

## Awards and Honors



**Amanda Phillips-Martinez**, senior research associate (Georgia Health Policy Center), was recently appointed to the National Advisory Council on Migrant Health, which makes recommendations to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Health Resources and Services Administration Administrator regarding the operation, selection and funding of migrant health centers. As one of the council's 15 members, Phillips-Martinez will serve through November 2018.

## Presentations



**Robbie Friedmann**, Professor Emeritus (Criminal Justice & Criminology) and director (Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange), presented "Flash Briefing and Discussion on Terrorism" at the World Affairs Council of Atlanta, Nov. 25, 2015.



**William Waugh**, Professor Emeritus (Public Management & Policy), made a presentation on "Using the Traditional Broadcast Systems and Social Media for More Effective Alert and Warning: The American Experience" at the 2015 National Emergency Broadcast Conference, China National Radio, Beijing, China, Nov. 10, 2015.



**Kyle Mangum**, assistant professor (Economics), presented the paper "Fast Locations and Slowing Labor Mobility" at the annual meetings of the Urban Economics Association in Portland, Ore., Nov. 13, 2015.



**Jim Marton**, associate professor (Economics), presented the paper, "Medicaid Program Choice and Participant Inertia," coauthored with Aaron Yelowitz and Jeff Talbert (University of Kentucky), at the following conferences:

- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting in Miami, Nov. 12, 2015.
- Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Nov. 22, 2015.

**Ben Ukert**, Ph.D. student (Economics), presented the paper, “Early Effects of the Affordable Care Act on Health-Related Outcomes,” coauthored with **Jim Marton**, **Charles Courtemanche**, associate professor (Economics), Aaron Yelowitz (University of Kentucky), and Daniela Zapata (IMPAC International), at the Southern Economic Association Meeting in New Orleans, Nov. 21, 2015.



**Sharon Hill** (right), clinical associate professor (Public Management & Policy), conducted the workshop, “Focus, Focus, Focus: An Exploration of Casey’s Communities of Hope Initiative,” at the Georgia Conference on Children and Families in Augusta, Ga., Oct. 22, 2015. Hill, right, is at the AYSPS table with conference attendees.



**Ann DiGirolamo**, associate project director (Georgia Health Policy Center, Center of Excellence for Children’s Behavioral Health), with Debbie Gay (Georgia Department of Education) and Matt Yancey (formerly of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities), presented “The Georgia School-Based Mental Health Initiative: Utilizing System of Care Approaches, Community-Level Partnerships, and Research to Further School-Based Mental Health” at the 20th Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health in New Orleans, Nov. 5-7, 2015.



**James Dills**, research associate II (Georgia Health Policy Center), presented “Best Practices in Monitoring and Evaluation for Health Impact Assessments (HIA)” to Advanced Track participants at the Minnesota HIA Coalition 2015 Conference in Minneapolis, Nov. 16, 2015.

Faculty and research staff from the **Georgia Health Policy Center (GHPC)** made nine presentations covering a range of topics, including public policy, social and behavioral sciences, health impact assessments, program planning, and systems thinking models and applications, at the 143rd American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition in Chicago, Oct. 31-Nov. 4, 2015. The presentations included:

**James Dills**, research associate II, presented “Health + Planning Toolkit: Crafting Healthier Comprehensive Plans”; “Public Health and Community Development: Using an Evaluation of Three Health Impact Assessments to Create a Toolkit for Fostering Future Collaboration between Sectors”; and a poster entitled “Using Health Impact Assessments to Influence Decision-Making: Lessons Learned from Providing Technical Assistance for Projects in Different States, Sectors, and Settings.”



**Glenn Landers**, associate project director, presented “Leading through Health System Change: The Development of an MCH Health Reform Planning Tool” and “Should Health Departments Still Provide Clinical Services Post-ACA?”



**Michelle Rushing**, research associate II, presented “Promoting Healthy Communities and Reducing Disparities through Affordable Housing Policy: Applying Health Impact Assessment to the Allocation of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.”



**Mohammad Khalaf**, research associate II, presented “In Their Own Words: Participant Experiences During and After the Transition to Community Living” and “Money Follows the Person: A Long-Term Impact for Program Participants.”



**Annette Pope**, associate director, presented “Emerging Public Policy Initiatives in Community Care Coordination.”

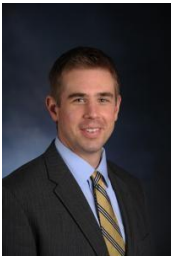
## Events and Community Outreach

The **Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE)** was a key partner in convening the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Enforcement and Private Sector Business Continuity Summit, “Active Threats on the Homeland” at the Atlanta Metropolitan State College in Atlanta, Nov. 12, 2015



**Jan Ligon** (front row, 4<sup>th</sup> from left), associate professor & BSW program director (Social Work), and **Nicholas Forge**, clinical assistant professor (Social Work), hosted a group of 25 community leaders from Hangzhou City, China, November 10-11, 2015. The delegates learned about social work education and services in the U.S. as part of a visit coordinated by Rep. Gerald Greene (R-Cuthbert) that included meetings with several state agencies.

