Hospital name change enhances mission

By SARAH GOODWIN

Emory Crawford Long Hospital has been renamed to Emory University Hospital Midtown (EUMH), following the Emory University Board of Trustees’ decision.

For more than 70 years, Emory’s Midtown hospital has been wholly owned and operated by Emory University. The hospital will continue its 100-year tradition of providing outstanding care to people in metro Atlanta and throughout the region.”

President Jim Wagner says the decision emphasizes the importance of EUHM within Emory’s health system: “Being more clearly affiliated with Emory in the public eye will help expand upon the hospital’s 100-year tradition of providing outstanding care to people in metro Atlanta and throughout the region.”

Fred Sanfilippo, executive vice president for health affairs and chair of Emory Healthcare, says the change “will fuel the hospital’s relationship with Emory’s entire health system, the new name will enhance its already impressive reputation in the community — enabling even greater opportunities for cutting-edge research, world-class education and high-quality patient- and family-centered care.”

By NANCY SEIDEMAN

The Emory University Board of Trustees met Feb. 11–12 to review and discuss the University leadership’s progress in fulfilling its strategic priorities in light of new economic realities, approve tuition and fee rates for the next academic year, and to acknowledge and celebrate recent achievements of the Emory community.

“Trustee meetings are a time for representatives of the university community to have an opportunity to share our
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EMORY PROFILE
Simona Perales

Breaking out of the box
She’s Midwestern, Mexican American, and much more

By CAROL CLARK

Simona Perales is used to standing out in a crowd. She was raised in Columbus, Wisconsin, a tiny town with few Hispanics. Her parents had left their rural homes in Mexico to work as migrant laborers in the United States, eventually settling in the Midwest, where they found factory jobs.

“My dad really embraced life in small-town, middle America,” says Perales, a senior advisor in the Office of Admission. “Columbus has a beautiful park, and a Fourth of July parade with lots of fireworks. It also has a great school system.”

It wasn’t easy, however, to be the only Hispanic in her elementary school class. “It was hard dealing with being one of the smartest kids in the class, and an ethnic minority,” she recalls. “I was an easy target for bullies because I was so obviously different. There was no hiding that I had brown skin.”

Despite being different, Perales excelled in school and developed a healthy sense of identity. Colorful Mexican blankets drape the chairs in her office in B. Jonas Center. A John Deere calendar hangs on the wall behind her. “I’m still very much the Midwestern girl,” she says, laughing.

Perales first came to Emory in 1994, as a student. “I liked that Emory was in a big city that was home to so many civil rights leaders,” she says.

The financial aid process, however, was daunting. Perales had to manage all the details, since her parents did not understand the process and were not confident with English. Perales completed three semesters, then had to take one off. The stress of college, while dealing with the complexities of finances, became too much.

“I am so grateful that one of the financial aid officers tracked me down,” Perales says. “He said, ‘Do you want to come back to school?’ I got choked up and said, ‘Yes, I do.’ He told me, ‘Then you and I are going to figure out how to make this work.’ Suddenly, I didn’t feel alone anymore.”

Perales returned and immersed herself in her major, Theater Studies. She worked with EN-AC, a program that brought actors to inner-city schools to perform scenes on topics like HIV and pregnancy prevention. Afterwards, the actors stayed in character and took questions from the audience.

“The more I did this work, the more I realized that we have a responsibility as adults to listen to young people, learn from them, and try to guide them through a very tough time,” Perales says.

After graduating, Perales managed a community center in Wisconsin, before deciding that she missed Atlanta. In 2006, she found her dream job at Emory, working as a senior admission advisor, with a special focus on recruiting Latino/Hispanic students. Only about 5 percent of Emory College students are possible and will happen,” Perales says. Especially for new immigrants, the hope of achieving the highest levels of education can be an emotionally charged topic.

“Sometimes when I go to an event targeted at Latino students, people break down in tears,” she says. “I remember a dad who was so overwhelmed with emotion for his son, after I explained how Emory could be financially feasible for him.”

From California to New York, from small towns to big cities, from new immigrants to people with U.S. roots going back centuries, Perales loves learning the stories of the Latino students she encounters around the country.

