New campus hot spot opens

By DAVID PAYNE

When the campus bookstore opens July 21, the new Oxford Road building will be complete. The facility offers something for almost everyone at Emory — and for prospective students who want to attend Emory.

The new structure is located behind the Mathematics and Science Building and the Boisfeuillet Jones Building. It houses undergraduate admissions offices, a Barnes & Noble bookstore and a Starbucks coffee shop.

Bridging the space between the new building and the Boisfeuillet Jones building is a visitor parking deck covered by a scenic “green roof” and courtyard.

Earlier this year, the landscaped plaza was named the Anne Register Jones Courtyard in honor of the wife of Boisfeuillet Jones and the mother of Emory trustee, Laura Hardman ’67C. “This facility will be an active area that encourages contact between current students, prospective students, faculty and staff,” says Mike Mandl, executive vice president for finance and administration. “The building provides a collegiate, welcoming first impression for prospective students and their families.”

Just a few steps off the courtyard, visitors and the Emory

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How Emory beats heat from sprawl

By LESLIE KING

How about this heat! Is there something more going on besides just being summer in the Deep South?

Yes, says Jeremy Hess, assistant professor in the departments of emergency medicine and environmental and occupational health, noting that the way we design our cities is driving increased exposure to extreme heat.

Hess, who is also a consultant for the global climate change program at the Centers for Disease Control, co-authored a study with Howard Frumkin of Emory and the CDC and Brian Stone of Georgia Tech on “Urban Form and Extreme Heat Events: Are Sprawling Cities More Vulnerable to Climate Change than Compact Cities?” It’s a look at metropolitan regions, the physical layout and design of cities and the frequency of extreme heat events over five decades.

Please see HEAT page 5
By J. MICHAEL MOORE

Tom Smith's life is a mix of art and numbers, culture and analytics.

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“Every weekend we’d get in this yellow van and drive all over Indiana, Indiana and Iowa. It was ridiculous,” Smith says. “That’s how I made money during school. We’d go to a mouse Lodge, or an Elks Lodge, or a Knights of Columbus hall or a dance hall in the middle of nowhere and play four sets from eight to midnight. We’d unload wearing a tuxedo then load up and drive back to the dorm.”

Back on campus, Smith hit the books but found scheduling conflicts threatened his dual love of music and math.

This led to a life-changing moment. “It turned out Techniques of Proof and ensemble practice were always conflicting,” says Smith. On a whim, he took an economics class.

“I had an instructor that was vague, and I thought economics should be something that’s pretty clear. I looked at that as an opportunity to try my hand at something that made no sense,” he says, so “I jumped ship and I moved from math over to economics.”

Smith always wanted to teach in higher education. But it took a challenge — in scheduling and learning — to spark a passion to make tough subjects easier for future generations.

Economics, like a steady bass line from the hand, provides some order to chaos. It’s a foundation.

Smith said he approaches his subject the same way.

“Economics explains behavior and how people and firms respond to incentives. It’s a foundation to examining how we act,” he says. “Everybody loves a good bass line. I try to do that for economics — one class at a time.”
By ELIZABETH ELKINS

Two participants in this year’s Pre-College Program found a unique way to attend Emory’s two-week summer academic program for high school students. They spent the last six months fundraising in their hometown of Byhalia, Miss. Ashley Harvell and Takeva Hicks, both rising juniors at Byhalia High School, were encouraged to do so by their Spanish teacher, Stacy Filocco. Filocco is the founder of Fund a Brighter Future, an organization designed to help students from rural Mississippi low-income African American organization fund a unique way to attend Emory’s two-week summer academic program. Byhalia High School teacher Stacy Filocco (center) helped her students Ashley Harvell and Takeva Hicks raise funds to attend Emory’s Pre-College Program.

Filocco explains, “We don’t always have the time to celebrate students who are not just doing the right thing every day but who are excelling.” Filocco encouraged the pair to raise money on their own — and they did. Fundraising included a dance, a wine and dessert reception, concession stands, a website and a support-a-student-a-semester campaign. “It is a goal of the Pre-College Program to broaden access as much as possible,” she says. “We were very pleased that we were able to supplement the funds raised by the students themselves and we are glad they were here and made their own contribution to the life of the program.”

