

## Message from Dean Walker



I was very pleased to see the results of the 2015 Staff Survey that is administered by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and goes to all GSU staff. The results for the Andrew Young School (AYS) exceeded the university means in every single category. Here are some of my favorites:

- For the statement “I have access to the resources I need to do my job well,” the AYS average response was 5.42 (with higher numbers meaning stronger agreement) and the GSU average was 4.57.
- For the statement “I have the opportunity to advance my career at Georgia State,” the AYS average response was 4.31, whereas the GSU average was 3.98.
- And finally, “I would recommend my department/unit as a good place to work,” AYS: 5.22 and GSU: 4.50!

These results speak extraordinarily well of the good working relationships we have among staff and faculty. We all are able to succeed due to good teamwork and our shared belief in the mission of the School.

Thank you to everyone, both staff and faculty, who makes this a great place to work!

## Awards and Grants



**Emefa Sewordor**, doctoral student (Public Management and Policy), was selected as a 2016 American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) Founders' Fellow, a program that recognizes outstanding students and new professionals (within three years of their graduation) in the field of public service and public administration.



**Rahul Pathak** (center), doctoral student (Public Policy & Management), received the Georgia Fiscal Management Council's annual scholarship of \$1,000. Pathak is also a graduate research assistant with the **Fiscal Research Center**.

## Publications



**David L. Sjoquist** (pictured), professor (Economics), & **John Winters** (Ph.D., Economics, '09 and now at Oklahoma State University). State Merit-based Financial Aid Programs and College Attainment. (2015). *Journal of Regional Science*. 55(3): 364-390.

## Publications from the Fiscal Research Center and the Center for State and Local Finance



**Robert Buschman**, senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center). (2015). Georgia's Incredible Shrinking Sales Tax Base. <http://goo.gl/pRnWWI>



**Mark Rider** (pictured), associate professor (Economics); **David Sjoquist**, professor (Economics); **Sally Wallace**, associate dean of research and strategic initiatives; & **Brett Mullins** (B.S. Economics '14) and research assistant (Fiscal Research Center). (2015). Trends in TANF and SNAP Participation in Georgia. <http://goo.gl/JdKx3Q>

**Elton Davis** (M.A., Economics '15) and **Isabel Ruthotto**, public outreach volunteer (Fiscal Research Center). (2015). Financing Georgia's Schools. <http://goo.gl/bKYXnA>



**David Sjoquist**, professor (Economics) and **Lakshmi Pandey** (pictured), senior research associate (Center for State and Local Finance). (2015). A Comparison of Economic Growth Trends between Atlanta and other Large Metropolitan Areas. <http://goo.gl/bKYXnA>

## Presentations



**Brian Bride**, professor and director (Social Work), presented “Caregiver Compassion Fatigue” at the Rosalynn Carter Institute National Summit and Training Institute,” on October 22, 2015, in Americus, Ga. Bride is shown here with First Lady Rosalynn Carter.



**Paula Stephan**, professor (Economics), was the keynote speaker at the 10<sup>th</sup> Berlin Debate on Science Policy in Berlin, Germany, Nov. 8, 2015. The debate was sponsored by the Robert Bosch Foundation.



**Andrew Feltenstein**, professor (Economics), presented the paper, “The Distributional Effects of Tax Reforms in Pakistan,” with **Gohar Sedrakyan**, administrative specialist (Economics), at the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) on Oct. 16, 2015, in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.



**Michael Shapiro**, clinical instructor and internship and Alpharetta Center coordinator (Criminal Justice & Criminology), moderated a panel and made two presentations at the Criminal Justice Association of Georgia’s annual conference, “American Justice – Past, Present, and Future,” at Clayton State University, Morrow, Ga., Nov. 5-6, 2015. They were:

- “Controversies in Criminal Justice” (panel)
- “2014-2015 United States Supreme Court Update” and “Coordinating and Writing an Undergraduate Criminal Justice Internship Program” with Peter Fenton (Kennesaw State University), (presentations)



**Robbie Friedmann**, Professor Emeritus (Criminal Justice & Criminology) and director of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE), gave welcoming remarks and made a presentation on “Terrorism Continuum: Initiated and Inspired” at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Enforcement and Private Sector Business Continuity Summit, held at Atlanta Metropolitan State College in Atlanta, Nov. 12, 2015.

