

## Message from Nancy Kropf, Associate Dean for Research and Strategic Planning:



You may have been wondering.... “what is going on with the AYS strategic plan?” Well, we are currently on task. At a November Executive Team meeting, various models of planning were discussed and the implementation process is underway.

The first stage of planning will take place within the four academic units and they will involve the centers and institutes around Strategic Goals 1 and 2: Teaching and Research. Ad hoc committees are taking the lead with Goals 3 and 4: communication/public relations and facilities, which will include reaching out to several of you for your involvement and input. After this initial phase, a work group will be assembled to synthesize the information and establish benchmarks and timelines. Please think about how we can use our Strategic Plan in ways to enhance the great work that already takes place within AYS.

We look forward to your continued involvement in this very important process.

## Awards, Honors, and Grants



**Michael Shapiro**, clinical instructor (Criminal Justice and Criminology), and Peter Fenton (Kennesaw State University) co-authored an article that was part of an award-winning “Perspective on Brady at 50” issue of *The Champion Magazine* (May 2013), a monthly publication of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. The magazine was awarded the Media Industry News’ 2013 Editorial & Design Award for Print/Online Coverage of a Single Topic.” Shapiro and Fenton’s article, “*The Class of ’63: Major Supreme Court Cases of the 1963 Term,*” can be found at: <http://www.nacdl.org/champion.aspx?id=28474>.



**Bruce Kaufman**, professor (Economics), and colleagues from Australia and Canada were awarded a \$255,000 grant from the Australian Research Council for a three year comparative research study on how American and Australian employers and employees view their relationship and major problems in it.



**Spencer Banzhaf**, professor (Economics) and co-author Wallace Oates (University of Maryland) were awarded the 2013 Richard Musgrave Prize for the most outstanding paper in the *National Tax Journal*. The annual prize was awarded for their work, "On Fiscal Illusion in Local Public Finance: Re-Examining Ricardian Equivalence and the Renter Effect," *National Tax Journal* (September 2013) 66 (3), pp. 511-5. Download a copy at <http://web.ebscohost.com/ehost/pdfviewer/pdfviewer?sid=ee3c9ccc-0d6e-4f32-be57-b1f93216e361%40sessionmgr113&vid=3&hid=112>.

**Nancy Kropf**, associate dean for research and strategic planning (AYS) and professor (Social Work), won the Association for Gerontology Education – Social Work's (AGE SW) Leadership Award at the Gerontological Society of America meeting in New Orleans on November 23, 2013. The honor is awarded to a faculty member who has made significant contributions in aging research, teaching and scholarship.



*Nancy Kropf, center, poses with her Leadership Award with colleagues (left) Karen Watkins, clinical assistant professor (Social Work) and Terri Lewinson, assistant professor (Social Work).*

**GREAT NEWS:** *The GSU Library will soon provide access to what they believe will be a complete collection of Research Atlanta reports from 1971 to 2006. This collection will also contain digitized video footage of policy debates and discussions from Research Atlanta. In total the collection will contain close to 200 reports and 10 videos. The library will be adding reports and videos to the collection as they digitize them and by early spring 2014, they hope to have each report and video digitized. Fifty reports have already been digitized and added to the collection. For more information on this, check the following link.*

*GSU Library Digitizes Research Atlanta Reports*

<http://homer.gsu.edu/blogs/library/2013/11/18/university-library-digitizes-research-atlanta-reports/>

## Publications



**William A. Pridemore**, Distinguished University Professor (Criminal Justice and Criminology), Mitchell B. Chamlin (Texas State University-San Marco), Maria T. Kaylen (Indiana University-Bloomington) and Evgeny M. Andreev (Center for Demographic Research, the New Economic School, Moscow). (2013). The impact of a national alcohol policy on deaths due to transport accidents in Russia. *Addiction*, 108(12), 2112-18. Find the article at: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/add.12311/full>.



**Gerald Neumark**, part-time instructor (Public Management and Policy). "The Atlanta BeltLine: Public Administration and Politics, a Cultural Clash—the Case of Tenth and Monroe." *Politics and Questions*, the journal of the Georgia Political Science Association. This is his fourth published article on the politics and policy of the Atlanta BeltLine. Download a copy of the article at: [http://www.gpsausa.org/images/stories/proceedings/2012/Neumark\\_Formatted\\_9-29-2013.pdf](http://www.gpsausa.org/images/stories/proceedings/2012/Neumark_Formatted_9-29-2013.pdf).