“When the Pre-College Program can be part of opening up opportunities for students who otherwise might not have them, we know that the program is doing something very worthwhile.”

On orientation day, Harvell and Hicks missed the Pre-College airport shuttle, arriving on campus via MARTA. “I was impressed by how diverse the program is,” Harvell says. “I met people from all across the country, and that really changed my perspective. I learned a lot about people.”

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NEWSMAKERS

The news doesn’t stop for summer break and neither have many Emory faculty who have been sought out for their expertise and opinions by media around the world. Here’s a sample of what our faculty are saying in the national conversations of the season:

- The mid-term elections, South Carolina’s ongoing political dramas and the Obama administration have kept Emory’s political science experts, including Alan Abramowitz, Merle Black, Andrila Gillespie and Michael Leo Owens, in the news this summer. Outlets include The New York Times, The Economist, CNN, Associated Press, National Journal, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, MSNBC, Politico.com and more.
- “Why is the Gulf oil spill cleanup so slow?” Economists professor Paul Romer outlined answers to that question in a widely circulated opinion piece for the Wall Street Journal. It was the most e-mailed and read item on the WSJ website for several days and was picked up by numerous blogs.
- Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing Dean Linda McAuley spoke to many outlets, including Fox News and Reuters, about the long-term health effects of the Gulf oil spill.
- Emory Law professor Dorothy Brown wrote a featured CNN.com opinion piece on why BP right not to pay dividends to shareholders.
- Goizueta finance professor Jeff Coe Mensing took a seat in CNN’s Lie “Newsroom” show in June to talk about growth and pain in the job market.
- Cold War hot again: In the wake of the discovery of a cell of Russian spies in the United States, political scientist and KGB expert Harvey Klehr did several interviews, including the Wall Street Journal, Radio Free Europe, Toronto Star and Wisconsin Public Radio.
- Keeping the stars aligned: Slate magazine and Popular Science featured a fun (and widely popular) web widget developed by Emory mathematician Skip Garibaldi. He analyzed past U.S. flags to figure out the most common flag pattern and worked out which ones are best for varying numbers of stars.

—Beverly Clark

MMEMORY SPOTLIGHT

Name: Lloyd Parker ’74
Position: Associate professor of chemistry, Oxford College
At Emory: 24 years
Where he gives: Oxford College
Why he gives: “Getting tenure was my proudest moment at Oxford because it meant I was going to spend the rest of my career here. I feel as if I should give something back for all that Oxford and Emory have given to me.”

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TAKE NOTE

**Emory acquires Johns Creek hospital**

Emory Healthcare is pur-

chasing the ownership inter-

est of Emory Johns Creek Hospi-

tal from the two hospitals' 

owners, the two organizations an-

nounced.

Emory Johns Creek Hospi-

tal will continue to serve its 

community and support the 

community physicians who 

have been vital to its growth and 

development, president and 

CEO Bruce Covey said.

Emory Healthcare formed 

a partnership with HCA to 

"develop a new hospital in the 
growing Johns Creek commu-

nity," says John T. Fox, 

Emory Healthcare president and 

CEO.

The transition of ownership 

for these two Atlanta hospitals 

is expected to be completed in the 

next several months.

One-stop shop for research resources

Emory researchers now have a 

new tool for finding resources, 

including services, equipment, 

even training opportunities, for 

their work.

The electronic biomedical 

interactive tool or eBIRT is a web-based applica-

tion that serves as a "one-stop virtual shop" for research 

resources, such as laboratory 

services, equipment, software, 

consultation services, training 

opportunities and more.

eBIRT also offers a platform 
to advertise research-related 

services and products for 

resource providers, such as 
service centers and cores.

It is part of the Atlanta 

Clinical & Translational Sci-

cence Institute, which encom-

passes Emory, Georgia Tech 

and Morehouse Medical School.

More information is available 
at http://ebirt.emory.edu.

Update demographic data for accuracy

A project on how Emory 
collects demographic data has 
pointed out a need to faculty 

and staff to periodically update 

their information to help 

ensure the accuracy reported 

internally and to federal regu-

latory agencies such as the 

federal departments of Labor and 

Education.

