Message from Dean Walker

Welcome back to a new academic year! I hope everyone had a productive summer that included some vacation time. We have a very busy fall semester ahead of us. This week includes a number of orientation events for new faculty and staff. Here in the Andrew Young School, we have several new and outstanding faculty and staff members. I hope their first semester with us gets off to a great start.

One of more interesting events to occur this fall will be the beginning of our move to 55 Park Place. We anticipate that the Georgia Health Policy Center will be the adventurous group that first makes the transition to the new space. They will get a much needed increase in overall square footage. We hope that the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology and the School of Social Work will be following very soon after. They too need additional space.

I think that we can expect the move to roll out over the next four years, as floors get renovated and the existing tenants’ leases expire. Georgia State University will continue to lease this building, 14 Marietta Street, for the next four or five years. I anticipate that as we move out, other units could move in here on a temporary basis. As per the AYS strategic plan, we will establish a space committee that will examine the floor plans and our needs so that they can make recommendations of how and where units will be placed.

On a different note, Alicia Brady and I have recently had the good fortune to visit with some AYS alumni of days past. We met Jack Bernard, an MPA alum from ’76. He has had an interesting career in health administration and has now turned into a huge GSU sports fan! Keith Leggett, an Econ Ph.D. from ‘87, reconnected with us. He has had a very successful career in banking and now works for the American Bankers Association as a VP. And we continue to stay connected with Michael Pritchard, a CJC alum who had an amazing career in the Secret Service and who now runs global security for Hunt Consolidated in Dallas. It is wonderful to hear the stories these folks tell about their former professors and the great start that our programs gave them.

Grant Awards

Bruce Kaufman, professor (Economics), received a $250,000 grant from Industrial Relations Counselors, Inc. (NYC) to do a comparative analysis of the state of employer-employee relations in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States. It matches a $250,000 grant received in late 2013 from the Australian Research Council.
Publications

Nancy P. Kropf, associate dean for Research & Strategic Initiatives (AYSPS) and professor (Social Work), and Barbara L. Jones (University of Texas at Austin). (2014). When Public Tragedies Happen: Community Practice Approaches in Grief, Loss & Recovery. *Journal of Community Practice, 22*, 281-298. [http://goo.gl/8qpHRb](http://goo.gl/8qpHRb)


The May 16, 2014 issue of *Public Administration and Development* featured a book review on the 2012 edition of the *Oxford Handbook on U.S. State and Local Government Finance*, which referenced several Andrew Young School faculty who contributed chapters in the handbook. Faculty contributors to the original handbook were:

(Pictured L-R): Sally Wallace, chair and professor (Economics) and director (Fiscal Research Center); David Sjoquist, professor (Economics); Carolyn Bordeaux, associate professor (Public Management and Administration), director (Center for State and Local Finance) and associate director (Fiscal Research Center); and W. Bartley Hildreth, professor (Public Management and Policy).
Presentations

**Barry Hirsch**, professor (Economics) and W.J. Usery Chair of the American Workplace, presented a paper co-authored with Chris Bollinger (University of Kentucky), Charles Hokayem (U.S. Census Bureau) and Jim Ziliak (University of Kentucky), “Trouble in the Tails? Earnings Non-response and Response Bias across the Distribution,” at an invited session of the 2014 Joint Statistical Meetings in Boston, August 4, 2014.

**Karen Minyard**, executive director (Georgia Health Policy Center) and research professor (Public Management and Policy), and **Chris Parker**, associate project director (Georgia Health Policy Center), presented the American Public Health Association (APHA) webinar "Leading through Health System Change II: Create, Share, Learn" on August 6, 2014. This webinar presented examples of how GHPC’s Affordable Care Act (ACA) planning tool has been used and how professionals are incorporating the tool into their work. A recording from the session has been posted online at: [http://www.apha.org/advocacy/reports/webinars](http://www.apha.org/advocacy/reports/webinars).

