

A New Antivirus — Upgrade Yours Today

The Symantec Corporation has released a new and improved version of anti-virus software that we use here at Georgia State University, Symantec Antivirus Corporate Edition version 9.0.1.

All faculty, staff and students can download this new version from the antivirus website, nav.gsu.edu. While the software is very easy to install and requires almost no user intervention, this website contains detailed installation instructions for Windows and Macintosh workstations as well as instructions for off-campus users who want to install the software on their home PC. Furthermore, in most cases, the software can be used to automatically upgrade older versions of Symantec Antivirus.

Along those lines, Information Systems and Technology's Information Security department is working with some of the college IT managers to create customized antivirus clients. These unique clients allow college IT managers to monitor workstations and customize configurations (schedule manual scans, change updated times, enable/disable client functionality, etc...). With this in mind, if your college has provided you with a special version of Symantec Antivirus, please use it.

Symantec Antivirus Corporate Edition Version 9.0.1 is fully compatible with Windows XP and is recognized as one of the best virus protection software packages on the market today. Moreover, it incorporates a myriad of advanced features such as expanded threat detection, in-memory threat scanning and threat tracer. In particular, expanded threat detection allows for the discovery and removal of spyware, adware, dialers, joke programs, remote access programs, hack tools and track ware.

If you have any questions or need assistance downloading the new version of Symantec Antivirus, please contact the Help Center at (404) 651-4507 or help@gsu.edu.

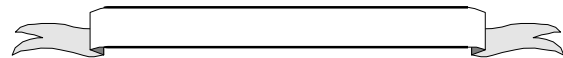
-William Monahan, Information Security, IS&T

Allied Social Science Association Annual Meeting January 6 - 9, 2005

James Alm (Econ) will attend the Allied Social Science Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, where he will present a paper (with **Edward Sennoga** and **Mark Skidmore**), "Who Pays the Gasoline Tax?" and will be interviewing (with **Dave Sjoquist** and **Sally Wallace**) candidates for two Assistant Professor positions.

The Department of Economics will be hosting its annual reception at the ASSA Meetings, on Saturday, **January 8th**.

The Department of Economics has several job candidates attending the meetings **A.J. Summell, Peter Bluestone, Olga Pavlova, Bayar Tumennasan, and Doug Campbell**.



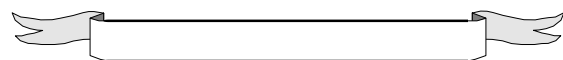
Save the Dates:

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

Glenn Landers (HPC) was recently invited by the University of Tennessee Center for Health Services Research and the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability to present his long-term care research for the State Forums Partnership Program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Glenn Landers (HPC) "Long-term Care and Dual Eligibility: Care and Cost Consequences for Medicare and Medicaid" [Long-Term Care Interface](#), December 2004.

Karen Minyard (HPC) was interviewed by WGAU radio about Medicaid Reform in Georgia.

Sally Wallace (FRP) and Greg Geisler (University of Missouri), "The Use of Compensation for Tax Avoidance by Owners of Small Corporations," *Journal of the American Taxation Association*, forthcoming.

Sally Wallace (FRP), **David Sjoquist** (FRP), Gary Cornia, and Kelly Edmiston, "The Disappearing State Corporate Income Tax," *The National Tax Journal*, forthcoming.

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.

GSU Alumni in Indonesia Struck by the Tsunami Disaster

As the largest natural disaster in recent history, the earthquake and tsunami that struck the Indian Ocean on December 26, 2004, caused massive destruction across South Asia with more than 150,000 dead and millions displaced. The worst-struck area is the Indonesian island of Sumatra, and in particular the city of Banda Aceh on its western most tip, closest to the epicenter of the earthquake. The coastal city was virtually destroyed by the tsunami.

AYSPS has a long standing relationship with various universities, different levels of governments and donor agencies in Indonesia. The closest ties, however, are with the students that were part of the Indonesian Masters Program at the Andrew Young School.

Over a period of three years (2001-2004) AYSPPS hosted two cohorts of Indonesian Masters students. The first cohort consisted of 31 students ([Class of 2002](#)) and the second consisted of twenty ([Class of 2003](#)).

Our alumni from the city of Banda Aceh, however, have been hit particularly hard. AYSPPS has 13 alumni from Banda Aceh; students from both cohorts have suffered severe emotional trauma and have experienced extensive property losses. When the tsunami hit Banda Aceh, most of their homes were destroyed.

At least one of the GSU Alumni, **Said Muhammad**, very unfortunately, perished in this tragedy, while two other former GSU students are still missing. In addition to extensive property damage, many of the surviving students have been unable to locate numerous family members.

Fortunately, the rest of the students have survived the tsunami. Currently, they are recovering from the shock and are receiving medical assistance as needed. The search for the missing is also still ongoing. If you wish to receive up-to-date information on the status of our former students, colleagues and friends, please go to the following website: <http://isp-aysps.gsu.edu/tsunamidisaster.html>.

The website also provides GSU faculty, students, friends, and others, an avenue to provide direct support for the GSU alumni as they begin to rebuild their lives. Many of those who survived not only lost loved ones, but also lost their homes and most or all of their possessions. ■

Mark your Calendars

Bill Waugh will be one of three panelists at the GSU Jean Bear Blumenfeld Center for Ethics Panel Discussion on Tsunami Relief to be held Wednesday, January 19th. ■

Presentations

Gregory B. Lewis presented "Moral Condemnation of Homosexuality and Opposition to Same-Sex Marriage" at the Southern Political Science Association meeting in New Orleans, January 7, 2005. Lewis also presented "Contentious and Consensus Gay Rights Issues: Public Opinion and State Laws on Discrimination and Same-Sex Marriage" to the Center for Policy Research, Maxwell School of Public Affairs and Citizenship, Syracuse University, on December 2, 2004.

James Alm was the invited moderator for the Annual Forecasting Dinner of the Atlanta Society of Financial Analysts, on Wednesday, January 12, at 7:00pm at the 103 West Restaurant. The dinner featured forecasts by three widely respected economists: Dick McCabe, Chief Market Analyst for Merrill Lynch; David Malpass, Chief Economist at Bear Stearns; and Peter Kretzmer, Senior Economist at Bank of America. Anna Craig is the President of the ASFA.

Published articles

James Alm and Sri Mulyani Indrawati, "Decentralization and Local Government Borrowing in Indonesia," in *Reforming Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations and the Rebuilding of Indonesia - The 'Big Bang' Program and its Economic Consequences*. James Alm, Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, and Sri Mulyani Indrawati, eds. (Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham, UK - Northampton, MA).

Roy Bahl and **Bayar Tumennasan**, "How Should revenues from natural resources be shared in Indonesia?" in *Reforming Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations and the Rebuilding of Indonesia - The 'Big Bang' Program and its Economic Consequences*. James Alm, Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, and Sri Mulyani Indrawati, eds. (Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham, UK - Northampton, MA).

Bambang Brodjonegoro and **Jorge Martinez-Vazquez**. "An Analysis of Indonesia's transfer system: recent performance and future prospects," in *Reforming Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations and the Rebuilding of Indonesia - The 'Big Bang' Program and its Economic Consequences*. James Alm, Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, and Sri Mulyani Indrawati, eds. (Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham, UK - Northampton, MA).

Gregory B. Lewis and Arthur C. Brooks. "A Question of Morality: Artists' Values and Public Funding for the Arts," *Public Administration Review* Vol. 65 (January/February 2005): 8-17.

Gregory B. Lewis and Bruce A. Seaman. "Sexual Orientation and Demand for the Arts," *Social Science Quarterly*, Vol. 85 (September 2004): 523-38.

Gregory B. Lewis and Sue A. Frank. "Government Employees: Working Hard or Hardly Working?" *American Review of Public Administration*, Vol. 34 (March 2004): 36-51. ■

Torch of Peace Awards

AYSPS' own **Glenda Crunk** and **Tourgee Simpson** will receive the Torch of Peace award at the 22nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation at 3 p.m., Thursday, January 20, 2005 in the Student Center Speaker's Auditorium. The award honors exemplary students, faculty, staff members, student organizations and alumni who have demonstrated leadership and service in the promotion of intercultural relations.

Glenda Crunk (receiving the alumni award) graduated in Fall 2004 with a 4.0 in the Bachelor of Science in Urban Policy Studies degree with a specialization in Public Policy. She has been accepted to our MPA program and will continue in AYSPS as a master's student. Glenda was nominated by Dr. John Thomas and Beverly Pyne (who will introduce her at the ceremony--Pyne works in the Office of African American Student Services)

Tourgee Simpson (receiving the student award) is a senior in the Bachelor of Science in Human Resources Policy and Development program. This year, he is serving as president of the Student Government Association at Georgia State. He was nominated by Dr. Harvey Newman and Dr. Bill Kahnweiler (who will introduce him at the ceremony)

Tonya Cook, who is coordinating the event, is also our student--in the MS-HRD program.

Thanks to **Wanda Cooley** for all of the great information regarding these awards. ■

Happenings

Several members of the Department of Economics attended the Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meetings in Philadelphia from January 7-9. **Sally Wallace, Dave Sjoquist, and James Alm** interviewed 40 candidates for two assistant professor positions in "Any Field". **Mary Beth Walker, Erdal Tekin, Shif Gurm, and Roy Bahl** interviewed 16 candidates for an assistant professor position in econometrics. The Department also held a very well attended reception on January 8. ■

Congratulations and Welcome

Staff reclassifications that were effective January 1, 2005:

Raymond (Chip) Kenney, Assistant Project Director, Program for Rehabilitation Leadership
Cynthia Pembroke, External Communications Coordinator, Dean's Office
Robin Steinbrenner, Administrative Specialist-Academic, Dean's Office
Dorie Taylor, Assistant Director, Domestic Programs Office/Fiscal Research Center

Shannon Jones, Limited Term Professional (Publications Specialist III) joined the Dean's Office staff January 10, 2005. ■



Federal Supply Schedule Award

The Georgia Health Policy Center recently received its Management, Organizational and Business Improvement Services (MOBIS) contract from the U.S. General Services Administration. In receiving this Federal Supply Schedule Award, federal agencies can benefit from the Georgia Health Policy Center's work and, at the same time, experience a simplified contracting process. Georgia Health Policy Center's MOBIS contract period is December 23, 2005 through December 22, 2010.



External Communications Updates

Media relations for AYSPS is temporarily being covered by Betsy Robertson at GSU University Relations. For assistance with press releases, contact her at 651-3572, or via email at b-robertson@gsu.edu. Please cc Cynthia Pembroke.

The draft annual report is available for review at <http://aysps.gsu.edu/ar2004/>. Please send edits and additions to Bonnie Naugle by Wednesday January 26th.

Faculty and Research Associates should each have an "experts page" listed from <http://aysps.gsu.edu/people/facultynames.htm> updated at least yearly. Faculty should have an up-to-date vitae accessible. Please check and contact Cynthia Pembroke with any additions and edits.

Do you have a COS profile? Faculty and research associates, as part of a GSU initiative with the Community of Science, are invited to "showcase your research and expertise among researchers and scholars from universities, corporations and nonprofits in more than 170 countries. Use convenient tools to keep your CV updated and accessible." Set up a profile at www.cos.com (select "promote your research with a COS Profile").

December 2004 traffic on the AYSPS website: 12,286 unique visitors; 22,362 visits; 78,012 pages; 482,177 hits; and 2.84 GB bandwidth. ■

Media Blitz

Paula Stephan (Econ) recently attended the NBER conference, *Diversifying the Science & Engineering Workforce: Women, Underrepresented Minorities and Their S&E Careers*. She responded to comments Harvard University President Larry Summers made in a presentation to the group. Summers had suggested that "innate differences in sex may explain why fewer women than men succeed in science and math careers" (New York Times, January 18, 2005).

Stephan was quoted in the Boston Globe (January 17), the New York Times (January 18), the Chronicle of Higher Education, and the Washington Post (January 19).

While attending the conference, she presented the paper (coauthored with Sharon Levin), "Leaving Careers in IT: Differences in Retention by Gender and Minority."

