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## Take time out with Meditation Stations



Staff member Abby Horowitz and student Adam Sacks participate in a Meditation Station led by Health Educator Shirley Banks (back left).

#### By KIM URQUHART

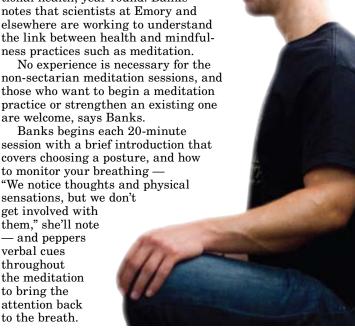
The group sits quietly on the floor, breathing deeply. A door slams in the hall, student's voices pour in from the Quad. "One of the benefits of meditation is that you learn to tolerate life's little annoyances without engaging with them,' says Shirley Banks, who leads the Meditation Station that has transformed a Candler Library classroom into a quiet refuge.

Mindfulness may be as important to health as exercise and nutrition, says Banks, a health educator with Student Health and Counseling Services who hosts opportunities to meditate twice a week at two locations on campus.

It may be finals week which no doubt is raising some students' stress levels — but mindfulness meditation is a way for everyone to maintain mental and emotional health, year-round. Banks notes that scientists at Emory and elsewhere are working to understand the link between health and mindfulness practices such as meditation. No experience is necessary for the

non-sectarian meditation sessions, and those who want to begin a meditation practice or strengthen an existing one are welcome, says Banks.

covers choosing a posture, and how to monitor your breathing "We notice thoughts and physical sensations, but we don't get involved with them," she'll note - and peppers verbal cues throughout the meditation to bring the attention back to the breath.



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## A decade of excellence for Educational Studies

#### By ANN HARDIE

Four years ago, Michelle Purdy could have chosen Harvard or a number of top-tier universities to get her Ph.D. in educational studies. She chose Emory.

The money was a definite plus. With a grant from the Spencer Foundation, Emory's Division of Educational Studies (DES) offered to fully fund Purdy's doctoral work in the history of education, focusing specifically on African American education and desegregation. The division also covered travel to national conferences and summer programs to mentor doctoral students in effective strategies for getting their research published.

Then, too, was the division's obvious commitment to other African American and female students. In the past decade, 23 DES students of color completed their Ph.D.s, accounting for almost half of all the graduates in the doctoral program. Most of the graduates are women.

"In a nutshell, it has been amazing and wonderful to have other women of color going through this journey and process with me," says Purdy, on track to graduate in May

DES has been on its own noteworthy journey since receiving the 10-year researchtraining grant in 1999 from the Spencer Foundation, dedicated to improving education through first-class research. The \$1 million over the life of the grant has put the division's relatively small doctoral program of 30 students on the national map.

It has transformed the program that once heavily relied on part-time students drawn locally to one that now competes against the biggest colleges of education for the country's top scholars.

"We really are recognized nationally as a doctoral program that puts out high quality graduates," says DES director Bob Jensen

"The grant also gave us the opportunity to provide mentorship in many of the aspects of doctoral work that are important in getting recognized."

A recent letter from the Spencer Foundation's program director applauded the division's use of the money, saying innovations in program, curriculum and recruitment "significantly advanced a dynamic research culture." It also noted: "Proportionately, Emory is one of the leading producers of education faculty of color."

Vanessa Siddle Walker, Winship Distinguished Research Professor in educational studies, called that a "very big deal" for both DES and Emory.

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## **Emory's** schools rank high

By ELAINE JUSTICE

A number of Emory's graduate schools and programs are ranked among the best in the nation, according to analysis and surveys reported in U.S. News & World Report's 2010 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools" guide.

Emory's schools of law, business and medicine were the top-ranked schools in Georgia in their respective categories, while Emory's joint Department of Biomedical Engineering with Georgia Tech was ranked 2nd in the nation. Emory Law School ranked 20th; Goizueta Business School was 22nd and the School of Medicine ranked 22nd nationally among researchoriented medical schools.

'We're pleased that the strength of our curriculum and our programs has been recognized," said David Partlett, dean of Emory Law. "We believe our movement in the rankings is reflective of the dedication of our faculty and staff as well as the caliber of our talented students." Emory Law also was cited among the nation's most diverse law schools. Nearly onethird of the student body comes from underrepresented groups.

"We are pleased that our program continues to move  $forward, "said\ Goizueta\ Business$ School Dean Larry Benveniste. 'It is innovation that is moving us forward, having introduced an innovative new curriculum and expanded our reach into and real estate areas. Most importantly, it is the quality of our graduates that defines our success."

Ph.D. programs in several humanities and social science fields were newly ranked this year. Among those programs, Emory improved on its previous rankings. English rose two steps to 26th, history and political science both one step to 28th, and psychology 11 steps to 36th. Two Emory specialty fields ranked in the top 10: African history ranked 8th, and the sociology program's specialty in social psychology ranked 9th. Unlike rankings in other areas, these were based solely on reputational surveys.

"Emory programs substantial recognition among peers, and it's great to see that it is growing," said Lisa Tedesco,

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#### **NEW ONLINE** AT EMORY.EDU

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It's not often that literary scholars become friends with their research subjects. But that's exactly what's happened with author Alice Walker and Rudolph P. Byrd, Goodrich C. White Professor of American Studies and a founding member of the Alice Walker Literary Society.

In this Emory Report exclusive podcast on the eve of Walker's visit to open her archive at Emory, Byrd tells the story of how he went from admiring undergrad to colleague and friend.

Visit our home page to listen to "Walker Up Close: A Conversation with Friend And Colleague Rudolph Byrd." And stay tuned for more campus sights and sounds via Emory Report's new multimedia features.

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Also, watch Alice Walker as she previews the Schatten Gallery exhibition, "A Keeping of Records: The Art and Life of Alice Walker." The first public exhibition of papers and other memorabilia from the Pulitzer Prize winner's archives opened April 23.

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The "Emory and the Economy" Web site can now be found on emory.edu. Check this site frequently for news and updates, including a constantly-updated list of FAQs to address general inquiries regarding the impact of new economic realities on Emory, and resources to assist the Emory community.

