentralization Fiscal,
- Municipal Public Policy

For more information on these visiting scholars, please visit: [http://aysps.gsu.edu/isp/visiting_scholars_list.html](http://aysps.gsu.edu/isp/visiting_scholars_list.html).

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Andrew Young School Hosts International Economics and Modern Languages (IEML) Open House

The annual International Economics and Modern Languages (IEML) Open House was held September 23 in the Office of Academic Assistance at the Andrew Young School. Students majoring or interested in IEML met with faculty from the Modern and Classical Languages and Economics departments, as well as representatives of the Economics and language clubs. Gardner Neely, research associate (AYS Research Support) talked with students about the school’s research support unit. Mary Beth Walker, professor and chair (Economics) and faculty advisory Shelby Frost, clinical associate professor (Economics), and many of the Economics faculty stopped by to meet and greet our new students.

Picture above on left: Dr. Robin Huff (Modern & Classical Languages) and new IEML student Fidel Montiel. Picture above on right: Shelby Frost (faculty advisor for Economics) and Bridget Hogan (president of the Economics Club). Pictured below are of students attending the open house.
Publications


Klara Sabirianova Peter, assistant professor (Economics), with Yurii Gorodnichenko (UC-Berkeley) and Dmitriy Stolyarov (University of Michigan), "Inequality and Volatility Moderation in Russia: Evidence from Micro-Level Panel Data on Consumption and Income," *Review of Economic Dynamics*, forthcoming.

James C. Cox, professor (Economics), director (Experimental Economics Center), and the Noah Langdale Jr. Chair in Economics/Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, "Saliency of Outside Options in the Lost Wallet Game" coauthored with Maroš Servátka (University of Canterbury) and Radovan Vadovič (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México), *Experimental Economics*, forthcoming.


Fiscal Research Center Policy Brief

Laura Wheeler, senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center), FRC Brief 196, “Corporate Tax Revenue Buoyancy.” This brief explores the growth in corporate income tax revenue relative to the growth of the state's economy.  [http://aysps.gsu.edu/Brief_196.pdf](http://aysps.gsu.edu/Brief_196.pdf).
Presentations

Yoon Jik Cho, assistant professor (Public Management and Policy), and James L. Perry (Indiana University at Bloomington), presented "Employee Motivations, Managerial Trustworthiness, and Work Attitudes" at the 10th Public Management Research Association Conference, Columbus, OH, October 1-3, 2009.

Gregory Streib, professor (Public Management & Policy), spoke on “City Managers Competencies: Lessons for MPA Students” at the Fall Public Administration Colloquium sponsored by the Division of Public Administration at Northern Illinois University, October 2, 2009.

Media Hits

Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management and Policy), did an interview on Bloomberg Television, the topic was “the impact of the 1996 Olympic Games on businesses in Atlanta,” and it was shown on September 18, 2009.

Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management and Policy), did an interview on Bloomberg dealing with the economic impact of the Olympics on the host city, October 2, 2009.

Activities & Outreach

Kurt Schnier, associate professor (Economics), has recently been asked to serve on the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's Social and Economic Technical Advisory Panel. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council manages the Federal fisheries within the Gulf of Mexico (Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi). Duties on the panel will be to assist the Council in their policy decisions regarding these fisheries.
Bill Waugh, professor (Public Management and Policy), served as an external reviewer of the School of Public Administration at the University of New Mexico. The site visit was held in Albuquerque, NM, September 27-30, 2009.

Bill Waugh, professor (Public Management and Policy), attended the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) Commission meeting in Hilton Head, SC, on October 5, 2009. Waugh has been a member of the commission that sets standards for and accredits state and local emergency management programs since 2003.

Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management and Policy), moderated a forum for the six candidates running for City Council in District 6. The forum was held at Inman Middle School, Atlanta, GA, on October 1, 2009.

International Studies Program Hosts Visiting Scholars

Francois Vaillancourt, Visiting Professor  
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Research Interests:  
- public economy, with the federalism (distribution of the capacities, mechanisms of financing)  
- taxation (costs for collection, harmonization, local taxation, companies of State)
David Patino, Visiting Scholar  
International Studies Program  
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Research Interests:  
- fiscal balance: the determinants of regional financial systems of federal countries  
- the economic impact of urban planning  

For more information on these visiting scholars, please visit: http://aysps.gsu.edu/isp/visiting_scholars_list.html.