## Media



**Charles Courtemanche**, associate professor (Economics), was featured on WAMC's "The Academic Minute" on the topic, "[Cheap Food & Obesity](#)," Nov. 17, 2015.



**Robert Buschman**, senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center), was interviewed on his report, *Georgia's Incredible Shrinking Sales Tax Base*, for the WABE 90.1 FM story, "[Lifestyle Changes Mean Fewer Sales Tax Dollars For Ga.](#)," Nov. 5, 2015. Download a copy of the report at: <http://goo.gl/pRnWWI>

**Robbie Friedmann**, Professor Emeritus (Criminal Justice & Criminology) and director (Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange), was featured in the WSB-TV 2 news story, "[2 Investigates: Local Refugees Deported for Violent Crimes](#)," on Nov. 22, 2015.





**Sam Williams**, professor of practice, was interviewed on WSB-TV's "[Monica's Closeups](#)" about his book, "The CEO as Urban Statesman," Nov. 9, 2015.

**William Waugh**, Professor Emeritus (Public Management & Policy), was interviewed by China National Radio about his book, the "Principles of Emergency Management," the state of emergency management in the world, the roles of broadcast media in emergencies, and recovery needs in Sichuan Province since the earthquake, on Nov. 10, 2015.

The **Georgia Health Policy Center's** recently published report, "Health Impact Assessment of the 2015 Qualified Allocation Plan for Low-income Housing Tax Credits," was featured in an article in *Affordable Housing Finance*, "[Georgia Study Makes Connection Between Location and Health](#)," Oct. 29, 2015. The GHPC report assessed how the state's allocation of housing credits can be strengthened to support health-promoting affordable housing developments. Download the report at: <http://goo.gl/anvKI9>.

## Events and In the Community



Andrew Young School students are pictured with Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver (D-Decatur) after she served as a guest lecturer in their PMAP 3031-Policy Leadership class, Nov. 13, 2015. **Sharon Hill**, clinical associate professor (Public Management & Policy), invited Oliver to speak to her students.

## Alumni



**Kim Holder** (M.A., Economics, '10) was recently awarded first place in the 2015 Economist Educators Best in Class Teaching Award category by the National Teaching Economics Association (NETA) and Cengage Learning for her unique and pioneering classroom techniques. Holder, an economics lecturer at the University of West Georgia's Richards College of Business, noticed many of her students arrived in class with headphones on, listening to the latest hit song or watching the newest viral video. That was the beginning of Rockonomix, a student-produced music video project in which students use popular media to illustrate basic economic principles. An article on Holder's award appeared in the Times-Georgian article, "['Rock and Roll Economist' Wins National Recognition](#)," Nov. 11, 2015.

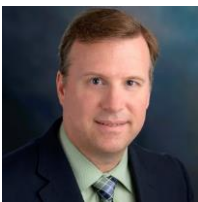


**Rvtosh Bal** (Ph.D., Public Policy, joint program with Georgia Tech, '12) is now a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Engineering in Society at Concordia University in Montreal, Canada. Bal is examining the development of research capacity in computer science in Kenya and Uganda and its role in supporting locally relevant innovation.



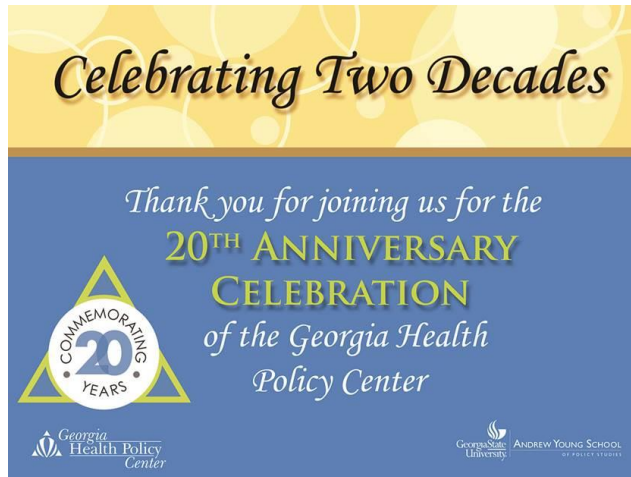
**Tonya Cook** (M.S., Human Resource Development, '05) received the Sigma Zeta Foundation's 2015 Haroldine Crowder Community Service Award and was recently inducted into the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of Who's Who in Black Atlanta.

## Congratulations To...



**Glen Ishoy**, visiting instructor (Criminal Justice & Criminology), has accepted a tenure-track position in the Department of Criminology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Ishoy is currently finishing up his Ph.D. in criminal justice and criminology at Georgia State.

## Congratulations to the Georgia Health Policy Center on its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



GHPC hosted an Open House to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Nov. 18, 2015. The center has grown from a local policy adviser to a national thought leader, and it remains committed to tackling the nation's biggest challenges in health and health care with a focus on improving well-being one community at a time. [Click here to watch the center's commemorative video.](#)

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