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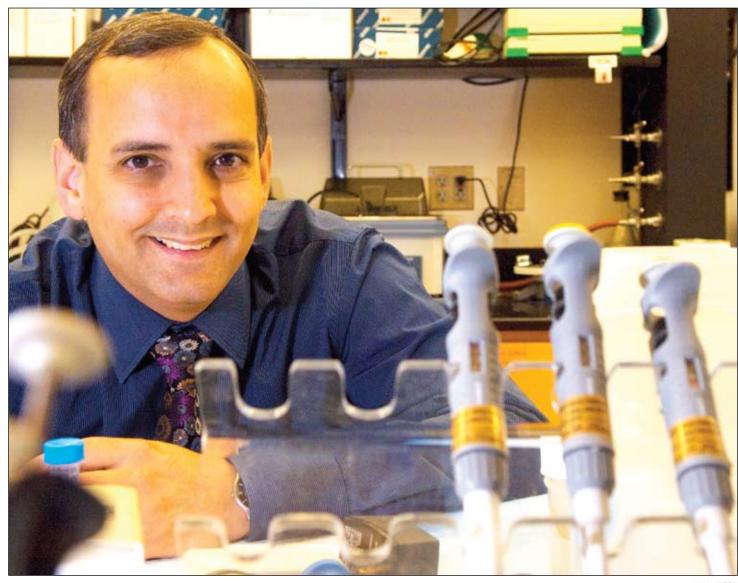
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#### EMORY PROFILE H. A. "Buz" Jinnah



H. A. "Buz" Jinnah is professor of neurology and human genetics.

## Mysteries off the beaten path

### Neurologist works to solve rare disease's puzzle

By QUINN EASTMAN

Neurologist H. A. "Buz" Jinnah has devoted a large part of his career to studying the peculiar puzzle behind Lesch-Nyhan disease.

Young men and boys with this inherited disorder experience uncontrollable urges to bite themselves, slam their arms into doorways and otherwise harm themselves. How a mutation in one gene can lead to such specific and self-destructive behavior is still mysterious.

Jinnah, who came to Emory at the beginning of 2009 from Johns Hopkins, is well-placed to provide some answers. He trained at UC San Diego with William Nyhan, the pediatrician who identified the disease in the 1960s, and sees patients with the disease from across the country.

Jinnah says that what Lesch-Nyhan patients exhibit is at the far end of a spectrum of self-injurious behaviors many people practice, ranging from relatively innocuous nail- or cuticle-biting to more problematic bulimia.

In recent lectures, Jinnah has shown a video recording of a Lesch-Nyhan patient in a wheelchair. During the video, Jinnah removes a strap that

restrains the boy's arm. In a few seconds, the boy's hand is drawn into his mouth, as if attracted by a magnet, and Jinnah has to react quickly to stop it.

"Some of these guys can tell you that these feelings are coming," he says. "They can go for a while without their restraints, but they will ask you to have the restraints put back on."

-Nyhan patients tend to make stiff movements and are often unable to walk. They can be seen as cognitively impaired because they have problems concentrating.

At the same time, they are keenly aware of what's happening around them and shouldn't be treated like wallpaper, Jinnah says. He recalls a conference where doctors could learn about the disease by asking questions of patients. At the end of the session, one boy asked permission to ask the doctors a question."Why do doctors and nurses sometimes talk about us like we're not here?" he asked.

The disease comes from mutations in a gene on the X chromosome called HPRT. Boys are vulnerable to the disease because they have only one X chromosome. The gene encodes an enzyme that recycles building blocks of DNA called purines. Without the enzyme, the building blocks are broken down into uric acid, which accumulates in the body and can cause painful swelling of the joints.

These gout-like symptoms can be treated with medication, but the neurological problems and striking behavior don't go away. Not all boys with mutations in the HPRT gene exhibit self-injurious behavior, but the more severe the mutation and disease, the more likely those symptoms are to appear.

Less than a thousand cases of Lesch-Nyhan exist in the United States. Jinnah is sometimes asked about the utility of researching such a rare disease.

He likes to quote 17th century medical pioneer William Harvey, who wrote:

"Nature isnowhere accustomed more openly to display her secret mysteries than in cases where she shows traces of her workings apart from the beaten path.'

appears overabundant purines also perturb the development of certain parts of the brain. Studying Lesch-Nyhan can shed light on how brain

development is controlled. Lesch-Nyhan disease even has some connections with Parkinson's disease, and in some ways is a mirror image of Parkinson's.

Lesch-Nyhan patients have a deficiency of cells that make the chemical messenger dopamine in the basal ganglia, the same part of the brain affected by Parkinson's disease. Jinnah has been investigating how electrical stimulation the basal ganglia, used to help people with Parkinson's regain some mobility, can also help Lesch-Nyhan patients control their rebellious impulses.

He works closely with his wife, Ellen Hess, who arrived at Emory at the same time. She specializes in basic research on the movement disorder dystonia, characterized by tense muscles and twisted limbs, and uses mouse models to identify potential treatments.

with "We started out separate labs, but we'd help each other with everything and sometimes reagents or people would be shared," he says. "Merging our operations actually made things less confusing."

Friends and colleagues refer to Jinnah as "Buz," a nickname bestowed by his older sister when they were children.

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# People

# Law professor wins U.S. Supreme Court case 6–3

By LIZ CHILLA

Emory law professor David J. Bederman was the winning attorney in the U.S. Supreme Court case, Ministry of Defense and Support for the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran v. Elahi, by a 6-3 decision April 21.

The court overturned a decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of Dariush Elahi, who sought \$2.8 million as compensation for the killing of his brother in Paris in 1990.

"Speaking personally, I'm gratified with the decision and very appreciative of the assistance of everyone in the Emory Law community during the case," Bederman says. "That includes faculty, colleagues and my student team."

Bederman, the K.H. Gyr Professor in Private International Law, represented the Iranian Ministry of Defense. His student team included second-year student Lauren Crisman, and third-year students Michael Eber, Jennifer Fairbairn, Brian Spielman and Robert Carroll '04C, all of whom helped in preparing briefs and with oral arguments.

Bederman's Emory colleagues, law professors



**David Bederman** 

William W. Buzbee, Charles A. Shanor, and Robert Schapiro; and Thomas C. Arthur, L.Q.C. Lamar Professor of Law, helped strengthen his oral arguments with a moot court in January.

Elahi sought to collect by attaching a judgment obtained by the Iranian Ministry of Defense against California-based Cubic Defense Systems. Iran won the \$2.8 million after the California defense contractor did not deliver an arms system after the Iranian Revolution in 1979.

