

Dear Colleagues,

Fall term 2004/2005 and here we sit, in our new building. Sometimes I still do not believe it. We are still in the growing pains stage as we try to learn how to use this building, and to work out the glitches, but we are getting there. I am especially pleased to see how booked the seminar rooms are getting. Lots of complaints from those who cannot get on the schedule because there is lots of use. Now we need to see the computer labs full of students. Let's work on that.

We are going to have a busy and productive academic year. We are looking to fill the Ramsey Chair, the Langdale Chair and the Usery Chair in addition to several junior slots. There will be many seminars, so please get involved. There is no more important decision we make than in choosing our colleagues. I hope you all will try and attend every seminar because that is probably the best feel you can get for the candidate's skills and interests.

Our enrollments are no longer growing at the rate of past years. But we continue to attract a diversified student body. Last year we taught 4174 students in our classes. Of those who were majors in the Andrew Young School, 38% were African American, 53% were women, and of our graduate students, 31% were from other countries.

You have all been hearing about a budget crisis at the state level that will be dropped heavily on the university system this year. My sense is that it is going to happen and that it is going to cause us some pain. But we do not yet know the magnitude of the cut that we in AYSPS will be asked to bear. I will let you know when I know.

Even with budget cuts, however, we are going to make more progress this year. There is much to shout about, as you will note as you look over last year's Annual Report and our forthcoming research issue of *The Briefing*. We are a nationally recognized policy school, we have a quality faculty and group of research associates who are productive, several of our faculty have achieved star status in the profession, our centers are heavily involved in scholarship and policy advising, and we have taken an increasingly global view about how we should realize our mission. Now, that is something to build on!

The Dean's E-news is changing. After this edition of the Dean's E-news, the publication will transition to a weekly format. We will be looking for Calendar items that will include seminars, events or training programs that will be going on the next week. In addition, Media hits, new publications, presentations – upcoming and recent, personnel issues/changes, personal news, upcoming and recent travels will be included. All submissions to the Dean's E-news will need to be sent to Robin Steinbrenner in the Dean's office **by Friday at noon** to be included in the **Monday edition**.

August 6, The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies co-sponsored a program hosted by the Southern Center for International Studies, honoring the President of The Republic of Georgia, H.E. Mikheil Saakashvili. The Georgian President came to Atlanta to share his vision of the future of his country.

October 12-14 Dr. Mamphela Ramphele, Managing Director of the World Bank in charge of education and human development activities, will be visiting Atlanta as a guest of the Halle Institute at Emory University. Dr. Ramphele is a medical doctor, anthropologist and former Vice Chancellor of the University of Cape Town. She is also currently co-chair of a UN Commission on migration.

The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, and The J. Mack Robinson College will be hosting a small invitation only dinner for Dr. Ramphele at the Southern Center for International Studies on the evening of Tuesday, October 12.

The Department of Economics

The Department of Economics completed another successful summer internship program, under the supervision of **Professor Neven Valev**. Nine students from top universities around the country worked with AYSPS faculty on various research projects.

James Alm traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico in May to begin work on an evaluation of Puerto Rico tax policy, as part of a Brookings Institution-Center for the New Economy (in San Juan) project on economic policy in Puerto Rico. In July, he chaired a session on economic policy in China at the Chinese Economic Society Annual Conference in Atlanta. He traveled to Washington, D.C. in August to chair an Academic Advisory Council to help with oversight on a Joint Cost of Collection Study, run by the Multistate Tax Commission and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

James Alm, Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, and Mark Rider organized a conference on "The Challenge of Tax Reform in the 21st Century", which took place in May 2004 at Stone Mountain, and which had more than a dozen original papers on various aspects of tax reform, written by a distinguished group of scholars.

Ben Scafidi continues his work on the Governor's staff.

The Department of Economics has hired several new faculty.

Gary Hoover who received his doctorate in economics from the Washington University in St. Louis in 1998. He has been at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa since then, working on public policy analysis especially in the areas of poverty and income distribution.

Douglas Krupka who finished his Ph. D this summer at the Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago. His dissertation was entitled "Location-specific Human Capital, Migration, and Amenities".

Inas Rashad who finished her Ph.D. in Economics this summer at the City University of New York Graduate Center, working on "The Economics of Obesity" under the supervision of Michael Grossman.

Douglas Campbell who finished his Ph.D. in the Department of Economics at the AYSPS this last year. His dissertation was entitled "The Incidence of Impact Fees". He joins the faculty as a Visiting Assistant Professor.

The Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies

Nine new students enrolled in the joint doctoral program in public policy this fall, our largest class yet. New students come from Africa, Asia, South America, and the United States. Amanda Wilsker is an Andrew Young Fellow, Kevin Fortner is a Dean's Scholar Fellow, and Grace Chikoto is a Carolyn Young Fellow. We are also happy to welcome Gabriel Leonardo, Seong Soo Oh, Danika Parchment, Ravi Prasad, Abdul-Akeem Sadiq, and Cathy Slade.

In a new move for the joint doctoral program, some graduate research assistants are working for state, federal, and international agencies. Ignacio Navarro is working for the Georgia Department of Education, Nevbahar Ertas is working for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and Monica LaBelle is working for CARE.

The Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management will hold its Fall Research Conference -- "Creating and Using Evidence in Public Policy Analysis and Management" -- October 28-30 at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center here in Atlanta. The Andrew Young School is co-sponsoring the opening reception at the Atlanta Botanical Garden with Georgia Tech, UGA, Emory, and Clark Atlanta.

Amy Helling attended the summer meeting of the Board of Infrastructure and the Constructed Environment of the National Research Council, Division on Engineering and the Physical Sciences, of which she is a member, in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, on June 21-22.

Harvey K. Newman moderated the meeting of the Atlanta Foundation Forum in September at the Yates Golf Course. The meeting showcased the work of the East Lake Community Foundation in revitalizing the neighborhood.

Fiscal Research Program

In May, we were relieved to learn that **David Sjoquist** had suffered no broken bones or other serious injury when he was hit by a car while walking at a crosswalk near campus. Dave recovered during his previously scheduled vacation in Florida and came right back to work.

Dorie Taylor graduated from GSU's Dept. of Sociology with a Bachelor of Science Degree and began her Ph.D. studies in the same department.

In June, **Alan Essig** left the FRC/AYSPS and GSU to accept the position of Executive Director of the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute. This newly created non-profit will focus on social issues. During his time with the FRC, he developed a strong focus and reputation on budget issues. Alan's valuable contribution to the FRC will be missed.

In July, **Jeanie Thomas** returned from her work with Governor Perdue. We are all very happy that she is back with us in the FRC.

In July, North Carolina Press announced an agreement to publish "Racial Segregation in Georgia Public Schools. 1994-2001: Trends, Causes and Impact on Teacher Quality" (co-authored by Catherine Freeman, **Ben Scafidi** (Econ), and **David Sjoquist** (FRC)). The report will be published in a book tentatively entitled, "How Brown Lost Its Way: School Resegregation in the South."

The FRC released the report, "Distribution of Per Capita Income in Georgia: 1969-2000" written by **Robert L. Collins and William J. Smith**. This report examines major changes in the count-level distribution of per capita income between 1969 and 2000. The analysis focuses on income convergence and geographic shifts in per capita income over the 31-year period.

In August, **Karlease Bradford** attended the Staff Advisory Council (SAC) retreat to develop a strategic plan that will address the mission of the SAC to ensure that the needs of GSU's staff community are met. She also attended the annual Blacks in Government conference in Washington D.C.

Also in August, **Dorie Talor** and **Bentley Ponder** attended the annual American Sociological Association conference in San Francisco. Bentley Presented: "There Goes the Neighborhood: Empirical Indications of Social Capital and/or their Validity in Predicting School Success." He was also a discussant for an informal session (with Kathleen Basile): The Methodological Challenges of Researching Sensitive Topics.

Domestic Programs

The Atlanta Outreach Consortium has entered a partnership Agreement with Atlanta Public Schools to support the 21st Century Community Learning Centers curriculum and program development. A cadre of undergraduate students from AOC institutions will provide service as Teaching Assistants while faculty will offer on-going evaluation of the program best-practices methods.

Governor Sonny Perdue has appointed **Steve Rieck** to serve on the Workforce Development Task Force for the Governor's Commission for a New Georgia. The Task Force will present its findings and recommendations to the Commission on October 12. More information on the Task Force and its mission can be found at <http://www.newgeorgia.org/public/index.asp?tfid=42>

The International Studies Program

Fiscal Policy Summer Training Courses 2004.

The International Studies Program at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University held its Fiscal Policy Summer Training Courses for 2004.

The training courses, led by a panel of distinguished faculty and leading policy experts with worldwide experience, are designed for government officials and policy makers from developing and transition countries as well as their counterparts with international donor agencies. The program is directed by Jorge Martinez-Vazquez. This year's program consisted of four courses, which included the addition of a new Macroeconomic Policy course :

- Tax Policy, Fiscal Analysis and Revenue Forecasting (June 21 - July 9, 2004) led by Mark Rider;
- Macroeconomic Policy Choices in the Global Economy (June 28 - July 9, 2004) led by Felix Rioja and Neven Valev;
- Fiscal Decentralization and Local Governance (July 12 - July 30, 2004) led by Jamie Boex;
- Public Budgeting and Fiscal Management (August 2 - 13, 2004) led by Mark Rider.

More information about the ISP summer training courses are available at <http://isp-aysps.gsu.edu/training/summer2004/index.html> .

The Andrew Young School's Fifth Annual Conference on Public Finance Issues in an International Perspective: The Challenges in the Design of Fiscal Equalization and Intergovernmental Transfers.