**David L. Sjoquist** (left), Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy and professor (Economics) and alumnus **John Winters** (Ph.D., Economics 2009 and now at Oklahoma State University). "Merit Aid and Post-College Retention in the State." *Journal of Urban Economics*, (forthcoming).



**David L. Sjoquist; Laura Wheeler** (left), senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center); Martin Grace (Robinson College of Business). "The Effect of Insurance Premium Taxes on Interstate Differences in the Size of the Property-Casualty Insurance Industry." *National Tax Journal*, (forthcoming).

## Presentations



**Paula Stephan**, professor (Economics), spoke on "Mobile Scientists: Networks and Performance" at the Academia Europaea Conference on Migration and Mobility in Science in Rome, Italy, November 14-16, 2013. While she was in Rome, Stephan also presented the seminar, "Superior Performance of Mobile Scientists: Evidence from GlobSci Survey," at the Bank of Italy on November 18, 2013.



**David L. Sjoquist, and John Winters** (left). Presented “State Merit-Aid Programs and College Major: A Focus on STEM” at the Southern Economic Association’s 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, November 25, 2013, in Tampa.



**Beth Fuller**, associate project director (Georgia Health Policy Center), presented “The Shifting Health Care Landscape: Where Are We Now with the Affordable Care Act?” at the Health Insurance Exchanges: Rebooting the Conversation event at Emory University in Atlanta on November 5, 2013. Fuller also presented “The Keys to Success: Assessment and Evaluation—Making

Effective” at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Obesity Summit in Nashville on November 19, 2013.



**Debra Kibbe**, senior research associate (Georgia Health Policy Center), presented “Get Healthy Together/Juntos y Saludables: A Collaborative Systems Approach to Obesity Prevention” at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Obesity Summit in Nashville, Tenn., on November 18, 2013. She also presented “Prevention of Pediatric Overweight: Population and Individual Approaches” at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Child and Adolescent Overweight Certificate Program on November 24, 2013, in Denver.



**Karen Minyard**, executive director (Georgia Health Policy Center) and research associate professor (Public Management and Policy), presented “Atlanta Regional Collaborative for Health Improvement (ARCHI)” at the Atlanta Region Care Transition Work Meeting in Atlanta on November 19, 2013.



**Karen Minyard, Glenn Landers** (left), associate project director (Georgia Health Policy Center), and Kathleen Billingsly (California Department of Public Health), presented “Leading through Health System Change: A Public Health Opportunity” at the Open Forum for Public Health Improvement meeting in Memphis, Tenn., on November 20, 2013.



**Paul Ferraro**, professor (Economics), presented “Can Panel Data Designs and Estimators Substitute for Randomized Controlled Trials in the Evaluation of Social Programs?” at Purdue University on November 14, 2013.



**Gregory B. Lewis**, department chair and professor (Public Management and Policy), participated in a roundtable on “Quantitative Methods Competencies for a Multidimensional World: Pedagogical and Curricular Strategies for MPA, MPP and PhD Programs,” at the 2013 Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., on October 11, 2013. On the same day at the NASPPA Conference, Lewis and David W. Pitts (American University) co-presented “The Pay and Status of LGBT Employees in the Federal Service.” Lewis also participated in a roundtable on “The Future of Same-Sex Marriage Post-Supreme Court Decisions” at the 2013 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., on November 9, 2013.



**James Cox**, professor (Economics), director (Experimental Economics Center), and the Noah Langdale Jr. Chair in Economics/Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, presented “Paradoxes and Mechanisms for Choice under Risk” in a special invited session at the Economic Science Association Conference in Santa Cruz, Calif, October 24-26, 2013. Co-authors of the paper are **Vjollca Sadiraj**, associate professor (Economics), and Ulrich Schmidt (University of Kiel in Germany).

**William A. Pridemore** was invited to speak at the University of Montréal, International Center for Comparative Criminology Symposium on Violence and Homicide Across Time and Space on November 11, 2013. The title of his presentation was “The Structural Covariates of Cross-national Homicide Rates: Challenging the Orthodoxy.”