The court held that Elahi's acceptance of a payment of \$2.3

million from the U.S. government waived his right to claim the Cubic Judgment under the conditions of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 and the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002.

"Rather, we determine that Elahi cannot attach the Cubic Judgment regardless, for the Judgment is at issue in a claim against the United States before the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal," wrote Justice Stephen G. Breyer for the majority. "The judgment consequently falls within the terms of Elahi's waiver."

#### **CAMPAIGN EMORY**

## Endowed chair for Rollins dean a first

By ASHANTE DOBBS

Emory has established an endowed chair in honor of Rollins School of Public Health Dean James W. Curran. The recognition marks the first time Emory has endowed a chair for a sitting dean. Curran and his successors will be known as the James W. Curran Dean of Public Health.

"Dr. Curran's extraordinary vision and leadership have helped to establish the Rollins School of Public Health as a world leader in public health education and research," says President Jim Wagner. "This gift is a testament to his contributions over the years and confidence in his future endeavors as he continues his leadership at Emory."

Curran has served as professor of epidemiology and dean of the Rollins School of Public Health since 1995. Under his leadership, the school has grown to nearly 200 faculty, 900 graduate and doctoral students, and more than \$55 million in annually funded research. It also has established close partnerships with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Cancer Society, CARE and The Carter Center.

Curran is also principal investigator and co-director



James W. Curran

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of the Emory Center for AIDS Research. Prior to joining Emory, Curran led the HIV/AIDS Division at CDC, where he attained the rank of assistant surgeon general.

The gift was made possible by the generosity of Emory and Lawrence P. and Ann Estes Klamon, longtime friends of Emory and the Rollins School of Public Health. The Klamons are also co-chairs of the school's \$150 million fundraising initiative as part of Campaign Emory.

The Rollins School of Public Health will name its 2,720 square-foot-multipurpose meeting space in its new building after the philanthropists. The Lawrence P. and Ann Estes Klamon Room will be located on the top floor of the Claudia Nance Rollins Building, slated to open in fall 2010.

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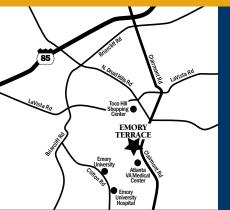
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#### **TAKE NOTE**

#### AIDS vaccine ride seeks participants

Bike riders and volunteers are needed for the AIDS Vaccine 200 Bike Ride May

All employees and students of Emory, Emory Healthcare and The Carter Center are eligible to register for Team Emory. Registration fees are reimbursed.

Riders receive a T-shirt, gear and support, including staffed pit stops, meals and entertainment during the ride, and accommodations Saturday night at Camp Rock

Volunteer-run Action Cycling Atlanta produces the 150- or 200-mile ride (with shorter distance options), raising over \$400,000 in seven years for the Emory Vaccine Center for its HIV/ AIDS research, donating 100 percent.

Nonriders can make a gift to Team Emory or volunteer for part or all of the weekend.

For questions, contact Cathy Fike at 404-712-9466 or go to www.actioncycling.org.

#### Appetite control class offered

Emory clinical psychology professor Linda Craighead will teach a new Evening at Emory course, "Appetite Awareness Training for Weight Concern," from May 6-June 24.

Classes will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Briarcliff campus. The \$245 tuition includes Craighead's book, "The Appetite Awareness Workbook.

Alumni, employees and students receive a 10 percent discount on Evening at Emory classes.

Craighead describes the approach she teaches as "learning to eat from below the neck. You re-program yourself to recognize stomach cues so that you eat what makes your body feel good, rather than eating something just because it tastes good or because you want it to make you feel better."

For more information on this and other classes, visit cll.emory.edu or call 404-727-

#### Frisbees, carnival to raise funds for PKU

An Ultimate Frisbee tournament and carnival will be Saturday, May 6, at the Candler intramural fields to raise research funds for the Metabolic Nutrition Program in the School of Medicine's Department of Human Genetics.

Ultimate PKU Day is presented by GA PKU Connect, which works to improve the lives of those with phenylketonuria, a genetic metabolic disorder.

The tournament starts at 9 a.m. and the carnival at 10 a.m. Entry donation is \$20.

For general information or tournament registration, contact Scott or Kristen at UltimatePKUDay@att.net, 678-406-9162.

## Serving global health for 25 years

By KYM ESTIS

On the occasion of its 25th anniversary, a distinguished Emory affiliate and global organization that connects leading experts and valuable resources to help save lives and improve health in communities around the world — is getting a new name and logo.

The Task Force for Global Health succeeds The Task Force for Child Survival and Development as the name for this small, but influential nonprofit, which focuses on the most vulnerable populations, whether in Atlanta or most anywhere on the planet.

'Our original focus was on children, but over time we've come to serve people of all ages by addressing health-related issues from infectious diseases to injury prevention to child development," says Mark Rosenberg, executive director. "This new name more accurately reflects our expanded mission."

"The Task Force for Global Health is a leading force in world health," says Charles H. "Pete" McTier, a member of the Task Force Board of Directors and former president of the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation. "Atlanta has become the crossroad for global health and the Task Force has contributed immeasurably to our reputation for quality research, collaboration, and capacity for global health leadership.'

In 2008, the Task Force relocated from rented space in Decatur to its own building at 325 Swanton Way in Decatur. Prior to the move, the Task Force launched a three-year Capital Campaign to raise funds for the renovations. The move was necessary to accommodate a growing number of programs and has already paved the way for additional opportunities.



Facial cleansing is part of the World Health Organization's strategy for eliminating blinding trachoma. Throughout Africa and Asia, the Task Force for Global Health assists WHO in implementing this strategy.

Already, the organization has added two new programs, bringing to 10 the number of global health programs in the Task Force.

programs of the Task Force are led by recognized leaders and innovators in the global health community, including several that work with Emory initiatives. Programs include the Center for Child Well-being; Children Without Worms; Center for Collaboration in Global Health;

Global Polio Eradication; Global Road Safety Forum; Lymphatic Filariasis Support Center; Mectizan Donation Program; Public Health Informatics Institute; Training Programs in Epidemiology and Public Health Interventions Network Inc.; and most recently, the International Trachoma Initiative.