Georgia Health Policy Center

Georgia Health Policy Center is mentioned in this month's edition of *Health Affairs*, Volume 24, Number 1, Page 278. The article discusses a childhood obesity prevention initiative launched as a result of research funded by the Philanthropic Collaborative of Georgia and coordinated by Georgia Health Policy Center's Mary Ann Phillips.

Georgia Health Policy Center's **Mary Ann Phillips** (Ghpc) served on a panel to create "Tummy Town," *Imagine It!*, The Children's Museum of Atlanta's first health exhibit.

"Tummy Town" is an interactive exhibit, where children ages 2 -8 can learn about healthy food choices in a fun way. The exhibit runs through Sunday, Feb. 20.

Presentations

Julie Hotchkiss (Econ) presented "Employment and Earnings on the Technology Roller Coaster: Insight from State Administrative Data" (with Melinda Pitts and John Robertson) at the American Economic Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Hotchkiss will also present the paper at the University of Colorado-Denver (February 2005) and at the Eastern Economic Association Meetings, New York (March 2005).

Michael Rushton (Paus) presented "Government Funding and Incentives for Nonprofit Organizations" (coauthored with Arthur Brooks) to a conference of nonprofit practitioners organized by the National Center on Nonprofit Enterprise, Cleveland, Ohio, January 14.

Paula Stephan (Econ) presented a paper at the American Economic Association (coauthored with Jennifer Ma), entitled "The Increased Frequency and Duration of the Postdoctorate Career Stage."

Erdal Tekin's (Econ) article, "Chinese threat and Turkish textile sector in the post-2005 era," was published in the *Turkish Time*, January 2005. Read the article at www.turkishtime.org/36/16_3_en.asp.



The Dean's E-News is a weekly feature. Please send your news items by 5:15 p.m. each Thursday to Robin at rsteinbrenner@gsu.edu.



Congratulations and Welcome

PAR Acknowledges AYSPS Faculty

Bill Waugh (PAUS) has been invited to serve on the Public Administration Review (PAR) Board.

Additionally, **Gregory B. Lewis** (PAUS), **Theodore Poister** (PAUS), and **Gregory Streib** (PAUS) had articles published in the January/February edition of the *Public Administration Review*.

Faculty Awarded Scholarship Mentoring Grant

The Office of the Advancement of Women at Georgia State University has awarded **Ragan Petrie** (Econ) a Faculty Scholarship Mentoring Grant. **Susan Laury** (Econ) will serve as Petrie's mentor.

The purpose of the grant is to offer resources to support and enhance the scholarly productivity of female faculty members who are seeking promotion and/or tenure.

The title of Petrie's research is "Trusting Appearances and Reciprocating Looks: Experiments on Gender and Race."

More information on the awards can be found at:
http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwaow/programs/faculty_scholarship_mentoring_grant.html.

New Positions

Kenneth Heaghney (Econ) is the new State Fiscal Economist. He joined the department on January 24.

Heaghney will conduct research and work between his office here at AYSPS and at the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. Tim Connell (Director) will direct the work at the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. At GSU, Heaghney will work with **David Sjoquist** (FRC/Econ) and **James Alm** (Econ).

Laura Wheeler (FRC) is the new Senior Research Associate for the Fiscal Research Center. Her first day in her new position will be January 31.

Wheeler has been a principal associate of the FRC for a number of years and in her new role, will work with elected and appointed state and local government officials on the development of fiscal and economic policy.

Publications and Presentations

James Alm (Econ), **Jorge Martinez-Vazquez** (Econ) and **Sally Wallace** (FRC/Econ), (Eds.) "The Landscape of the Hard-to-Tax," in *Taxing the Hard to Tax: Lessons for Theory and Practice*, Elsevier Press, December 2004, pp. 3-8.

James Alm (Econ), **Jorge Martinez-Vazquez** (Econ), and Friedrich Schneider, "Sizing' the Problem of the Hard-to-Tax," in *Taxing the Hard-to-tax: Lessons from Theory and Practice*, pp. 11-75.

James Alm (Econ), "The State and the Family: Balancing the Intended and Unintended Consequences of Public Policies," *Review of Economics of the Household*, September 2004, 2(3), pp. 231-245.

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

Roy Bahl (Dean's Office), "Reaching the Hardest to Tax: Consequences and Possibilities." *Taxing the Hard-to-Tax: Lessons for Theory and Practice*.

Gregory B. Lewis (PAUS) and Arthur C. Brooks. "A Question of Morality: Artists' Values and Public Funding for the Arts." *Public Administration Review* January/February 2005, 65(1).

Harvey Newman (PAUS) made a presentation on "Race in Shaping Atlanta's History" on January 10 to the Faith Leadership Institute, sponsored by Faith and the City of Pine Isle. Newman also taught a course on Atlanta as an Alternative Context for Ministry for students at Columbia Theological Seminary. He recently completed serving as a reviewer of a research proposal for the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Theodore Poister (PAUS) and **Gregory Streib** (PAUS). "Elements of Strategic Planning and Management in Municipal Government: Status After Two Decades." *Public Administration Review*, January/February 2005, 65(1).

External Communications Updates

Thank you all for your annual report contributions. The faculty and research associate review process ended on Wednesday. **Bonnie Naugle** (Dean's Office) is performing the requested edits, conducting several checks to ensure 100% completion, and proofreading the report. The report is on track for a mid-February "go live" date on the website, with the hard copy going to the printer by the end of February. Thanks for your contributions!

Discussions are underway in the Dean's office regarding a redesign of the AYSPS website. Your comments are appreciated. Please send them to Cynthia Pembroke (Dean's Office) at cpembroke@gsu.edu.

Web traffic on the AYSPS website from January 1 -25 consisted of 12,551 unique visitors, viewing 79,241 web pages.

GSU Internet Usage

IS&T now has a webpage where you can see "Public Internet Usage Reports for GSU." You can see real time usage or weekly, monthly, 6-month or 12-month performance reports.

Go to:

<http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwccs/performance/internetuse.htm>.

AYSPS Faculty Papers In Demand

Two Department of Economics faculty have been recognized for having one of the Top 25 Most Requested articles in ScienceDirect, for the 12-month period of January 2003 to December 2003. For each of 25 of some of the top economics journals, ScienceDirect (an electronic content platform) tabulates the most journal articles for which individuals request a full download.

Bruce Kaufman's (Econ) paper, "The Organization of Economic Activity: Insights from the Institutional Theory of John R. Commons," was the 3rd most requested download in the *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*.

Geoffrey Turnbull's (Econ) paper (with Peter F. Colwell and Carolyn Dehring), "Recreation Demand and Residential Location," was the 24th most requested article from the *Journal of Urban Economics*. His article, "Urban Growth Controls: Transitional Dynamics of Development Fees and Growth Boundaries," is also currently listed as the 11th most requested article for 2005. The current most requested articles list for the *Journal of Urban Economics* can be viewed at: http://top25.sciencedirect.com/index.php?subject_area_id=10&journal_id=00941190.

The top 25 Science Direct journal articles list for 2003 can be viewed at: http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/S04.cws_home/top25.

AYSPS Student News

Albert J. (A.J.) Sumell (Econ) will receive a \$4,000 supplemental grant from the Science & Engineering Workforce Project of the NBER to complete his dissertation.

AYSPS Student **Rebecca Serna** (PAUS) has received a recommendation from the National Review Committee for a Student Fulbright grant to Colombia in 2005-06. Her application has been forwarded to Colombia for the next phase of the competition.

Publications

James Alm (Econ), Mark Skidmore, and James Peltier. "Do Motor Fuel Sales-below-cost Laws Lower Prices?" *Journal of Urban Economics*, January 2005, 57(1), pp. 189-211.

Bill Waugh (PAUS) made a presentation on "Organizing to Deal with Terrorism: Organizational Culture and Design in an Uncertain Environment" for the Security, Terrorism and Governance Program at the University of Cincinnati on January 28. A paper based on the presentation will be published in *Security, Terrorism, and Governance: A Nexus for New Thinking*.

External Communications Update

-**Elizabeth Nelson** (Econ) will be married to Igor Kozlovski on Feb. 5. Liz will change her last name to Kozlovski.

-Several new faculty and research associates will have their studio photos taken on February 15 and 16. Openings are still available. Please contact Cynthia Pembroke (Dean's Office) at cpembroke@gsu.edu if you need a new studio photo.

-The web version of the Research Briefing is now online at: <http://aysps.gsu.edu/news/briefing/research04/index.htm>.

-From our draft of the annual report: "About 195 scholarly papers and books were published or forthcoming in 2004. Another 112 papers are presently under review. It is also heartening to note that close to 29 percent (57 of 195) of the published or accepted papers in 2004 were joint products of two or more of our faculty or research associates." Great work! The online version of the report is on track to go live in mid-February.

-Last week you heard of the appointment of **Kenneth Heaghey** (Econ) as State Fiscal Economist, with home here on the 1st floor of AYSPS. Read the state's news release at: <http://www.gov.state.ga.us/press/2005/press673.shtml>.

-Information on the 2005 Undergraduate Summer Policy Internships is now online at: <http://aysps.gsu.edu/intern/index.html>. The application deadline is March 11, and the program dates are May 31 - July 15.

AYSPS Faculty and Students Grade States

Katherine Willoughby (PAUS) and graduate students, **David Weir** (PAUS), **Hai (David) Guo** (PAUS), **Katie Sobush** (PAUS) and **Emily Evans** (PAUS), graded states in the U.S. on their money management for the Government Performance Project (GPP).

The results of their findings have been published in the issue, "A Report Card on Government Performance: Grading the States 2005," in *Governing Magazine*, February 2005.

They used the following criteria to grade states: long-term outlook, budget process, structural balance, contracting/purchasing, and financial controls/reporting.

To view the articles, go to: <http://www.governing.com/gpp/2005/intro.htm>. The results may be also be viewed at: <http://results.gpponline.org>.

PAUS Hosts Visiting Scholar

PAUS is hosting a visiting scholar from Tajikistan, who will be staying in Atlanta for 4 months. You may welcome Khurshed Kholov at: kholov@gsu.edu.



AYSPS Student News

Ikuho Kochi (Econ) was awarded a GSU Dissertation Grant to help develop the data she needs for her dissertation. The grant will support her travel to Washington, D.C., where she will be accessing confidential data to develop a unique database to isolate the way in which fatality risks are perceived by workers and estimate the compensating wage premium for different types of risks.

Student Government Association president **Tourgee Simpson** (PAUS) will be a panelist (along with Wade Douglas, manager of the Follett Bookstore at Georgia State; J. Bruce Hildebrand, executive director for Higher Education of the Association of American Publishers; and Dr. Hugh Dorsey Hudson, Jr., professor of history and head of the history department at Georgia State) in the February 14 forum on textbook costs, to be held on the GSU campus.

Mark Your Calendars

The GSU Alumni Association will present a "Tax Readiness Seminar" with H&R Block from noon to 1:30 p.m. February 15 in the Rialto Center for the Performing Arts lobby. As part of the Panther PERQs program, Georgia State employees will receive 10 percent off their preparation fees. Lunch will be served. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the Alumni Association at Ext. 1-2190.

Georgia Health Policy Center News

Academy Health recently asked the Georgia Health Policy Center (GHPC) to serve as a national model for HRSA's State Planning Grantees because of the quality and quantity of progress made by Georgia's four selected communities, Dalton, Brunswick, Atlanta and Macon, in planning community-based, public/private partnership models for health insurance coverage. For more information about Academy Health, go to: www.academyhealth.org.

GHPC attributes its success to the communities' pre-existing local capacity and network organization, a result of its work with Georgia's rural health networks. Representatives from the federal government and other states will meet here this spring to learn more about the Center's work.

Karen Minyard (GHPC) represented the Georgia Health Policy Center at Academy Health's National Policy Conference in Washington, D.C., February 2-3.