### **Fiscal Research Center (FRC) faculty and staff made presentations at the Annual National Tax Association's 106<sup>th</sup> Conference on Taxation in Tampa, November 21-23, 2013:**



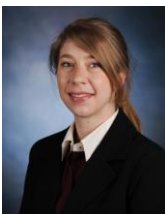
**Spencer Banzhaf**, professor (Economics), presented “Reduced Form Hedonics: Rosen's First State and Difference-in-Differences as ‘Sufficient Statistics.’”



**Bob Buschman**, senior research associate (FRC), and Eric Brunner (University of Connecticut), participated in the session, "The Political Economy of State and Local Funding."

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**David L. Sjoquist** presented "An Analysis of the District of Columbia's Tax Assessment Limitation."



**Carlianne Patrick**, assistant professor (Economics) and Andrew Hansen (Marquette University), organized the "NTA: The Next Generation" discussion at the conference.



**Sally Wallace**, director (FRC) and department chair (Economics), presented "Fiscal Architecture of the District of Columbia."

## Media Hits



**Robert Friedmann**, professor emeritus (Criminal Justice and Criminology) and director (Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange), wrote an article about GILEE's impact in the community in the November-December 2013 issue of *The Jewish Georgian*. The article is available on page six online at: <http://www2.gsu.edu/~crirxf/JGANovDec13-GILEE.pdf>.



A December 2012 FRC Report 253 on jobs in Georgia was recently quoted in the *Atlanta Journal Constitution's Politifact Georgia's* article, "The Changes in Jobs Across Georgia's Counties: Changes in Distribution, Type, and Quality of Jobs in Georgia Counties from 2000-2009."

<http://goo.gl/QNMrtM>. Alum **Zackary Hawley**, (Ph.D. Economics 2012), and principal associate (Fiscal Research Center), authored the report, available at <http://goo.gl/bDFuUa>.

## Community Activities and Outreach



The **Georgia Health Policy Center** co-sponsored the Atlanta Regional Commission's State of the Region fundraising breakfast, "Celebrating Metro Atlanta's Great Places," on November 1, 2013, at the Georgia World Congress Center.

*GHPC staff attending the State of the Region event included, clockwise from top left, Michelle Rushing, Jane Branscomb, Susan McLaren, Mohammad Khalaf, Debra Kibbe, Melissa Haberlen and Elizabeth Fuller.*



The **Georgia Health Policy Center** co-sponsored the J. Rhodes Haverty Lecture, "Myths and Misconceptions about Mental Health in Military Veterans," hosted by the School of Nursing and Health Professions at the Rialto Center for the Arts on November 6, 2013.

*GHPC staffers (l-r) Mary Ann Phillips and Angie Snyder with Brigadier General John Turner at the Haverty Lecture.*



**GILEE (Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange)** hosted a 10-member delegation of high ranking officers from the State Military Police of Rio de Janeiro visiting Georgia as part of a week-long mission to learn about the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. Participants were briefed by federal, state and local law enforcement officials who had Olympic venue responsibilities and were directly involved in the planning efforts of the games as well as hands-on experience in how to secure large events. Following the briefings and tours, the hosts and visitors discussed the challenges that Rio faces as it prepares for the World Cup in 2014 and the Summer Olympic Games in 2016.

### **Georgia Health Policy Center Welcomes New Staff**

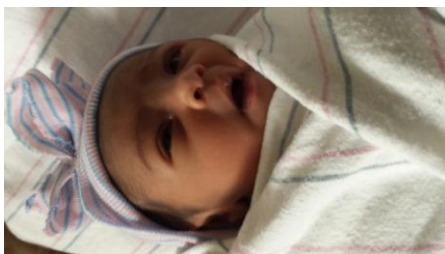
**Evan Cole** joined the Georgia Health Policy Center in November of 2013 as an associate project director. He will be leading the Medicaid policy team. His areas of expertise are Medicaid, primary care delivery and insurance design. Before joining the GHPC, Evan lived in New Orleans, where he completed his Ph.D. in Health Systems Management and worked as a research assistant at Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. His research has appeared in the *Journal for Healthcare Quality*.



## Congratulations



**Dame Epiphane** was promoted to project coordinator at the Georgia Health Policy Center.



*Congratulations to Muhammad M. Husain (Ph.D. student in Economics) and Sohani Fatehin (Ph.D. student in Economics) on the birth of their daughter, Sameeha Subhana Husain, who was born on November 5, 2013.*

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