

Grants and Awards



Bruce Kaufman, professor (Economics), organized and led the strategic kick-off meeting May 4, 2015, in New York City for the four-country (AUS, CAN, UK, USA) comparative study, "Taking the Pulse of the Employment Relationship in the Workplace," financed by a \$600,000 grant from three international funding organizations. The surveys and company interviews start fall 2015

Georgia Health Policy Center Receives Two Grants

The Atlanta Regional Collaborative for Health Improvement (ARCHI), led by the **Georgia Health Policy Center (GHPC)**, the Atlanta Regional Commission and the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, received a \$60,000 grant as an awardee for the Spreading Community Accelerators through Learning and Evaluation initiative. For more information, go to: www.aamc.org/AHEAD.

The Health Law Partnership (**HeLP**), of which the **Georgia Health Policy Center** is a member, was awarded a \$22,500 grant with a match from Emory Department of Pediatrics and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta for the Association of American College's (**AAMC**) AHEAD (Accelerating Health Equity, Advancing Through Discovery). For more information, go to: <http://goo.gl/XX5evf>.

Publications



James Cox, Noah Langdale Jr. Chair and professor (Economics) and director (Experimental Economics Center), **Charles Courtemanche**, assistant professor (Economics), et al. (2015). [Toward Innovative, Cost-effective and Systemic Solutions to Improve Outcomes and Well-being of Military Families Affected By Autism Spectrum Disorder](#). *Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine*, 88(1), 73–79.

James Cox also has articles that have been accepted for publication with:

- **Vjollca Sadiraj**, associate professor (Economics); K. Schnier, & J. F. Sweeney. (2015). [Incentivizing Cost-Effective Reductions in Hospital Readmission Rates; and Higher Quality and Lower Cost from Improving Hospital Discharge Decision Making](#). *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, forthcoming.
- W.H. Orman. (2015). [Trust and Trustworthiness of Immigrants and Native-Born Americans](#). *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, forthcoming.



Nancy Kropf, associate dean for Research and Strategic Initiatives and professor (Social Work) & S. Cummings. (2015). [Predictors of Depression Among Caregivers of Adults with Severe Mental Illness](#). *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*. 58(3), 253-271.



Bruce Seaman, associate professor (Economics) has two publications:

- (2013). Handbook on the Economics of Cultural Heritage. In I. Rizzo and A. Mignosa (Eds.), [The Role of the Private Sector in Cultural Heritage](#) (pp. 111-128). Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- With **Dennis Young**, professor (Public Management and Policy) & **Amanda Wilsker** (Ph.D., Economics, 2011). [Measuring Concentration and Competition in the U.S. Nonprofit Sector: Implications for Research and Public Policy](#). (2014). *Nonprofit Policy Forum*, 5(2), 231-259.

Faraz Farhidi, Ph.D. candidate (Economics); R. D. Isfahani & M. Emadzadeh. (2015). [Ideas, Increasing Return to Scale, and Economic Growth: An Application for Iran](#). *Journal of Business and Economic Policy*, 2(1), 88-97.

Presentations



Mary Beth Walker, dean and professor (Economics), served as a panelist on the Women's Leadership Forum's "Closing the Gap" panel, April 17, 2015, in Atlanta. Co-sponsored by the Atlanta Business Chronicle and Georgia State University's J. Mack Robinson College of Business, the event drew more than 700 of Atlanta's women business leaders.



Theodore Poister, professor (Public Management and Policy), conducted a training and development program on "Performance Measurement and Results Frameworks" for the World Bank in Washington, D.C., on April 23, 2015.



Paula Stephan, professor (Economics), gave the keynote at the conference “the Value of Science,” sponsored by UNIKO, the Universities of Austria, in Vienna, Austria, May 6, 2015. The title of her talk was “How Science Shapes Economic Development.”



John O'Kane, professor of practice (Public Management and Policy), presented the “ABC’s of Boards” to the Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Atlanta Chapter on April 29, 2015, in Atlanta.



Peter Bluestone, senior research associate (Center for State and Local Finance), presented “Georgia State University’s Use of REMI Models in Research about Expanding the Sales Tax Base” at the 2015 Southeastern REMI conference, April 23-24, 2015, in Atlanta.



