Awards and Honors

**Tim Sass**, Distinguished University Professor (Economics), is highlighted in the 2016 “Edu-Scholar Public Influence Rankings” by Frederick “Rick” Hess, director of the American Enterprise Institute. The rankings spotlight 200 scholars who move ideas from academic journals into the national conversation. You can read more about this honor at this link: [http://goo.gl/jWduWZ](http://goo.gl/jWduWZ).

**Jennifer Giarratano**, public relations manager (AYSPS), received *The Academic Minute’s* Most School Spirit Senior Superlative Award for 2015. In announcing the award, WAMC Producer Dennis Hopper wrote, “Jennifer has exemplified school spirit throughout her relationship with *The Academic Minute*. …and the research from her university has elevated *The Academic Minute* to new heights.”

Publications


**Susan Snyder**, assistant professor (Social Work), co-authored the following publications:


### Presentations

**Richard Wright**, professor and chair (Criminal Justice & Criminology), gave a TEDX talk on “The Ripple Effects of a Cashless Society.” Check it out on YouTube at [https://goo.gl/JTiAYo](https://goo.gl/JTiAYo).

**Andrew Feltenstein**, professor (Economics), co-presented the paper, “The Poverty Implications of Alternative Tax Reforms: Some Counter-Intuitive Results In An Application To Pakistan,” with Gohar Sedrakyan, administrative specialist (Economics), and Carolina Mejia-Mantilla and David Newhouse from The World Bank at The World Bank in Washington, D.C., Nov. 12, 2015.

**Paula Stephan**, professor (Economics), presented the following:

- Spoke at the Hooding Ceremony for Ph.D. recipients, Winter Commencement at Georgia State University, Dec. 17, 2015
Susan Snyder, assistant professor (Social Work), presented the following papers and posters at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Jan. 13-17, 2016:

- With Robin Hartinger-Jones (pictured), assistant professor (Social Work), “An Examination of High Risk Substance Use Behaviors Among Child Welfare Involved Runaway Youth” and “Identifying Patterns of Victimization Among Child Welfare Involved Youth: A Latent Class Analysis” (Poster presentation)

- With Matthew Howard (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill), “Marijuana Use and Auditory Hallucinations Among Incarcerated Youth” and “A Latent Class Analysis Study of Polyinhalant Use Among Incarcerated Youth”

- With Darcey Merritt (New York University) and Sacha Klein (Michigan State University), “Predictors of Early Care & Education Service Use: Findings from a National Child Welfare Sample”


Events and Community Outreach

The Georgia Health Policy Center participated in a 21-Day Walk to Win Challenge in December 2015. The 19 faculty and staff walked more than 2.9 million steps—the equivalent of walking from Atlanta to Mexico City! A special congratulations to the individual winner, Sacha Gayle, administrative assistant, who completed more than 372,000 steps, and Team SHAPE, Mohammad Khalaf, research associate II, Debra Kibbe, senior research associate, & Rachel Campos, research associate II, who walked a combined total of nearly 700,000 steps.
AYSPS Advisory Board members Terri and Lawrence Bagen having fun at the Georgia State tailgate during the CURE Bowl, in Orlando, Dec. 19, 2015. The game was Georgia State’s first bowl game and they played San Jose State University.

AYSPS economics faculty, students and former students pause for a photo at the Georgia State University cocktail reception that took place at the American Economic Association meetings in San Francisco, Jan. 4, 2016.

Media

Sally Wallace, associate dean for research and strategic initiatives (AYSPS) and director (Fiscal Research Center), was quoted in the Saporta Report article, “Georgia’s Recovery from Recession Evident in Weak State Revenues: GSU Report,” Jan. 6, 2016.

Ross Rubenstein, professor (Public Management and Policy) and the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy, had the following media hits about lotteries during the record-breaking Powerball jackpot:

- BBC Newshour, “Political Fallout from Cologne Protests,” Jan. 9, 2016 (Note the broadcast featuring Rubenstein begins at 48:14 minute mark and runs through 52:23 minutes)


Clayton County Deputy Police Chief Gina Hawkins, a graduate of Georgia State University’s Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE), 23rd Annual Peer-to-Peer Public Safety Training Exchange in Israel, was featured in the September /October 2015 issue of the We Are Clayton magazine.

Sri Mulyani Indrawati, former AYS visiting professor (Economics) and currently managing director and chief operating officer of the World Bank, mentions her position at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies in her profile on the World Bank Blogs website.
The Fiscal Research Center’s reports and analyses were cited in the following articles in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution:

- “Fulton County’s Big Headache: How to Pay for Transportation,” Dec. 15, 2015

Carolyn Bourdeaux, associate professor (Public Management and Policy) and director (Center for State and Local Finance), had the following media hits:


Bob Buschman, senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center), was cited per an analysis of one of his reports in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution article, “Time to Prioritize, Advance State’s Economic Prospects,” Jan. 9, 2016.

Congratulations…

Volkan Topalli, professor (Criminal Justice & Criminology), was appointed to serve as acting associate provost for International Initiatives effective Jan. 25, 2016. Topalli succeeds Jun Liu, who is leaving Georgia State to become dean of International Academic Programs & Services and vice provost for Global Affairs at Stony Brook University-SUNY.

Karen Minyard, research professor (Public Management and Policy) and director (Georgia Health Policy Center), was re-elected to serve on AcademyHealth’s Committee on Advocacy and Public Policy (CAPP) for 2016. This committee serves to advance AcademyHealth’s policy priorities, cultivate champions for the field, and protect and preserve the architecture of and the federal investment in health services research.
Liz Imperiale, assistant director of communications & marketing (Georgia Health Policy Center), earned her Certified Communicator in Public Health credentials in December from the National Public Health Information Coalition. To earn this status, Imperiale passed a rigorous portfolio review demonstrating her skills in effectively communicating public health information.

Nonprofit Leadership Alliance (NLA) students Pascale Nicoleau and April Piplica, (fourth and fifth from the left), placed first in the NLA Poster Presentation for Best Practices at the organization’s annual Alliance Management Institute in Houston, January 3-6, 2016. Pictured with them are NLA students and advisors Travis Williams, Alan Tipert, Marcia Jones Cross, Lori Jouty, Shari Baskin, John O’Kane and David Garcia.

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