Equal Opportunity Pro-

grams and Health Services Resources are asking faculty and staff 
to update their information on ethnicity, race, gender 

and military status through 

PeopleSoft Self Service.

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system that allows faculty 

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**Volunteer: Pitts seeks ‘army of editors’**

Pitts Theology Library Director Patrick Graham, professor of theology, “These volunteers are making a contribution to scholarship.”

Graham estimates that many letters the size of a note card will take roughly 30 minutes to transcribe, while a four-page sermon could take two hours. All materials to be transcribed are in English, and at least two volunteers are assigned to each document to reconcile discrepancies. Later, volunteers may be involved in writing up background information to accompany the text of the scanned images on the library website, www.pitts.emory.edu.

**Building: ‘A welcoming first impression’**

The building was designed to pro-

vide additional opportunities for interaction for 

faculty and students in a more casual set-

ting and to foster the ad hoc intellectual 

energy so wonderfully inherent on univer-

sity campuses,” says Maudl.

According to Bruce Covey, who man-

ages bookstore operations, the new Barnes 

& Noble bookstore will offer an increase 
in titles, Emory merchandise and product 

offerings for customers. The new book-

store consolidates three previous facilities — the main bookstore located in the DUC, the medical bookstore and the Druid Hills bookstore — into one.

Expect to see a large increase in pedes-

trian and bicycle activity on this part of 
campus, according to Jon Fabrick, campus 

architect.

“The building was designed to pro-

vide important functional services for the University, but also to provide an active 

interface between Emory’s campus and the 
surrounding community,” says Fabrick.

“We think the coffee shop and campus 

bookstore will generate a hub of activity 
on the west side of campus, near the shops in 

Emory Village.”

Visitor parking is available in the Oxford 

Road Building parking deck at Emory’s 

standard rate ($2/hour; maximum $10/ 
day). Parking fees apply between 7 a.m. and 

7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Oxford Road building was con-

structed in anticipation of achieving LEED Silver designation from the U.S. Green 

Building Council, and is consistent with 

Emory’s LEED building policies and its 

Sustainability Initiatives.

**Video: Manager on grand plans**

Visit Emory Report online for a video 

interview with bookstore manager 

Bruce Covey.

“Since there is not enough grant money to do all this work,” explains Graham, “we hope to enlist an ‘army of editors’ to help mediate manuscripts and other treasures from Pitts special collections to the international community.”

One of a handful of Manning and Newman documents in Emory’s collection are now available online and searchable by Google’s web crawler, thanks to a devoted group of volunteers. Manning’s manuscripts alone represent 12 cubic feet of space at Pitts, after Emory acquired one-third of his personal papers from a British antiquarian book dealer.

Manning’s papers reflect on his time as a minister in the Church of England, his conversion to Catholicism in 1851, his social activism and his leading role in the adoption of the doctrine of papal infallibility, a belief that God protects the Pope from error when he speaks about faith or morality. The library also holds an impressive stash of “calling cards,” the Facebook for Victorian high society.

Judged in isolation, some of the 

material may appear insignificant. But, 
taken together, they form a contextual 

framework for academics seeking linkages 

in their research, says Robert Presutti, Pitts 
curator of archives and manuscripts.

“Anyone can view these documents,” 

Presutti says. “We’re creating connections 

outside of Emory’s gates.”

For more information on how to volunteer, e-mail Pitts Theology Director Patrick Graham at libmpg@emory.edu.
Oxford’s new solar panels power campus and beyond

By CATHY WOOTEN

Overwhelming environmental events such as the ongoing Gulf oil spill can make us feel there’s not much we can do to make a difference. But a project recently completed at Oxford College is a reminder that little things can add up.

Following several months of planning, solar panels have been installed on the south side of Oxford’s Haygood Residence Hall. The “why not” idea came first to Theodosia Wade, senior lecturer in biology and a faculty leader for campus sustainability, and then to Bowen, who was inspired to find a practical use for the solar panels. "The project was right in line with Emory’s commitment to green space and increasing our energy efficiency," Bowen said.