The conference "The Challenges in the Design of Fiscal Equalization and Intergovernmental Transfers" was held on October 3-5, 2004, in Stone Mountain, Georgia. The conference -sponsored by the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies-

will brought together leading economics and tax experts from around the globe to discuss the issue of the intergovernmental transfer design. The conference was webcasted live and the video will be available on the web shortly. The papers are available online at <http://isp-ysps.gsu.edu/academics/conferences/conf2004b/index.html>

Modern Public Expenditure Management Training Course for officials from the the Bureau of the Budget from Thailand.

From September 21 to October 1, 2004, the ISP held a training course in Modern Public Expenditure Management for high level budget analysts from the Bureau of the Budget in Thailand. The two-week course was led by Katherine Willoughby. The first week of the training focused on techniques of Performance Budgeting and how it is being applied in the United States. The second week looked more closely at the Medium Term Expenditure Frameworks (MTEFs) and expenditure management techniques.

Bhutan Medium Term Expenditure Framework Training.

The ISP collaborated with the Southeast Asia division of the World Bank to provide a three-week training in Budgeting and Medium Term Expenditure Frameworks (MTEFs) training for 5 high-level officials from Bhutan. The Bhutanese attended a two-week training on budgeting and expenditure management in Atlanta and then were taken by ISP staff to the World Bank for a third week of training that focused more intensely on MTEFs.

Formula-based transfers in Tanzania

The International Studies Program continuous to support the implementation of a formula-based grant system in Tanzania with support from the Danish government (DANIDA). Beginning July 1, 2004, Tanzania introduced formula-based grants for education and health case.

Support provided to the government includes technical assistance as well as capacity building. In September 2003, Jamie Boex facilitated a three-day workshop on Local Government Finance in Tanzania for government officials from the Ministry of Finance, the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) and other government ministries. Further support is provided to the drafting of an assesment of local government finances through an "Local Government Fiscal Review".

Tanzania Local Government Financing Study.

The Government of Tanzania has awarded the ISP a contract worth \$200,000 to engage in a study of the overall framework of local government finance in Tanzania. The study will broadly address the entire system of local government finance, including expenditure assignments, local financial management, local government revenue issues, transfers, local government borrowing and the institutional framework for intergovernmental fiscal relations.

Intergovernmental grants in Swaziland.

Swaziland's Cabinet recently approved the recommendations from the study on intergovernmental fiscal transfers study prepared in December 2003 by the Andrew

Young School team for the Swazi Ministry of Finance. The recommended transfer system harmonized recurrent subventions and provides for the introduction of formula-based capital development grants.

Corruption, Fiscal Policy, and Fiscal Management Study.

The ISP was given a task order from Development Alternatives Inc. (DAI) under the Fiscal Reform in Support of Trade Liberalization worldwide program to provide research, training, assessments, and technical assistance in all areas related to fiscal reform and to fiscal aspects of trade liberalization. This study seeks to assess the current state of knowledge and contribute to our understanding of how fiscal policies and management interact with corruption issues by integrating concrete and practical issues with theoretical and quantitative analysis of their nature and consequences. It presents a comprehensive analysis of corruption that not only points out the problems, but also potential solutions for a broad range of fiscal policy and fiscal reform issues.

Support the Development of a Research Unit in the National Assembly to Assess the Revenue Impact of Changes in Trade and Fiscal Policies in Vietnam

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Macroeconomic Policy Indefinite Quantity Contract

The ISP as a partner to Louis Berger was awarded a 3 year Macroeconomic Policy Indefinite Quantity Contract. The ISP is a subcontractor to Louis Berger.

Sustainable Urban Development II Indefinite Quantity Contract

The ISP as a partner to PADCO, Inc. was awarded a 3 year Macroeconomic Policy Indefinite Quantity Contract. The ISP is a subcontractor to PADCO, Inc.

Visiting Scholars and Professors

Marian Garcia-Valinas was a visiting scholar at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies from May 2004 to July 2004. Dr. Garcia-Valinas obtained her PhD in Economics from the University of Oviedo in January 2003 (summa cum laude). She is assistant professor at the Department of Economics in the University of Oviedo. She has developed researches on efficiency in the public sector, local government's debt and environmental economics, especially on water economics.

Professor **Jose Felix Sanz** will be a visiting professor with the International Studies Program from September 2004 to February 2004. Professor Sanz has been working for the government of Spain for 4 years and has recently returned to his position at the University of Madrid. Professor Sanz is working on Tax Reform research.

Konstantin Pashev is currently a visiting scholar with the ISP. He is funded by the Fulbright Commission and is working on tax reform research.

Richard Bird was a Visiting Distinguished Professor to the International Studies Program from September 27th to October 7th. During his time at the ISP he presented a lecture on "Getting it Right: Financing Urban Development in China". He also collaborated with faculty and graduate students during his stay.

Francisco Javier Arze with the assistance of the ISP recently secured an eight month contract to work with the World Bank Institute under Anwar Shah.

Generosa Kagaruki is currently working for the ISP in Tanzania as an advisor to the Ministry of Finance of Tanzania.

The Jamaica Project Team held a retreat for the Jamaica Ministry of Finance and Planning Financial Secretary and members of the Jamaica Tax Reform Committee in Atlanta to discuss progress on tax reform in Jamaica. July 19, 2004. The draft final report was submitted in October. **Sally Wallace** and **Roy Bahl** are leading the project.

Health Policy Center

Glenn M. Landers attended the HRSA State Planning Grant Grantee quarterly meeting in Washington DC June 14 and 15 as part of the Center's work with the Governor's office in finding ways to cover 1,000,000 uninsured Georgians.

Glenn M. Landers participated in the State Coverage Initiatives meeting in Chicago June 28 -29 as part of the Center's work in expanding coverage to the uninsured. The project is sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Glenn M. Landers began a new project with **Mei Zhou** in partnership with the Shepherd Spinal Center in Atlanta Georgia, to evaluate a new tool that predicts the level of care necessary to provide services to brain and spinal cord injured individuals at home.

Glenn M. Landers now manages two new projects in the Center's Health Care Coverage area:

Developing a two-part model for evaluating the impact of multiple, proposed changes in eligibility or participation requirements for Medicaid and PeachCare on affected health consumers and the Georgia state economy, in partnership with the Fiscal Research Center, will develop a micro-simulation model for evaluating the impact of multiple changes in eligibility or participation requirements for Medicaid and PeachCare on affected health consumers.

State Coverage Initiatives is studying the potential of using SCHIP monies to expand private employer sponsored insurance for parents of PeachCare children. The project will also examine the transitions of Medicaid children from Medicaid to PeachCare and evaluate the impact of recent changes in PeachCare eligibility. The project runs

through June 2006 and is sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Georgia Department of Community Health.

Glenn M. Landers finished in June a three-year study, the Long-term Care Partnership, for the Georgia Department of Community Health. Results from the study will inform the Department's resource allocation decisions for long-term care. An article based on the study is currently under review at *Health Care Financing Review*.

Glenn M. Landers has been invited to present *Using a Risk Adjustment Model to Compare the Costs of Nursing Facility Care with Four Medicaid Long-term Care Waiver Programs* at the 10th Annual International Symposium and Workshop of the International Society for Research in Healthcare Financial Management in August. He has also been invited to serve as a discussant.

Glenn M. Landers has been invited to submit an article on the Long-term Care Partnership to *Long-term Care Interface*.

Program For Rehabilitation Leadership

The US Dept of Education awarded a \$750,000 grant (five year funding cycle) for an RSA Scholars Program. This project will be administered through AYSPS and is a collaboration with the GSU Department of Counseling and Psychological Services.

This is the first project of its kind for PRL. It links a masters degree program with our customers in the public sector. Competition was fierce, so the award was unexpected. The PRL department worked closely with administrators from the Georgia Department of Labor, Vocational Rehabilitation Program, to conceptualize the five year project.

Environmental Policy Center

In July, the Environmental and Experimental Economic Seminar Series hosted Dr. Christopher R. Geller, a Lecturer at Deakin University in Australia, who presented his research entitled "Standard Voting Power Indexes Work: an experimental analysis."

Awards/honors/grants

James Alm (Econ) was the Editor of a special issue of Review of Economics of the Household, dedicated to the memory of Leslie A. Whittington. Leslie was a frequent collaborator, and she and her family died on September 11, 2001 when their plane crashed into the Pentagon.

Roy Bahl served as an external examiner for the economics department at the University of Mauritius.

Carolyn Bourdeaux (PAUS) received the 2004 Maxwell School (Syracuse University) Dissertation Award.

Karlease Bradford was elected to serve a two-year term in the Staff Advisory Council. The Staff Advisory Council (SAC), is an advisory body that serves and represents the needs, concerns and interests of all staff members. For more information on the council, visit their website at www.gsu.edu/sac.

Ki-Whan Choi (FRC) received a \$10,000 Dissertation fellowship from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. His dissertation topic is; The economic effects of land value taxation in an urban area with a large lot zoning; urban spatial computable general equilibrium approach. He also received a \$1,000 Scholarship from the Korean-American Scholarship Foundation. Dr. Sjoquist is his advisor.

Margo Doers' (FRC) contribution to the US Army was recognized in a letter to the Dean's office. We are reminded of the many women and men who assume personal sacrifice to support the American military efforts. Margo is hopeful that she will be back in Atlanta soon.

Paul Ferraro (Environmental Policy) received a \$55,000 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for an evaluation of global initiatives to protect marine turtles.

Shif Gurmu (Econ) and **William J. Smith** (Fiscal Research Center) received a grant from the University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research to work on a project "Barriers to Employment and Welfare-To-Work:Evidence from Georgia."