**Upcoming Events:**

On October 30, 2009 (8am to 5pm) The Fiscal Research Center and the International Studies Program will host a conference on Government Programs, Distribution & Equity. This academic conference will explore the link between government programs, policy and the resulting effects on distribution and equity. You will have an opportunity to gain in-depth information through four sessions addressing; Fiscal Redistribution in the United States, International Fiscal Redistribution, Urban Programs and Social Issues. For more information, please contact Dorie Taylor at dtaylor4@gsu.edu or via phone at 404-413-0251, or visit our website at http://aysps.gsu.edu/frc/FRC_2009Conference_Fall.html.

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Dean's Office Staff Changes

With the impending retirement of Charlotte Petrek, there will be a reorganization of duties and some position reclassifications in the Dean's Office.

Charlotte retires as the College Personnel and Facilities Officer on January 1, 2010. Her duties also included Safety and Security. Her last day of work in the Dean's Office will be December 18, 2009. From November 16, 2009 to December 18, 2009 she will be training staff members who are taking over her duties. We will be having a retirement celebration for Charlotte on Friday, December 4, 2009 from 3 pm to 5 pm. You will be hearing more about this as the date approaches.

Donna Hader, who is currently an Administrative Specialist-Managerial in the Provost's Office, has been hired by the AYS to be the College Human Resources Officer starting Nov. 16, 2009. All Dean's office functions related to personnel (faculty and staff) have been consolidated into this newly reclassified position.

On November 1, 2009, Avani Raval, who is currently Dean's Office Administrator, will become College Business Services Officer with the working title of College Promotion, Events, Facilities, and Safety Officer, AYSPS recognizing his new responsibilities.

Beginning on November 1, please direct all issues or concerns related to Facilities, Safety, and Security to Avani Raval. From November 16 on, please direct all personnel issues and concerns to Donna Hader.

When you have a chance, please welcome Donna and Avani to their new positions and bear with the Dean’s Office as we adjust to these staff changes.
Fiscal Research Center Hosts State Tax Revenue Roundtable

The Fiscal Research Center (FRC) hosted a roundtable meeting on October 2, 2009, to discuss how states forecast tax revenues for budget purposes. **Kenneth Heaghney**, research professor (Economics) and State Fiscal Economist, presented Georgia's current capabilities, staffing, data availability and forecast models. Tom Stinson, state economist for Minnesota and John Layman, state economist for Virginia discussed how their respective states did their forecasting. Additional attendees included Bart Graham, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Revenue, along with two members of his staff, Susan Ridley, Director of Georgia's State Finance, and Investment Commission along with FRC staff.

Publications


Presentations

**Kenneth Heaghney**, research professor (Economics) and State Fiscal Economist, presented “Is the Recession Over” to the Georgia Association of State Facilities Administrators, Atlanta, GA, October 1, 2009.

Shelby Frost, clinical associate professor (Economics) and director of the Georgia State Center for Economic Education was chair and presenter of a session entitled "When Class Time Runs Out: Creating Online Lectures" at the Annual Meeting of The Council for Economic Education/National Association of Economic Educators/Global Association of Economics Teachers in Washington D.C., October 7-10, 2009.  [http://www.councilforeconed.org/conference/](http://www.councilforeconed.org/conference/)

Shif Gurmu, associate professor (Economics), presented "Bayesian Analysis of Zero-inflated Discrete Models" to the Department of Economics at Syracuse University, October 16, 2009.

Julie Hotchkiss, adjunct professor (Economics) and research economist and policy advisor (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta) presented "Undocumented Workers in Georgia" at Emory University’s Law School Conference ‘Expendable People? A Human Rights Perspective on the Impact of Global Economic Migration on Georgia’ on October 17, 2009.

Media Hits

Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management and Policy), did an interview with Charles Edwards of WABE on the election campaigns in the City of Atlanta, October 9, 2009.