"Emory’s tree canopy policy—which says all trees removed must be accounted for and replaced with equal tree canopy—mitigates against extreme heat exposure by providing shade and increasing evaporation through transpiration. Trees also have a higher albedo than pavement and forested areas warm less rapidly than heavily paved ones," Hess notes. Albedo is the ability of short wave sunlight from surfaces before it turns into heat.

Climate change will also create more extreme weather events, including extreme precipitation. Hess notes that Emory’s commitment to green space helps reduce the harmful exposures from climate change in its immediate area."

As a medical professional — Hess is also a doctor — he sees “fluctuations in certain patient complaints related to weather.” For example, more people seek medical help on smoggy days, for difficulty breathing, particularly related to COPD, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

“Heat is associated with several different conditions,” he says, including dehydrations, renal failure, increased kidney stones.”

To fight dehydration, “Drink water early and often, at least one 8-ounce glass of water each hour on hot days,” advises Sylvia Morris, assistant professor of medicine. “Remember the majority of our bodies are water, so dehydration has effects on the entire body.”

For other defenses against the heat, the Faculty Staff Assistance Program recommends lowering the intensity of an exercise workout until you get acclimated to the heat, and exercising in early morning or evening. Also, pay attention to smoke alerts and avoid afternoon exercise.

Protect yourself from the sun, advises Emory dermatologist Jamie Mackelfresh. "There’s no such thing as a safe tan."

"There are no such things as a safe tan. Period," says Mackelfresh. "A tan means sun damage."

Re-supplies sunscreen every two hours with about as much as a shot glass will hold. Otherwise, “If you don’t reaply, it’s as if you didn’t put it on in the first place,” the dermatologist warns.
Dogs may help collar disease

By CAROL CLARK

Some diseases, like stray dogs, are largely neglected by society.

Chagas disease, for example, is caused by a parasite that roams with only limited control among the rural poor in Latin America. The main vector for the parasite, Trypanosoma cruzi, is the triatomine insect, "kissing bug," which thrives in the noks and crannies of mud-brick dwellings. The bug sucks the blood of mammals, helping T. cruzi move between wildlife, cattle, and humans.

"Dogs tend to lie on porches or other areas easily accessible to the bugs," says disease ecologist Uriel Kitron, chair of environmental studies at Emory.

"And when a dog is malnourished and its immune system isn't great, they are even more at risk."

Kitron has been researching Chagas disease in remote communities of northern Argentina for the past 10 years. "One of our most significant findings is the importance of dogs in both the spread of the disease, and the potential to help control it," he says, explaining that dogs can make good sentinels for health officials monitoring T. cruzi transmission.

"Chagas disease begins as an acute infection that can subside on its own. In one out of three cases, however, the infection persists and can go unnoticed for decades, until it causes complications such as heart failure, digestive problems and sudden cardiac death. The condition affects 10 to 12 million people in Latin America, killing more than 15,000 a year."

Human migration has moved Chagas disease around the globe. U.S. blood banks must now screen donors for T. cruzi. And bugs travel hidden in people's luggage to new places such as Patagonia in southern Argentina.

Kitron is collaborating with Ricardo Guerrier of the University of Buenos Aires on a research project funded through a joint NIH/NSF program on the ecology of infectious diseases. Their work in Argentina's Chaco province is included in a June 24 special supplement of Nature, devoted to the topic of Chagas disease.

"We are interested in answering scientific questions, but we also want to help reduce the risk and the impact of this disease in rural areas," Kitron says.

"Many of the dogs are not in good shape, they're exposed to a whole bunch of parasites and worms and they just get scraps to eat," Kitron says. "But the idea of just eliminating the dogs is not an option. People really care about their dogs."

An alternative may be to identify dogs that are most at risk of remaining infectious for a long period of time. Those "super spreaders" could be targeted with insecticide collars. Research is also underway for a vaccine against T. cruzi in mongrel dogs.

By QUINN EASTMAN

A new study on vitamin D levels and Parkinson's disease risk points to the need for further research on whether vitamin D supplements can protect against the movement disorder, according to an editorial in the July 2010 issue of Archives of Neurology.

Emory neurologist Marian Evatt, author of the editorial, says the study conducted by Finland's National Institute for Health and Welfare is the first to show that low vitamin D levels can help predict whether someone will later develop Parkinson's disease. Over a span of 30 years, people with the lowest levels of vitamin D were three times more likely to develop Parkinson's, compared to the group with the highest levels.

