

From the Dean



Congratulations go to the recently promoted and tenured members of the AYS faculty. **Spencer Banzhaf**, Economics, was promoted to the rank of professor. **Lisa Muftic**, Criminal Justice and Criminology, received tenure and a promotion to the rank of Associate Professor, as did **Vjollca Sadiraj**, Economics, and **Janelle Kerlin**, Public Management and Policy. We all celebrate this recognition of their many accomplishments!



Kudos also go to **Maria Camila Morales** (pictured on right with Provost Risa Palm), undergraduate student (Economics) and faculty mentor, **Paul Kagundu**, clinical assistant professor (Economics), for her award-winning entry in the GSU undergraduate research conference. Her project entitled "Citizen Participation and Local Government Effectiveness:

Evidence from Uganda" won a third prize award in the poster division of the conference. For more information, go to:

http://digitalarchive.gsu.edu/gsurc/2013/Poster_Presentations_1/45/.

The abstract can be found at:

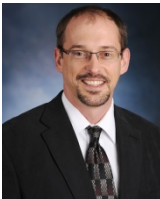
<http://digitalarchive.gsu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1077&context=gsurc>.

The AYS had many students participating in this interesting event. I think the projects this year showed substantial improvement over previous years. I especially appreciate the efforts of all faculty who mentored students for this event.

Honors



Gregory B. Lewis, chair and professor (Public Management and Policy) received an award for “Outstanding Scholarship in Public Sector Human Resources” from the American Society for Public Administration’s Section on Personnel Administration and Labor Relations during the society’s annual meeting in New Orleans, LA, March 15, 2013.



Bradley E. Wright, associate professor (Public Management and Policy), has been named editor of the *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, the official journal of the Public Management Research Association. The journal ranks top in the field of Public Administration according to the 2011 Journal Citation Reports® (Thomson Reuters, 2012).

Events

The **Georgia Health Policy Center (GHPC)** was a gold sponsor and participant at the Georgia Rural Health Association’s Rural Health Day at the Capitol on February 20, 2013.



GRHA members and friends with Governor Nathan Deal
GHPC staff in the group photo: **Liz Imperiale, Rachel Campos, and Becca Fink**



The **Andrew Young School of Policy Studies**, along with all colleges at Georgia State University, participated in **GSU Day at the Capitol** on February 6, 2013. Faculty and staff from the **Georgia Health Policy Center, Fiscal Research Center, Academic Assistance, and Dean's Office** attended. The event also highlighted the celebration of Georgia State University's centennial year.

Publications



Bruce Kaufman, professor (Economics), had his chapter, "The Economic Organization of Employment: Systems in Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations," published in Anna Grandori (ed.), Handbook of Economic Organization (Elgar 2013).

Fiscal Research Center Policy Briefs



Peter Bluestone, senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center), "The Department of Defense Budget Cuts: Economic Impact on Georgia and Selected Counties." This policy brief examines the economic impact Department of Defense procurement contracts, grants, and civilian wages have on the state of Georgia and selected counties, FRC Brief 261. Brief can be found at:

<http://aysps.gsu.edu/sites/default/files/documents/Brief261.pdf>.



Mark Rider (pictured), associate professor (Economics) with **Chelsea Coleman**, undergraduate student (Economics), **Kendon Darlington**, alumnus (Bachelor of Arts, J. Mac Robinson College of Business) and a former research intern (Economics), and **Morgan Sinclair**, undergraduate student (Economics), "The Incentives Created by the Tax-Benefit System Facing Low-Income Families in Georgia." This report describes the incentives created by the major taxes and public assistance programs facing low-income families in Georgia. FRC Report 258 / FRC Brief 258. Brief and report can both be found at:

<http://aysps.gsu.edu/frc/reports/2013>.

Presentations



Jimmy Dills, research associate II (Georgia Health Policy Center), discussed “Health in All Policies” on the panel, Health Disparities and Health Issues, at the Atlanta Community Leaders Institute at Morehouse School of Medicinem, Atlanta, Ga, February 9, 2013.



Sally Wallace, chair and professor (Economics), presented "State Income Tax Treatment of the Elderly" at the Lincoln Institute Conference, “Economic Perspectives on State and Local Taxation,” in Cambridge, Mass., March 8, 2013.



Volkan Topalli, associate professor (Criminal Justice and Criminology), addressed the 2013 Global Summit on Illegal Doping in Sport, sponsored by UK Anti-Doping Authority at Twickenham Stadium in London, March 13-14, 2013, and was also interviewed by the *BBC* during the event. The title of his presentation was, "Deterring athletes from doping: A criminological perspective."

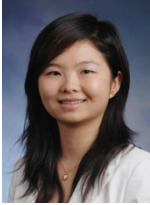


Ted Poister, professor (Public Management & Policy), presented "Helping Leaders Achieve Excellence: Performance Measurement as the Link to Evidence-Based Nursing Regulation" at the midyear leadership development program sponsored by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing in San Jose, Calif., March 11, 2013.



James C. Cox, professor (Economics), director (Experimental Economics Center), and the Noah Langdale Jr Chair in Economics/Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, presented a seminar to faculty and taught a guest lecture to Ph.D. students at Iowa State University on March 1, 2013. The paper presented was “Status Quo Effects in Fairness Games: Reciprocal Responses to Acts of Commission vs. Acts of Omission co-authored with Maroš Servátka (University of Canterbury) and Radovan Vadovič (Carleton University). The graduate students were lectured on “The Preference Reversal Phenomenon.”

Media Hits



Cathy Liu, assistant professor (Public Management and Policy) was interviewed and cited in an article titled "A streetcar named possibility? Downtown Partnership promotes trolley as spark to development" in *St. Louis Beacon*, March 11, 2013.

https://www.stlbeacon.org/#!/content/29746/streetcar_downtown_partnership?coverpage=2873.

Volkan Topalli, associate professor (Criminal Justice and Criminology) was quoted in a story by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* titled "Small Street gangs a growing threat, police say."

<http://digital.olivesoftware.com/Olive/ODE/AtlantaJournalConstitution/LandingPage/LandingPage.aspx?href=QUpDLzlwMTMvMDMvMDQ.&pageno=MQ..&entity=QXlwMDEwNA..&view=ZW50aXR5>.



Paula Stephan, professor (Economics), appeared on Dan Rather Reports "PhDon't!" on March 5, 2013, at 8pm ET on AXS TV. The story talks about the overproduction of PhDs in certain fields.

<http://www.axs.tv/blogs/phdont-march-5-2013/>.
<https://www.facebook.com/DanRatherReports>.

Activities & Outreach

Gregory B. Lewis, chair and professor (Public Management and Policy) was party in an *amicus curiae* brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court in the two same-sex marriage cases, *U.S. v. Windsor* and *Hollingsworth v. Perry*.



The **Fiscal Research Center**, in a new project with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta, will assess the impact of the enhanced Mentoring Toward College (MTC) program. **Erdal Tekin**, professor (Economics) is the principal investigator.



Sally Wallace (pictured right), chair and professor (Economics), and **Kevin Ackarancongkolortn** (pictured left), senior research associate (Experimental Economics Center) conducted tax compliance experiments at the University of Cairo, Egypt, with University of Cairo colleague Sarah Mansour. Vjollca Sadiraj is also part of the research team. The experiment and travel was funded by ICePP, USAID, ExCen and the Department of Economics (March 15-22, 2013).

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