Erdal Tekin, associate professor (Economics), was interviewed by the U.S. Government Accountability Office about his research on child care assistance for low-income families for a joint report prepared by the House Ways and Means Committee and the U.S. Senate Finance Committee; October 8, 2009.

Activities & Outreach

Katherine Willoughby, professor (Public Management and Policy), has completed her term as Chair of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. She presided over the Association’s annual Conference in Washington, D.C. in October 2009.

Mary Beth Walker (pictured), associate professor and chair (Economics) and Kim Holder, Ph.D. student (Economics), attended the Compact for Faculty Diversity Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, in Washington, D.C., October 22-25, 2009. Kim received a scholarship from the Southern Regional Education Board through their State Doctoral Scholars Program.

Paul Ferraro, associate professor (Economics), in collaboration with staff from the World Wildlife Fund and the National Wildlife Federation, helped to design and implement an auction to buy back private grazing rights in the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge in Montana. The effort has lead to the establishment of a livestock-free zone on more than 80,000 acres with options to double that area in a few years.

The PMAP Community Network participated in a Downtown Atlanta Walking Tour led by Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Pubic Management and Policy). The event attracted approximately 25 students representing the diversity of our department ethnically as well as academically (undergraduate, graduate/masters, doctoral). The event was a great success for the organization and department alike and will help build future opportunities to connect to Atlanta’s past to better help shape it’s future. The event took place on October 10, 2009.
Shelby Frost, clinical associate professor (Economics) and director of the Georgia State Center for Economic Education, was a participant in a national workshop held at Science Education Resource Center (SERC) at Carleton College in Northfield, MN, October 11-13, 2009, to develop resources associated with the use of clickers in the classroom. The workshop is part of a National Science Foundation project, "Starting Point: Teaching and Learning Economics / A Source for Pedagogical Resources". One of the main goals of this project is making innovative pedagogical resources and effective teaching practices easily accessible to economists via a central web-based pedagogic portal. The project is being conducted in partnership with SERC, which has facilitated the development of similar pedagogical resources at "Pedagogy in Action", http://serc.carleton.edu/sp/index.html. As part of this project, participants are developing online modules for 16 different pedagogical techniques. Frost helped with the development of a module on Classroom Response Systems. Todd Swarthout (pictured), research assistant professor (Economics), helped with the development of a module on Classroom Experiments.

Student & Alumni News

Congratulations

Andrew Stephenson, Ph.D. student (Economics) and Amanda Wilsker, Ph.D. student in both (Economics) and (Public Management and Policy) are the proud parents of Alivia Mikaela Stephenson, born on October 8, 2009 weighing in at 5lbs 9.2oz. Congratulations can be sent via e-mail (ecoavsx@langate.gsu.edu and padalwx@langate.gsu.edu).
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AYS Welcomes Media and Technology Specialist and Public Relations Specialist

The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies welcomes Camaal Moten, who on November 1, 2009 began as the Media and Technology Specialist. The college website and the school’s electronic message boards will be under his responsibility. He has extensive experience working in all aspects of pre-production, production and post-production for print and web media. His appointments include service to the Dating Violence Prevention Center, Hands on Atlanta AmeriCorps and New Life International Family Church. Moten holds an Associates of Art in Computer Animation from the Art Institute of Atlanta; a Bachelor of Art in Graphic Design from the American InterContinental University; and a Master of Science in Education Media Design & Technology from Full Sail University. He was recently awarded the Advanced Achiever Award from Full Sail University for his innovative approach to improving education with augmented reality. You can find out more about his award-winning project at www.camaalmoten.com/blog.

Jennifer Giarratano has expanded her role in the AYS. Many of you have worked with her on stories for The Briefing, which she has written the last 8 years. A freelance writer since 1999, Jennifer’s interests are public policy, economic development, planning, education and small business development. She has held research or public relations-related positions with Central Atlanta Progress, the Atlanta Women’s Foundation, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and The Children’s School. Before moving to Atlanta she was acting director of the PR office of the American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay. She earned a B.A. in Public Relations from Auburn University. In this expanded role, Jennifer’s position title is Public Relations Specialist.