Carol Hansen (PAUS) was invited to write a book chapter on grounded theory. The chapter will be a part of a text entitled " Research in Organizations: Foundational Principles, Processes, and Methods of Inquiry. Edited by Richard Swanson (University of Minnesota) and Edward Holton (LSU). It will be published by Berrett-Koehler and appear in print in the Spring of 2005. The book will target scholars in HRD, I/O psychology, management, sociology, and other related disciplines.

Amy Helling (PAUS) has been appointed an associate editor of the Journal of the American Planning Association.

Felix Rioja was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure this last academic year.

Paula Stephan (Economics) was recently appointed as a Member, Committee on Policy Implications of International Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars in the United States, COSEPUP, National Academies of Science, 2004.

In July, **Dorie Taylor** (FRC) was recognized to receive the Dean's Scholarship Key in the College of Arts & Sciences and was officially admitted to the PhD Program in Sociology

Yongsheng Xu was promoted to full Professor this last academic year.

Bill Waugh (PAUS) has been appointed to the City of Decatur, GA, Planning Commission, 2004. He served two years on Decatur's Waste Management Advisory Board.

AYSPS Personnel who have been elected as Staff Advisory Council (SAC) Representatives for 2004-2005:

Sue Fagan
Karlease Bradford
Charlotte M. Petrek, also elected as a SAC Officer - Parliamentarian

AYSPS Personnel who have been elected as University Staff Senators to serve 2004 - 2006:

Sally B. Fowler
Charlotte M. Petrek

Publications

James Alm (Econ) with **Sally Wallace** (Econ) and Fitzroy Lee "How Fair: Federal Income Tax Progressivity 1978-1998" has been accepted at the *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, forthcoming.

James Alm (Econ) "Audit Selection and Firm Compliance with a Broad-based Sales Tax" (with Calvin Blackwell and Michael McKee), *National Tax Journal*, Vol. 57, No. 2 (June 2004), 209-227.

James Alm (Econ) "Tax Compliance as a Coordination Game" (with Michael McKee), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Vol. 54, No. 3 (July 2004), 297-312.

James Alm (Econ) "The Clean Air Act Amendments and Firm Investment in Pollution Abatement Equipment" (with Amanda I. Lee), *Land Economics*, Vol. 80, No. 3 (August 2004), 433-447.

James Alm (Econ) with Fitzroy Lee and Sally Wallace), "How Fair? Federal Income Taxation and the Distribution of Income, 1978 to 1998" *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, forthcoming.

James Alm (Econ) with Mikhail I. Melnik , "Sales Taxes and the Decision to Purchase Online", *Public Finance Review*, forthcoming.

Roy Bahl (Dean's Office) with **Sally Wallace** (FRC), Fiscal Decentralization and Fiscal Equalization within Regions: The Case of Russia, *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting and Financial Management*, forthcoming.

Roy Bahl (Dean's Office) "Revenue Sharing in Petroleum States" was published in the Energy Sector Management Assistance Programme Technical Series. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development/ The World Bank, Washington, D.C.. March 2004.

Carolyn Bourdeaux (PAUS) "A Question of Genesis: An Analysis of the Determinants of Public Authorities," *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, forthcoming.

S. Nicole Fehrenbach (PAUS) with Janet C. R. Kelly and Christie Vu, "Integration of Child Health Information Systems: Current State and Local Health Department Efforts," forthcoming.

Paul Ferraro (Environmental Policy) "Targeting Conservation Investments in Heterogeneous Landscapes : A distance function approach and application to watershed management. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 86(4): 905-918.

Paul Ferraro (Environmental Policy) with R.D. Simpson. "Protecting Forests and Biodiversity: are investments in eco-friendly production activities the best way to protect endangered ecosystems and enhance rural livelihoods?" *Forests, Trees and Livelihoods* (November): 2-10.

Carol Hansen (PAUS) with Kontoghiorghes, C. "Identification of key predictors of rapid change adaptation in a service organization: An exploratory study that examines the link between rapid change adaptation and organizational capability." *Organizational Development Journal*, forthcoming

Amy Helling (PAUS), with Bill Dunkley and David Sawicki. 2004. Accessibility versus scale: Examining the tradeoffs in grocery stores. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, 23,4: 387-401.

Gary Henry (Domestic Programs), Laura Henderson and **Bently Ponder** released the report, "Ready or Not: A Snapshot of Children Entering Kindergarten in Georgia," in September 2004. It is available online at <http://www.gsu.edu/~wwwsps/publications/2004/ReadyorNotfnltoprint.pdf>.

William M. Kahnweiler (PAUS) with Dr. Jennifer B. Kahnweiler, Ph.D., "Shaping Your HR Role: Succeeding in Today's Organizations." Published by Elsevier. March, 2005.

Glenn M. Landers (HPC) finished in June a three-year study, on the Long-term Care Partnership, for the Georgia Department of Community Health. Results from the study will inform the Department's resource allocation decisions for long-term care. An article based on the study is currently under review at *Health Care Financing Review*.

Judith Ottoson (PAUS), **Greg Streib** (PAUS), **John Clayton Thomas** (PAUS), **Mark Rivera** (DPO), and Beth Stevenson. "Evaluation of the National School Health Coordinator Leadership Institute," *Journal of School Health*, Vol. 74, No. 5, pp. 170-176.

Ragan Petrie (Environmental Policy Program), with Michael J. Roth and Kizito Mazvimavi "Seeking Women Land Owners and Ownership in Zimbabwe: Case Studies of Women's Access to Land and Land Use," in *Delivering Land and Securing Rural Livelihoods: Post-Independence Land Reform and Resettlement in Zimbabwe*, Michael Roth and FrancisGonese, eds., Land Tenure Center, University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Ragan Petrie (Environmental Policy Program), with Jean-Paul Chavas and Michael J. Roth "Farm Household Production Inefficiency in the Gambia: Resource Constraints and Market Failures," *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, forthcoming 2004.

Bill Waugh (PAUS) is the author of "Securing Mass Transit: A Challenge for Homeland Security," *Review of Policy Studies* 21/3 (May 2004): 307-316.

Recent and upcoming presentations

James Alm (Econ) continues his work with Sally Wallace on the Jamaica tax reform. He traveled to Jamaica in June to present with Sally our results on the individual income tax and payroll taxes.

James Alm (Econ) traveled to Washington, D.C. in May to present, "Audit Information Dissemination, Taxpayer Communication, and Compliance: An Experimental Approach" with Michael McKee and Betty Jackson, at the 2004 IRS Research Conference.

James Alm (Econ) presented at a paper co-authored with Sally Wallace, "Can Developing Countries Impose an Individual Income Tax?" at the IRS Research Conference, Washington, D.C., May.

James Alm (Econ) presented a paper with William Kaempfer on the "Incidence Of State Income Taxes," at the Western Economic Association Annual Meetings in July.

Roy Bahl (Dean's Office) was a discussant on "Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers" at the Fiscal Federalism in Russia: A Roundtable at The World Bank on May 6-7, 2004.

Roy Bahl (Dean's Office) presented at the Workshop on Rural Decentralization in Punjab: The Way Forward Government of Punjab and World Bank, Chandigarh, India, June 8, 2004.

Roy Bahl (Dean's Office) presented "Fiscal Decentralization in India" at the Fiscal Decentralization to Rural Governments in India co-sponsored by NIPFP and The World Bank, New Delhi, June 27, 2004.

Roy Bahl (Dean's Office) presented two days of lectures on Fiscal Decentralization to the Provincial Finance Commissions in Lahore, Pakistan. August 4-6, 2004.

Roy Bahl (Dean's Office) visited the University of Mauritius as an external examiner in economics and to discuss the enhancement to the program with the economics department. He also met with the Vice Chancellor to discuss the possibility of a cooperative program between our two institutions. September 20-24, 2004.

Carolyn Bourdeaux (PAUS) presented a paper on "Legislative Barriers to Budgetary Reform" for at the Western Social Science Association Conference in Salt Lake City, UT, April 21-24, 2004.

Carolyn Bourdeaux (PAUS) presented a paper on "Can Public Authorities 'Just Get Things Done?' An Analysis of Politically Buffered Institutions in a Contentious Policy Arena" at the Federation of New York State Solid Waste Associations Conference, in Albany, NY, May 2-5, 2004.

Carolyn Bourdeaux (PAUS) will present a paper on "Legislative Barriers to Budgetary Reform" at the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference in Chicago, IL October 7-9, 2004.

Carolyn Bourdeaux (PAUS) with Alasdair Roberts will present a paper titled "Structure, Behavior and Financial Performance: An Empirical Analysis of American Airports" at the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference in Chicago, IL, October 7-9, 2004.

Carolyn Bourdeaux (PAUS) presented a paper at the American Political Science Association Meeting in Chicago, IL, September 2nd.

Shif Gurmu (Econ) presented a paper entitled "Patents, R&D and Lag Effects: Evidence from Flexible Individual Effects Count Data Models" at the 11-th International Conference on Panel Data, Texas A&M University, June 2004 .

Carol Hansen (PAUS) presented on qualitative research methods to doctoral students at the Graduate School of Business (Les Hautes Etudes Commerciales - HEC), University of Lausanne, Switzerland in June. She also served on as an external expert for a University of Lausanne doctoral committee.

William M. Kahnweiler (PAUS), with Jennifer B. Kahnweiler, Ph.D., International refereed conference presentation: "Career Development for Career Development Professionals: Walking Our Talk" International Conference of The National Career Development Association, San Francisco, July 3, 2004.

William M. Kahnweiler (PAUS), spoke at 2004 Workforce Planning and Development Conference, hosted by The Georgia Merit System, Atlanta, September 16, 2004. Topic was career development for HR Professionals.