Additionally, the Task Force works with public health practitioners in the U.S. and other countries on activities ranging from the design of information

systems to support public health agencies to research on the use of antivirals for the eradication

"While each program is different, the bottom line is that our partners understand that none of these large global health problems can be solved by a single organization," says Rosenberg. "To the degree that our partners come to value the true interdependence that effective coalitions nurture, that is the measure of success for each of our programs, and for the Task Force as a whole."

The Task Force was formed in 1984 by William H. Foege, William Watson and Carol Walters to support a collaboration among the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, and The Rockefeller Foundation, to achieve the goal of universal child immunization.

For more than 25 years, the Task Force has emphasized collaboration with a diverse group of partners to achieve shared strategic goals. The Task Force has facilitated a range of publicprivate sector partnerships to provide much-needed medicines to treat and prevent disease, as well as to develop collaborative strategies to meet public health goals.

For example, last year alone, the Task Force coordinated the distribution of 150 million doses of medicine to treat diseases such as river blindness, elephantiasis and intestinal worms, drawing upon the organization's reputation for effective and neutral facilitation. Among its partners, the Task Force works in cooperation with pharmaceutical companies who agree to donate the drugs necessary to eliminate neglected tropical diseases.

To learn more, visit www. taskforce.org/anniversary.

## **RANK:** Joint program, **MEDITATE:** Stations specialties recognized are rest stop for min

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vice provost for academic affairs-graduate studies and dean of the Graduate School. "It is a pleasure to congratulate history and sociology for the strong recognition of some specialty areas, and our joint program with Georgia Tech for its continued outstanding recognition."

Benjamin Reiss, director of graduate studies in English, attributes the rise in the English Ph.D. ranking to growing faculty strength and "dazzling literary resources at Emory," including world-class collections of 20th-century poetry, African American culture and history, and now the papers of major figures like Alice Walker and Salman Rushdie. "The presence of Sir Salman himself as a colleague

who teaches a yearly graduate seminar doesn't hurt either."

Reiss also cited students who have been active in editing the internationally acclaimed edition of Samuel Beckett's letters, publishing articles in top journals and receiving thorough training from faculty in becoming outstanding teachers. "We've seen a big surge in applications over the last five years," added Reiss, "and our yield is now consistently over 70 percent."

Several health-related programs were not surveyed this year, so that Rollins School of Public Health remains in 7th place nationally and the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing remains 26th, with its nursing midwifery program ranked 8th. Emory's physician assistant program remains 3rd in the nation and physical therapy is 11th.

## are rest stop for mind

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The free Meditation Stations are sponsored by Health Education and Promotion at Emory Student Health and Counseling Services. Banks leads both sessions — Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Candler Library 119 and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in DUC 362 — but is hopeful more stations will sprout around campus.

"This is just the beginning," says Banks. "Ultimately the vision is to have faculty and staff who have a meditation practice — they don't have to be dharma teachers or psychology professionals — to find a consistent time on their schedule and a room nearby. I'll post it on the Trumba calendar, so that anybody who is on that part of campus can drop in."

The new Meditation Stations

complement Emory's rich and diverse religious life, notes Banks, and the contemplative studies research by faculty like John Dunne, Bobbi Patterson, Charles Raison and Geshe Lobsang Tenzin Negi.

The Meditation Stations join other opportunities for meditation at Emory (see http:// studenthealth.emory.edu/hp/ hp\_meditation.php), weaving a culture of mindfulness into the fabric of campus life, says

"It's important to have a place where we model for one another that it is the right thing to do to stop being so driven, just for a few minutes out of the day."

# Campus

**REPORT FROM:** Emory Healthcare

### 'Top Medical Advances' site to be launched

What if you could remove a colloid cyst brain tumor with just a tiny incision? What if there were a stateof-the-art radiation delivery system that significantly reduced treatment time for cancer patients? What if you discovered a groundbreaking strategy to prevent rejection of transplanted organs with drugs that are less toxic and have fewer side effects? What if you could perform coronary artery bypass surgery without opening the chest cavity and stopping the heart?

These and other innovative treatments are now available at Emory. In early May, Emory will unveil 11 emerging medical innovations and initiatives that are delivering promising new technologies, therapies and advanced procedures, which are already revolutionizing the health care landscape and transforming treatment options.

Our new Web site, "Emory's Top Medical Advances," highlights some of the next big ideas in health care. Emory is making medical history every day. We have the right technologies in place to shape the future of medicine and the vision to make it happen. We're bringing new discoveries to the marketplace, and we're the right destination for "Top Tier" surgical care with a commitment to quality that sharpens Emory's leadership in delivering exceptional clinical outcomes. Our bottom line is all about how we can make a measurable impact on the lives of our patients in 2009 and beyond.

The innovations spring primarily from the comprehensive centers established by Woodruff Health Sciences Center charged with developing a new model for patientcentered care and distinctive health services, which focus on neurosciences, cancer, heart and vascular diseases, and transplantation. Among the many top medical advances are:

- Endoscopic resection of colloid cysts
- RapidArc Rotational IMRT Therapy
- Gene silencing
- Anterior hip replacement
- Expandable implants that use magnets to treat sarcoma of the bone and soft tissue
- The use of alternative biomaterials for hip and knee replacement
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patients, which provides patients with a new option for post-surgery vision correction; and

• Predictive Health, a new and innovative model of health care that focuses on maintaining health rather than treating disease.

We hope you'll visit our new Web site at www.emorymedicaladvances. org to view these vodcasts featuring Emory doctors and patients and learn more about these innovative procedures, physicians, patient advantages and why Emory is the right place to receive the latest and most advanced medical technology and high quality care in a safe, patientand family-friendly environment.

Una Hutton Newman is chief marketing officer, Emory Healthcare and Woodruff Health Sciences.

## PCSW awards duos for leadership in mentoring

By KIM URQUHART

The President's Commission on the Status of Women recently recognized four distinguished faculty with the Mentoring for Leadership Award. The third annual award honors success in leadership in the context of a mentoring relationship in which at least one member is female, to pay tribute to the process of mentoring and to acknowledge the critical roles played by both mentor and mentee.

The winning pairs were Karen Stolley, associate professor and chair of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, and Vialla Hartfield-Mendez, senior lecturer in Spanish and Portuguese; and Sheryl Heron, assistant dean for medical education and student affairs, Emory School of Medicine and associate professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, and Nadine Kaslow, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and chief psychologist, Grady Health System.