“It’s important for people to understand that Latino culture is not just one thing,” she says. “It’s all different colors and shapes and economic backgrounds. I’m a Buddhist who was raised Roman Catholic. My boyfriend is African American. I listen to hip-hop and I know just about every cumbia out there. It’s exciting, how everything has changed so fast from my parents’ generation.”

VAVIN NOTI
Three undergraduates and three graduate students were recently named the University’s 2009 Humanitarian Award winners. The honor recognizes students who embody a spirit of volunteerism and sense of community, both on campus and off. President Jim Wagner gave out the awards to the six recipients in a ceremony earlier this month. Students are nominated for the Humanitarian Award by peers, staff and faculty members for demonstrating honesty, integrity, responsibility and a sense of community, for special acts of courage and friendship, and for committing an unusual amount of time and energy in service to others.

Chosen from a pool of more than 60 nominees, this year’s honorees are extensively involved in both local and international community volunteerism and activism. The winners, with highlights of their service, include:

• Stephen R. Deadrick, Emory College senior

Deadrick was honored for the “exceptional service” he has provided the Office of Multicultural Programs and Services the past four years, and for his leadership in ensuring the overall welfare of Emory’s diverse community. Among many other commitments, he is “All Mixed Up,” a student organization that promotes the specific needs of students of mixed racial heritages, religions and transnational backgrounds. As a MORE mentor advisor, he works closely with freshmen to ensure that they have access to resources and social networks that will make them successful at Emory.

• Jeffrey Schram, Emory College senior

His nominator and friends described him as “inspiring with a strong sense of empathy and kindness toward all.” Schram has volunteered with the Special Olympics and has devoted much time as a mentor and “supervisory friend” for an Emory staff member’s son who has Down syndrome. He also serves as co-president of SHOAR, the Holocaust Awareness Research group on campus, and is deeply involved with the Inter-Religious Council.

• Javier Gutierrez, Rollins School of Public Health

An obstetrician, Gutierrez and his wife founded a small hospital in Leticia, a remote area in the Amazon jungle of Colombia. The hospital grew from 6 to 30 beds and they were able to establish a satellite hospital 70 miles up river from Leticia. Javier and his wife and two sons have continued to serve the population in Leticia for 14 years. Upon graduation from the Rollins, Gutierrez will return to Colombia to continue to provide quality care to the native people of the Colombian Amazon.

• Ramone Williams, Emory College junior

Williams was honored for her breast cancer research and advocacy. She is known as an activist and a seeker of justice for the poor and the oppressed. Kroger was recognized for recognizing the need for an advocate for Troy Davis, a current death row inmate convicted in 1991 of the 1989 murder of Savannah police officer Mark MacPhail. This past year, he organized a broad base of supporters across campus and community lines to bring attention to the Davis case. On Oct. 24, 2008, three days before Davis scheduled execution date, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a stay of execution, still in effect, to review the case due to discredited eye witness testimony.

• Shauna Mettee, Rollins School of Public Health

Already a registered nurse, Shauna Mettee is seeking dual degrees from the School of Nursing and the School of Public Health. As leader of the School of Public Health Student Outreach, she has expanded the scope of the team to add more real learning experiences as well as skill training. She also works closely with the homeless in Atlanta, and has worked in underserved areas of the globe including Guinea Bissau and Bangladesh.

By BEVERLY CLARK

Students honored for humanitarian focus

Cristobal area of Mexico; and academic exchanges between students and faculty from Emory and partner institutions of Centro Fox.

In 2000, Fox was elected president of Mexico as the candidate of the Alliance for Change, which pledged to end government corruption and restore the economy. He became the first person elected president of Mexico independent of any affiliation with the Institutional Revolutionary Party, which had held power without interruption for 71 years. His inauguration marked the first time that an incumbent government in Mexico peacefully stepped aside for the opposition party.