Patricia Kota (GHPC) will give a presentation on "Transportation Systems in Rural Communities" at the Southern Rural Access Program's Winter 2005 Delta State Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, February 24. Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Southern Rural Access Program is designed to help improve access to basic health care in eight of the most rural, medically underserved states in the country. The program supports work to increase the supply of primary care providers in underserved areas, strengthen the health care infrastructure and build capacity at the state and community level to address health care problems

Glenn Landers (GHPC) of the Georgia Health Policy Center co-authored two Fiscal Impacts with Clare Ritchie and **Sally Wallace** (Econ) for the Fiscal Research Center: *Georgia's Growing Elderly Population and Revenue Growth and Budgetary Implications of Georgia's Aging Population*. The work is part of a project sponsored by the Healthcare Georgia Foundation that examines the impact of an aging population on Georgia's economy.

Glenn Landers (GHPC) Georgia Health Policy Center, presented "Streamlining Administrative Services - Single Point of Entry Systems for Long-term Care: Lessons from the Georgia Experience," to the Tennessee State Forums Partnership, Nashville Tennessee, February 9 -10.

Publications and Presentations

The following books edited by AYSPS faculty members are now in print:

James Alm (Econ), **Jorge Martinez-Vazquez** (Econ) and Sri Mulyani Indrawati (eds.). *Reforming Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations and the Rebuilding of Indonesia*, Edward Elgar Publishing.

James Alm (Econ), **Jorge Martinez-Vazquez** (Econ) and **Sally Wallace** (Econ) (eds.). *Taxing the Hard-to-Tax: Lessons from Theory and Practice*, Elsevier Publishing.

Erdal Tekin (Econ) and David Blau. "The Determinants and Consequences of Child Care Subsidies for Single Mothers in the United States." *Journal of Population Economics*, forthcoming.

Erdal Tekin (Econ) and Naci Mocan. "Guns and Juvenile Crime." *Journal of Law and Economics*, revise and resubmit.

National Research Council

Gary Henry (PAUS) has been invited by the National Research Council to serve on a 10-12 person multi-disciplinary blue ribbon committee to review, assess, and synthesize the results of available studies on Green Schools.

Economics Department Wins National Science Foundation Grant

The Department of Economics was awarded a 3-year, \$160,000 National Science Foundation grant to continue its Summer Intern Program, Research Experiences for Undergraduates. **James Alm** (Econ) and **Neven Valev** (Econ) submitted the new proposal, and Valev will continue his supervision of the program.

AYSPS Students Awarded Dissertation Grants

Hyun Jung Park (Econ) and **Arti Adji** (Econ) were each awarded \$1,000 from the GSU University Dissertation Grant Program. Park is working on "Proactive Supply-side Water Conservation" and Adji is working on "Essays on Ricardian Equivalence." **Ikuho Kochi** (Econ) was awarded \$930 from the same program, for "Estimating the Risk Premium for Different Types of Risk with Labor Market Data."

AYSPS Students To Attend Model Africa Union Conference

Undergraduate student **Douglas Jefferson** (PAUS) and graduate student, **Kuaudio Dongo** (Econ), will attend the Model Africa Union at Howard University. A total of 7 GSU students will attend the conference. AYSPPS will co-sponsor the students. Jefferson and Dongo also participated in the Southeast Regional Model African Union in November 2004 in Milledgeville, Georgia.

AYSPS Position Announcement

Julie Hotchkiss (Econ) recently accepted a position at the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank.

Seminars and Publications

James Alm (Econ) and **Mikhail I. Melnik** (Ph.D. in Economics '03). "Sales Taxes and the Decision to Purchase Online," *Public Finance Review*, March 2005, 33 (2), pp. 184-212.

Damian Ondo Mañe, Executive Director for Africa, International Monetary Fund, presented "The Emergence of the Gulf of Guinea in the Global Economy" on Thursday, February 17, as part of an International Studies Program Roundtable Discussion/Seminar.

Harvey Newman (PAUS) just completed offering a two-week seminar on "The Pastor as Public Leader" at Columbia Theological Seminary. The class was part of the Doctor of Ministry degree program. This course was a result of the partnership between AYSPPS and Columbia Theological Seminary.

Rashad, Inas (Econ). "Whose Fault Is It We're Getting Fat? Obesity in the United States," *Public Policy Research*, forthcoming.



Mark Your Calendars

Tammy Mann (Deputy Director, ZERO TO THREE) will present "A Public Policy Agenda that Supports the Needs of Infants and Toddlers" on February 25 as part of the Child Policy Speaker Series at 3 p.m. in the AYSPS Seventh Floor Seminar Room.

Research Atlanta and AYSPS will present the Research Atlanta Forum, "Georgia's Redevelopment Powers Law: A Policy Guide to the Evaluation and Use of Tax Allocation Districts," on Wednesday March 16th from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the AYSPS Smart Seminar room.

The panel will consist of Greg Giornelli, President, Atlanta Development Authority; John Matthews, Georgia State University, Author, TAD Study; Carolyn Bourdeaux, Georgia State University, Author, TAD Study; Dick Layton, A.G. Edwards; and Sharon Gay, McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP. The moderator will be Margaret Joslin, Chair, Research Atlanta Board of Directors, Partner, McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP.

For questions, contact Research Atlanta at 404-651-3748 or Debby McCarty at domccarty@gsu.edu.



Pre-Kindergarten Study

Gary Henry (DPO/PAUS), **Bentley Ponder** (DPO), **Dana Rickman** (DPO), **Andrew Mashburn** (Ph.D. in Community Psychology, '04), **Laura Henderson** (DPO), and **Craig Gordon** (DPO), recently released the report, "An Evaluation of the Implementation of Georgia's Pre-K Program: Report of the Findings from the Georgia Early Childhood Study (2002-03)." The results of their study indicate that Georgia pre-kindergarten teachers who lack certification appear to do as well as certified teachers at preparing children for school. The report can be viewed at: <http://aysps.gsu.edu/publications/2005/GAPreK2004.pdf>.

Georgia Health Policy Center News

New Partnership Promises More Public Input into Policy Recommendations

Two of Georgia's leading health care research organizations today announced the formation of a partnership that aims to increase public input on policy recommendations. Georgia Health Decisions, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots group, will relocate this month to the Georgia Health Policy Center, giving greater voice to the values and opinions of Georgians on a wide range of issues including end-of-life care, health insurance and rural health services. Georgia Health Decisions engages the state's residents in dialogue on health care issues and conducts structured research to understand the public's attitudes toward these issues. The Georgia Health Policy Center conducts, analyzes and disseminates research designed to help elected officials and others make informed decisions about health policy.

Georgia Health Decisions was part of the group that founded the Georgia Health Policy Center in 1995. As partners, Georgia Health Decisions will support Georgia Health Policy Center projects while continuing to be responsible for its own staff oversight, accounting and other administrative duties. The office for Georgia Health Decisions' executive director Beverly Tyler is now located on the first floor of the AYSPS building. For the full release, visit: http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwexa/news/archive/policystudies/05_0217-health.htm.

Georgia Health Policy Center To Participate in Rural Health Day at the Capitol

Georgia Health Policy Center will participate in Rural Health Day at the Capitol Tuesday, Feb. 22. Rural Health Day is sponsored annually by the Georgia Rural Health Association to celebrate community work that aims to improve health and to raise awareness of rural health issues.

Since its founding in 1995, the Georgia Health Policy Center has provided assistance to 75 Georgia counties, including 20 multi-county, regional rural health networks in Georgia. Today, the Center continues its work throughout Georgia and the U.S., assisting more than 73 rural health networks in 37 states. For more information about GRHA, visit: <http://gain.mercer.edu/grha/>.

GHPC In the News

Karen Minyard (GHPC) was featured in the *Atlanta Business Chronicle's* Health Care Quarterly Sound Off and quoted in the following articles: "Measuring Managed Care, will a million Medicaid recipients be better off?" and "Pharmacy Card Tackles Soaring Drug Costs" on February 14. Minyard was also interviewed by the *Gainesville Times* concerning how states may be impacted by the proposed Federal cuts to Medicaid.

Frank Selgrath (Coastal Access Program, a network GHPC works with in Brunswick) was also quoted in the "Measured Managed Care: will a million Medicaid recipients be better off?" article on February 14.

Nancy Kennedy (Northwest Georgia Healthcare Partnership, a network GHPC works with in Dalton), was quoted in "Delivering for Latinos: hospital welcomes Hispanic baby boom," *Atlanta Business Chronicle* on February 14.

The articles may be viewed at the following Web site under the "In Depth: Health care Quarterly" section: <http://atlanta.bizjournals.com/atlanta/stories/2005/02/14>. The Health Care Quarterly Sound Off is not available online.

External Communications Updates

Betsy Robertson of University Relations, who has been assisting with AYSPS media relations, is leaving GSU on February 22 to go to Auburn University. There, she will be Editor of the Auburn Magazine. For those of you who knew her from her time at AYSPS, please take a moment to wish her well.

University Relations is currently accepting applications for several open media relations positions. From February 22 until positions are filled, DeAnna Hines will assist AYSPS in its media relations activities. Please continue to coordinate with Cynthia Pembroke on these and other external communications activities.

Note from University Relations: Check out *Inside Higher Ed*, now online in Beta version at www.insidehighered.com. Some quotes from the site include:

---"founded in 2004 by three executives with decades of expertise in higher education journalism and recruitment"---

---"We believed that higher education was evolving quickly and radically, and that the time was right for new models of providing information and career services for professionals in academe."---

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AYSPS Student Appointed Graduate Fellow

Paul Kagundu (Econ) was selected as a graduate fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science for 2005, joining a select group of 53 students from prestigious universities in the United States. Kagundu was one of only 5 graduate fellows named in Economics.

AYSPS Faculty Awarded Mentoring Grant

Ragan Petrie (Econ) and **Susan Laury** (Econ) were selected to receive a grant from the GSU Advancement of Women Mentoring Grant Pilot Project. The purpose of the mentoring project is to offer resources to support and enhance the scholarly productivity of female faculty members who are seeking promotion and/or tenure. Scholarship is broadly defined to include scholarship of discovery, of integration, or application, and of teaching.

The program provides funds to mentor pairs (an experienced faculty mentor with demonstrated areas of ability, expertise, and contacts relative to the mentee's scholarly agenda).

Thirty-six mentoring proposals were submitted, and Ragan and Susan's was one of only six selected for the award. The title of their project is "Trusting Appearances and Reciprocating Looks: Experiments on Gender and Race."

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Research Atlanta will host a TAD forum on March 16, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. on the 7th Floor of AYSPPS. The forum will focus on the study, "Georgia's Redevelopment Powers Law: A Policy Guide to the Evaluation and Use of Tax Allocation Districts," by **Carolyn Bourdeaux** (PAUS) and **John Matthews** (FRC).

The report attempts to familiarize policy makers with TADs' operation, the benefits and risks of TADs and how these might be distributed across different stakeholder groups and policies to minimize costs and risks.

Please attend this event to learn more about the report, which is currently available for download from www.researchatlanta.org.

Reserve your seat by contacting Research Atlanta at (404) 651-3748 or domccarty@gsu.edu. The deadline to RSVP is Wed. March 9.

Projects and Publications

Steven Buigut (Econ). "Seigniorage and the Proposed East Africa Community Monetary Union," *African Finance Journal*, 6 (2).

Bruce Kaufman (Econ). "Clark Kerr and the Founding of the Berkeley Institute of Industrial Relations: A Celebratory Remembrance." *Industrial Relations: A Journal of Economy and Society*, forthcoming.

Inas Rashad (Econ). "Structural Estimation of Caloric Intake, Exercise, Smoking and Obesity." *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, revise and resubmit.

Inas Rashad (Econ), Shin-Yi Chou, and Michael Grossman. "The Super Size of America: An Economic Estimation of Body Mass Index and Obesity in Adults." *Eastern Economic Journal*, revise and resubmit.

Bill Waugh (PAUS) is part of a national network of experts participating in a WGBH (PBS Boston) National Center for Accessible Media and Partnership for Public Warning project on warning systems for the disabled community. He is on the project's working group on "Access Alerts: Making Emergency Information Accessible to People with Disabilities."

The project is funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Technology Opportunities Program.

AYSPS Faculty Media Appearances

Jim Alm (Econ) appeared on the radio show, "Newsmakers with Tim Bryant," which is on news talk 1340 AM, WGAU. Alm talked to Bryant about the possible privatization of Social Security.