Ours is a mentoring relationship that began over 20 years ago and has continued to support and nourish us through a long series of institutional, intellectual, pedagogical and personal challenges

and accomplishments," wrote Stolley and Hartfield-Mendez. The most important aspect of their shared work in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, the pair noted, was breaking down the barriers that separate tenure- and lecture-track faculty through collaborations on programming, curricular development and faculty governance.

Heron and Kaslow said their mentoring relationship capitalized on their diversity as well as shared values, a collaboration that has resulted not only in papers, grants, awards and leadership appointments, but also in friendship. Kaslow's strength in research and Heron's commitment to community engagement resulted in mutual involvement as board members on the Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence for the past five years, the pair noted.

In presenting the awards, Tiffany Worboy of the PCSW's Women in Leadership Subcommittee thanked the recipients "for inspiring us and each other - and for demonstrating the power, potential and scope of a mentoring relationship."

## **American Academy** elects Wagner, DeLong



#### Mahlon R. Delong

Medicine. DeLong's studies have led to the development of new and effective surgical approaches for the improved treatment of Parkinson's disease and therapies for other movement and neuropsychiatric disorders.

Among numerous awards, DeLong received the 2008 Movement Disorders Society Lifetime Achievement Award and the 2009 American Academy of Neurology Movement Disorders Research Award. He is recognized by Health America as one of the Top Doctors in Neurology for the treatment of movement disorders.

DeLong was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine, the Johns Hopkins Society of Scholars and is a past air of the Society for Neuroscience.

He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and currently serves as chair of its section on neuroscience. He is scientific director of the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation and a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the American Parkinson Disease Association.

DeLong received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University and his medical degree from Harvard University.

The Academy, established in 1780 by John Adams, James Bowdoin, John Hancock and other scholar-patriots, undertakes studies of complex and emerging problems. The Academy's membership of scholars and practitioners from many disciplines and professions gives it a unique capacity to conduct a wide range of interdisciplinary, long-term policy research. The current membership includes more than 250 Nobel laureates and more than 60 Pulitzer Prize win-

The new class will be inducted at a ceremony on Oct.10, at the Academy's headquarters in Cambridge, Mass.

## **DES:** Leading producer of education faculty of color

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"I am quite certain that right now there is no institution in the country that beats us in terms of admitting women and students of color, graduating them in the five years and having them move on to productive careers, many of them in Research I institutions," Walker says. "When Emory speaks glowingly about its record graduating students of color, a large part of that record owes its genesis to DES."

Now that the Spencer grant has run its course — it expired in December 2008 — DES is trying to figure out how to pivot next. The division is seeking new grants for its focus on teaching in the urban South. But money is tight and DES has only nine professors — down three from this time last year.

"It is not a time to sit on our laurels, to say that was nice," Jensen says. "We are trying to envision where we go next."

As for Purdy, she is trying to contemplate a future after Emory. "I think I have been given the tools and the resources and the training and the friendships to navigate any terrain that I decide to go into."

Earlier this month, Purdy was selected for a \$25,000 Spencer Dissertation Fellowship for her work on the desegregation of elite private schools from the 1950s to the 1970s. The Spencer Foundation chose only 20 students among approximately 600 who applied nationally for the fellowships.

"It's a great honor. I am humbled by it. But the work continues," said Purdy, who credited DES in particular, and Emory at large, for their support.

UNIVERSITY PHOTO **President Jim Wagner** 

By BEVERLY CLARK

President Jim Wagner and Professor of Neurology Mahlon R. DeLong have been elected as fellows of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, one of the nation's most prestigious honorary societies and a center for independent policy research. They are among the 210 new fellows and 19 Foreign Honorary Members in the sciences, the humanities and the arts, business, public affairs and the nonprofit sector.

Wagner is an award-winning teacher and scientist who became the 19th president of Emory University in 2003. Following a distinguished tenure on the aculty of Johns Hopkins, Wagner served as dean, provost and interim president of Case Western Reserve University before joining Emory.

Wagner has authored more than 115 publications and has served as editor or editorial board member for several publications. He earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Delaware; a master's degree in clinical engineering from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; and a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering from Johns Hopkins as well. In 2007, Wagner received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Johns Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering and the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association.

Wagner serves on the boards of The Carter Center, the Georgia Research Alliance, SunTrust Banks, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and the Woodruff Arts Center. For the 2008-2009 academic year, Wagner is chair of the Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education (ARCHE).

DeLong is the William Timmie Professor of Neurology at the School of

# Discovery

## Getting hooked on art and science







PAINTINGS BY RAY TROLL

By CAROL CLARK

"Let's draw a flaming humpy, shall we?" said Ray Troll, as his yellow crayon swooped across a sheet of black paper. "This isn't going to be an old Army-green humpback salmon. Let's make it psychedelic. Let's give it some color, let's give it some funk!"

The science-and-art creativity workshop took on a surreal tone from the start. Students and faculty gathered around Troll, a former fishmonger turned natural history artist, to get his perspective on light — and on life.

"I'm imagining that there's a hot-pink light shining on the salmon from over here," he said. "I think of highlights as almost like candy. You don't want too much of it. Just that little sparkle in the eye, a glint on the tongue."

Troll is based in Ketchikan, Alaska, but his quirky, aquatic images turn up in museums, scientific journals and murals around the globe. He is best known for T-shirts bearing slogans like: "If you have to smoke, smoke salmon" and "The Da Vinci Cod." His "Spawn Till You

Die" shirt was worn by Seth Rogan in the movie "Pineapple Express," a member of the band Motley Crue in concert, and by his friend, Tommy, during his tour of the White House.

connections between art and science.

Troll's lively visit to campus, including public talks, was sponsored by the Department of Environmental Studies, the Center for Creativity & Arts, the Visual Arts Department and the Center for Science Education.

'When you look at a fish, there's just so many patterns within the patterns," Troll said, studding his salmon with bright, purple dots.

Natural history artist Ray Troll, shown leading a workshop at Emory, draws

He moved to Alaska in 1983 to take a job at his sister's seafood shack, "Hallelujah Halibut," and work "the slime line" at a commercial fishery. He designed a "Let's Spawn" T-shirt for a local festival, and the rest is

"Get in touch with your inner 5-year-old," Troll extolled the workshop participants. They dug into the neon colors and drew fantastic creatures of their own, including what looked like a cross between a dinosaur and

"Art relaxes me, and it's fun," said Julie Chang, a freshman biology major, as she sketched a giant white eye floating next to a multi-colored sunflower. "I want to be a surgeon. I'm sure creativity will come into play because not all surgeries are the same, and not all bodies are the same."