Expect to hear more often from Jennifer as we work to meet the AYS initiatives to extend our brand and raise public awareness of the AYS.

Publications


Presentations

Felix Rioja (pictured), associate professor (Economics), presented "The Long Run Effects of Banking Crisis on Investment" co-authored with Fernando Rios-Avila, Ph.D. student (Economics) and Neven Valev, associate professor (Economics), at Auburn University on October 23, 2009.

James Alm, professor (Economics), gave an invited presentation on "Taxpayer Information Assistance Services and Tax Reporting Behavior" co-authored with Todd Cherry (Appalachian State University), Michael Jones (Bridgewater State College), and Michael McKee (Appalachian State University), at the Queensland University of Technology, Department of Economics and Finance, in Queensland, Australia on October 22, 2009.

Katherine Willoughby, professor (Public Management and Policy), presented "Changing Structures, Relationships, Revenues and Management" at the Alliance for Innovation's Big Ideas Conference, Decatur, GA, October 23-25, 2009. The conference brought together local government managers and scholars of public management and policy to discuss the future of these governments. For more information about the Alliance for Innovation and its work, go to: http://www.transformgov.org/about.asp

Media Hits


**Chris Parker**, senior research associate (Georgia Health Policy Center), was quoted in “Midstate leaders seek cooperation to stem region’s obesity problem” in *Macon.com*, on October 22, 2009. Article can be found at: [http://www.macon.com/local/story/888321.html](http://www.macon.com/local/story/888321.html)


Bill Kahnweiler, associate professor (Public Management and Policy), was quoted extensively in an article about career management strategies during tough economic times. The article “Commonsense Tips for Your Job in this economy” appeared in adam.com, an online human resource management and development information clearinghouse for managers and HR professionals, October 22, 2009. Available at: https://ssl.adam.com/content.aspx?productId=55&gid=000088&site=benergy.adam.com&login=ONLI2751&zId=146524-0-0&scId=118102


Activities & Outreach

James Marton, associate professor (Economics), was a discussant at the 7th Annual Southeastern Health Economics Study Group Conference held October 23-24, 2009 at Emory University, Atlanta, GA. Information on the conference can be found at: http://www.economics.emory.edu/shesg.

Roy Bahl, regents professor (Economics), was invited to participate in a small focus group on Latin American Fiscal Decentralization at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. on October 14, 2009.

Roy Bahl, regents professor (Economics), is a member of the executive committee of the board of directors of the international center for land policy research and training. He attended the annual meeting of the committee in Taipei on October 23, 2009.

W. Bartley Hildreth, dean (AYS) and professor (Public Management and Policy), served on the opening panel at the Alliance for Innovation’s Big Ideas Conference in Decatur, GA, October 23-25, 2009.
Harvey K. Newman, professor and chair (Public Management and Policy), attended along with W. Bartley Hildreth, dean (AYS) and professor (Public Management and Policy) and Gregory B. Lewis, professor (Public Management and Policy), the annual meeting of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). NASPAA is the accreditation agency for the Master of Public Administration degree, and at the meeting new competency-based accreditation standards were adopted. Newman chaired the meeting of the Undergraduate Programs Section and participated in the sessions of the Nonprofit Programs Section, as well as, on the implementation of the new accreditation standards, on October 15-17, 2009.
AYS Presidential Management Fellows Nominated

Congratulations go out to the following graduate students who have been nominated by the Andrew Young School as 2009-2010 Presidential Management Fellows.


The Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) program is to attract to the Federal service, outstanding men and women from a variety of academic disciplines and career paths who have a clear interest in, and commitment to, excellence in the leadership and management of public policies and programs. Students selected into the program may choose from open positions with any federal agency in the United States.

Publications

W. Bartley Hildreth, dean (AYS) and professor (Public Management and Policy), and Michael A. Woodrum, graduate student (Wichita State University), "Mapping a Field's Development: 20 Years of ABFM Conferences," Public Budgeting & Finance, vol. 29, no. 3 (Fall 2009), 15-27.