## Media

**Mary Beth Walker**, dean, was cited in the Craig Daily Press article, "[Four-day School Week Popular Statewide; Correlations to Student Achievement Uncertain](#)," Oct. 20, 2015. The article referenced a study she co-authored with D. Mark Anderson (Montana State University) in *Education Finance and Policy*. <http://goo.gl/EuoUeP>



**Sally Wallace**, associate dean of research and strategic initiatives, was quoted in the Online Athens article, "[Early Childhood Education has Significant Economic Effect in Georgia](#)," Oct. 23, 2015. The article referenced a **Fiscal Research Center's** commissioned study on the impact of early learning for the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL). <http://goo.gl/zao9jx>

**Paula Stephan**, professor (Economics), was featured in the Universiteit Utrecht, announcement, "[Lecture by Paula Stephan: 'How Economics Shapes Science'](#)" Oct. 30, 2015.

**Robbie Friedmann**, Professor Emeritus (Criminal Justice & Criminology) and director of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE), published a blog, "[The IACP Community Policing Committee 2015 Workshop](#)."

**Sally Wallace** and **David Sjoquist**, professor (Economics), were quoted by the media about their study, "The Economic Impact of AmericasMart Atlanta," which was also cited. Following are several media hits:

- Press Release Rocket, "[New Study Documents AmericasMart® Economic Impact at Record Highs](#)," Oct. 20, 2015.
- Home Accents Today, "[Americasmart Releases Economic Impact Study](#)," Oct. 22, 2015.
- Virtual Strategy Magazine, "[New Study Documents AmericasMart® Economic Impact at Record Highs](#)," Oct. 20, 2015.



**Joseph Hacker**, clinical assistant professor (Public Management & Policy), was featured in a radio interview on GPB News, "What Moves Me? – What Moves You, Georgia?" on bicycling in Atlanta, October 21, 2015. Hacker went on a bicycle ride through Atlanta and documented it with a GoPro camera.



**Nicholas Forge**, clinical assistant professor (Social Work), & Geoffrey L. Ream (Adelphi University), had their article on Homeless Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Youth in New York City: Insights from the Field featured as a research summary, “[Do Common Beliefs About LGBT Homeless Youth Reflect Reality?](#)” on the National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth website.

**Robert Buschman**, senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center), was quoted in the WABE-90.1 Public Radio broadcast, “[Lifestyle Changes Mean Fewer Sales Tax Dollars for Ga.](#)” about his FRC report, [Georgia’s Incredible Shrinking Sales Tax Base](#).

The **Georgia Health Policy Center** study, [Health Impact Assessment of the 2015 Qualified Allocation Plan for Low-income Housing Tax Credits](#), was cited in the Apartment Finance Today article, “[Georgia Study Makes Connection Between Location and Health.](#)” Oct. 29, 2015.

### **Congratulations to...**



**Peter Lyons**, associate provost for institutional effectiveness and professor (Social Work), on his recent appointment as vice provost and dean of Perimeter College, effective after the Board of Regents approves the consolidation of Georgia State and Georgia Perimeter College (GPC) in January.



**John O’Kane**, professor of practice (Public Management and Policy), on being recertified for a three-year period as a Certified Fundraising Executive by CFRE International. O’Kane has been certified by CFRE for 27 years.

**Michael Shapiro**, clinical instructor and internship and Alpharetta Center coordinator (Criminal Justice & Criminology), was installed for a two-year term as president of the Criminal Justice Association of Georgia. Prior to this, Shapiro had served for two years as Vice President/President-Elect for the organization.

## Alumni



**Andrew Brown** (MPA, '14) recently accepted a Presidential Management Fellowship appointment with the Department of Commerce – Office of Inspector General. He serves as a statistician on the Economic and Statistical Program Assessment's Data Analytics Team.



**Manikka Bowman** (M.S., Urban Policy Studies, '06), successfully won her bid to serve on the Cambridge School Committee, the local school board in Cambridge, Mass.

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