W. Bartley Hildreth, professor (Public Management and Policy), and program faculty at the Center for State and Local Finance, served as a discussant on the panel, “Multi-year Projections and Fiscal Planning in Local Governments: Does it Work and What Affects its Effectiveness?” at the Public Finance Conference held at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University-Bloomington, May 1, 2015.



Abena Otudor, administrative coordinator, senior (Public Management and Policy), presented “Leadership 101: Leaders are Conquerors,” for Georgia State University’s Knowledge Sharing Day, April 23, 2015. Last year Otudor was one of 35 Georgia State staffers to receive funds from a \$79,996 Human Resources/Staff Council staff development training grant.

Bruce Kaufman, professor (Economics), presented three seminars at the Copenhagen Business School (Copenhagen, DNK) on May 7-9, 2015, on topics related to the “Economics of Human Resource Management.”

Bruce Seaman, associate professor (Economics), engaged in the following professional activities during a recent trip to Santiago, Chile:

- Presented the results of his joint research with co-authors Juan José Price Elton (University of Chile), Andrea Rebolledo (Universidad del Desarrollo) and Andrea Baéz (Universidad Austral de Chile) on “Valoración Contingente en Bibliotecas Públicas en Chile” (Contingent Valuation in Public Libraries in Chile), at a public forum of *Dirección de Bibliotecas, Archivos y Museos*, April 2, 2015.
- Participated in a round-table discussion with professor Juan José Price Elton and members of the National Council for the Arts and Culture in Chile regarding potential lessons for Chile from the U.S. experience and from his own research in cultural economics, March 30, 2015.
- Was an invited guest to teach English in several classes of middle and high school students at the José Ignacio Zenteno School in the Maipú neighborhood of Santiago, March 31, 2015. .

Community Outreach

The **Georgia Health Policy Center** provided the [health impact assessment \(HIA\)](#) and [HIA toolkit](#) to inform the green infrastructure planning for Memphis' Mid-South Regional Greenprint project. The project, which recently won an American Planning Association Excellence in Sustainability Award, includes plans to create 500 miles of trails, 200 miles of bike lanes, connect 95 percent of large parks and link almost 80 percent of the Memphis area's population and jobs.

Bruce Seaman, associate professor (Economics), completed a nine-month mentoring program with Christina Sorensen, a student in the magnet program at North Cobb High School for International Studies.

Welcome



The Andrew Young School welcomes [Andrea Young](#) to the Department of Public Management and Policy. Young, a professor of practice, came on board during the spring semester to complete her work on Ambassador Andrew Young's book, documentary film and archive project about the city's history of policy choices that constitute the “Atlanta Way” – from the administration of Mayor William Hartsfield to its hosting of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games.

Events

Andrea Young, professor of practice (Public Management and Policy), **Harvey Newman**, Professor Emeritus (Public Management and Policy), screened Part I of the documentary film, "Andrew Young's Making of Modern Atlanta," as part of the Atlanta Studies Symposium's program, "The Atlanta Way: Past, Present, and Future" at the Academy of Medicine in Atlanta on May 6, 2015. Other AYSPS participants in the symposium were **Joseph Hacker**, clinical assistant professor (Public Management and Policy); **Sam Williams**, professor of practice (Public Management and Policy); and alumna **Rebecca Serna**, M.S. (Planning and Economic Development '07).

The **Georgia Health Policy Center's Center of Excellence in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health**, the **School of Social Work**, the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Voices for Georgia's Children, Georgia State University's Center for Leadership in Disability in the School of Public Health, the Department of Psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Department of Counseling & Psychological Services in the College of Education cosponsored "[The Integration of Mental Health and Education: Advancing School Mental Health \(SMH\) and Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports \(PBIS\) Together](#)" with Mark D. Weist., in Atlanta on May 7, 2015.