Bruce Kaufman, professor (Economics), published his 15th book, Hired hands or Human Resources: Case Studies of HRM Programs and Practices in Early American Industry (Cornell University Press), December 2009. It has twelve pages of very interesting photos of jobs and working conditions from a century ago, including a photo of a family being evicted from company housing at the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill in our own Cabbage town (visible from the AYS building along Decatur Street). To view pictures from the book, please visit: http://aysps.gsu.edu/KaufmanB.html.
Neven Valev, associate professor (Economics), with Nikola Tasic, alum (Ph.D. Economics ’07 and now with Megatrend University), "The maturity of bank credit in the transition economies," *Journal of Comparative Economics*, forthcoming.

Presentations


**Paula Stephan**, professor (Economics), presented a seminar on “The impact of Information Technology on Scientists' Productivity, Quality and Collaboration Patterns” at Bocconi University, Milan, Italy, October 28, 2009.

**Paula Stephan**, presented a seminar on “The Impact of Information Technology on Scientists’ Productivity, Quality and Collaboration Patterns” at the University of Torino, Department of Economics, October 30, 2009.

David L. Sjoquist, professor (Economics), director (Fiscal Research Center and Domestic Programs), and the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy, presented "Possible Options for Tax Reform" at the Georgia Chamber of Commerce's Tax Seminar, "Examining Georgia's Taxing and Compliance", Atlanta, GA, November 5, 2009.

Roy Bahl, regents professor (Economics), presented "Fiscal Decentralization and Tax Assignment" at an international conference, The Political and Economic Consequences of Decentralization held in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. The conference was sponsored by the University of Vigo and REDE (Center for Research in economics, business and the environment), November 5, 2009.

Media Hits

Barry Hirsch, professor (Economics) and the W.J. Usery Chair of the American Workplace, was quoted in and provided data that was shown in an article by Greg Ip, "Love of labour: Unions are winning again in Washington, but the big fights are still ahead," The Economist, October 29, 2009. Article can be found at: http://www.economist.com/world/unitedstates/displaystory.cfm?story_id=14745067.

Felix Rioja, associate professor (Economics), was interviewed by CNN Espanol on October 30, 2009. The topic was the recession and the latest GDP numbers.

Harvey K. Newman, chair and professor (Pubic Management and Policy), was interviewed by Charles Edwards of WABE on the issue of voter turnout in the City of Atlanta elections. The segment was aired on November 2, 2009.
Harvey K. Newman, conducted three interviews on November 4, 2009: an interview with David Williams of the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*; an interview with Benjamin Gittelson of the *Grady High School Newspaper*; and an interview with Amanda Moyer of *CNN Radio*. All the interviews were focused on the results of the City of Atlanta elections on November 3, 2009 and the upcoming runoff elections on December 1, 2009.

**Activities & Outreach**

W. Bartley Hildreth, dean (AYS) and professor (Public Management and Policy), was appointed to the Finance Committee of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.

Kurt Schnier, associate professor (Economics), co-directed a workshop titled "Innovations in Property Rights for Fisheries Management" with Christopher Costello (University of California at Santa Barbara). The workshop focused on new innovations in utilizing property rights to manage fisheries as well as the development and impacts of contemporary rights-based fishery management programs. The workshop was held at the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, University of California, Santa Barbara and was funded by the Property and Environment Research Center (PERC) located in Bozeman, MT, October 19-21, 2009.

Neven Valev, associate professor (Economics) received a U.S. Department of State Title VIII grant, administered by the International Studies Program at the University of Delaware, to compile a report on current economic developments in Bulgaria. The grant is part of a larger project with researchers who write on different countries in Eastern Europe. The objective of Title VIII grants is to produce applied research that informs U.S. foreign policy in the region.

Z. Esra Tanyildiz, clinical assistant professor (Public Management and Policy) is working on a research project through the Center for Teaching and Learning and is being supported with a $1000 grant from the Provost's Office.
Student & Alumni News


Congratulations to Susan Manikowski, Ph.D. student (Public Management and Policy), who has been selected as the 2010 recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Torch of Peace Award for graduate students. The award will be presented at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 in the Student Center’s State Ballroom.