Glenn M. Landers (HPC) presented "Comparing Medicaid Long-term Care Waiver Programs" at the Academy Health Annual Research Meeting in San Diego, June 6.

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Susan Laury (Economics) presented "A Classroom Game on the Voluntary Provision of Public Goods" at an NSF-Sponsored Workshop on Classroom Experiments in Williamsburg, VA, May 21, 2004.

Susan Laury (Economics) presented "Altruism Spillovers" at the Annual Meeting of the Economic Science Association in Amsterdam, Holland, on June 13, 2004.

Susan Laury (Economics) presented "Altruism Spillovers" at the Public Economic Theory Meetings in Beijing, China, Aug. 26, 2004.

Ragan Petrie (Environmental Policy), presented her work on trust at Virginia Institute of Technology, "Trusting Appearances and Reciprocating Looks: Experimental Evidence on Gender and Race Preferences." February 16, 2004.

Paula Stephan (Economics) presented "Early Careers of Life Scientists," at the National Research Council Board on Higher Education and Workforce Board Meeting, Washington, D.C., July 29, 2004.

Paula Stephan (Economics) presented "Retention and Recruitment of Women and Minorities in the IT Workforce," Bringing Women and Minorities into the IT Workforce: The Role of Nontraditional Educational Pathways, Washington, D.C., AAAS, July 21, 2004.

Paula Stephan (Economics) presented "Adding Salary Data to the SED," National Science Foundation's Salary Panel Meeting for the Survey of Earned Doctorates, Arlington, VA, July 16, 2004.

Paula Stephan (Economics) presented "Unpacking the Demographic Data: Factors Contributing to the Increasing Age of First Grant," National Research Council Bridges to Independence Meeting, National Academies of Science, June 16, 2004.

Paula Stephan (Economics) presented "Capturing Knowledge: The Placement of New PhDs Working with Firms. Centre de Recherches Economiques de l'universite de Saint-Etienne, France, July 1, 2004.

Paula Stephan (Economics) presented "Economics of Science," Workshop on the Economics & Management of Science & Technology, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven, Belgium May 24-25, 2004.

Paul Ferraro (Environmental Policy Program) was the plenary speaker at the 21st Biannual Workshop of the Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia. Hanoi, Vietnam, May 18, 2004.

Paul Ferraro (Economics) and Monica Ospina (a graduate student in Economics) presented "Measuring the Effectiveness of Listing under the U.S. Endangered Species Act" at the 12th Annual CAMP Resources Workshop. Wilmington, NC. August 2004.

Bill Waugh (PAUS) was an invited speaker at the Workshop on "Educational Paradigms for Homeland Security," National Academy of Sciences/ Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC, on April 26, 2004. He spoke on "Professional Education for Homeland Security Managers and Policymakers," as well as participating in workshop activities.

Bill Waugh (PAUS) was an invited participant in the Workshop on "Disaster Research and the Social Sciences: Lessons Learned and Future Trajectories," 40th Anniversary of the Disaster Research Center, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, April 29-May 1, 2004. He spoke on "Disaster Research: Theory Building and Conceptualization in Public Administration."

Bill Waugh (PAUS) was an invited participant in the First Symposium on "Emergency and Crisis Management" sponsored by the new Centre for Crisis Management Research at Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan, June 17-19, 2004. He spoke on "Emergency Management in the United States: The Evolution and Major Trends," as well as participating in the symposium to develop a research and training agenda for Japan.

Bill Waugh (PAUS) was a plenary speaker on "Hazards and Disasters in a Homeland Security Environment: Consequences of Federal Level Changes," and also spoke on "The National Response Plan: Implications for the Emergency Management Community," at the 29th Annual Natural Hazards Workshop, University of Colorado, Boulder, July 11-14, 2004. The workshop is an invitation only forum for disaster researchers, funding agencies, and natural hazards-related organizations.

Bill Waugh (PAUS) presented "Terrorism and the All-Hazards Model," IDS Emergency Management On-Line Conference, June 28-July 16,: "The Future Emergency Manager: Déjà Vu All Over Again," Seventh Annual FEMA Higher Education Conference, National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, MD, June 8-10,; "Homeland Security and Emergency Management," Seventh Annual FEMA Higher Education Conference, National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, MD, June 8-10,: "Professional Development Opportunities in Emergency Management," with David Casto, Governor's Hurricane Conference, Tampa, FL, May 25-28,; "Emergency Management Standards & Accreditation: What's In It For You?," with Emily DeMeres, Governor's Hurricane Conference, Tampa, FL, May; and "Building a Seamless Homeland Security: The Cultural Interoperability Problem," National Conference of the American Society for Public Administration, Portland, OR, March 28-30, 2004.

Media Hits

Paul Ferraro's (Environmental Policy Program) research on global biodiversity protection was highlighted in a forthcoming feature article by Henry Nichols in *PLoS Biology*, one of the world's best-known, open-access scientific journals.

Paul Ferraro's (Environmental Policy Program) research on the restoration of Georgia's Chickasawhatchee Swamp was profiled in a forthcoming article in Georgia's *Water Talk Newsletter*.

Paul Ferraro's (Environmental Policy Program) research on overconfidence was profiled in "Weird Science: 8 great research questions answered" by Lisa Borello, Sena Desai, Brad Dixon and Beth Flannigan. *Georgia State Magazine* Summer 2004: 15-19.

Gary Henry was quoted in several AJC articles in September.

William M. Kahnweiler (PAUS) was quoted in "Georgia State Magazine," Summer, 2004.

The Winter 2004 Briefing highlighted the appointment of **David Sjoquist** to the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair. The article quoted Tally Sweat (widow of Dan Sweat), "I'm thrilled with David's selection. Knowing David and his history and involvement with the city, his service record and his significant contribution to the body of knowledge in community and education policy, he is the right person for this position. Had Dan known Dave was chosen to fill this chair, he would have been equally pleased." The **Regional Leadership Forum** was the subject of an article in the Georgia State Magazine Spring 2004 edition. The article describes RLF as a "the metro area's first true civic league." The article also quotes **Dean Roy Bahl**.

An article on taxes in the *Wall Street Journal* referred to the conclusions of a paper written by Robert Carroll, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, **Mark Rider** and Harvey Rosen.

Ben Scafidi is referenced in an Atlanta Journal Constitution Editorial on May 16, 2004. This editorial, "Brown v. Board's Goals Unrealized" references the recent report co-authored by Ben Scafidi, Catherine Freeman, and David Sjoquist, "Racial Segregation in Georgia Public Schools. 1994-2001: Trends, Causes and Impact on Teacher Quality."

Jeanie Thomas' appointment to the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority Board was recognized in an Atlanta Journal Constitution article on July 24, 2004 titled, "Transit Board Vacancy Filled."

In July, North Carolina Press announced an agreement to publish "Racial Segregation in Georgia Public Schools. 1994-2001: Trends, Causes and Impact on Teacher Quality" (co-authored by Catherine Freeman, **Ben Scafidi**, and **David Sjoquist**). The report will be published in a book tentatively entitled, "How Brown Lost Its Way: School Resegregation in the South."

Bill Waugh (PAUS) was interviewed on June 4th by Tiempo del Mundo, a Latin American news service, on the threat of terrorism to international businesses; on July 16th by WBOJ Radio (Birmingham, AL) on the threat of terrorism during the 2004 Athens Olympics; and on July 19th by Bobby Block of the *Wall Street Journal* on the adequacy of current Homeland Security efforts to deal with terrorism.

Personal Notes

Also in June, former FRC Research Associate and AYSPS PhD graduate **Kathleen Thomas** was married to Rapheal (Andy) Luccasen in Birmingham, Alabama.

Laura Taylor, Environmental Policy Program: Elle Fairfax Taylor was born on June 26th, weighing 7lbs 5 oz, and 20 inches long.

Eric Sarpong (Economics Ph.D. student) and his wife announce the birth of their son Eric Warren, born on Friday, June 25, 2004. Eric came in weighing 8 pounds 7 ounces and at 22.5 inches.

Georgia Health Policy Center

Georgia Health Policy Center will begin its annual Child Policy Speakers Series on Friday, Oct. 29. The series will get underway with a presentation by Pamela Morris, senior research associate with Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation. She will discuss "Does Money Really Matter? The Effects of Welfare and Anti-Poverty Policies on Children and Adolescents" at 11 a.m. in the seminar room on the 7th floor. Morris will reveal findings from MDRC's Next Generation project, a research collaboration focused on understanding how welfare and antipoverty policies aimed at changing economic circumstances of low-income parents can also affect the well-being of children. The event is free and open to the public.

The Next Generation project aims to inform policymakers, practitioners and scholars by identifying lessons that cut across evaluations of individual welfare, antipoverty, and work programs, with a focus on how such programs can influence children's and families' well-being through their effects on employment, income, and child care.

As welfare caseloads decline, federal and state policies are generally being expanded to reach all working-poor families, regardless of their welfare status. The findings of the Next Generation project may guide policy choices that promote the development of children both in families receiving welfare and in other low-income families.

This year's Child Policy Speaker Series will bring four individuals who make significant contributions to the development of child policy to AYSPS to share their insights on a variety of topics during the academic year. Organized by assistant professor of economics Erdal Tekin and sponsored by the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, the series is free and open to the public.

