Awards and Grants

Felix Rioja (pictured left), associate professor (Economics), Fernando Rios-Avila (Ph.D., Economics ’12 and now research scholar for the Levy Economics Institute), and Neven Valev, adjunct professor (Economics) had their paper, “The Persistent Effect of Banking Crises on Investment and the Role of Financial Markets,” selected as Outstanding Paper of 2014 by the editorial board of the Journal of Financial and Economic Policy.

Publications


Presentations

Sally Wallace, chair (Economics), presented “Behavioral Economics in Public Finance” at a seminar at the Senate Chamber, University of Kerala, Palayam, India, June 17, 2015. The seminar was jointly sponsored by the Kerala Economic Association and the University of Kerala’s School of Distance Education. Pictured with Wallace (l-r) are Professor M.A. Oommen (Emeritis faculty at the University of Kerala and founder of the Kerala Economics Association) and Professor A.S. Ray (Director, Centre for Development Studies).
Jan Ligon, associate professor (Social Work) and BSW program director, presented “Usefulness of a Brief Educational Event to Challenge Provider Approaches with Families Affected by Substance Abuse” at the 27th Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science in New York City, May 23, 2015.

Barry Hirsch, professor (Economics) and W.J. Usery Chair of the American Workplace, presented “Trouble in the Tails? Earnings Non-response and Response Bias across the Distribution” in Sydney, Australia, at the University of New South Wales, May 21, 2015, and at the University of Sydney (Department of Finance, May 22, 2015). The paper is coauthored with Chris Bollinger (University of Kentucky), Charles Hokayem (Centre College), and Jim Ziliak (University of Kentucky).

The Georgia Health Policy Center sponsored and presented at the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) Annual Conference, May 12-14, 2015 in New Orleans. Following are the staff members who presented and their presentations:

- Chris Parker, associate project director, presented on the plenary panel, “State Forum Bridging.”
- Debra Kibbe and Tamanna Patel, senior research associates, presented the roundtable, “The Road to Community-based Policy, Systems and Environmental Change is Not a One Way Street!”
- Jimmy Dills, research associate II, presented the breakout session, “Public Health Institutes as Mentors for Health Impact Assessment: Lessons Learned by the Georgia Health Policy Center in New Jersey, Maryland and Washington State.”
- Susan McLaren, senior research associate, Robert Pettignano (Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Health Law Partnership), and Sylvia Caley (Georgia State University College of Law, Health Law Partnership), presented the workshop, “How Teaming with Lawyers and Doctors Can Improve the Health of Your Community: Medical-Legal Partnerships, a Rx for Addressing Socioeconomic Determinants of Health.”
- Glenn M. Landers, associate project director, presented the poster, “Should Health Departments Still Provide Clinical Services Post-ACA?”
Community Outreach and Events


**Glen Ross**, clinical associate professor (Economics), and four Georgia State students spent Maymester 2015 studying and learning about “Social and Economic Justice in South Africa.” The group visited Johannesburg, Pretoria and Cape Town. Pictured here (left to right) are **Aisha Afolabi, Professor Ross, Jessica Mitchell, Aquilla Roberson and Jessica Shiotelis.**

Media

**Paula Stephan**, professor (Economics), was quoted in the following media:

**Scott Jacques**, assistant professor (Criminal Justice and Criminology), had the following media hits while promoting the new book, “Code of the Suburb,” he co-authored with **Richard Wright**, chair (Criminal Justice and Criminology):
- Featured in an interview with Celeste Headlee’s Georgia Public Broadcasting radio program, On Second Thought,” June 1, 2015.
- The above interview was then featured on GPB News, “**Georgia State Professor Pulls Back Curtain on Suburban Drug Dealers.**” June 1, 2015.
Robbie Friedman, Professor Emeritus (Criminal Justice and Criminology) and executive director (Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange), had the following media hits:

- Was quoted in the Atlanta Jewish Times article, “Praise for the Ambassador,” June 3, 2015.

Karen Minyard, director (Georgia Health Policy Center) and Mary Wilson had an op-ed, “Creating a Healthy Life for All” featured in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution’s opinion page on the Atlanta Forward Leadership blog, May 14, 2015.

The Georgia Health Policy Center was quoted in articles posted by WABE and Georgia Health News, “Report: Georgia Ranks Low in Availability of Dentists,” on May 29, 2015.

Alumni

Jen Liam (pictured right), (BSW ’01), is an American Ninja Warrior. Liam was featured on the popular television show on Tuesday, June 16, 2015.
John Stavick, (M.A., Economics, ’08 and B.A., Economics, ’05), was recently promoted to a new step category for his economist position with the State of Nebraska. And on May 23, 2015, John exchanged vows with his new bride, Chantel. The ceremony was held at the McCrory Botanical Garden at South Dakota State University. Best wishes to John and Chantel!

Cristian Sepulveda, (Ph.D., Economics ’10), has accepted a tenure-track position at the State University of New York, Farmingdale. He is finishing a post-doc at Tulane University’s Department of Economics.

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