Charlotte Steeh (DPO/PAUS) was interviewed by the Associate Press for an article about cell phone use. Steeh commented on how cell phone users respond to calls from surveyors. The article may be viewed at: <http://www.cnn.com/2005/TECH/02/25/polling.cell.users.ap/index.html>.

Welcome Back

Margo Doers (FRC) returns from military active duty on March 7. She has been on active duty since February 7, 2003 with the U.S. Army's mobilization Project, Enduring Freedom.

AYSPS Graduate Sells Analysis Company

Harold Ball (Ph.D. in Economics '01) sold his company, SRI Analytics to Aspen Marketing Services recently. Ball was founder and president of SRI Analytics.

Ball will remain with Aspen and will lead the newly formed group, Aspen Analytics.

For more information, go to: http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/050302/cgw008_1.html.

AYSPS Faculty in Belgium

Paula Stephan (Econ) is currently a visiting fellow at Katholieke University Leuven in Belgium.

UNDP Fiscal Decentralization Project

ISP has been contracted by the UNDP Bratislava Regional Centre (BRC) to produce country studies on the state of fiscal decentralization in Armenia, Croatia, Republic of Georgia, Macedonia, and Serbia. The primary work is being done by **Jorge Martinez-Vazquez** (ISP/Econ), **Jamie Boex** (ISP/Econ), and **Andrey Timofeev** (ISP) with country inputs from Michael Schaeffer (Georgia & Croatia), Marjan Nikolov (Macedonia), and Snezana Stojanovic (Serbia).

Jamaican Government Officials Visit AYSPS

ISP, led by **Sally Wallace** (FRC/Econ), is currently hosting four Jamaican government officials, Paul Lai, Theodore Mitchel, Andrew Stephenson and Orlin Weise for a three-day training. The Jamaica Tax Reform project team developed models to assess the revenue effects of proposed tax legislation. The Jamaican government officials are visiting AYSPS in order to work with **Sally Wallace** (FRC/Econ), **Mark Rider** (Econ) and **Felix Rioja** (Econ) to attain hands on experience in using the models.

Seminars and Publications

Julie Hotchkiss (Econ) and **Robert Moore** (Econ) (with Melinda Pitts). "Freshman Learning Communities, College Performance, and Retention," *Education Economics*, revise and resubmit.

Julie Hotchkiss (Econ) presented the paper, "Employment and Earnings on the Technology Roller Coaster: Insight from State Administrative Data" (co-authored with Melinda Pitts and John Robertson) at a seminar at the University of Colorado-Denver. Hotchkiss will also present the paper at the Eastern Economic Association.

Julie Hotchkiss (Econ) and **Olga Pavlova** (Econ). "The Impact of 9/11 on Hours of Work in the U.S," *Social Science Quarterly*, revise and resubmit.

Greg Lewis (PAUS). "Same-Sex Marriage and the 2004 Presidential Election," *Political Science & Politics*, forthcoming.

Bill Waugh (PAUS) has been asked to edit a book for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Higher Education Project. The book will focus on the future of emergency management and Homeland Security and trends in emergency management education and training

Working Papers

F. Javier Arze del Granado (ISP/Econ), **Jorge Martinez-Vázquez** (ISP/Econ), and **Robert McNab** (ISP). "Fiscal Decentralization and the Functional Composition of Public Expenditures," January 2005.

Richard Bird (Distinguished Visiting Professor, ISP). "Value-Added Taxes in Developing and Transitional Countries: Lessons and Questions," March 2005.

Steven K. Buigut (Econ) and **Neven T. Valev** (Econ). "Eastern and Southern Africa Monetary Integration: A Structural Vector Autoregression Analysis," February 2005.

Jorge Martinez-Vazquez (ISP/Econ) and **Andrey Timofeev** (ISP). "Choosing between Centralized and Decentralized Models of Tax Administration," January 2005.

Jorge Martinez-Vazquez (ISP/Econ) and Robert M. McNab. "Fiscal Decentralization, Macrostability, and Growth," February 2005.

Sally Wallace (FRC/Econ), **Daoshu Wang** (ISP), and **Yongsheng Xu** (ISP/Econ). "On Some Non-Equivalence Results of Ad Valorem Tax," September 2004.

Georgia Health Policy Center News

Patricia Kota (GHPC), gave a presentation on Transportation Systems in Rural Communities at the Southern Rural Access Program's Winter 2005 Delta State Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, February 24. Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Southern Rural Access Program is designed to help improve access to basic healthcare in eight of the most rural, medically underserved states in the country. The program supports work to increase the supply of primary care providers in underserved areas, strengthen the health care infrastructure and build capacity at the state and community level to address healthcare problems.

Karen Minyard (GHPC/PAUS), director of the Georgia Health Policy Center, presented Monday, February 28, in Bethesda, Maryland findings from the Commonwealth Fund study of five communities throughout the United States to understand how specific local initiatives have developed and sustained financing to provide care for the uninsured.

Karen Minyard (GHPC/PAUS), **Lindsey Lonergan** (GHPC) and **Tina Anderson Smith** (GHPC) facilitated strategic planning for the Southern Regional Health Consortium February 22-23, in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Southern Regional Health Consortium is working to improve health care in eight of the most rural, medically underserved states in the country.

Karen Minyard (GHPC), **Dora Kyabu** (GHPC), **Pat Kota** (GHPC) and **Tina Smith** (GHPC) are participating in this year's Communities Joined in Action conference in Tampa, Florida, Community Health Solutions. This is the second joint conference of the Association for Community Health Improvement and Communities Joined in Action. For more information, visit: www.cjaonline.net.

Karen Minyard (GHPC) was interviewed by *Business-To-Business Magazine* for an article about employee-health coverage costs for businesses.

Chris Parker (GHPC) presented an update of the State Planning Grant program to the Georgia's Rural Development Council Health Committee at Rural Leadership Day February 23. Georgia Health Policy Center will conduct research and provide strategic planning for eight Southern states: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, East Texas and West Virginia. Georgia is one of only nine states selected for this grant to design pilot programs that have the potential to make health insurance more available and affordable throughout the state.

Made possible by a \$400,000 grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the pilot planning project allows Georgia to empower four of its communities to develop public/private partnerships and programs that positively impact the number of uninsured in their respective regions. Programs are being designed in the rural communities of Dalton and Brunswick, and in two urban centers, Atlanta and Macon.

Tina Smith (GHPC) presented on March 2, "Legislative Primer on Healthcare Financing and Medicaid," to the Women's Caucus of the Georgia General Assembly.

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ISP Summer Training Course

ISP ran an advertisement in the February 19-25 *Economist* for the ISP-AYS annual Summer Fiscal Policy Training Courses.

The training programs, which are designed, developed and taught by AYSPS faculty and leading policy experts worldwide continues to search for policy makers, government officials and academics from developing and transitional countries as well as donor agencies to participate in this years training courses. The courses are:

- Tax Policy, Fiscal Analysis and Revenue Forecasting (June 20 – July 8, 2005)
- Macroeconomic Policy Choices in the Global Economy (June 27- July 8, 2005)
- Fiscal Decentralization and Local Governance (July 11 – July 29, 2005)
- Public Budgeting and Fiscal Management (August 1-12, 2005)

For more information on ISP Summer Training Programs please visit:
<http://isp-aysps.gsu.edu/summer.html>.



Mark Your Calendars

AYSPS will host a welcome back reception for Margo Doers on Thursday, March 10, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in the 7th Floor, seminar room 750 of AYSPS.

AYSPS Appoints Ramsey Chair

AYSPS has appointed Dennis R. Young to fill the Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Chair of Private Enterprise.

Young is Professor of Nonprofit Management and Economics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He is nationally recognized for his efforts to apply economic principles to nonprofit management. Young helped establish the Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations at Case Western and was its director from 1988 to 1996. He is also president and founding CEO of the National Center on Nonprofit Enterprise based in Arlington, Virginia.

"The first lesson of economics is scarcity: there is never enough of anything to satisfy all those who want it. The first lesson of politics is to disregard the first lesson of economics."

Noah Langdale, Jr. Eminent Scholar Chair-Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar Selected

James Cox was recently appointed the Noah Langdale, Jr. Eminent Scholar Chair-Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar.

Cox is currently Arizona Public Service Professor of Economics at the University of Arizona. He is widely recognized as a leader in the field of experimental economics. He served as president of the Economic Science Association (the international organization of experimental economists) from 1997 to 1999. Cox served as advisory editor for the journal, *Experimental Economics*, from 1977 to 2003, and is currently on the journal's editorial board. His recent research focuses on group behavior in strategic market games, individual and group behavior in games involving trust and fear, and experiments that study other-regarding preferences.

Mark Your Calendars

Regional Leadership Forum

The Regional Leadership Forum's first quarterly Rush Hour Forum of 2005 will be hosted by the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies on Thursday, March 17, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the 7th floor seminar room. **Andrew Young** (AYSPS) and **Roy Bahl** (Dean's Office) will present an overview of current activities and programs of the school, and will share their vision for future collaboration between the school and RLF. Networking opportunities will begin at 5:30 p.m. and resume at 7:00 p.m. following the program.

Space is limited and reservations are required. To register, visit RLF's website at <http://www.rlfatlanta.org/upevents.htm>. The Rush Hour Forum is sponsored by AYSPS and Stevens & Wilkinson Stang & Newdow.

Research Atlanta TAD Forum

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Seminars and Publications

Roy Bahl (Dean's Office) presented a lecture at Tsinghua University School of Public Policy on "Intergovernmental Fiscal Reform in China."

Roy Bahl (Dean's Office) presented a lecture on "Property Tax Options for China" at a joint seminar sponsored by the Development Research Council of the Government of China and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Roy Bahl (Dean's Office) provided advice as part of the World Bank's technical assistance to the Government of China on fiscal policies.

Roy Bahl (Dean's Office) and **Sally Wallace** (FRC/Econ) presented "Evaluating Tax Policy and Economic Development: An International Perspective" at the Department of Economics Seminar Series at the Mona School of Business.

Jorge Martínez-Vázquez (ISP) and **José Félix Sanz Sanz** (ISP Distinguished Visiting Professor). "Las Claves de la Futura Reforma Fiscal (The Keys to Future Fiscal Reform)," *La Economía*, 4 January 2005.

Robert Moore (Dean's Office) presented "Can Foreign Direct Investment be Predicted?" at the Eastern Economics Association meeting in New York on March 5.

Board Nomination

Harvey Newman (PAUS) has been nominated for the Governing Board of the Urban Affairs Association, the North American professional group for academics and professionals interested in urban policy issues.

Newman has served two three-year terms on the Governing Board and two years as chair of the Association.

GHPC Research to be Featured by Academy Health

The Georgia Health Policy Center will be easy to spot at this year's Academy Health Research Meeting in June. Nine of the Center's abstracts recently were accepted as posters, and one abstract was accepted as a paper.

AcademyHealth promotes interaction across the health research and policy areas by bringing together a broad spectrum of players to share their perspectives, learn from each other, and strengthen their working relationships. For more information, visit www.academyhealth.org.

Child Policy Symposium

The Child Policy Symposium sponsored by GHPC will take place on April 20. Richard Rothstein of the Economic Policy Institute and Tafia Butler of Family Connection Partnership, will be the speakers. The Child Policy Symposium will bring together an inter-disciplinary group of academicians, professionals and practitioners from various fields. In addition, the symposium will highlight research, policy, and best practices for the well-being of children from a variety of dimensions including, but not limited to health, communities, school readiness, strong families, school success, and self-sufficiency.

The symposium will issue a call for papers, inviting participation in a fall 2005 symposium that illuminates Georgia's research, policy, and best practices for child well being.

The results of the symposium will provide citizens and policy makers with the information needed to make informed decisions regarding priorities, services and resources that impact the well-being of

Georgia's children. The symposium will create synergy throughout the state about child well-being, amplify the resources Georgia already offers in terms of research, policy, and practice, and stimulate research in areas where more or different information is needed.

Presentations and Publications

Paul Farnham's (Econ) abstract, "Economic Evaluation of HIV Rapid Testing Programs," has been accepted for a poster presentation at the AcademyHealth 2005 Annual Research Meeting in Boston, June 26-28.