Other speakers in the series this fall include Richard Barth, professor of social work at the University of North Carolina, who will discuss

"Adoption and Safe Families Act: Current and Predicted Outcomes of Policy Implementation" at 3 p.m. Nov. 17, Greg Duncan, professor of education and social policy at Northwestern University, who will discuss "Neighborhoods and Child Well-Being: Moving to Opportunity Demonstration Project" at 3 p.m. Dec. 1 and Tammy Mann, Early Head Start: Zero to Three program, who will discuss "Supporting the needs of Infants and Toddlers in Early Care and Education." These speakers also will speak in the seminar room.

For more information, call Sallie Barker at Ext. 3-9337 or sbarker@gsu.edu. ■

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health Conference

Georgia Health Policy Center participated in this year's CCPH conference as a site visit host and sponsor. More than 170 of the predominantly international conference attendees learned about Georgia Health Policy Center's work. The attendees ranged in discipline from physicians and public health workers to university researchers and students.

Nearly 30 attendees, including Nigeria's Minister of Health, traveled to the Andrew Young School last Friday on a site visit to learn about Georgia Health Policy Center's Community Health Systems Development work. Karen Minyard, Tina Smith and Catherine Liehmon, along with network directors Nancy Kennedy of Dalton, Greg Dent of Roberta and Frank Selgrath of Brunswick, presented a synopsis of how GHPC works with networks and vice versa to improve health at the community level. ■

Mark your Calendars

Oct. 27 - Jeffrey Brudney, Ramsey Chair candidate presentation at 3 p.m. in the Aderhold Learning Center.

Oct. 28 - Seminar by Noah Williams from Princeton University entitled "Empirical and Policy Performance of a Forward-Looking Monetary Model," at the Federal Reserve Bank

Presentations and Publications

Glenn Lander's (HPC) paper, Long-term Care and Dual Eligibility: Care and Cost Consequences for Medicare and Medicaid, was accepted by *Long-term Care Interface*.

Glenn Landers (HPC) presented his work on risk adjustment as a means of program evaluation to the International Society for Research in Healthcare Financial Management in Baltimore, Md. [mailto: Glanders@gsu.edu]

Karen Minyard (HPC) gave a plenary speech on disparities and aging at the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. [mailto: kminyard@gsu.edu]

Karen Minyard (HPC) presented to the National Academy for State Health Policy in St. Louis, Mo., preliminary findings of a Commonwealth Fund study on the role of community initiatives in making coverage for the uninsured. [mailto: kminyard@gsu.edu]

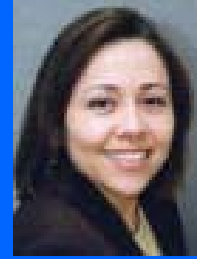
Karen Minyard and **Glenn Landers** (HPC) are invited to participate at the UMBC Center For Health Program Development and Management's 10th Anniversary focusing on long-term care and the role of academic policy centers in working with state Medicaid agencies.

Chris Parker (HPC) presented "African Americans in America and What's Working" at Morehouse College's Holistic Wellness and Healing Conference for African Americans: Conventional and Complementary Approaches for Optimum Health on the Health Status. [mailto: chrisparker@gsu.edu]

Chris Parker (HPC) and **Glenn Landers** (HPC) are invited to present at the November HRSA State Planning Grant Meeting on Safety Net Issues.

Tina Anderson Smith and **Karen Minyard** (HPC) published "The Role of Targeted External Facilitation and Technical Assistance in Improving the Clinical Relevance and Financial Viability of Rural Health Systems," in a new book, *Health Systems in the World: From Evidence to Policy*. Published by Papazisis Publishers, the book was compiled by the Federation for International Cooperation of Health Services and Systems Research Centers and the National School of Public Health Department of Health Economics in Athens, Greece. [mailto: Tsmith8@gsu.edu] [mailto: kminyard@gsu.edu]

Georgia Health Policy Center scholars recently were published in "The Journal of At-Risk Issues: Profile of Children Under the Age of 13 in Georgia's Juvenile Justice System" by **David E. Houchins**, Ph.D., **Monica Herk**, Ph.D., **Margaret E. Shippen**, Ph.D., **Jennifer Antinozzi**, M.S.P.P., **Sabina Haberlen**, B.A., **Priscilla Heffelfinger**, M.Ed., & **English Norman**, M.A. [mailto: alhmlh@gsu.edu] and [mailto: alhpth@langate.gsu.edu]. ■



Claudia Lacson Honored by Georgia Rural Health Association

Georgia Rural Health Association presented in September its first lifetime achievement award to the late Claudia Lacson for her work improving health in rural communities. Claudia's husband, Romel, accepted the award on her behalf at GRHA's Jekyll Island convention. Georgia Health Policy Center's Karen Minyard, Lindsey Lonergan and Pat Kota were also in attendance.

Claudia joined the Georgia Health Policy Center in 1999 as a community health systems developer. Last July at age 38, she died from tuberculosis meningitis. A fund has been established in her honor. Donations may be made to Georgia State University Foundation, Claudia Lacson Memorial Fund for Rural Health, 33 Gilmer St., Atlanta, GA 30303. ■

Dissertation Digest

Li Zhang defends her proposal entitled "Two Essays on Government Behavior" on Friday, October 22, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 507, AYSPS Building.

Personal Notes

Congratulations to **Douglas Krupka** and his wife Erin who celebrated the birth of their second child on October 18. Mara came into the world weighing 7 3/4 pounds and measuring 20 inches. Both baby and mom are doing great.

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Many thanks to all who attended the first seminar of the Georgia Health Policy Child Policy Speaker series. Pamela Morris of MDRC presented last Friday on the "Effects of Welfare Reform and Anti-Poverty Policies on Children and Adolescents." The event was attended by more than 40 GSU faculty, students and policy makers, including State Representative Pat Gardner.

The Child Policy Speaker Series will continue Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 3 p.m. in the 7th Floor Seminar Room. Please plan to attend as Rick Barth of UNC-Chapel Hill discusses the Adoption and Safe Families Act

Coordinated by AYSPS economics professor Erdal Telkin, this year's series is sponsored by the Arthur M. Blank Foundation and presented by the Georgia Health Policy Center. For more information, contact Sallie Barker at sbarker@gsu.edu. ■

The number of Americans without health-insurance coverage is rising rapidly, but hospitals throughout Georgia are finding innovative ways to address the health needs of some of these people, according to the latest Georgia Health Policy Center Issue Brief, authored by senior research associate Glenn Landers.

To read more about this, check out the Issue Brief which is now online at <http://www.gsu.edu/%7Ewwwghp/publications/coverage/ICTF.pdf> For more information, contact Landers at 404-463-9562 or glanders@gsu.edu. ■

An economist is a surgeon with an excellent scalpel and a rough-edged lancet, who operates beautifully on the dead and tortures the living.

Nicholas Chamfort
(1741 - 1794)

Mark your Calendars

Thursday Nov. 4 at 3 p.m. - Presentation by Christopher Ruhm from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro entitled "Macroeconomic Conditions and Deaths from Coronary Heart Disease," at the Federal Reserve Bank.

Thursday Nov. 4, 4-6 p.m. - MPA Advisory Board Reception in the Smart Seminar Room.

Friday Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. Microeconomic Theory Series continues with a presentation by Eiichi Miyagawa.

Monday Nov. 8, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - PAUS Faculty Meeting, Smart Seminar Room.

Presentations and Publications

Ragan Petrie (EPP), **Paul Ferraro** (EPP), and **Susan Laury** (EPP) co-hosted the First Roundtable of Atlanta-Area Experimentalists. It was attended by people doing experiments in economics and related fields here at GSU, Emory, Georgia Tech, the Atlanta Fed, and Kennesaw State University. The roundtable was held on Oct. 1.

Susan Laury (EPP) was invited to participate in a workshop on "Auctions for agri-environmental policies" in Montpellier, France, on September 27. She made two presentations at the workshop. One on "Auctions to buy back irrigation rights from farmers: the Georgia drought act (USA)." The second was "Auction design for water buybacks: experimental economics."

Karen Minyard (HPC) and Glenn Landers (HPC) participated last week at the UMBC Center for Health Program Development and Management's 10th Anniversary, focusing on long-term care and the role of academic policy centers in working with state Medicaid agencies.

Chris Parker, Tina Anderson-Smith, Karen Minyard and Beverly Tyler (HPC) presented findings from their study of the core business of public health to the Georgia Division of Public Health's advisory group last Friday. ■

Awards and Honors

Susan Laury (EPP) was awarded a McMaster Visiting Fellowship to travel to Adelaide Australia for six weeks next summer. While there she will work on the project "Developing and testing the role of market-based instruments to improve agricultural and environmental outcomes in the face of climatic variability."

Ted Poister (PAUS) lead author of "—" has won the Charles Wootan Award, given annually by the Transportation Research Board (TRB) for the best paper in the area of transportation policy and organization. The paper is an assessment and critique of strategic management at the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, one of the leading-edge transportation agencies in the country. The award will be presented at the annual TRB meeting in Washington in January. ■

Media Hits

Julie Hotchkiss' (Econ) research on job growth was featured by Michael S. Derby in "FED WATCH: Needed US Job Growth Pace Lower Than Thought," Dow Jones & Company, Inc., October 25, 2004.

Andrew Young's appearance at a Georgia State campus event "Get out and Vote," was reported, in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, October 20, 2004.

The **Regional Leadership Forum** (RLF) was featured, and **Dean Bahl** was quoted, in "Three leaders lighted the way for region," *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, October 11, 2004. Steve Reick directs the RLF.

Donald Ratajczak, Emeritus economics faculty member, regularly features in his "Business Commentary" column, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*: CEOs' profit estimates likely too optimistic, September 26, October 10, 2004.

Bill Waugh ((PAUS) was quoted in "In Florida, reading writing and recovery," in response to hurricane recovery efforts, *Christian Science Monitor*, October 5, 2004.