**Debra Kibbe**, senior research associate (Georgia Health Policy Center), presented “Take 10!: Estilos de vida saludables en escolares” (Take 10!: Healthy Lifestyles in Schools) at the X Congreso Colombiano de Obesidad on July 31-August 1-2, 2014 in Bogota, Colombia.

Media

The **Georgia Health Policy Center**'s Leading through Health System Change planning tool was featured in the article, “Planning Tool Helps Health Agencies Adapt Services to Health Reform,” in the American Public Health Association’s) newspaper, The Nation's Health, on August 1, 2014.

The **Georgia Health Policy Center**'s Legislative Education Initiative is featured in the National Academy for State Health Policy report, "Programs Supporting The Use Of Comparative Effectiveness Research And Patient-Centered Outcomes Research By State Policymakers,” published August, 2014. [http://goo.gl/PS8k7p](http://goo.gl/PS8k7p)

**Chris Parker**, associate project director (Georgia Health Policy Center), was quoted in the article “The PA pipeline: More trained to fill Georgia’s growing need” in Georgia Health News on July 28, 2014. [http://goo.gl/A0PmkQ](http://goo.gl/A0PmkQ). Parker was also quoted in the Athens Banner-Herald article, “More physician assistants being trained to fill Georgia’s growing need” on August 4, 2014. [http://goo.gl/sCX4og](http://goo.gl/sCX4og).

**Outreach**

**Dennis R. Young**, professor (Public Management and Policy), co-chaired The Voinovich Archives Project Conference on Public Private Partnerships at Cleveland State University’s College of Urban Affairs in Cleveland, August 15, 2014.

**Welcome to the Andrew Young School**

The Andrew Young School welcomes **Brian Bride**, as the new director of the School of Social Work; **Richard Wright**, as the new chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology; and **Colleen Perry**, as the new director of the Office of Graduate Career Services & Student Life.
Bride, an expert in the field of secondary traumatic stress and compassion fatigue, comes to the AYS from the University of Georgia, where he directed the School of Social Work’s Ph.D. program. A licensed clinical social worker, Bride taught at the University of Georgia for 10 years. Prior to that, he was on the faculty at the University of Tennessee. He holds a Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Georgia, an M.P.H. from Harvard School of Public Health, an M.S.W. from Florida State University, and a B.S. from the University of Florida.

Wright, an accomplished urban ethnographer known worldwide for his research and fieldwork in the area of street crime, comes to the AYS after teaching 30 years at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, where he was the Curators’ Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice. He is also a fellow of the American Society of Criminology and editor-in-chief of the Oxford Bibliographies in Criminology. Prior to UM, Wright was a senior research associate in the Institute of Criminology at Cambridge University in the United Kingdom. He holds a Ph.D. in Criminology from the University of Cambridge and an M.A. and B.A. in Social Ecology from the University of California, Irvine.

Perry comes to the AYS from University Career Services where she was the Assistant Director of Co-op and Internships. Colleen has worked in career counseling and alumni relations at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, the College of New Jersey, and the University of Rochester. Her career includes work in social work, human resources, and nonprofit organizations. Colleen has a BA from High Point University in NC, a MPA from SUNY Brockport in NY, and a Master’s in Transpersonal Psychology from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in CA.

Student News

Jung-In Soh, doctoral student (Public Management and Policy) presented a paper at The Voinovich Archives Project Conference on Public Private Partnerships at Cleveland State University’s College of Urban Affairs in Cleveland, Ohio, August 15, 2004.
Thank-You

A special thank you to Catherine Johansson, Career and Employer Relations Specialist in the Office of Graduate Career Services & Student Life, for keeping the ship afloat after Maggie Tolan’s departure in March when she took a position at the School of Public Health. Johansson added extra advising hours to her schedule, managed the daily business and special events of the office, and served on the search committee to hire the new Director. Thanks for your hard work, Catherine!

Kudos

The Office of Academic Assistance increased its number of undergraduate, in-person advising contacts by 59% between FY2013 and 2014! Kudos to Undergraduate Academic Advisors Danielle Churchill (left) and Jacqueline Pearce (right) who reach out to hundreds of seniors a week to advise them on next steps to graduation. Keep up the great work!

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