Jorge Martínez-Vázquez (ISP/Econ) and **Mark Rider** (ISP/ ECON), "Multiple Modes of Tax Evasion: Theory and Evidence," *National Tax Journal*, March 2005, 58(1).

Jorge Martínez-Vázquez (ISP/Econ) delivered a keynote lecture for the "Urban Learning Week" on March 8 at the World Bank in Washington, DC.

Tina Smith's (GHPC) paper, "From Theory to Practice: What Drives the Core Business of Public Health," has been accepted by AcademyHealth.

Working Papers

Karen Minyard (GHPC/PAUS), **Lindsey Lonergan** (GHPC), **Chris Parker** (GHPC), **Tina Smith** (GHPC) and Claudia Lacson (with Deborah Chollet, Laurie Felland and Jaclyn Wong of the Commonwealth Fund). "Making Coverage for the Uninsured: The Role of Community Initiatives," January 2005.

Landers, Glenn (GHPC) (with Louis Kudon and John O'Looney). "Avoidable Hospitalizations: An Analysis for Potential Strategic Action," February 2005.

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WORKSHOP**

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APRIL 12

• 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
GSU Student Center Capital Ballroom
OPERATION HOPE/AYSPS FORUM

Operation Hope and AYSPPS will host, "From Civil Rights to Silver Rights, the Dawning of a New Era in 21st Century America." Sponsored by Operation Hope. Invitation only.

APRIL 13

• 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Smart Seminar Room, 7th Floor
MAYOR'S FORUM
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• 12 p.m.
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• 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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A reception honoring W.J. Usery and the establishment of the W.J. Usery, Jr. Chair in Labor Studies and the Appointment of W.J. Usery as a Distinguished Fellow in Labor Policy. Invitation only.

APRIL 20

• 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**CHILD POLICY LECTURE
Seminar Room #750**

Richard Rothstein, Research Associate, Economic Policy Institute, & Visiting Lecturer, Teachers College, Columbia University and Tafia Butler, Director, Family Connection Partnership, will present, "Children's Issues and the Conditions that Put Them at Risk."

APRIL 22

• 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Smart Seminar Room, 7th Floor
APPLIED ECONOMETRICS
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Chris Bollinger, University of Kentucky, will present, "Match Bias from Earnings Imputation in the Current Population Survey: The Case of Imperfect Matching."

APRIL 28

• 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Smart Seminar Room, 7th Floor
A NONPROFIT ROUNDTABLE**

Dennis Young, Professor of Non-profit Management and Adjunct Professor of Economics, Case Western Reserve University will host the roundtable. Invitation only.

Economics Department Hires New Faculty

The Department of Economics has hired two assistant professors, who will start Fall 2005.

Klara Sabirianova received her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Kentucky, and has been working for several years at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Her research focuses mainly on labor market issues in transition economies.

Yuriy Kitsul is finishing his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, working on time series methods in econometrics.

AYSPS Professor Appeared on President's Advisory Panel

James Alm (Econ) was asked to appear as a witness at a meeting of the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform. The meeting on March 23rd was in New Orleans, and examined the broad issue of "Families and Fairness." Alm discussed marriage tax issues. Others at the session included Gene Steuerle, Mark Pauly, and Hilary Hoynes, among others.

The Panel was established by President Bush to make recommendations on how to reform the tax code. The Panel is chaired by former senators John Breaux and Connie Mack, and is holding hearings around the country to solicit information and views.

The website for the Advisory Panel is at <http://www.taxreformpanel.gov/>.

Mark Your Calendars

Katherine Willoughby will present, "Grading the States 2005: Results of the Government Performance Project" on March 31 at 7:30 a.m. in AYSPS room 749. At the informative meeting, Willoughby will shed light on newly released report findings.

Willoughby and several AYSPS graduate students graded states on their management capacity in the following areas: money, people, infrastructure and information.

Presentations and Publications

Brian S. Armour, M. Melinda Pitts, and Julie L. Hotchkiss. "Labor Force Attachment, and Wages of Older Female Workers." Revise and resubmit from Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report.

James Alm (Econ) presented a paper on "Fiscal Policies in Puerto Rico," at a Brookings Institute-Center for the New Economy conference on Puerto Rican economic growth policies, held last week in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The paper is joint work with Ramon Cao Garcia of the University of Puerto Rico.

James Alm (Econ), **Jorge Martinez-Vazquez** (Econ/ISP), and **Mark Rider** (Econ) signed a contract with Springer Verlag publishing company to publish the papers from a recent International Studies Program conference. The edited volume is titled, "The Challenges of Tax Reform in the 21st Century."

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APRIL 8

• 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room #507
AYSPS hosts a "Coffee and Conversation with Richard B. Freeman."

• 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Smart Seminar Room, 7th Floor
USERY LECTURE SERIES
Richard Freeman, Ascherman Chair of Economics, Harvard University and Director, Labor Studies Program, National Bureau of Economic Research, will present, "Can We Improve Worker Well-Being in the New Global Economy?"

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AYSPS in the News

Carolyn Bourdeaux (FRC/PAUS) was quoted in the article, "Realizing the Belt-line, one notch at a time," in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution on March 24.

David Sjoquist (FRC/Econ) was quoted in the article, "Governor to back traffic task force," in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution on March 28.

Jeanie Thomas (FRC) was quoted in the article, "Gridlock task force gets state agency's approval..." published in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on March 10.

Research Atlanta Hosts Forum

The Research Atlanta Tax Allocation District Forum, held on March 16 was a huge success. A standing room only crowd filled the smart seminar room at 8 a.m. to discuss the recent study by **Carolyn Bourdeaux** (FRC/PAUS) and **John Matthews** (FRC). Thanks to everyone who helped make this a successful event.

GHPC Helps Community Leaders Spotlight Coverage for the Homeless

GHPC is working with three community health leaders, designated by the Community Health Leadership Program of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to help define a specific issue about Georgia's uninsured and design appropriate action to influence state policy. The group includes Rev. Michael Elliott of Union Mission Savannah, Lucy Hall of Mary Freedom House in Atlanta and Sandra McDonald of Outreach Inc. in Atlanta. For more information, contact Chris Parker at chrisparker@gsu.edu.



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The Fiscal Research Center's Spring Seminar Series continues on Monday, April 11th, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in the Smart Seminar Room. J. Mackie, U.S. Treasury Department, will present "Transition Relief and the Benefits of Fundamental Tax Reform."



AYSPS Student News

Robynn Cox (Econ) recently attended the International Scholars Conference at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Christine Moloji's (Econ) dissertation proposal defense will take place on April 12 at 11 a.m. The topic of her dissertation is, "Copycat Theory: Testing for Fiscal Policy Mimicking in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Region."

Zhenhua Hu's (PAUS) dissertation proposal defense will take place on Thursday, April 14, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. in AYSPPS room 355. The dissertation topic is "Two Essays on Corporate Income Tax and Organizational Forms."

State Planning Grant Brings Local, State and Federal Representatives Together

On Wednesday, March 30 at the Capitol, GHPC convened local, state and federal representatives to discuss their combined efforts to reduce the number of working uninsured in Georgia. Representatives from Academy Health met with the four state planning grant communities and the Governor's Advisory Council to discuss progress made by the communities thus far and the next steps in the State Planning Grant process.

Mark Trail, DCH Medicaid, and the Academy Health representatives offered insights into how the communities might design pilot plans that will leverage local investment.

Georgia is one of only nine states selected for this grant to design pilot programs \$400,000 grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration. The pilot planning project allows Georgia to empower four of its communities to develop public/private partnerships and programs that positively impact the number of uninsured in their respective regions. Programs are being designed in the rural communities of Dalton and Brunswick, and in two urban centers, Atlanta and Macon.

For more information, contact Glenn Landers (GHPC) at glanders@gsu.edu.

Publications, Presentations and Workshops

Gary Cornia, Kelly Edmiston, **David Sjoquist** (FRC/Econ) and **Sally Wallace** (FRC/Econ). "The Disappearing State Corporate Income Tax," *National Tax Journal*, March 2005.

Pat Kota (GHPC) will present at the NCHN national conference in April with Tom Ralsler from Capital Strategists Group. They will highlight the Business and Sustainability Intensives, launched in November and concluding in June, as a "Best Practice" approach for sustainability of rural health networks.

David Sjoquist (FRC/Econ) presented "Replacing School Property Taxes: What Are The Issues?" at the Thursday, March 24 meeting of the State of Georgia Fiscal Management Council held at the Georgia Freight Depot.

Erdal Tekin (Econ). "Child Care Subsidy Receipt, Employment, and Child Care Choices of Single Mothers," *Economics Letters*, forthcoming.

Bill Waugh (PAUS) participated in the invitation only workshop on "News and Terrorism: Communicating in a Crisis" sponsored by the Radio and Television News Directors Foundation, the National Academies, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 24 at the Omni/CNN Hotel in Atlanta.

The Fiscal Research Center program, Atlanta Census 2000, has released Census issue 9, "The Geography of Education Attainment in the Atlanta Region," written by Cecilie Wathne and **Joey Smith** (FRC). Atlanta Census 2000 is a collaborative effort between the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Fiscal Research Center of AYSPS. Reports of the program can be viewed at <http://atlantacensus2000.gsu.edu>.

Research Support Updates

Faculty authors' contributions: Copies of these books by faculty authors are available for check out and return here on the ground floor of our new building in Room G-49. Gift books are welcome to this growing collection which serves students and colleagues here at the Andrew Young School.

- *An Easy Burden: The Civil Rights Movement and the Transformation of America*, by Andrew Young. Harper Collins, 1996.
- *Public Finance in Developing and Transitional Countries: Essays in Honor of Richard Bird*, edited by Jorge Martinez-Vazquez and James Alm. Edward Elgar Press, 2003.
- *Reforming Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations and the Rebuilding of Indonesia*, edited by James Alm, Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, and Sir Mulyani Indrawati. Edward Elgar Press, 2004.
- *Striking the Mother Lode in Science: The importance of Age, Place, and Time*, by Paula Stephan and Sharon Levin. Oxford University Press, 1992.
- *Southern Hospitality : Tourism and the Growth of Atlanta*, by Harvey K. Newman. University of Alabama Press, 1999.
- *Taxing the Hard-to-Tax: Lessons from Theory and Practice*. Edited by James Alm, Jorge Martinez-Vazquez and Sally Wallace. Elsevier, 2004.
- *The Atlanta Paradox*, edited by David Sjoquist. Russell Sage Foundation, 2000.

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AYSPS Student Receives Fulbright Grant

Rebecca Serna (PAUS) has been selected to receive a Student Fulbright Grant to conduct research in Colombia in 2005-2006. She will examine the connections between civic culture and public space in Bogotá.

Media Highlights

Rebecca Serna (PAUS) recently published an opinion editorial, "Higher price," which appeared in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* on April 1. In the article, Serna discussed MARTA's proposed fare increase.

Jeanie Thomas (FRC) was quoted in the article, "Task force aims to reduce Atlanta traffic congestion" published in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* on March 31.

AYSPS Student News

Generosa Kagaruki-Kakoti's (Econ) dissertation proposal defense will take place on Monday, April 18, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 507 of the AYSPS Building. The dissertation topic is "An Economic Analysis of School and Labor Market Outcomes for At-Risk Youth."

Book Release

Bill Kahnweiler's (PAUS) book, "Shaping Your HR Role Succeeding in Today's Organizations," hits the shelves on April 15th.

This book has been written for the HR practitioner and will provide readers with tools, guidelines, ideas, and strategies for developing their role within the Human Resources function. This text focuses on current issues and future trends in both the HR profession and the workplace. Organizations will continue to be forced to function in a lean and mean manner. HR professionals are now required to manage outsourcing functions and to move through multiple internal roles quickly. This book will act as a roadmap to help them plan and implement these roles quickly and efficiently, aligned to their organizations strategy.

For more information, go to <http://books.elsevier.com/us//management/us/subindex.asp?maintarget=&isbn=0750678232>.

Alumni News

Michael Adams (M.S. in Urban Policy Studies, '04) now works for the Georgia Department of Transportation as a planning engineer II.