Kelly Garcia drew a lavender bird in flight. "People think that art and science are distinct categories but I think they're related," said Garcia, a freshman art major who also plans to go to medical school.

## Antiseizure drug impairs fetal brain

#### By QUINN EASTMAN

Three-year-olds whose mothers took the antiepileptic drug valproate during pregnancy had average IQs 6-9 points lower than children exposed to three other antiepileptic drugs, a landmark multicenter study has found.

The Neurodevelopmental Effects of Antiepileptic Drugs (NEAD) study's authors say that women of childbearing age should avoid valproate as a first choice drug for the treatment of epilepsy. The results were published in the April 16 issue of the New England Journal of

Valproate still has an important role in treating epilepsy, because some patients' seizures can only be controlled with valproate," says lead author and Emory neurologist Kimford Meador. "However, we are recommending that women with epilepsy try another drug first."

Meador stressed that women who are pregnant and take valproate should not stop without consulting a physician, to avoid seizures with potentially serious consequences.

Valproate is also prescribed for bipolar disorder and migraine headaches. It is sold under the brand name Depakote. Last year the FDA approved a generic version.

The NEAD study is following more than 300 children born to women with epilepsy between 1999 and 2004. At enrollment. the women were taking a single antiepileptic agent: carbamazepine, lamotrigine, phenytoin or valproate.

The NEAD study previously found that valproate exposure also increases the risk of anatomical birth defects.

## Libraries' digital scholarship vision draws global attention

#### By LEA McLEES

Naomi Nelson and Erika Farr of the Emory Libraries are carving a unique and historic niche in digital scholarship history for the University. The two were invited presenters at the British Library's "First Digital Lives Research Conference: Personal Digital Archives for the 21st Century" conference in London earlier this year.

Nelson, interim director of the Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library (MARBL). shared Emory Libraries' vision for collecting, preserving and providing access to born-digital records - materials initially created using a computer instead of typing, writing or drawing on paper or other materials. Farr, the Libraries' director of born-digital initiatives, spoke of practical experiences with digital archives.

"I described the progress we've made with the digital portions of Salman Rushdie's archive, as well as our plans for future work with these records."

Emory Libraries' digital archives work and planning is attracting global attention to Emory, Nelson says.

"Other libraries are very interested in what Emory is doing — both because the Rushdie files are the most complete high profile set of eManuscripts currently in a repository, and because they think our vision for the program is very exciting," Nelson says.

Among the digital scholarship challenges Nelson, Farr and their Emory Libraries colleagues are tackling are the scope of digital records that an archive includes — and capturing the born-digital records that researchers create as they use

Emory's archives.

"Libraries must consider how they will preserve those new records, and how they will make them available for others," Nelson notes.

Several staff members at the Emory Libraries are meeting individually with authors whose archives are housed at Emory to share plans for the new MARBL building, a Campaign Emory priority, says Emory Libraries Vice Provost and Director Rick

"We're finding that authors are excited of being part of a university that plans to offer space and equipment for digital scholarship, and has staff members such as Naomi and Erika who are growing our expertise in that area," Luce says. "They want to be part of Emory's work in this area."

#### **FIRST PERSON**

## Acupuncture speaks body's language



#### By AMY BENSON BROWN

The silver needles rise a good inch out my flesh. Scattered across the plain of my belly, they look kind of like flagless flagpoles. With my first acupuncture treatment, Eastern medicine seems to be staking a claim on me.

Just a few minutes earlier, I had been faithful consumer of Western medicine as I entered a room on the fourth floor of the **Emory University Spine Center** near North Druid Hills Road. It looked like a standard examining room, with crisp white furnishings and sage-green walls. The paper napkin beneath me crinkled as I lay back and saw again those spotted ceiling panels I've stared at in so many different doctors' offices lately. A middle-aged Chinese man in a white coat stepped into view. "May I touch your abdomen?" he asked softly.

The flesh below my belly button rises like a gently sloping burial mound. His fingertips brush old scars. "How did you get this one?"

Silently, he adds the information I supplied to his growing database of facts about me:

Female. 42. Osteoarthritis of the spine. Suffering low back pain.Occasional at first

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but constant for three months. Has seen one chiropractor, two orthopaedists, two physical therapists, and an ergonomic specialist. The MRI detected a bulging disc in her lower spine. Steroid spinal injection. Cannot sit in the examining room chair for the pain.

"Are you afraid of needles?" he asks.

"No." "Why not?"

Taken aback by the question, pause — I don't know why not. But I am curious about how acupuncture will feel, and, yes, a little nervous. I try to lie still as he measures different distances across by body.

The first needle enters my middle, below my belly button. It doesn't hurt. He gently taps in several more on either side of my pelvis as I try to concentrate on my breath. Before long, there are so many needles across my midsection, I decide to lift my head to check out the view.

My belly looks like the top of a birthday cake for a very old person. Some needles stand erect. Others lean, like lopsided candles in cream-colored icing. Extremely thin, they quaver as I exhale. As the doctor tap, tap, taps more needles in into my forearms, calves, feet, hands, forehead and scalp — he explains a little more about the treatment.

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Acupuncture stimulates the body's energy, called Qi, to promote healing. For thousands of years, it's been used to treat many diseases and musculoskeletal conditions. It's not about fixing one part but about restoring the balance the whole depends upon. As he talks I notice something is missing.

Behind closed eyes, my mind searches, pointing a flashlight into its crowded corners. Where is it? Low-back pain has been my almost constant companion for three months. It has grown familiar as the furniture I grew up with. But it's gone. My consciousness keeps probing for the pain, kind of like a little kid's tongue keeps returning to the place where the loose tooth used

A growing sense of ease spreads throughout my body as the doctor adds the last of the needles. Of the dozens inserted, most hurt not at all. A few strike with a sharp sensation that quickly subsides, like a finger prick. For warmth now, he covers exposed skin with blankets.

Unlike the multi-tasking practitioners of Western medicine who have treated me recently, all his movements are quiet and unhurried. Keeping to his own rhythm, he works steadily, pausing to bend the arm of a flexible lamp over my middle. An orange-yellow light warms my belly, sprouting with needles. The doctor and his assistant dim the overhead lights as they slip out of the room.