AYSPS Website Update

The AYSPS website moved to a new server maintained by IS&T on October 12. Traffic to the old web addresses will be forwarded to the new. The server will allow for a variety of new initiatives, including monitoring of web traffic. Here are the numbers for October 12 to 27:-

- 7,098 unique visitors.
- 1,454 of the 7,098 visitors came from .edu sites.
- 645 of these came from gsu.edu.
- 8:00 p.m., peak viewing time.

For this period the top searches were: "Andrew Young", "Inas Rashad", "Laura Henderson", "Christine Roch" and "Gary Henry"

Look forward to further updates as additional websites are gradually moved to the new server. ■

Personal Notes

Robin Steinbrenner (Dean's Office) has renewed her Notary Public status and is now able to notarize documents. In addition, Ronni French (Dean's Office) is also a Notary Public. ■

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AYSPS Facilities Report

There are a few items (furniture, etc.) that remain unclaimed from our July move and they are located on the Vault Level in room V53. Please see the following inventory list. If any of the items listed peak your interest, please contact Charlie on Monday, .Nov. 8.

Quantity	Description
1	New type lab workstation
2	Old type RCB GRA workstations (dirty beige)
2	Very, very old type computer stands (wood grain look)
1	Very, very old fashioned metal type-writer table (grey)
1	Keyboard assembly (teak-matches teak furniture)
1	4"x3" poster board (posting face is a green brushed felt)
1	New (tall bookcase style) metal mail/sorting cabinet
1	Old 3"x3" coffee table (teak top/metal legs)
1	Old 3-drawer lateral filing cabinet (midnight/dark blue)
1	Old 4-drawer vertical filing cabinet (tan)
1	Old 4-drawer vertical filing cabinet (dark grey)
1	Old 5-drawer vertical filing cabinet (royal blue)
2	Tall wooden bookcases from RCB building (blond)
2	Tall wooden bookcases from RCB building (teak)
22	Short wooden bookcases from RCB building (teak)
1	Short double wide wooden bookcase from RCB (teak)

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Three Keys to a More Secure PC

In today's computing environment, it's critical for us to keep our PC's as secure as possible. What can you do?

Use Microsoft Windows Updates to keep your system current.
Protect yourself from viruses and hackers.
Keep spyware off your PC.

For more information about all three of these steps, visit <http://www1.us.dell.com/content/topics/segtopic.aspx/security?c=us&cs=19&l=en&s=dhs&-section=001>

Mark your Calendars

Tues., Nov. 9 - Langdale Chair candidate, Charles Noussair from Emory University will make his presentation at **3 p.m.** in the Smart Seminar Room on the 7th floor.

Fr. Nov. 12 - Katherine Willoughby will be presenting her paper "Budgeting and Business Practice: The Case of Charlotte, North Carolina," at **noon** in the Smart Seminar Room. Bring your lunch, drinks and dessert will be provided.

Fri., Nov. 12 - Danny Boston of the Georgia Institute of Technology will make a presentation on "The Effect of Mixed-Income Revitalization on the Socio-economic Status of Public Housing Residents in Atlanta" in the Smart Seminar Room at **3 p.m.** This presentation is part of the Fiscal Research Center Lecture Series.



In all recorded history
there has not been one
economist who has had to
worry about where the
next meal would come
from.

Peter Drucker



Presentations and Publications

Bill Waugh (PAUS) delivered the DeBlois Lecture at the College of Urban and Public Affairs at the University of New Orleans on October 21st. The title of his lecture was "The Future of Homeland Security."

Annual Report

Look forward to an email early in the week regarding the 2004 Annual Report. Individual and center reports will be due on December 1. Last year's annual report is accessible online at <http://aysps.gsu.edu/ar2003/index.htm>.

Website Update

The PAUS website was recently redesigned to match the AYSPS website. It still resides at <http://www.gsu.edu/~wwwpau/>.

The Research Support area of the website (formerly named Information Center), has been updated at <http://www.gsu.edu/~wwwfnd/index.htm>. From it, you can access the online catalog of resources available in the AYS Research Support Center.

Comments and critiques of the AYSPS website are welcome. Just email Cindy at cpembroke@gsu.edu

The top ten URLs viewed on the aysps.gsu.edu server during the first four days of November were:

- AYSPS main page (3533)
- Economics (253)
- Academics (239)
- Admissions (194)
- Degrees (169)
- Academic Assistance (134)
- Courses (129)
- People (126)
- MPA (119)
- Economics Faculty (111)

(Note that the Economics website already resides on the new AYS web server, while PAUS and the majority of centers do not, and as such, stats are not currently being captured for them.)

Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies

The Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies new graduate-level semester exchange program with the University of Northumbria (UNN), located in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England is set to begin next fall. On October 28, Rosie Cunningham, professor in the Politics Division of UNN, and Lynn Dobbs, Director of the Centre for Public Policy at UNN, visited the Andrew Young School and presented an informational session showcasing the exchange program and the resources and services available at UNN. ■

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2:00pm
Fall Faculty Meeting - 7th flr
seminar room.



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Mark your Calendars

Monday, Nov. 15, 3:00pm - Dr. Keith Maskus, Noah Langdale Chair candidate, will present "The Costs of Complying with Foreign Product Standards for Firms in Developing Countries: An Economic Study" in the smart seminar room -7th floor.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2:00pm - Fall Faculty Meeting in 7th floor seminar room.

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 3:00pm -The second lecture in the Child Policy Speaker Series will be Richard Barth, Frank Daniels Distinguished professor of social work at the University of North Carolina. His lecture is titled "Adoption and Safe Families Act: Current and Predicted Outcomes of Policy Implementation," smart seminar room - 7th floor.

Thursday, Nov. 18, 1:30pm - Dr. Francisco Sy of the National Institutes of Health will present an overview of the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities' programs, including its grants for Centers of Excellence in Health Disparities Research and its Disparities Scholar program, which can assist qualified doctoral degree holders (M.D. or Ph.D.) with loan repayment. The presentation will be held in the Dean's Conference room on the sixth floor.

Friday, Nov. 19, 11:00am - Edward Senoga defends his dissertation proposal entitled "Essays on Taxation" in room 507, AYSPS Building.

Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26 - GSU Thanksgiving holidays.

Monday, Nov. 29, 11:00am-12:30pm - PAUS Faculty Meeting – smart seminar room - 7th Floor.

Presentations, Publications and Media Hits

James Alm (Economics), visited Berry College on November 9, where he gave a seminar on "How Should the Family Be Taxed?", and also talked to a group of junior and senior Economics majors about the AYSPS Summer Intern Program and graduate programs in the Department of Economics.

James Alm with **Mikhail I. Melnik** (Economics) "Taxing the 'Family' in the Individual Income Tax", *Public Finance and Management*, forthcoming.

James Alm (Economics), "The State and the Family: Balancing the Intended and Unintended Consequences of Public Policies", *Review of Economics of the Household*, forthcoming.

Karen Minyard (Health Policy Center) is quoted in the November issue of Georgia Trend magazine in an article about expanding cardiac care services in underserved areas of the state.

Glenn Landers (Health Policy Center) presented earlier this week at the at the November HRSA State Planning Grant Meeting on Safety Net Issues in Washington, D.C. ■

Annual Report

AYSPS is making a strong start on annual reports this year. Early submitters include Steve Rieck, Bill Kahnweiler, Greg Lewis, and Katherine Willoughby, and we have received several entries from Grad students. Bonnie Naugle will be editing the report this year, and Dean Bahl and Cindy Pembroke will be tracking progress. Keep them coming!

Website

"Robots" or "Spiders" are software programs that are often engineered to travel through the internet and collect information which is then used in Search engines. Some catalog all the text on a page; Some just look at the "metadata" or keywords hidden in the code of a page. (Search popularity is really enhanced by use of these hidden keywords.) In any case, today we were visited by MSNBot, Googlebot, Fast-Webcrawler, AskJeeves, Inktomi Slurp, Grub.org, and Alexa. The results? Our link popularity is in pretty good shape. Coming soon I'll include some results on how we and our competitors rate on search engines like Google. Or try your name and fields of expertise, and see yourself.

Are you using the AYSPS web address in your email signature? You can use "www.andrewyoungschool.org" as a shortcut to our homepage, or you can link to a personal page, such as for Jim Alm at <http://aysps.gsu.edu/people/AlmJ.htm>. (Speaking of Jim Alm's page, take a look at all of those working papers! You too can have your working papers placed on the AYSPS website. It generates great additional traffic through search engines. Submit online at <http://aysps.gsu.edu/publications/submit.htm>.) ■

Personal Notes

The AYSPS men's football team, the "Young School Raiders", was the runner-up in this year's GSU flag football intramurals league. The Young School Raiders made it to the championship game and finished with a record of 4-1. The team was composed of faculty and graduate students: Felix Rioja (coach/player), Gary Hoover, Douglas Krupka, Daniel Hall, Will Holmes, Ben Miller, Rob Salvino, AJ Sumell, and Rizwan Yusuf. ■

Fall Faculty Meeting Wrap-up

This semester's faculty meeting was held on Tuesday, November 16 when 107 students were nominated and approved for graduation.

The new members of our faculty were introduced. They are: **Gary Hoover** (Econ), from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa; **Douglas Krupka** (Econ), from the University of Chicago; **Inas Rashad** (Econ), from the City University of New York Graduate Center; and **Douglas Campbell** (Econ), from Georgia State University.