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Sally Wallace, professor (Economics), Pat Ketsche (Robinson College of Business), and Kathleen Adams (Emory University) presented preliminary findings from their study, "The incidence of financing national health spending," at a briefing held by Academy Health, Washington, D.C., October 30, 2009.

Felix Rioja (pictured), associate professor (Economics), presented "The Long Run Effects of Banking Crisis on Investment" co-authored with Fernando Rios-Avila, Ph.D. student (Economics) and Neven Valev, associate professor (Economics), at the Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., November 4, 2009.

Kenneth Heaghney, research professor (Economics) and the State Fiscal Economist, made a presentation on the status of Georgia's economy to the Georgia Association of Regional Commissions, St. Simons Island, GA, November 5, 2009.

James Marton, associate professor (Economics), was a session chair and presented a paper co-authored with Jenny Kenney, Jen Pelletier, and Ariel Klein (Urban Institute), Jeff Talbert and Julia Costich (University of Kentucky), and Ed Baker (Boise State University) entitled, "Effects of Medicaid Reform on Access to Care, Program Sustainability, and Administrative Efficiency in Kentucky and Idaho" at the Association of Public Policy and Management (APPAM)'s 31st annual research conference, Washington, D.C., November 5-7, 2009.
Paul Ferraro, associate professor (Economics), gave a speech to representatives of the signatory nations of international environmental conventions entitled, "Catalyzing Change and Promoting Success through Evidence-based Learning" at the World Bank, Washington, D.C., November 10, 2009.

Rachana Bhatt, assistant professor (Economics), presented "A Non-Experimental Evaluation of Curricular Effectiveness in Math" at the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, October 17, 2009.


Media Hits

Greg Streib (pictured), professor (Public Management and Policy) and Katherine Willoughby, professor (Public Management and Policy), authored an Op-Ed piece in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution titled, “Atlanta's Next Mayor Can't Do It Alone.” The editorial explains the management capacity necessary in order for the City to advance following the mayoral election, November 3, 2009. Article can be found at: http://www.ajc.com/opinion/atlanta-s-next-mayor-185065.html.


H. Spencer Banzhaf, associate professor (Economics), was featured in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution article, "Ranking not so Clear," about Forbes Magazine's ranking of Atlanta as the "most toxic city" in America, November 8, 2009.

Harvey K. Newman, chair and professor (Public Management and Policy), did an interview with Morris Diggs of *Fox 5 Atlanta News* regarding the issues of financing and voter turnout in the runoff election in the City of Atlanta, November 12, 2009.

Harvey K. Newman, talked with a reporter from the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* about the Executive Leadership Program for Nonprofit Organizations (ELPNO), November 12, 2009. Information on ELPNO can be found at: [http://aysps.gsu.edu/nsp/ELPNO.html](http://aysps.gsu.edu/nsp/ELPNO.html).


Kenneth Heaghney, research professor (Economics) and the State Fiscal Economist, was interviewed by WSB-TV regarding the 3rd quarter US Real GDP release and its implications for the status of the economic recovery in Georgia.

**Activities & Outreach**

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Lewis Faulk, Ph.D. student (Public Management and Policy), and Jasmine McGinnis, Ph.D. student (Public Management and Policy), presented “Understanding the Philanthropic Marketplace: An analysis of the local grants economy” at the Association of Philanthropic Counsel’s Educational Forum conference held at Emory University, Atlanta, GA, November 5-7, 2009.

Harini Letha Kannan, Ph.D. student (Economics), presented and passed her final oral examination on November 12, 2009. Her dissertation topic was “Electoral Manipulations, Economic Policies and Voting Behavior in India.”

Rentanida Simatupang, Ph.D. student (Economics), presented and passed her final oral examination on November 13, 2009. The dissertation topic was “Evaluation of Decentralization Outcomes in Indonesia: Analysis of Health and Education Sectors.”

Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to Cathy Yang Liu, assistant professor (Public Management and Policy), who had a baby girl named Aleena on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 2:19 p.m. Aleena was born weighing 7 lbs 8 oz and 21 inches in length.

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