"Researchers have suggested a link between low vitamin D and Parkinson's, but whether this is a cause-and-effect relationship is unknown," Evatt says.

"Vitamin D may help protect the population of dopamine-producing neurons that are gradually lost by people with Parkinson's disease," Evatt writes in her editorial.

Doctors have known for decades that vitamin D — "the sunshine vitamin" — promotes bone health, but evidence is accumulating for additional roles regulating the immune system and the development of the nervous system. "Researchers don't yet know what level is optimal for brain health or at what point vitamin D becomes toxic for humans, and this is a topic that deserves close examination," Evatt says.

BOOK | REPORT PODCAST

Spies among us

The latest Russian spy scandal might have taken many Americans by surprise, but not Harvey Klehr, author of "Spies: The Rise and Fall of the KGB in America" (Yale University Press, 2009).

An Emory political scientist and historian, Klehr is featured on the latest Emory Report Book | Report podcast, a series of engaging audio interviews with faculty authors.

Tune in to hear Klehr talk with Emory Report about what KGB files from the 1940s and 50s reveal about Russian spying in the U.S. Visit: www.emory.edu/EMORY_REPORT.
South Africa captured the entire world’s attention as host of the World Cup. It’s led me to reminisce about my experience in this astonishing country.

In 2004, I traveled with a small group of Emory scholars, religious thinkers, students, and peacemakers to South Africa. We were a part of that year’s Journeys of Reconciliation, an inter-religious program that gives members of the Emory community the opportunity to cultivate relationships of partnership, service and friendship with communities around the world. By visiting these communities and supporting their work of reconciliation, they open themselves to possibilities of hope and healing.

On this Journey we met with members of Parliament; visited the Apartheid Museum; met with students at the University of Cape Town, Wits University and University of Western Cape; went on a safari in Kruger National Park; visited an AIDS orphanage; took a lift to the top of Table Mountain; visited Nelson Mandela’s prison cell on Robben Island; visited Blaauwklippen winery; visited Soweto; flew to Johannesburg; spoke at a church (which changed my life), and so much more.

The breadth of this Journey as described above (and all that was left out) corresponds with the nature of this country. I learned quickly that South Africa is not a singularly-descriptive entity. It is a country layered in history and beauty, struggle and triumph, culture and diversity, poverty and immense wealth. It is so many things to so many people, yet there is one thing that seems to be the tie that binds. This tie is the spirit of the people. There is something so difficult to describe in words but so empirically evident that you will experience when talking to anyone from that country. It is an infectious energy of pride balanced with an unrelenting measure of hope. It is evident in the voices and in the eyes of everyone you meet — in the streets, in the bars, in the schools, in the churches, in the square.

It is amazing to think that the equivalent of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States (which took place loosely from 1955-1965) had taken place only 10 years prior to my visit and less than 20 years prior to today. Of course, it would be foolish to assume that Mandela’s election, 20 years without apartheid, or even winning the bid to host the World Cup, could erase the reality of continued inequality, oppression and injustice in South Africa. It would be just as foolish to assume that the election of Barack Obama; almost 50 years without Jim Crow laws; an Olympics; and a World Cup, could do — and have done — the same in America.

But it is the hope for a better tomorrow matched with the will, determination, and spirit of the people in both of these lands that make the future as worthy of anticipating and celebrating as a goal scored in this beloved World Cup.
This week’s highlights

TUESDAY, July 20

THURSDAY, July 22
“Contemporary Management of Atherosclerotic Renal Artery Stenosis.” Matthew Corriere, Emory surgery, presenting. 7 a.m. Emory Hospital Audition Room. Free. 404-727-5695.
NCBI Welcoming Diversity Workshop. 2 p.m. Center for Community, Room 152. Free. jisc14@emory.edu. RSVP to tinyurl.com/ncbi emoryworkshops.

TUESDAY, July 27
“Continuing the Conversation on Mid and Late-Life Transitions.” 4 p.m. MARBL Center, Room 415E. Free. 404-727-2031. RSVP to rolvin.sledge@emory.edu.