When they return 20 minutes later, they seem surprised that I did not actually fall asleep. Many people do. Though awake, I feel drowsy and calm but with a particularly sharp sense of focus. Slowly, painlessly, the doctor removes each needle in the order they were inserted. As he outlines for me the course of acupuncture treatments he recommends, I have to ask him to repeat several times, and he does the same when I speak. Though his Chinese accent and my southern American one make verbal communication a little tricky, it doesn't matter. His skill clearly speaks a language my body answers on the deepest level. And I schedule another appointment.

#### **SOUNDBITES**

#### **U.S. Attorney** touts public service

The best thing about being a federal prosecutor is that you get paid to do good for a living," said U.S. Attorney David Nahmias on April 15 as part of a lecture series hosted by the Emory Black Law Students Association and Smith, Gambrell & Russell.

Nahmias shared advice and anecdotes from his legal career, which has included serving on the Harvard Law Review editorial board with President Barack Obama, clerking for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and working on the Centennial Olympic Park bombing case.

He challenged students to pursue public service work during their careers. "You all have been given very much in the way of talent and opportunity, and you owe it to your community to give some of that back.

-Liz Chilla

#### Alavi: Leadership can be learned

"Are leaders born or made? The answer is yes," said Maryam Alavi at her April 22 Life of the Mind lecture, "Learning to

"Although some people may have inherent traits that help them to lead, leadership by and large is a developmental process that's very much impacted by lessons of experience," said the vice dean of Goizueta Business School. 'I'm a believer that everyone's leadership capability and competence can be developed

Alavi explored four dimensions for leadership development: cognitive; emotional; social/relational; and behavioral.

The emotional and relational competencies, Alavi said, are the ones that distinguish between leaders who are great and those who are good.

—Leslie King

#### **Debunking myths** of mental health

At "Mental Illness: Myths and Realities," a Conversations at The Carter Center event April 16, a panel of experts addressed the stigma of mental

"We work continuously to overcome stigma," said Rosalynn Carter, founder of The Carter Center's Mental Health Program. "It isolates people, it keeps them from getting services, and so many people don't know they can be helped."

"Did you know about a quarter of the population could benefit from treatment? And less than half the people who could benefit don't go, trying to avoid the label," said Patrick Corrigan, professor of psychology at Illinois Institute of Technology.

"It's really about just seeing people as people. Ultimately, that's the way around stigma," concluded Ben Druss, Rosalynn Carter Endowed Chair in Mental Health at Rollins School of Public Health.

—Kim Urguhart

## eScienceCommons: A blog experiment

By CAROL CLARK

oi a piiysicai "science commons" taking shape on campus. And a new blog is building an electronic science commons.

Log on to www.emory.edu/ esciencecommons to learn how your neurons are connected to your wallet, why you should care about the lowly ant, and the chemical basis for love.

eScienceCommons is interactive, so you can join the conversation and add your views to the mix. The blog aims to serve as a platform for ideas, while showcasing Emory's high-level research spanning the natural and social sciences.

Here are just a few of the ongoing stories:

• A big hope for solving the energy crisis is to turn every home into an artificial leaf by mimicking natural photosynthesis. Emory chemists, physicists, computational scientists and biologists are joining forces to try to make that vision a reality.

• New ways of understanding today's obesity trend may be The new psychology building hidden in ancient human skeletons and our ancestors' diets and lifestyles. Emory is a national leader in taking this bio-cultural approach to anthropology.

> • Many epidemics in recent years began when a germ jumped from wildlife to humans. Emory is developing an international reputation in disease ecology, to help control — or prevent a major pandemic.

The natural and social sciences at Emory are powered by an interdisciplinary culture and proximity to leading medical, law and humanities schools, the Rollins School of Public Health, the Yerkes National Primate Research Center and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Emory's tradition of service and outreach to both the local community and the world — adds to its impact.

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# Events

Items are compiled from the University's master calendar, Events@Emory, and from individual submissions to Emory Report. Submit events at least two weeks prior to the publication date at emory.edu/home/events or christi. gray@emory.edu. Listings are subject to space limitations.

#### ADVANCE NOTICE

### Volunteer for Commencement

May 1 kicks off Commencement 2009 related events, which culminate the three days of May 9, 10 and 11.

A variety of events, including send-offs, award presentations, banquets, receptions, reunions, block and dance parties and concerts are planned.

Emory's 164th Commencement is Monday, May 11 on the Quadrangle, beginning at 8 a.m. followed by individual school ceremonies throughout the campus. Special needs seating must be requested by Saturday, May 2.

For more details and a schedule of events, visit www. emory.edu/commencement.

Volunteers are still needed, the Office of Development and Alumni Relations says, and encourages those interested to sign up for "any" volunteer effort. "We really need ushers and ambassadors," says Myra Willis in DAR, urging those interested to contact her at myra.willis@emory.edu.

### Religion, health intersect at event

Faculty and student research at the intersection of religion and health is the subject of a symposium April 30.

Hosted by Emory's Religion and Public Health Collaborative, the symposium will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Emory Conference Center. To RSVP, e-mail slandsk@emory.edu.

More than three dozen poster presentations representing past and present research from interdisciplinary research teams will be displayed for viewing.

President Jim Wagner will present opening remarks. A panel discussion, led by Provost Earl Lewis, will include Rollins School of Public Health Dean James Curran; Center for Faculty Development and Excellence Director Laurie Patton; Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Claire Sterk; and Graduate School Dean Lisa Tedesco.

For more information, visit www.rhcemory.org.

### Sociologist speaks on science, politics

University of Cincinnati sociologist Kelly Moore will give a talk titled "Doing Good While Doing Science: How Scientists Link Politics and Political Activity," on Thursday, April 30 at 2:30 p.m. in the Jones Room of the Woodruff Library.

Moore's research focuses on the intersection of science and politics, and how governments and social movements shape knowledge production and distribution. She is especially interested in the politics of food, the military and the environment.

The free talk is part of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Center Lecture Series.

#### Performing Arts Seminars

#### Monday, April 27

**Emory World Music Ensemble.** 8 p.m. Performing Arts Studio. Free. 404-727-5050.

#### Thursday, April 30

**READING: Philippe Rochat.** 

5 p.m. Druid Hills Bookstore. Free. 404-727-2979.

#### Friday, May 1

Vega String Quartet and Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta. 8 p.m. Emerson Hall, Schwartz Center. \$20; \$15, discount categories; Free, students. 404-727-5050.

