

Lennon Challenges AYSPS Grads to be Gladiators for Change



Over 300 students received bachelors', masters' and doctors' degrees from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies last weekend.

During AYSPS's graduation recognition program on Friday, May 9, keynote speaker Christina Lennon challenged the 2014 graduates to "go be gladiators" as they apply the passion, knowledge and skills they gained at the Andrew Young School.

"You are graduating not just with a degree, but you are graduating with a network, your classmates," said Lennon, a 2005 M.P.A. graduate of the Andrew Young School. "You have learned how to lead change. Advocate, volunteer and work towards your goal. And when you have an opportunity to place students in your organization, do it!"

Publications



Bruce Kaufman, professor (Economics), (2014). *Employee Voice Before Hirschman: Its Early History, Conceptualization, and Practice*. In A. Wilkinson, J. Donaghey, T. Dundon, and R. Freeman (Eds.), *Handbook of Research on Employee Voice* (pp. 17-36). Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar.

Presentations



Robert Friedmann, Professor Emeritus (Criminal Justice) and Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) founding director, gave the keynote address on the "The Problem with Stats—The New Reality" at an international conference of police chiefs in Phoenix, April 28, 2014. Friedmann spoke on the same topic at the International Conference for Police & Law Enforcement Executives in Montreal, Canada, on May 5, 2014.



Kyle Mangum, assistant professor (Economics), presented his work, “The Global Effects of Housing Policy,” at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge, Mass., on May 1, 2014. The presentation was part of Mangum’s duties as a recipient of the Institute’s Lincoln Scholars Program for junior faculty.



Karen Minyard, associate research professor (Public Management and Policy) and executive director (Georgia Health Policy Center); **Glenn Landers**, associate project director (Georgia Health Policy Center); and **Mary Ann Phillips** (pictured), associate project director (Georgia Health Policy Center) conducted a workshop on the health reform planning tool, “Leading through Health System Change: A Public Health Opportunity,” at the MidAmerica Regional Public Health Leadership Institute on May 1, 2014, in Chicago.



John Butts, senior research associate (Georgia Health Policy Center) and **Amanda Phillips-Martinez** (pictured), senior research associate (Georgia Health Policy Center) presented “Positioning Your Program for Sustainability” at the Healthcare Georgia Foundation Connections 2014 Conference on April 22, 2014, in Atlanta.

Community Outreach and Events



James C. Cox, professor (Economics), director (Experimental Economics Center), and the Noah Langdale Jr. Chair in Economics/ Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, participated in the Southern Economic Association Board of Trustees’ meeting in Atlanta, April 25, 2014.

The **Georgia Health Policy Center** was a sponsor at the 37th Annual National Rural Health Association Conference held April 22-25, 2014, in Las Vegas.

Student and Alumni News



Clifton Ndubuisi, an undergraduate in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, was awarded the David L. Boren Scholarship through the National Security Education Program. The award provides \$10,000 to Ndubuisi to spend a semester in Jordan. Boren Scholars study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad. The program focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. security. Ndubuisi will go to Jordan to better learn the Arabic language, with the expectation that upon return he will work within the intelligence community.

The Georgia Health Policy Center Welcomes New Staff



Carla Willis joined in May of 2014 as a senior research associate on the Medicaid policy team. Before joining the GHPC, Carla worked for the Atlanta branch of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) as a health policy analyst researching and evaluating a variety of public health programs and health care delivery issues. She also completed a one-year fellowship as a population health fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Willis holds a Ph.D. and an M.A. in Political Science from Ohio State University.



Bill Rencher joined in May of 2014 as a research associate II on the Medicaid policy team. Rencher previously worked for the Structured Employment Economic Development Corporation (SEEDCO) in Atlanta, where he was part of a team overseeing operations of a federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) navigator grant. Prior to his work at SEEDCO, he was the director of the health care access program at Georgia Watch, where he worked on healthcare consumer advocacy and policy development. Rencher holds an M.P.H. from Georgia State University and a J.D. from the University of Florida.

The AYSPS Softball Team (2013-2014)



As pictured the first night of playoffs – before the rain out.

Top: Chuck Courtemanche (Econ), Margo Doers (FRC), Yanling Qi (Econ), Dennis Young (PMAP), Angie Snyder (GHPC), Jenny Giarratano (Dean's Office), **Bottom:** Huiping Du (FRC), Kyle Mangum (Econ), Shelby Frost (Econ), Jim Marton (Econ), Michael Marton, Dan Montanera (RBC), Julia Manzella (Econ). **Not Pictured:** Debbie Kibbe (GHPC), Travis Blake (PMAP), Spencer Banzhaf (Econ), Fred Brooks (SW), Jimmy Dills (GHPC), Jamaal Madison (Econ)

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