WEDNESDAY, July 28
Blomyer Fitness Center Member Appreciation Day. 404-727-4600. Free guest passes available.

ONGOING EXHIBITS


To see all campus events, visit the online Emory Events Calendar at www.emory.edu/home/events.

By HOLLY KORSCHUN

Academic institutions have numerous resources — including health care, faculty, and student personnel and expertise — that can be deployed in response to public health disasters, such as the Haiti earthquake. But how can they work most efficiently with government public health agencies and non-governmental organizations?

An upcoming conference at Emory will explore the symbiotic relationship that, with proper planning, could turn these diverse institutions into a powerful public health response team.

This invitation-only conference, “Disaster Response Utilizing Academic Institutional Resources,” July 27-28 at the Emory Conference Center, will bring emergency preparedness and response officers from Southeastern universities together with local, state and government public health representatives. The groups will define opportunities and capabilities, develop joint strategies, explore research and educational needs and educational, and develop best practices.

“Academic institutions have a great deal to contribute in preparing for and responding to major public health disasters, as evidenced by the tremendous response in Haiti,” says James Hughes, director of the Emory-led Southeastern Center for Emerging Biologic Threats, which is co-hosting the conference.

“But we need to further explore how universities such as Emory, which also is an academic medical center, come to the forefront in preparedness and response and how we can best create sustainable relationships and response mechanisms with government and non-governmental groups.”

Other conference sponsors are the Southeast Regional Center of Excellence for Emerging Infections and Biosecurity, led by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Emory’s Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response (OEPR); and the Preparedness and Emergency Response Research Center (PERRC) at the Rollins School of Public Health.

The day preceding the conference, Emory CEPAR Executive Director Alex Isakov will host a workshop sponsored by PERRC aimed at examining the relationships between health departments and academic institutions, as well as ways to build and sustain successful partnerships over time.

“Academic institutions can contribute significantly to sustainable community preparedness and response systems when they are oriented to the needs of their neighbors and properly interfaced with the public health system,” says Isakov.

DANCE SEASON PREVIEW

Explore culture of collaboration

By JESSICA MOORE

The 2010-2011 Emory Dance Program season begins with “8-Girling: A Herstory of Hip Hop Dance and Culture” (Sept. 14), an Emory Friends of Dance Lecture by Teena Marie Custer, breakdancer and hip hop dance theater artist, exploring the journey of women in hip hop dance and culture accompanied by demonstrations by local dancers.

Brenda Dixon Gottschall of Temple University lectures on “Researching Performance: The (Black) Dance as a Measure of Culture” (Feb. 8, 2011). Using visual images and dance, the professor will examine the pervasive Africanist presence in American culture and the sociopolitical implications of its invisibility.

Emory faculty member George Staub and his company Staibdance join the Vega String Quartet and pianist William Ransom for their second collaboration, “Staibdance, the Vega String Quartet, and William Ransom: In Concert” (Sept. 23-25, ticketed). Atlanta critic Pierre Ruhe referred to their first effort in 2009 as “mesmerizing, tense, euphoric.”

Music by Chopin, Einhorn, Schumann, Rachmaninov, and Emory’s Kendall Simpson will provide the foundation for the physicality, athleticism and nuance that characterizes Staibdance.

Emory Dance teams up with other Atlanta colleges and dance companies for the Emory Dance Company Fall Concert (Nov. 18-20, ticketed), featuring new works created by Emory’s Lorie Tegue and Gregory Catelieu, and Atlanta Ballet principal dancer Tara Lee and director of Spelman Dance Theatre, T. Lang. Bridget Rossa, director of dance at Agnes Scott College, will host “Shakers,” the 1901 classic by Doris Humphrey, for a cast of student dancers from Agnes Scott and Emory. The Saturday matinee will feature a work by Emory faculty George Staub performed by Spelman’s student company.

Experience the intersection of film and contemporary dance as “Dance for Reel: An Evening of Film and Dance for Women’s History Month” (April 14-16, 2011). This presentation features works from the Dance Films Association. Several Danzers Core co-sponsors two Fieldwork Showcases (Dec. 9, 2011), which will be on exhibition at Emory’s Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts. Another Danzer Core showcase is scheduled for May 18-19, 2011.

The Art of Losing.


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