Awards and Grants

The Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) recently awarded its first round of research stipends to Josh Hinkle, assistant professor (Criminal Justice and Criminology), and Chrystina Hoffman, doctoral student (Criminal Justice & Criminology), for their joint proposal to assess “The Impact of Policing Strategies on Officer Job Satisfaction.” Hinkle received a $2,000 faculty stipend for the 2016 spring semester. Hoffman received two $3,000 stipends to use for the 2016 spring and summer semesters.

Debra Kibbe, senior research associate (Georgia Health Policy Center-GHPC), was recognized as a "Health Hero" by HealthMpowers for her hard work and dedication to the Georgia Department of Public Health Healthy Schools Summit. The “Health Hero” recognition celebrates people that are creating a culture of health for children. GHPC partners with HealthMpowers on Gov. Deal’s SHAPE initiative and recently hosted the Healthy Schools Summit on Oct. 15, 2015. Kibbe (left) is pictured here receiving the “Health Hero” award from HealthMpowers President Christi Kay.

Publications


Georgia Health Policy Center Publications and Presentations

Faculty and staff from the Georgia Health Policy Center (GHPC) were involved in the following publications and presentations:


Chris Parker (pictured), associate project director, Debra Kibbe, senior research associate, and Rachel Campos, research associate II, served as facilitators and provided technical assistance to 29 school physical activity and nutrition grantees from throughout the state at the SHAPE Healthy Schools Summit, co-hosted by GHPC and the Georgia Department of Health, at Middle Georgia State University in Macon, Ga., Oct. 15, 2015.


Rachel Ferenick, senior research associate, co-presented with Kristen Hassmiller Lich (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) on “Using Systems Thinking and Adaptive Leadership to Identify High Leverage Strategies for Women and Children” at the 2015 CityMatCH Annual Urban MCH Leadership Conference in Salt Lake City. Sept. 27, 2015.

GHPC released a new report which identifies how the state’s allocation of low-income housing tax credits can be strengthened to support health-promoting affordable housing development. One of the outcomes of the assessment states that incentivizing investment in affordable housing in higher opportunity areas can enable hundreds of individuals per year to live longer, healthier lives. http://goo.gl/anvK19

Ann DiGirolamo (pictured left), director (GHPC’s Center of Excellence for Children’s Behavioral Health), and Colleen Smith, research associate II, facilitated a film screening of “The Raising of America: Early Childhood and the Future of our Nation” followed by an expert panel and discussion at the Georgia Conference on Children and Families in Augusta, Ga., Oct. 23, 2015.

Presentations


Paula Stephan, professor (Economics), made the following keynote addresses and presentations:

- “The Economics of the Postdoc Position,” at the Georgia State Postdoctoral Association meeting in Atlanta, Oct. 28, 2015.

Kristie Seelman (pictured), assistant professor (Social Work), and Nicholas Forge, clinical assistant professor (Social Work), presented “LGBTQ Student Engagement: The Roles of Gay-Straight Alliance Characteristics and Safe Adults,” at the Annual Program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education in Denver, Oct. 17, 2015.

Forge also made the following presentations:

With Brittany Garner, MSW student (Social Work). “Homeless LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) Youth and Young Adults: Practice Notes from the Field,” at the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) – Georgia Chapter’s annual conference in Atlanta, Oct. 24, 2015.

Scott Jacques, associate professor (Criminal Justice & Criminology), delivered an invited lecture titled “Criminal Ethics” before the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group at the Naval War College, Newport, R.I., Oct. 8, 2015.

Jan Ligon (far left), associate professor and BSW Program Director (Social Work), is pictured here with a group of middle school students from the Midtown International School. Ligon spoke to the students about anxiety, depression, and drugs on Oct. 14, 2015 in Atlanta. The event was hosted by GSU’s Honors College. Also in the picture are: Sara Cook (second from left), associate dean (GSU Honors College), and Chris Goode (far right), professor (Psychology).

Julie Hotchkiss, adjunct professor (Economics), and executive director of the Atlanta Census Research Data Center, presented two lectures at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt., Oct. 15, 2015. They were:

- "Can We Believe Everything We Read? The U.S. Labor Market in Perspective" as part of the D.K. Smith Lecture Series.
- "Undocumented Immigration, Fiscal Conservatism, and Partisan Support for the Republicans" as part of the Middlebury Department of Economics Research Seminar Series.
Events and Community Outreach

Jan Ligon, associate professor (Social Work), invited Atlanta Journal-Constitution columnist Bill Torpy to speak to his SW 2000 Intro to Social Work class, Sept. 25, 2015. Torpy (rear, third from right) is pictured here taking a selfie with the students.

The Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE), in partnership with the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust and the Anti Defamation League, held a one-day training seminar, “Law Enforcement and the Holocaust: Lessons for Today.” Participants included law enforcement officers from Georgia and Charleston, S.C., representing local, state and federal agencies. The seminar was held at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Ga., Oct. 15, 2015.

Media

Sally Wallace, associate dean of research and strategic initiatives was quoted and the Fiscal Research Center was cited by the media about the center’s commissioned study on the impact of early learning for the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL). Media hits include:


Robert Buschman, senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center, and Ph.D., Economics, 2012), was quoted in the media for his recent report, “Georgia’s Incredible Shrinking Sales Tax Base.” Media hits include:


Dave Sjoquist, professor (Economics), was cited or quoted about two reports he co-authored with John Winters (Oklahoma State University) on the HOPE scholarship and STEM majors in the following media:


A Fiscal Research Center report on whether the growing gap between the number of adults and children getting welfare in Georgia demonstrates success or failure was cited in The Florida Times Union article, “Experts Agree Job Creation Key in Reforming Welfare Programs in Georgia,” Oct. 26, 2015.

Kristie Seelman, assistant professor (Social Work), had the following media hits:

- A scripted broadcast on WAMC Northeast Public Radio network’s “Academic Minute” about her research on “Transgender Discrimination,” Oct. 12, 2015. The segment was also highlighted by Inside Higher Ed.
- National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth discussed an earlier publication in which Seelman looked at transgender adults’ experiences of discrimination in domestic violence and rape crisis services. The Clearinghouse created a brief summary for their listserv & Q&A piece about the publication. The two respective links are:

Susan Snyder, assistant professor (Social Work), was quoted in the University Herald article, “Inhalant Use Linked to Mental Illness,” Oct. 14, 2015. The article is based on research by Snyder and a team of researchers from Georgia State University and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill(?).
Dan Kreisman, assistant professor (Economics), was quoted in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution’s Get Schooled column, “Vo-tech Makes a Comeback, but is it Proving Effective?” Oct. 16, 2015.

Neven Valev, adjunct faculty (Economics), was interviewed by the Bulgarian National Radio about global economic growth and the implications for macroeconomic policy. You can hear the audio file – in Bulgarian – at: http://goo.gl/loc4mu.

Mwangi Ndirangu, a YALI (Young African Leaders Initiative) Scholar, was featured on the Mediamax Network article, “It Takes Vision to Build an Empire,” Oct. 15, 2015, about his six-week tenure as a YALI Scholar at Georgia State University.

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