Dave Sjoquist (Econ), Director of Domestic Programs, gave an overview of the research and community outreach being done by the various centers and programs. He noted that AYSPS researchers could go to <http://frp.aysps.gsu.edu/gadp/index.html> for further information. A popular tool around town, which will be expanded with a variety of health care, housing and regional data, is the Atlanta Census 2000 project. It is an easy-to-use mapping tool, that draws on SAS data, but requires no knowledge of GIS. Check it out at <http://atlantacensus2000.gsu.edu/sur.htm>

In the Development Report, **Ronni French** (Dean's Office) noted that the School's endowment was currently at \$6,887,000 with \$400,000 pledged.

Guess who dropped by...

Ralph Moor (Bachelor of Commercial Science, 1937) visited the AYSPS on Monday, November 15, to see a new course in economics and also to learn about a new workshop on credit, both offered by the Department of Economics. Mr. Moor has made a major gift to the School to make these offerings possible. The course is taught by Dr. Janet Johnson, and is a new approach to introductory microeconomics, intended to teach basic economic principles using relevant, real-world experiences that engage students in interesting issues early on. The workshops are taught by **Paula Stephan**. The eight "Credit Card Craze" workshops are part of the Freshman Learning Communities. These workshops warn students about the costs of using credit, the consequences of compound interest, and the effect of bad credit on future outcomes. In total, over 500 students attended these workshops, or about 20 percent of the incoming freshman class at GSU.

No Dean's E-News will be published next week.

Have a Happy
Thanksgiving!

Special Mention

Ron Cummings (Econ) has been awarded Professor Emeritus status.

Mark your Calendars

Mon., Nov. 22 – PAUS faculty job search gets underway with the first presentation by Anna A. Amirkhanyan from Syracuse University. She will present "The Smart-Seller Challenge: The Determinants and the Outcomes of Privatizing Public Nursing Homes" at **3 p.m.** in the **Smart Seminar Room**.

Wed., Dec. 1 - Child Policy Series, organized by **Erdal Tekin** (Econ), continues with Greg Duncan of Northwestern University making his presentation on "Neighborhoods and Child Well-Being" at **3 p.m.** in the **Smart Seminar Room**.

Presentations and Publications

James Alm (Econ) attended the National Tax Association Annual Meetings, where three of his papers were presented:

"Tax Evasion and Entrepreneurship: The Effect of Non-Matched Income on Evasion" (with John Deskins and Michael McKee).

"Estimating the Indirect Effects of Audits: An Experimental Approach" (with Betty Jackson and Michael McKee)

"Culture Differences and Tax Morale in the United States and in Europe" (with Benno Torgler).

James Alm (Econ) "Do Motor Fuel Sales-below-cost Laws Lower Prices?" (with Mark Skidmore and James Peltier), forthcoming in *Journal of Urban Economics*.

Chris Parker, (GHPC), was a panelist at an inaugural symposium on Public Health Law at Emory University's Law School.

Google Launches New Research Tool

Google, the popular search engine, is now premiering the beta version of Google Scholar, a new search tool that is sure to be useful to all who are interested in research.

"Google Scholar enables you to search specifically for scholarly literature, including peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, preprints, abstracts and technical reports from all broad areas of research. Use Google Scholar to find articles from a wide variety of academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories and universities, as well as scholarly articles available across the web.

Try the tool at: <http://scholar.google.com/>

AYSPS Website Hits and Misses

(November 1-18)

Main Page—16,465

Calendar—266

Google Search Feature—236

Expert pages hits

James Alm—215

Dave Sjoquist—172

Roy Bahl—145

Julie Hotchkiss—123

Greg Lewis—114

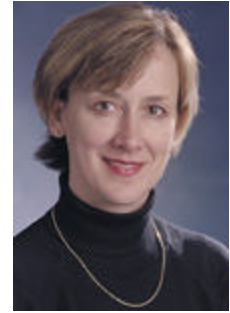
Mary Beth Walker—113

Michael Rushton—111

Most Viewed Report

August 2003 Report of the Findings from the Early Childhood Study: 2001-02

Congratulations to AYSPS' International Excellence Awardees



Sally Wallace (FRC/Econ) and **Jamie Boex** (ISP/Econ) are this year's AYSPS recipients of Georgia State's International Excellence Award. They received their awards at a luncheon which was held on November 17 as part of Georgia State University's celebration of International Education Week.



In nominating Dr. Wallace for the award it was noted:

“Sally Wallace has contributed on an ongoing basis to the international activities of the Andrew Young School. Currently, Professor Wallace serves as the Chief of Party for the highly visible Jamaica Tax Reform Project (October 2003 - January 2005). Previously, she has worked on a wide variety of tax policy and fiscal decentralization issues, including in Russia, Ukraine, Kazakstan, Jamaica, Yemen, and China. From 1997 through 1999, Professor Wallace served as the Moscow-based Chief of Party for the Andrew Young School's Russian Federation Fiscal Reform Project.”

For Dr. Boex's nomination it was noted:

“Jamie Boex continues to actively contribute to the international activities of the Andrew Young School. Dr. Boex has been leading the School's efforts to provide technical assistance and capacity building support to the Government of Tanzania as part of its fiscal decentralization reforms since 2002. As part of the International Studies Program, Boex has engaged in technical assistance and training programs in Indonesia, Lesotho, Nepal, Russia, Swaziland, Tanzania and Uganda over the past two years. On behalf of the International Studies Program, Boex also manages the Andrew Young School's annual Fiscal Policy Summer Training Courses.”

The International Excellence Award recognizes the significant contributions made in promoting international education at GSU.

AYSPS Professor Beats the Field

Congratulations to **Ragan Petrie** (Econ) , our very own **Atlanta Marathon winner**. She won the women's open division in 3:10:58, after two previous attempts which earned her two third place finishes.



Over 8,500 runners braved temperatures in the low 40s and high winds to compete in the 42nd running of the Atlanta Marathon and the 21st running of Atlanta's half-marathon. Just under 7,700 runners took part in the half-marathon, which got underway at 7 a.m., while 840 runners hit the streets from Turner Field for the full marathon 30 minutes later.

Dr. Petrie finished 1:20 ahead of second-place finisher Kimberly Lieb. Petrie pulled away from Lieb near the 20-mile mark and led the rest of the way.

"It was only when I had about a mile to go that I realized that winning this race was a possibility," Dr. Petrie points out.

She compares running a marathon and being able to finish a race, to completing a course, completing research or any other goal. "This is similar to many other things in life where you set small goals and work to the best of your ability to achieve them."

Dr. Petrie, who has been running marathons for six years, notes that her first win was "very exciting" and " a very satisfying experience."

Asks why she loves to do marathons, this professors declares, "it's a great stress reliever."

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Special Mention

David McDuffie (Dean's Office), a valuable member of System Support for 3 ½ years, will be leaving us December 10th. David has taken a job in private industry. We wish him well!

Mark your Calendars

Tues., Dec. 7 - PAUS job candidate, Holly T Goerdel of Texas A&M University, will present "Taking Initiative: Proactive Management and Organizational Performance in Networked Environments," at **3 p.m.** in the **Smart Seminar Room**.

Thurs., Dec. 9 - PAUS job candidate, Shreyasi Jha of the World Bank , will present "Environmental Impact of India's Trade Liberalization," at **3 p.m.** in the **Smart Seminar Room**.

Fri., Dec. 10 - James Follain (Formerly of the Federal Reserve Board) will present "An Examination of How the Proposed Bifurcated Implementation of Basel II in the US May Affect Competition among Banking Organizations for Residential Mortgages " in the final Applied Econometrics Workshop for this semester. The seminar will be held from **3-4:30 p.m** in the **Smart Seminar Room**.

Fri., Dec. 10 - PAUS non-profit job candidate , Angela Eikenberry will present "Giving Circles and the Democratization of Philanthropy," from **3-5p.m.** in **room 306** at the **Aderhold Learning Center**.

Presentations, Publications and Media Hits

Carolyn Bourdeaux (PAUS) was quoted in an article about development in Marietta in the AJC on December 2, and the recent TAD report was cited (see <http://aysps.gsu.edu/news/release/tad.htm>).

Gary Henry (PAUS) was quoted in an article about Linda Schrenko in the AJC on November 14.

Julie Hotchkiss (Econ) participated in the Southern Economic Association meetings in New Orleans, LA (Nov. 21-23). She served as a discussant in one session, a chair for another, and presented "Wage Gains Among Job Changers Across the Business Cycle: Insight from State Administrative Data," (co-authored with M. Melinda Pitts and John C. Robertson) in a third.

Ikuho Kochi, (Econ) with Bryan Hubbell and Randall Kramer, "An Empirical Bayesian Approach to Combining Estimates of the Value of a Statistical Life, Environmental and Resource Economics," forthcoming.

Michael Rushton (PAUS) was in Los Angeles to attend the annual conference of the Association for Research in Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Activity, where he took part in two sessions, presenting: "Government Contracting with Faith-Based Providers: An Economic Perspective", and "Government Funding of Nonprofit Activity" (with Arthur Brooks).

Paula Stephan (Econ) was a keynote speaker at the conference "Innovation, Entrepreneurship and growth," at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm on November 18. Dr. Stephan spoke on "Science, University and Firm Relations."

Paula Stephan (Econ) was the guest speaker at the Reunion Club du CEPPII, Paris, on November 23. Her presentation was entitled "La politique scientifique americaine."

Research Atlanta has produced a new report by **Carolyn Bourdeaux** (PAUS) and **John Matthews** (FRC). "Georgia's Redevelopment Powers Law: A Policy Guide to the Evaluation and Use of Tax Allocation Districts" The news release is at <http://aysps.gsu.edu/news/release/tad.htm> and the report is at http://www.researchatlanta.org/FullReports/TAD_compiled.pdf.

Comings and Goings

Jorge Martinez (ISP/Econ) is currently in Vietnam participating in a UNDP workshop.