Publications

Fiscal Research Center. "Georgia's Lottery," based on research conducted by **Peter Bluestone** (FRC) which summarizes state lottery indicators for Georgia, Delaware, Massachusetts, and Florida.

Fiscal Research Center. "Georgia's Growing Elderly Population and Revenue Growth," based on research conducted with financial support from Healthcare Georgia Foundation. This research summarizes population and age distributions in the U.S. and discusses various pressures on federal, state and local budgets.

Fiscal Research Center. "Budgetary Implications of Georgia's Aging Population," based upon research conducted by **Glenn Landers** (GHPC) and **Clare Richie** of the Georgia Budget Policy Institute and with financial support from Healthcare Georgia Foundation.

Fiscal Research Center. "Health Status of Georgia's Elderly," based upon research conducted by **Glenn Landers** (GHPC) and with financial support from Healthcare Georgia Foundation.

Fiscal Research Center. "Georgia's Healthcare Inventory for the Elderly," based upon research conducted by **Clare Richie** of the Georgia Budget Policy Institute and with financial support from Healthcare Georgia Foundation. This Fiscal Impact presents a summary of the current status of elder-care facilities and programs to provide a baseline for analyses of future pressures on healthcare facilities and programs for the elderly in Georgia.

The Fiscal Research Center publishes the "Fiscal Impact to the State of Georgia General Assembly and staff" while the legislators are in session. These and other reports of the center can be viewed at the FRC website.

Greg Streib (PAUS) and **Ignacio Navarro** (PAUS). *American Review of Public Administration*. "Citizen Demand for Interactive Government: The Case of Georgia Consumer Services," forthcoming.

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AYSPS Faculty Win Awards

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Douglas Krupka (Econ) has been awarded a \$10,000 Research Initiation Grant to study "The Stability of Mixed-Income Neighborhoods in America: 1990-2000."

Ragan Petrie (Econ) has been awarded a Research Initiation Grant in the amount of \$9,500 through the GSU Research Initiation Program for her research project, "Prejudice and the Perpetuation of Differences: Experiments Exploring the Impact of Performance and Appearance on Sorting."

Christine Roch (PAUS) has been awarded a Faculty Mentoring Grant in the amount of \$11,000 to focus on "Accountability and Choice in Education." Roch will work with **Gary Henry** (PAUS).

John Thomas (PAUS) is part of a research team centered in Chattanooga's Community Research Council (CRC), that has just been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation as part of Sloan's program on Performance Assessment of Municipal Governments.

PAUS Faculty Heads ASPA Section

John Thomas (PAUS) became the Chair of the Section on Public Administration Research (SPAR) of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) at ASPA's recent national conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The SPAR membership voted Thomas into the position of chair-elect last year.

AYSPS Student and Alumnus Accept Positions

A.J. Sumell (PhD in Economics, Summer '05) recently accepted an offer to serve as assistant professor in the Department of Economics at Youngstown State University in Ohio.

Carol Scotton (PhD in Economics, '2000) accepted the position offer of assistant professor in the Department of Economics at Knox College in Illinois.

Media Spotlight

Karen Minyard is quoted in the April 8 edition of the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* article, "Coping with the Uninsured." Academy Health's Alice Burton, Frank Selgrath of Coastal Medical Access Project in Brunswick, and Greg Dent of Community Health Works in Macon were also quoted in the article. To view the article, go to <http://www.bizjournals.com/atlanta/stories/2005/04/11/story6.html?GP=OTC-MJ1752087487>.

Mark Your Calendars

ISP will host its annual USAID Fiscal Policy Reform Training course from April 18-22, which will deal with the different aspects of fiscal policy and their implications for USAID activities.

Publications

Jim Alm (Econ) (with Michael McGee). 2005. "The Effects on Compliance of Communication Among Taxpayers," *The IRS Research Bulletin*, Publication 1500, 37-48.

Fiscal Research Center. *Georgia Taxes, A Summary of Major State and Local Government Taxes* (11th Edition).

Mary Mathewes Kassis (FRC) and **David Bolt** (FRC). "A Historical Perspective of Georgia's Economy," *FRC Report/Brief*. The full report chronicles the history of Georgia's economy from the 1950s to the present and provides an outlook for the future growth areas in Georgia.

Peter Bluestone (FRC) and **Sally Wallace** (FRC/Econ) "What Georgians Are Thinking About Taxes I," *FRC Brief 101*. This brief is the first of three reporting on telephone surveys of Georgians.

Partnership Formed to Improve Child Well-Being

Georgia State University and the University of Georgia will launch this month a new partnership to improve the well-being of Georgia's children. Through the Child Policy Partnership, GSU's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and UGA's Carl Vinson Institute of Government aim to introduce a new way of looking at children's issues by linking research and practice, and facilitating discussions to strengthen both throughout the state. The Partnership will kick off **April 20 at AYSPS** when Richard Rothstein and Taifa Butler present an overview of factors influencing child well-being at the national and state levels and a "Call for Papers" is announced for the Fall Child Policy Symposium.

Richard Rothstein, a visiting professor at Columbia University's Teachers College, research associate at the Economic Policy Institute, and former New York Times education columnist, will present a national view of child well-being. Tafia Butler, public affairs director at Family Connection Partnership, will demonstrate how Georgia ranks in key indicator areas of child well-being, such as communities, families, schools, and health.



International Work

Mark Rider (Econ), **Jorge Martinez-Vazquez** (ISP/Econ), **Roy Bahl** (Dean's Office), and **Eunice Heredia** (ISP/Econ) wrote the report, "India: Fiscal Condition of the States, International Experience, and Options for Reform." Rider, Martinez-Vazquez, and Bahl traveled to India March 31 to meet with Subhash Garg of the Ministry of Finance and Madhumita Gupta of USAID to further develop and finalize the report.



Presentations and Visits

James Alm (Econ) traveled to Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, where he presented his paper on "Audit Information, Taxpayer Communication, and Compliance," on Friday, April 8.

Shiyuan Chen presented the paper, "The Effects of Fiscal Factors on Interstate Migration in the U.S.," at the 2005 Mid-West Political Science Conference held April 7-10.

Ralph Moor (B.C.E. '37) visited **Janet Johnson's** (Econ) Principles of Micro-economics class on April 11.

On April 6, **Felix Rioja** (Econ) was the keynote speaker for the induction ceremony of the GSU chapter of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars.

Felix Rioja (Econ) presented "Financial Structure and the Sources of Growth" (joint work with **Neven Valev** (Econ)) at Auburn University's Department of Economics.

Edward Sennoga (Econ) gave a presentation at the GSU Economic Forecasting Center's Sponsor Seminar held at the Commerce Club. The title of his presentation was "The Southeast Economy: Pre and Post-Recession."



Staff Appreciation

AYSPS Employee Awarded Sparks Award

Avani Raval (Dean's Office) has been awarded the GSU Alumni Association Sparks Award. The Presentation Ceremony and Reception will take place on Tuesday, April 26 at 10 a.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Raval has worked for the Dean's Office since 1997. The award recognizes GSU's unsung heroes—faculty, staff and students—who exemplify a willingness to "go the extra mile" with good humor and perseverance.

Board of Regents Approves New Faculty Appointments and Promotions

Congratulations to the following AYSPS faculty members, who have been appointed or promoted to new positions:

Julie Hotchkiss (Econ), Promoted to Professor

Christine Roch (PAUS), Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor

Neven Valev (Econ), Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor

James Cox (Econ), New Tenured Professor and Noah Langdale, Jr. Eminent Scholar Chair

Dennis Young (PAUS), New Tenured Professor and Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Chair of Private Enterprise

Yurly Kitsul (Econ), New Tenure-Track Assistant Professor

Klara S. Petre (Econ), New Tenure-Track Assistant Professor

David Pitts (PAUS), New Tenure-Track Assistant Professor

Beloved Research Associate to Retire

Jeanie Thomas (FRC), senior research associate, announced plans to retire in May 2005. Thomas has had a long and distinguished career and was one of the first people hired by the Fiscal Research Center (FRC).

She has contributed to the success of the FRC in numerous ways and will be greatly missed. The FRC is in the process of planning a retirement party. Details will follow soon.

Publications and Presentations

Former AYSPS faculty member **George Guess** has written a novel about dog killers and human murders. In *The Dogs of Bucharest*, police officials try to unravel the mystery against the backdrop of Romanian and EU politics. The book is available through www.amazon.com. George lives in Budapest with his wife Regula and his dog Benny and is the director of research for the Open Society Institute.

Julie L. Hotchkiss (Econ) gave a presentation at the GSU Economic Forecasting Center's Sponsor Seminar held at the Commerce Club. The title of the presentation was "How Many Jobs are Enough?"

Julie Hotchkiss (Econ) (with Melinda Pitts and John Robertson). "Wages Gains Among Job Changers Across the Business Cycle: Evidence from State Administrative Data." *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, revise and resubmit.

Harvey Newman (PAUS) moderated a panel on "Religion and the City" and delivered a paper on "Congregations in the City" at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association in Salt Lake City.

Dissertation Announcements

Bayar Tumenassan (Econ) successfully defended his dissertation, "Fiscal Decentralization and Corruption in the Public Sector," on Friday, April 22.

Mamadou Sow's (Econ) dissertation proposal defense is scheduled for Friday, April 29 at 1 p.m. in AYSPS room 507. The title of the dissertation proposal is, "The Effects of Air Pollution on Infant Health: An Analysis from Georgia."

Alumnus Visits Disaster Management Class

Chauncia Willis Cuellar visited **Bill Waugh's** (PAUS) Disaster Management class on April 12 and put the class through a bioterrorism tabletop exercise.

Cuellar is a graduate of the MPA program. She currently is employed as a senior exercise instructor with Eagle Group, Inc., and is also an instructor at Emergency Management Institute at the National Training Center (FEMA) in Emmitsburg, MD.

Faculty News

Janet Rechtman (PAUS), part-time professor, has recently been awarded the 2004 "Facilitator of the Year" Award by the Southeastern Association of Facilitators (SEAF).

Georgia Rural Development Council Updates

Lindsey Lonergan (GHPC) attended the Georgia Rural Development Council meeting in Moultrie, Georgia on April 12. Governor Sonny Perdue, who is chair of the Council, heard updates from the Council's four committees, including Brian Burdette, chair of the Healthcare Committee, who discussed accomplishments thus far (State Planning Grant, Tort Reform) and goals for the upcoming year, including support of the Live Healthy Georgia Campaign and a single vision for rural health in Georgia.

Lonergan serves as the Georgia Health Policy Center's liaison to the Healthcare Committee. For more information, contact Lonergan at Lindsey@gsu.edu.

AYSPS Student News

Nevbahar Ertas's (PAUS) dissertation proposal defense will occur on May 13 at 10:30 a.m. The dissertation title is "Public School Responses to Charter School Presence." Ertas is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree in Public Policy at AYSPS and Georgia Institute of Technology.

Congratulations

Jaiwan Harris (Dean's Office) has been promoted to business manager for the AYSPS Domestic Programs office. Harris will begin working there on May 2.

Wedding Bells

Shannon Jones (Dean's Office) married Jide Omisore on April 9 in Decatur, Georgia. Her new last name is **Omisore**.

Farewell

Cynthia "Cindy" Pembroke's (Dean's Office) last day was April 29. Pembroke's career accomplishments include building the AYSPS website and orchestrating the move to the new building. She looks forward to devoting more time to her artwork. For future web updates, contact **Bonnie Naugle** (Dean's Office).

Publications and Presentations

A new book titled, Foreign Aid Safari: Journeys in International Development, by long-time IPMN member **George Guess** has just been published by Athena Press (London). The ISBN number is 1-84401-406-1. It can be obtained via athenapress.com or amazon.com. The book provides perspectives from the field through a chronicle of international assistance work in a number of developing and transitional countries around the world.

Pat Kota (GHPC) presented the "Sustainability Planning and Resource Acquisition Intensives" as a 'best practice' at the National Cooperative of Health Networks conference in Chicago, Illinois, April 17-19, which resulted in requests from four states to offer the program in Michigan, South Carolina, Alaska, and Tennessee.