#### Saturday, May 2

#### Undergraduate Recital.

Meagan Mason, violin, performing. 2 p.m. Emerson Hall, Schwartz Center. Free. 404-727-5050.

#### Sunday, May 3

#### **Undergraduate Recital**

Alessia Waller, voice, performing. 2 p.m. Emerson Hall, Schwartz Center. Free. 404-727-5050.

#### Undergraduate Recital.

Robert Pendergrass, euphonium, performing. 5 p.m. Emerson Hall, Schwartz Center. Free. 404-727-5050.

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#### "Wading in the Water: Building a Twenty-First-Century Academic Commons."

Monday, April 27

Earl Lewis, Provost, presenting. 4:30 p.m. Jones Room, Woodruff Library. Free. 404-712-1238.

#### Tuesday, April 28

"Autophagy, DNA Damage and Mitochondria in Neurodegeneration: Our Past, Present and Future."

Zixu Mao, pharmacology, presenting. Noon. Rollins Research Center. Free. orivera@pharm. emory.edu.

"Spotted and Sacred: Jaguars in Nature and Art." John Polisar, jaguar expert, and Rebecca Stone, Emory curator, presenting. 7 p.m. Reception Hall, Carlos Museum. Free. 404-727-4282.

#### Thursday, April 30

"Quality Control in the Secretory Pathway and Congenital Pathologies." Marek Michalak, University of Alberta, presenting. 9 a.m. 600 Whitehead Research Building. Free. kathy.cobb@ emory.edu.

#### "RNA Recognition by Nematode Embryonic Cell Fate Determinants."

Sean Ryder, University of Massachusetts Medical School, presenting. Noon. Ground Floor Auditorium, Whitehead Building. Free. ecapla2@emory.edu.

#### "Personalized Medicine in the Prevention of Cardiovascular

**Disease."** Mimi Guarneri, Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine, presenting. Noon. 110 School of Medicine. Free. 404-686-6194.

"Doing Good While Doing Science: How Scientists Link Politics and Political Activity." Kelly Moore, University of Cincinnati, presenting. 2:30 p.m. Jones Room, Woodruff Library. Free.

#### Special

#### Tuesday, April 28

jboli@emory.edu.

Farmers Market. 2-6 p.m. Cox Hall Bridge. Julie.shafer@ emory.edu. Every Tuesday.

#### Wednesday, April 29

**Toastmasters.** 8 a.m. 231 Dental School Building. Free. 770-317-6285.

#### Visual Arts

#### Thursday, April 30

OPENING: 2009 Emory Student Art Exhibition and Open Studios. 5:30 p.m. Visual Arts Studio. Free. 404-727-6315. Through May 11.

#### **Now Showing**

"A Keeping of Records: The Art and Life of Alice Walker." Schatten Gallery. Free. Through Sept. 27.

"Ingeborg Bachmann: Writing Against War." Dobbs Center Gallery. Free. sdelama@emory. edu. Through May 8.

#### Workshops

#### Monday, April 27

#### MONDAYS AT THE MUSEUM: "Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales."

10:30 a.m. Tate Room and African Galleries, Carlos Museum. \$2. 404-727-0519. Registration required. For ages 3-5.

#### Thursday, April 30

**Welcoming Diversity** 

**Workshop.** 7 p.m. Winship Ballroom, Dobbs Center. Free. khornbe@emory.edu.

## Semester ends but music keeps playing

By JESSICA MOORE

When classes end, musical opportunities in May continue with captivating performances by chamber and youth ensembles, guest artists, Emory's resident quartet and Emory's talented alumni.

The Vega String Quartet presents the last Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta Emerson Series concert of the season (May 1, 8 p.m., ticketed) featuring Haydn's "String Quartet in E-Flat Major," Mendelssohn's "String Quartet in A Minor" and Saint-Saens' "Quintet in A Minor" with pianist William Ransom.

The Emory Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Atlanta Junior Chamber Orchestra present a free performance (May 6, 8 p.m.) including Handel's "Sinfonia to Saul," Reznicow's "Avian Dance," Haydn's "Symphony Number 1-0-4" and Elgar's "Enigma Variations."

Violinist Richard Luby performs Martinu's "Madrigals" and Prokofiev's "Sonata for Two Violins" with members of the Vega String Quartet as part of the free Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta Noontime Series (May 8, noon, Carlos Museum). Formerly on the faculty of the Eastman School of Music and a 1991 Visiting Professor at the New England Conservatory of Music, he is currently a professor at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, where he teaches violin, is co-founder and co-director of the original instrument ensemble Courant

and performs with the resident contemporary music ensemble 27514.

Some of Emory's most talented musical alumni perform along with one of the finest current students from the Department of Music in the Cherry Emerson Memorial Alumni Concert (May 10, 2 p.m.) in a free annual one-hour performance followed by a reception. The program includes pianist Eun Kyung "Grace" Oh '89C playing Mendelssohn's "Fantasy," graduating senior violinist Katie Lee playing Brahms' "Sonata in D Minor" and bass Jason Hardy '95C.

The Atlanta Sacred Chorale directed by Eric Nelson presents "Visions: Season Finale Concert" (May 16, 8 p.m., ticketed). This outstanding chamber choir sings traditional sacred choral gems along with rousing spirituals and hymns. Renowned for their exquisite artistry and transcendent sound, ASC is a community chorus that brings together professional musicians and gifted amateurs in an exciting choral ensemble.

Scott Stewart directs the Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony in a free performance (May 18, 8 p.m). It is comprised of a select group of the finest high school wind and percussion instrumentalists in the area and performs the best of traditional and contemporary wind band literature.

For tickets and information call 404-727-5050 or visit www. arts.emory.edu. Performances are in the Schwartz Center for Performing Arts unless otherwise noted.

#### **SNAPSHOT**



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#### Walk this way for student art

For a glimpse of what Emory's most talented up-and-coming artists have been creating for the past year, look no further than the Visual Arts Building & Gallery, April 30–May 11. In addition to a dazzling array of drawings, paintings, sculpture, ceramics, photography and video, the opening reception on Thursday, April 30 from 5–8 p.m. will feature a Mediterranean buffet, music from student-generated iTunes playlists, screenings from documentary and experimental film classes, a special performance by student a cappella group Dooley Noted and a networking room where recent arts alumni will be on hand to share career advice and success stories. For information: www. visualarts.emory.edu.