In the photo are (front l-r): Jodi Starkman, IRC; Elise Delahanty, ORC; Jalea Grimes, ORC; Richard Beaumont, IRC. (Rear l-r): Matt Rodan, ORC; Rafael Gomez, University of Toronto, **Bruce Kaufman**; Michael Barry, Griffith University; Adrian Wilkinson, Griffith University, Hal Burlingame, IRC; and Brian Hepp, ORC.



Media

Mary Beth Walker, dean and professor (Economics), was quoted in the Atlanta Business Chronicle article, "Closing the Gap: Women Closing in on Economic, Educational and Perceived Competency Gaps," April 17-23, 2015 issue.

<http://goo.gl/iaG0Yt>



Barry Hirsch, professor (Economics), was interviewed and quoted in a Harvard Business Review article, "Do CEOs Really have the Power to Raise Wages?" on April 23, 2015. <https://goo.gl/eghZG3>



Julie Hotchkiss, adjunct professor (Economics), was featured in Harvard Business Review's The Daily Stat article, "Do Olympics in the U.S. Create Jobs? Yes, at a Low Taxpayer Cost," April 30, 2015.

<https://goo.gl/HoXfpN>



Charles Courtemanche, assistant professor (Economics), was a guest on the Matt Townsend Show on BYU Radio, April 29, 2015.

Courtemanche addressed the topic, "Can Changing Economic Factors Explain the Rise in Obesity?" <http://goo.gl/w0EfHp>



Tim Sass, Distinguished University Professor (Economics), had his report for the Atlanta Public Schools, "The Long-Run Effects of Teacher Cheating on Student Outcomes," mentioned in more than 100 media across the country, including APS Superintendent Meria J. Carstarphen's blog. <http://goo.gl/6PBVA2>

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A sample of major media hits includes:

- Atlanta Journal-Constitution: May 8, 2015. <http://goo.gl/hTVb58>
- Dayton (Ohio) Journal-News: May 8, 2015. <http://goo.gl/4BxyEf>
- WSB-TV News: May 8, 2015. <http://goo.gl/e3MU4N>
- KIRO TV (Seattle, WA): May 8, 2015: <http://goo.gl/AG3RxS>
- Austin (Texas) American-Statesman: May 7, 2015: <http://goo.gl/8O8zIZ>



Karen Minyard, director (Georgia Health Policy Center), was quoted in the following articles about a life expectancy map developed by Virginia Commonwealth University's Center on Society and Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation:

- New York Times, "[Same City, but Very Different Life Spans](#)," April 28, 2015.
- GeorgiaHealthNews.com, "[Where You're Born Can Shorten Your Life](#)," May 11, 2015.

The Atlanta Regional Collaborative for Health Improvement, led by the **Georgia Health Policy Center**, Atlanta Regional Commission and United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, was mentioned in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution article, "[Where You Live in Atlanta Affects Life Expectancy](#)," on April 29, 2015.

Bruce Seaman, associate professor (Economics), was quoted in two Atlanta Journal-Constitution PolitiFact columns:

"[Revving Up on Claims about Mercedes' Move](#)," April 15, 2015.

- "[New Hotel Fee Adds Costs-But Not Always to Guests](#)," April 15, 2015.

Alumni



Tonya Cook, (M.S. in Human Resources Development, '05), received the 2015 Carl V. Patton President's Award for Community Service and Social Justice: Outstanding Faculty or Staff at Georgia State University, May 4, 2015.



Cristian Sepulveda, (Ph.D. in 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.

The AYSPS 2014 Co-Ed Intramural Softball Team finished their season at 2-1 and advanced into the playoffs. The team had players represented from several departments and centers.

Pictured here are, on the top row (left to right): **Kyle Mangum** (ECON), **Yanling Qi** (ECON), **Margo Doers** (FRC), **Bob Buschman** (FRC), **Dennis Young** (PMAP) and **Chuck Courtemanche** (ECON). Bottom row (left to right): **Dan Kreisman** (ECON), Linus Kreisman, **Jim Marton** (ECON), Michael Marton, **Debbie Kibbe** (GHPC), **Julia Manzella** (ECON), and **Huiping Du** (FRC). Team members not pictured: **Shelby Frost** (ECON), **Angie Snyder** (GHPC) and **Fred Brooks** (SW).



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