Lindsey Lonergan (GHPC) attended the NCHN meeting in Chicago, Illinois, April 17-19, and presented the "Federal Rural Health Grant Outlook for 2005" with Tom Morris, deputy director, Office of Rural Health Policy, and Kristine Sande, project director of the Rural Assistance Center.

Karen Minyard (GHPC/PAUS) presented an overview of the health status of Georgians to a group of congressional leaders, representatives and health care leaders at the Georgia Health Policy Forum in Savannah, Georgia on April 18.

Media Appearances

Karen Minyard (GHPC/PAUS) recently made several media appearances. She was quoted in the May 4 edition of the *Dalton Daily Citizen* in an article about the Center's work with community leaders in Central Georgia to reduce the number of working uninsured people. She was also quoted in the "Clinic joining study," article published in *The Brunswick News*. To view that article, go to <http://www.thebrunswicknews.com/front/283230308096978.php>.

Minyard was recently interviewed by journalist Randall Savage of Macon's WMAZ-TV in the 30-minute show, "Close-Up," on April 29. The interview focused on the GHPC's work with community leaders in Central Georgia to reduce the number of the working uninsured.

Presentations

Karen Minyard (PAUS/GHPC) presented an overview of Georgia's current health and health policy to a group of community leaders at the Politics and Lunch in Macon, Georgia, April 29.

PAUS Student Heads Georgia Perimeter College

Robert Watts (PAUS) has been selected as the interim president of Georgia Perimeter College. He will work to make sure the college is in good shape when a permanent president takes over (Atlanta Journal-Constitution, May 5). Watts is currently a student at AYSPS and Georgia Tech in the doctorate in public policy studies joint degree program.

AYSPS Student News

Nevbahar Ertas (PAUS), a public policy doctoral student, has received a dissertation grant from the American Educational Research Association. Her project focuses on the effect of charter schools on public schools.

Douglas Jefferson (PAUS) recently commented on his attendance at the Model African Union in Washington, D.C. in his paper, "Model AU Summary." After participating in this conference for the first time, he wrote. "I am excited about participating next year. I would urge anyone who has an interest in politics or policy setting to take up the challenge of the Model AU Conference."

Kuaudio Dongo (Econ) also attended the conference. AYSPS co-sponsored Jefferson and Dongo. A total of seven GSU students attended the conference. At the conference, the GSU delegation represented Algeria. The students researched the country before attending the conference. They then formed committees to write resolutions, presented resolutions and argued for or against resolutions presented by other countries.



Call for Papers and Best Practices



The Andrew Young School and the Carl Vinson Institute launched this month a new partnership to improve the well-being of Georgia's children. The Child Policy Partnership seeks academic papers and best practice summaries on a wide-range of issues related to child well-being for a Child

Policy Symposium, which will be held Friday, September 30, at Clayton State College and University.

This Symposium will address the needs of the whole child, from birth to adolescence, and focus on the broad-range of issues that affect the healthy development and well-being of children. The day-long conference will highlight the research and best practices from a variety of dimensions including, but not limited to, health, school readiness, strong families, future self-sufficiency and other determinants of child well being. For more information, contact GHPC's Sallie Barker at sbarker@gsu.edu.



Governor Appoints AYSPS Faculty Member to Commission

John Thomas (PAUS) has been appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue to serve on the Georgia Commission on Child Support. The Commission will conduct a comprehensive review of the state's child support guidelines, and will also determine whether adjustments to the child support obligation table are needed.

Media Spotlight

Karen Minyard (GHPC/PAUS) was interviewed by WSB Channel 2 on May 5 about the rising numbers of recent college graduates who lack health insurance. Minyard was also quoted on May 6 in an *Atlanta Business Chronicle* article about how employers are coping with the rising costs of health coverage.

Publications

James Alm (Econ) and **Mikhail Melnik** (Econ). "Taxing the 'Family' in the Individual Income Tax." *Public Finance and Management*, 2005, 5 (1), pp. 41-86.

James Alm (Econ) and Benno Torgler. "Estimating the Determinants of Tax Morale," National Tax Association, Proceedings of the Ninety-Seventh Annual Conference on Taxation, 2004, Minneapolis, MN, forthcoming.

Dissertation Announcement

Guevera A. Yao's (Econ) dissertation proposal defense will take place on Friday, May 20, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 507 AYSPS Building, 14 Marietta Street. The dissertation topic is "Decentralization and Poverty Reduction Outcomes in Developing Countries."

RFP for Statewide Fitness Assessment

The RFP for a statewide fitness assessment sponsored by the Philanthropic Collaborative for a Healthy Georgia is out! This survey will help provide reliable information to Georgia's policymakers so they may better design and implement policies and programs to address overweight and obesity among Georgia's children.

In Georgia, a 2003 survey of school-aged children estimated that 33% of middle school youth and 26% of high school youth are overweight or at risk of becoming overweight.

In order to lay the groundwork for Georgia to improve long-term health outcomes for its children and adolescents, it is essential that decision makers have access to comprehensive and reliable data about the physical fitness and activity levels of our school-aged children. The RFP is available at available at the following website: http://ssl.doas.state.ga.us/PRSapp/PR_bid_notice.jsp?bid_op=0550900509-02-041505.

Congratulations to AYSPS Staff Spring 2005 Graduates

Shannon Omisore (Dean's Office), M.A. in Professional Writing, Kenesaw State University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Bernette McColley (GHPC), M.P.A., Georgia State University, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

Robin Steinbrenner (Dean's Office), M.S. in Rehabilitative Counseling, Georgia State University, College of Education

Presentations and Speaking Engagements

Kenneth Heaghney (FRC/Econ) presented "US and Georgia Economic Outlook" before the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce on April 29. Heaghney presented "U.S. and Southeast Economic Outlook" before the PMA Insurance Group for the Customer Forum in Atlanta on May 4. He will travel to Jekyll Island, Georgia to present "Georgia's Fiscal Conditions—FY2005 and Outlook for FY2006" before the Georgia Fiscal Management Council on May 17.

Karen Minyard (GHPC/PAUS) presented on April 29 an overview of Georgia's current health and health policy to a group of community leaders at Politics and Lunch in Macon, Ga. **Minyard** will present on May 23 in St. Simons at the Medical Association of Georgia's strategic planning meeting, which is themed "Where Will Medicine Be in 2015?"

Inas Rashad (Econ) presented "Fast Food Restaurant Advertising and Its Influence on Childhood Obesity" (co-authored by Shin-Yi Chou and Michael Grossman) for the Prevention Effectiveness Seminar at the Centers for Disease Control on May 11.

Travel

James Alm (Econ) traveled to Puerto Rico to meet with government officials on recent proposals to reform the Puerto Rican tax system. The work was completed in collaboration with Ramon Cao Garcia of the University of Puerto Rico, for a Brookings Institute - Center for the New Economy project on Puerto Rican economic growth policies.

HELPING HAND FOR THE HOMELESS

Join the AYSPS and other community volunteers in assisting with a study of homelessness. In the past few weeks, Pathways Community Network, in conjunction with the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, and DeKalb County, has administered 1,000 questionnaires to homeless individuals in the Metro Atlanta area.

AYSPS will be conducting the analysis of the surveys. How can you help? By donating some time as a data entry volunteer, helping us enter the questionnaire answers onto computer-friendly web screens, which will then be automatically recorded in a statistical data base.

DATE: Tuesday, May 24

TIME: 12 noon to 8 p.m.

WHO: Any interested faculty, students, or staff (no particular data entry skills required). Bring a friend!!!

WHERE: AYSPS 7th Floor Econometrics/Research Methods Lab
Room #720

RESERVE YOUR SPOT: Please sign up for a 1-hour, 2-hour or 3-hour commitment with Brandie at Pathways (brandie.haywood@pcni.org or 404-584-6591 Ext. 312). Questions? See Janet Johnson, AYSPS #629.

Neighborhood Collaborative Sponsors Senior Art Exhibit



in a summer program to local master artists and many types of artists and media.

Since Sunday, May 15, the GSU Senior volunteers have been featured in the CHE Art Gallery on the first floor of City Hall East. The Neighborhood Collaborative has sponsored the Senior Program for the past three years. The exhibit features photographs of the seniors in action and other creations of the seniors. The art gallery exhibits a wide array of art from children engaged

Gallery hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, call (404) 206-5010.

AYSPS Safety Planning

Since April the AYSPS Floor Safety Coordinators have been meeting biweekly to develop and test emergency evacuation procedures. With representation from each floor in our building, the committee will test the GBA designed evacuation plan, first with committee members only, then with all faculty and staff at a pre-announced time, and finally, after incorporating what was learned from the earlier tests, there will be an unannounced drill for all faculty and staff. As these drills approach, more specific information will be provided. The committee members from each floor are listed below. If you don't know where the nearest fire extinguisher is, ask your floors representative to show you.

Vault: **Abdu Muwonge** (Econ), **Edward Sennoga** (Econ)
Ground: **Wanda Cooley** (AA), **Sally Fowler** (AA)
First: **Tumika Williams** (DPO)
Second: **Cindy Clark** (GHPC), **Althea Rutherford J**(GHPC),
Chan Johnson (GHPC)
Third: **Elsa Gebremedhin** (PAUS), **Lisa Shepard** (PAUS)
Fourth: **Kathy Banks** (EPP), **Margo Doers** (FRC), **Jaiwan Harris** (FRC)
Fifth: **Shereen Bhan** (ISP), **Mary Kenyatta** (Econ)
Sixth: **Avani Raval** (Dean's Office)
Seventh: **LaTonya Edwards** (Dean's Office), **Chris Peters** (Dean's Office)

Copies of the AYSPS Building Emergency Evacuation Route were distributed to all occupants' campus mail boxes. Remember, the AYSPS building Emergency Evacuation Assembly Site is Centennial Olympic Park.

AYSPS Offers Condolences

Mary Beth Walker (Econ) and **Ken Heaghey** (FRC/Econ) shared the sad news that Heaghey's father has passed away. Kenneth James Heaghey's funeral took place in St. Louis the weekend of May 14. The funeral home information is as follows: Kutis Funeral Home Afton, 10151 Gravois Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63123, 314-842-4458.

The Fiscal Research Center will send a memorial gift to Walker and Heaghey upon their return.

AYSPS Faculty News

Media Spotlight

Harvey Newman (PAUS) was interviewed by WNBC-TV on Tuesday, May 10, for a news special comparing the 1996 Atlanta Olympics to the New York City bid for the 2012 games.

AYSPS Faculty Members Receive Research Initiation Grants

AYSPS congratulates **Douglas Krupka** (Econ) and **Ragan Petrie** (Econ/EPP) for receiving G.S.U. Research Initiation Grants. Krupka received the grant for his project, "The Stability of Mixed-Income Neighborhoods in America: 1990-2000." Petrie was awarded the grant to focus on her project, "Prejudice and Perpetuation of Differences: Experiments Exploring the Impact."

ISP to Sponsor Conference

The Experimental Public Economics Conference will be held May 23-24, in Stone Mountain, Georgia. This 5th annual conference, which is sponsored by the International Studies Program, will bring together leading economists from around the globe to discuss issues in experimental public economics.

The conference will examine a range of public finance issues and bring together a select group of distinguished scholars who will present original papers written especially for the conference, that will apply experimental methods to emerging issues in public economics.

More information about the conference can be found at <http://isp-aysps.gsu.edu/academics/conferences/conf2005/index.html>.

AYSPS Congratulates Graduates

A total of 120 students graduated from the Andrew Young School for the Spring Semester. We congratulate all graduates for completing their programs. The graduation exercise took place on May 14.

| <i>Degree</i> | <i>Number of Graduates</i> |
|---|----------------------------|
| <i>B.A. in Economics</i> | <i>5</i> |
| <i>B.S. in Economics</i> | <i>5</i> |
| <i>B.S. in Human Resources Policy and Development</i> | <i>17</i> |
| <i>B.S. in Urban Policy Studies</i> | <i>32</i> |
| <i>M.A. in Economics</i> | <i>6</i> |
| <i>M.P.A.</i> | <i>33</i> |
| <i>M.S. Human Resource Development</i> | <i>12</i> |
| <i>M.S. in Urban Policy Studies</i> | <i>8</i> |
| <i>Ph.D. in Economics</i> | <i>2</i> |

Dissertation Announcement

Dmitriy Shishkin's (Econ) dissertation proposal defense will take place on June 9 at noon in AYSPS room 507. The title is "Does Equalization Affect the Size of the Tax Base?"