Luc Noiset (ISP affiliate) has traveled to Vietnam for extended periods in order to create tax models. He will be going back very soon to continue his work.

Mark Rider (ISP/Econ) traveled to Australia and Brazil under the India Exchange Program with Indian Ministry of Finance officials as part of the USAID "Fiscal Reform in Support of Trade Liberalization" project

Paula Stephan (Econ) is a member of the High Level Expert Group on "Maximizing the Wider Benefits of Competitive Basic Research Funding at the European Level." European Commission. She left on December 2 for the third meeting of this committee in Brussels. She attended the two previous meetings in September and October.

Paula Stephan (Econ) is a member of the Committee on Policy Implications of International Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars in the United States, National Academies of Science, and she recently attended the third meeting of the committee in Washington. She attended two earlier committee meetings in August and October.

Econ Students Awarded Grand Prizes at International Photo Exhibit

At the 5th Annual "Crossing Paths, Crossing Cultures" Award Ceremony and Reception held on Thursday, November 18, two economics majors received grand prizes for their entries in the 2004 International Photo Exhibit.

Huiping Du (graduate student) received the grand prize for International Students with the picture "Autumn's Singalong. Huiping also received honorable mention in the People category for her picture "Centennial Olympic Park"

Kimberly Cooper (undergraduate) received the grand prize for Study Abroad Students with her picture "Upper Cape & Lion's Head". Kimberly was a participant in the AYSPS collaborative project with Morehouse College, Economic Studies in South Africa. For more details on this study abroad program, please contact Caroline Griffin at economics@gsu.edu or Glenwood Ross at gross@morehouse.edu

Dissertation Digest

Artidiatun Adji (Econ) will defend her proposal "Essays in Ricardian Equivalence," **Friday, December 10**, at **11:00 a.m.** in **Room 507** of the AYSPS Building.

Asmaa Adel Al-Ganainy (Econ) will defend her proposal "Value-Added Taxation, Consumption, and Economic Growth," on **Wednesday, December 8** at **11:00** in **Room 507** of the AYSPS Building.

Faculty and doctoral students may wish to attend these examinations.

Communications Update

Annual Reports were due December 1st, and the submittals are still pouring in. Thank you all for the work you do each year in putting these together.

Please be informed that the AYSPS website search feature is having technical difficulties. I expect it to be fixed towards the beginning of next week, but in the meantime, I have placed a note of explanation on that page.

The International Studies Program has posted 16 new working papers on its website. You can access them at <http://isp-aysps.gsu.edu/papers/index.html>.

Econ Dept. 10th in NSF Rankings

The department of Economics is now rated in the top 10 in terms of research expenditure. This, according to the latest report from the National Science Foundation. The report is compiled from the list of top 50 universities' research expenditures by discipline. The Department of Economics is ranked 10th among all Economics departments in total research funding (for 2002), behind, in order:

Michigan (all campuses) (\$13,726,000)
University of California-Berkeley
University of Georgia
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign
University of Minnesota (all campuses)
Michigan State University
University of California-Davis
University of Florida
Georgia State University (\$7,662,000)

It is also noteworthy also that the Department of Economics at GSU is 10th among Economics Departments in terms of funding. Also, for some schools the total for Economics reflects ALL campuses of the university system, not simply the main one, and also includes funding for the Agricultural Economics department at the institution.

In commenting on this good news, Department Chair **Dr. James Alm** notes "this ranking continues the Department's excellent record on external funding and is further evidence of the strong performance of our faculty."

More information can be seen at the NSF website, <http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/srs/nsf04330/sectb.htm> (look for Table B-64 and the Economics subheading there).



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Special Mention

The **State Charitable Contributions Program** currently has a 75% participation rate. For those who have not yet contributed, please do so by **Friday, December 17**.



Mark your Calendars

Mon. Dec. 13 - PAUS candidate, Edward Alan Miller of Yale University School of Medicine will present "Explaining Medicaid Nursing Facility Reimbursement Policy: Incremental and Non-Incremental Change, 1980-1998" at **1:30 p.m.** in the **Smart Seminar Room**.

Mon. Dec. 13 - Noah Langdale Chair candidate, Catherine C. Eckel of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University will present "Gender and Earnings: Insights from Simple Games" at **3:00 p.m.** in the **Smart Seminar Room**.

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James Alm (Econ) attended the Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings in New Orleans, where his paper, "Estimating the Indirect Effects of Audits: An Experimental Approach" (with Betty Jackson and Michael McKee) was presented, and where he also discussed another paper.

James Alm (Econ) "The Effects of Communication Among Taxpayers on Compliance" (with Betty R. Jackson and Michael McKee), 2004 Internal Revenue Service Research Conference Proceedings, forthcoming.

Dean Roy Bahl recently traveled to Washington where he made a presentation at a World Bank seminar on "Fiscal Decentralization to Rural Governments in India."

Bookshelf

Econ Professor Paul G. Farnham (2005). Economics for Managers. NJ: Prentice Hall.

AYSPS Systems Support

- From July through September 2003, 208 Work Orders were processed.
- From July through September 2004, 480 Work Orders were processed.

That's a increase of 43%!

External Communications Update

Thank you all for your annual report contributions. There will be a time in early January for review, edits, and additions. Remember to include any "invitations to present in CY2005" that you receive between now and then.

Did you know that the Social Science Research Network (SSRN) is a great conduit for searching for work done by peers, as well as for being found by others? AYSPS' International Studies Program has for several years actively loaded bios and research papers in order to further disseminate its information. For an example, try searching "Jorge Martinez" on the author search at <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/DisplayAbstractSearch.cfm>.

COS (Community of Science) is another great resource, which will be covered in a future Dean's e-news.

Graduation News

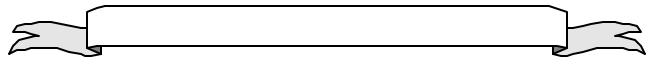
Commencement ceremonies will occur on **Saturday December 18 at 10:00 a.m.**

All Andrew Young School of Policy Studies students should assemble at 8:15 a.m. in the New Student Center

Sports Arena doors will open at 8:30 a.m.

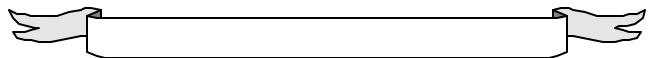
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A "by invitation only" reception will be held after the commencement ceremony in the lobby of the Andrew Young School building.



Save the Date:

Plans are in the works for an important week in the life of the Andrew Young School, the week of April 11-15. Plans include an April 13th symposium with former President Jimmy Carter, Honors Day on April 14th, and several other exciting events. Stay tuned for more!



AYSPS Building Winter Holiday Break Security

Please insure that all laptops, PDAs, etc. are taken home or securely locked in desk or cabinet in your office.

Please lock your office door when you leave on December 23, 2004 and place your trash bin outside your office door for custodians to empty.

Please ensure that all personal office heaters, coffee pots, etc. are unplugged.

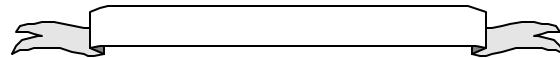
There will be no front desk security guard after 11:00 p.m. Thursday, December 23, 2004.

The AYSPS Building will be locked down from 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 23, 2004 through 7:00 a.m. Monday, January 3, 2005. Building access will be by PantherCard only.

There will be **no access whatsoever** to the AYSPS building on Wednesday, December 29, 2004 due to the deep cleaning and refinishing of building lobby floor.

Do not prop open **any** doors at anytime, especially during the Winter Holiday Break period.

If you come into the office during the Winter Holiday Break (after 11:00 p.m. Thursday, December 23, 2004 through 7:00 a.m. Monday, January 3, 2005) **please** take the time to stop a moment, turn around, and check the doors to ensure that they have locked properly behind you and that no unauthorized person is following you into the building. Also, please check doors when leaving the building.



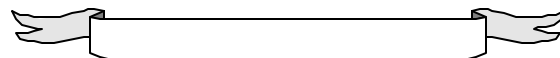
Save the Dates:

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

- Symposium including Andrew Young and Jimmy Carter, and moderated by Roy Bahl - Student Center Auditorium, followed by a reception in the Student Center Ballroom.

Thursday, April 14, 2005

- AYSPS Advisory Board Meeting in the AYS Building.
- Enid Mescon Room Dedication in the AYS Building (6th Floor).
- Andrew Young Portrait Unveiling in the AYS Building Lobby.
- PAUS invited speaker, Don Kettl of the University of Pennsylvania at 2:00 p.m. in the AYS Seminar Room
- AYSPS Honors Day Dinner and Awards Ceremony at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Presentations, Publications and Media Hits

James Alm (Econ) , Fitzroy Lee, and Sally Wallace, "How Fair? Changes in Federal Income Taxation and the Distribution of Income, 1978 to 1998", *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, Vol. 24, No. 1 (Winter 2005), pp. 5-22.

Website Update

If you maintain a website, please check your links to make sure that you do not link to any url which includes "www.nc.gsu.edu" or "www.gsu.edu/webfs01/". URLs including these strings will not work as of February 1, 2005. If you require additional information, please email Cynthia Pembroke to be re-sent the GSU email which covers this in more depth.

Interesting tidbit...

Felix Rioja (Econ) reports that on a recent visit to Cochabamba, Bolivia, he gave a talk at the Universidad Catolica Boliviana about AYSPS graduate programs in Econ, PAUS, and Public Policy. He notes there were over 50 people in attendance, and there was a lot of interest. Since then, he points out that both he as well as the Economics department has been receiving follow-up inquiries. He hopes to see some applicants as a result of this talk.