DEAN'S E-NEWS JUNE — JULY 2005

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Presentations and Publications

Peter Bluestone (FRC) and **Sally Wallace** (FRC/Econ). "What Georgians Are Thinking About Taxes I, II and III," *FRC Briefs 101, 104, and 105*, March and April 2005. These briefs summarize telephone surveys of changes in attitude on a select number of fiscal issues.

John Matthews (FRC). "Fiscal Capacity of Counties in Georgia," *FRC Brief 103*, April 2005. This brief presents a measure of the fiscal capacity for each Georgia county.

Karen Minyard (GHPC/PAUS) presented "Georgia's Healthcare in 2015" to the Medical Association of Georgia's strategic planning committee May 23 in St. Simons, Georgia.

Karen Minyard (GHPC/PAUS), **Tina Smith** (GHPC), **Beverly Tyler** (GHD), **Pat Kota** (GHPC), **Lindsey Lonergan** (GHPC), and **Dora Kyabu** (GHPC) attended the National Rural Health Association and National Network of Public Health Institute conferences in New Orleans, Louisiana May 17-21.

Lakshmi Pandey (FRC), **Erdal Tekin** (Econ) and **Sally Wallace** (FRC/Econ). "The Link Between Teen Childbearing and Employment in Georgia," *FRC Brief 106*, May 2005. This policy brief funded by the UPS Foundation, takes a first look at the teen birth-employment interactions.

Lakshmi Pandey (FRC), **Erdal Tekin** (Econ), and **Sally Wallace** (FRC/Econ). "Teen Childbearing and Public Assistance in Georgia," *FRC Brief 107*, May 2005. This report, funded by the UPS Foundation, analyzes the patterns in births for women, focusing on teens and welfare reform from Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) to Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

David Richardson. "Status of Health and Pension Benefits for Employees of the State of Georgia," *FRC Report/Brief 102*, April 2005. This report and brief analyzes the Health and Retirement Package offered to employees of the State of Georgia. The analysis covers the two primary state employment systems: the Georgia Merit system (GMS) and the Board of Regents (BOR) system.

AYSPS Faculty Members to Advise Governor

Karen Minyard (GHPC/PAUS) and **Glenn Landers** (PAUS) are chosen members of the Commission for a New Georgia Health Care and Eldercare Technical Advisory Group. The group will advise Governor Perdue about opportunities for growth and job expansion in health care and elder care in Georgia over the next 25 years. Minyard and Landers will serve on several subcommittees including, Health Incentives, Uninsured, Eldercare, and Viability.

AYSPS Hosts Summer Internship Program

Under the leadership of **Neven Valev** (Econ), AYSPS is hosting the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Program for the fifth summer. The program is funded by the National Science Foundation. The purpose of the REU Program is to introduce students to graduate school and to expose them to research. The program is geared toward women and minorities who are entering their senior year in college and considering applying for graduate school.

This year's participants are Kaara DeFreitas, Billy Dunbar, Kerry Ann Shepherd, Mao Fanzi, Kevin Garcia, Nick Grout, Simone Jenkins, Bradley Samples, Tameika Tiller, and Nancy Vogh. They hail from a variety of schools, which include Howard University, Georgia Southern University, Berry College, the University of California at Berkeley and Benedict College.

Faculty members, **Karen Minyard** (GHPC/PAUS), **Mark Rider** (Econ), **Neven Valev** (Econ), **Jim Alm** (Econ), **Greg Lewis** (PAUS), **Laura Taylor** (EPP/Econ), **Bill Waugh**, (PAUS), **Ragan Petrie** (EPP/Econ), **Gary Henry** (DPO/PAUS), **Jorge Martinez-Vazquez** (ISP/Econ) and **Jamie Boex** (ISP/Econ) will mentor the students throughout the program by introducing them to graduate level research in economics, public policy, and other social science disciplines.

GHPC Honors Networks

The Georgia Health Policy Center honored on June 9, twelve Georgia networks for their success in sustainability and resource acquisition training. Georgia's rural health networks help bridge the healthcare gap between rural and urban areas and meet the needs of the communities they serve. The networks' seven month investment in training is now paying off with plans in action that have the potential to create, over a span of four years, more than 50 new jobs in rural Georgia and save local hospitals and other providers more than \$18.4 million, via free care clinics, prescription assistance, and care management for the chronically ill.

ISP Stone Mountain Conference

James Alm (Econ), **Jorge Martinez-Vazquez** (ISP/Econ), **Mark Rider** (Econ), and **Michael McKee** organized the "Experimental Public Economics" conference held on May 24-25 at the Stone Mountain resort. Ten papers that applied experimental methods to issues in public economics were presented, including the following papers:

Lucy Ackert, Bryan Church, and Gerald Dwyer. "When the Shoe is on the Other Foot: Experimental Evidence on Evaluation Disparities."

Lucy Ackert, Ann Gillette, **Jorge Martinez-Vazquez** (ISP/Econ), and **Mark Rider** (Econ). "Experimental Evidence for Tax Policy Design."

James Alm (Econ) and Michael McKee. "Audit Certainty and Taxpayer Compliance."

James Cox (Econ) and Vjollca Sadiraj. "Social Preferences and Voluntary Contributions to Public Goods."

Catherine Eckel, Cathleen Johnson, and Claude Montmarquette. "Debt Aversion and the Demand for Loans for Post-Secondary Education."

Dirk Engelmann and Martin Strobel. "Preferences over Income Distributions - Experimental Evidence."

Paul Ferraro (EPP/Econ) and **Ronald G. Cummings** (EPP/Econ). "Cultural Diversity, Discrimination and Economic Outcomes: An Experimental Analysis."

Bernard Fortin, Guy Lacroix, and Marie-Claire Villeval. "Tax Evasion and Social Interactions."

Stephan Meier. "Information on Social Comparison and Price of Giving: Gender Differences in Two Field Experiments."

Charles Noussair and Steven Tucker. "Public Observability of Decisions and Voluntary Contributions in a Multi-Period Context."

SUMMER SCHEDULE

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Publications

Jim Alm (Econ). "Reputation, Information Signals, and Willingness to Pay for Heterogeneous Goods in Online Auctions" (with Mikhail I. Melnik), *Southern Economic Journal*, forthcoming.

Ken Heaghey is the featured personality in the Summer 2005 issue of the *Georgia State Magazine* (page 6). Heaghey closely monitors state and national economic trends and collaborates on various projects with **David Sjoquist** (FRC/Econ) and the Fiscal Research Center.

Presentations

Shiferaw Gurmu (Econ) and **William (Joey) Smith** (FRC) have been invited to participate in the National Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference in Crystal City, Virginia, June 13-15. They will present "Job Accessibility and Employment in TANF Cases: A Panel Data Analysis" during a session on Employment: Alternative Approaches.

Harvey Newman (PAUS) made a presentation to the Interfaith Roundtable convened by the Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership (ANDP) on Wednesday, June 8. The topic was the Mixed-Income Community Initiative.

Chris Parker (GHPC) presented on June 6, 2005, in Washington, D.C. to the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration and representatives from more than 48 states and US Territories an update of Georgia's State Planning Grant work to explore ways to reduce the number of working uninsured. The presentation highlighted progress of Georgia's four pilot planning communities and the results of a new employer survey about employer's willingness to provide coverage to uninsured workers.

Summer Travel

David Sjoquist (FRC/Econ) traveled to Ireland and Iceland in June with his wife, Ginny.

WELCOME

Daphanie Scandrick (GHPC) joins the Georgia Health Policy Center this week to apply her skills in data support. Scandrick, a former GHPC graduate research assistant, was previously employed by the Department of Community Health's decisions support unit.

AYSPS Alumnae to Head Mercer University's Business School

AYSPS congratulates **Roger Tutterow** (Ph.D. in Economics, AYSPPS). Tutterow has been appointed to serve as dean of the Eugene W. Stetson School of Economics and Business at Mercer University in Macon.

Tutterow will leave his current position as chairman of the economics department at Kennesaw's Cole College of Business and director of the Kennesaw Econometric Center.

Congratulations and Welcome

Promotion

Dana Rickman (DPO) has been promoted to the position of senior research associate.

New Positions

John Cascone (PAUS), Visiting Professor, May 2005 to May 2006

Kathryn Brice (PAUS), Visiting Lecturer, May to December 2005

Eric Twombly (PAUS), Assistant Professor

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Media Spotlight

Erdal Tekin (Econ) was interviewed by *Forbes Magazine* on his new project titled "Ugly Criminals" on June 22. He will present the findings of his project, "Ugly Criminals," at the Institute for the Study of Labor in Germany on July 2.

Presentations and Publications

Inas Rashad (Econ) presented "Economic Explanations of the Rise in Obesity" at the Ecology of Obesity conference at Cornell University (Ithaca, New York) on Tuesday, June 7.

Tina Anderson Smith (GHPC) presented her paper, "From Theory to Practice: What Drives the Core Business of Public Health," at the Academy Health Research Meeting held June 25-27.

Erdal Tekin (Econ) (with Janet Currie) made a presentation at the Society of Labor Economists Meetings in San Francisco on June 4, 2005. The title of the presentation was "Long-Term Consequences of Child Abuse and Neglect."

Bill Waugh (PAUS) made presentations on "The Future of Homeland Security" and "Homeland Security and Emergency Management" at the 8th Annual Federal Emergency Management Agency/ Department of Homeland Security Higher Education Conference at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD, June 7-9.

Bill Waugh's (PAUS) book, *Living with Hazards, Dealing with Disasters* (M.E. Sharpe, 2000) was listed among the top ten books that emergency management graduate students should read and among the top twenty readings for professional emergency managers. The surveys were funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and reported at the 8th FEMA Higher Education Conference in June 2005.



GHPC Presents At Academy Health Research Meeting

The Georgia Health Policy Center will present 11 posters and one paper at the Academy Health Research Meeting held June 25-27.

Poster Presentations

Patricia Kota (GHPC) and **Dora Ward Kyabu** (GHPC). "The Role of Technical Assistance: The Right TA at the Right Time."

Glenn M. Landers (GHPC), **James P. Cooney** (GHPC) and **Mei Zhou** (GHPC). "Using Risk Adjustment to Compare Medicaid Waiver Program Performance."

Glenn M. Landers (GHPC) and **Mei Zhou** (GHPC). "Georgia's Foster Children and Medicaid: Access, Utilization, and Cost."

Glenn M. Landers (GHPC). "Expanding Access with DSH: Georgia's Indigent Care Trust Fund."

Karen Minyard (GHPC/PAUS) and **Lei Zhang** (GHPC). "Rogers' Replication Framework Revisited: Navigating the Complexity of Health Networks."

Karen J. Minyard (GHPC/PAUS) and **Tina Anderson Smith** (GHPC). "Triple Layer Chess: A Metaphor for the Alignment of Health Policy."

Karen J. Minyard (GHPC/PAUS), **S. Lindsey Lonergan** (GHPC), and **Chris Parker** (GHPC), Deborah Chollet (Mathematica Policy Research) and Laurie Felland (Mathematica Policy Research). "Lessons from Local Access Initiatives: Context, Sustainability and Replication."

Karen Minyard (GHPC/PAUS), **Tina Anderson Smith** (GHPC) and **S. Lindsey Lonergan**. "External Facilitation and Technical Assistance in Improving the Clinical Relevance and Financial Viability of Rural Health Systems."

Chris Parker (GHPC) **Karen Minyard** (GHPC/PAUS) and Beverly Taylor. "Localizing Cancer: Community-based Approaches to Cancer Control in Georgia."

Mary Ann Phillips (GHPC) and Bernette Sherman. "Public/Private Partnerships in Community Efforts to Improve School Health Programs."

Mary Ann Phillips (GHPC) and Bernette Sherman. "Community-Based Organizations Improve Appropriate Utilization of Primary and Preventive Services."