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shortage projected by decade end. "Naming this important facility the James B. Williams Medical Education Building is an honor for the medical school, as well as a tribute to a man whose leadership contributed to the medical school's dramatic rise to one of the nation's top 20 research-oriented medical schools," says School of Medicine Dean Thomas J. Lawley. "Jimmy Williams provided visionary leadership through an era of great transformation," says President Jim Wagner. "He successfully chaired Emory University's capital campaign in the 1980s. During the next quarter of a century, he oversaw and helped secure the capital for unprecedented growth in Woodruff Health Sciences Center research, patient care and teaching, while helping steer the patient care enterprise through challenges on which many other institutions floundered." Sanfilippo, executive vice president for health affairs and CEO of the Woodruff Health Sciences Center since 1997, says, "Jimmy Williams was deeply involved in the extensive building and renovation plan now under way along the Clifton Corridor and the Emory Midtown campus. It's fitting that his work on this transformational project be recognized in one of the first great buildings to be completed." Jimmy Williams graduated from Emory College in 1955. Joining the Trust Company of Georgia, he quickly rose through the ranks to become its president. In 1979, Robert Woodruff, legendary leader of The Coca-Cola Company, made Williams a member of the Coca-Cola Board of Directors and asked him to chair Emory University's capital campaign, to which the Emily and Ernest Woodruff Foundation had just given $105 million, then the largest gift to an educational institution in history. Williams had become an Emory Trustee in 1973. Now Emory effectively became his second job, even as he led the Trust Company to remarkable profitability, and then took on the expanded job as president and CEO of SunTrust Banks. In 1994, Williams received an honorary doctorate from Emory.

BOARD: Trustees celebrate community achievements

meeting its top strategic priorities which includes attracting and enrolling the best and brightest students, recruiting and retaining a faculty of distinction, offering need-blind admissions and providing demonstrated financial need for continuing students," says Earl Lewis, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

- Renaming of Crawford Long Hospital to Emory University Hospital Midtown (see story, Page 1).
- Celebrating the naming of Emory's School of Medicine building for Trustee Emeritus James B. Williams, retired chairman and CEO of SunTrust Banks Inc. (see story, Page 1).
- Election of Bishop James R. Swanson Sr., resident bishop of the Holston Conference of The United Methodist Church, to a six-year term as trustee, bringing the total board membership to 40. An award-winning preacher, Swanson oversees the Holston Conference, which includes more than 900 churches in Tennessee, southwestern Virginia and northern Georgia.

Board activities included an executive presentation, "Internationalization: Perspectives and Partnerships," which included participation by a dean, faculty member, student and a member of the Emory International Advisory Council. The council, whose international membership includes alumni and leaders from varied professions and countries, is charged with supporting Emory in shaping its strategy for international engagement.

HOSPITAL: Name highlights Emory ties

Emory's Midtown hospital celebrated its 100-year anniversary in 2008, and is an important part of Atlanta's health care history and heritage. Today, EUHM is a 511-bed community-based, acute care teaching facility, the second largest hospital in the city, and one of the premier academic medical centers in the world. "We hope our patients and their families, as well as our staff and physicians, will see that while we have grown into a premier academic medical center, the Crawford Long name and its place in history will continue to be a source of pride," says Fox.

While focused on Emory's three-tiered mission of excellent patient care, cutting-edge research and a dynamic destination for education, the Midtown Atlanta landmark will also remain true to its heritage and history. The hospital will maintain some of its historical signage, while adding the initials CL for Crawford Long onto much of its new signage. A museum-quality historical display will remain in a prominent location, and EUHM's museum, which further details its long-standing history, will be highlighted to both patients and visitors.
Project Compass: What does it mean for you?

By DAVID PAYNE

On Sept. 1, Emory University and Emory Healthcare will make a significant transition to the new PeopleSoft Financial Accounting system as part of an Emory-wide initiative, named “Project Compass,” will replace the current FAS system at the University and hospitals, and the CODA system at The Emory Clinic.

The new technology, PeopleSoft, includes nine subcomponents, or “modules,” that will work together to share and integrate information throughout Emory’s accounting systems.

Reducing the number of communications systems that we support and streamlining our organizational structure has resulted in significant cost savings. Overall, the latest organizational changes we made in UTS resulted in more than $700,000 in recurring annual cost savings. Those of you who have moved to our new systems can already get your e-mail, voice mail and faxes in one common inbox. The feedback we’ve received on this capability has been very positive.

For some members of our community, cost is going to be more important than features. In line with that thinking, we are assessing the degree to which we can use products like Skype to reduce our communications costs, while preserving adequate levels of security and network performance. If you do a Google search on “Skype and universities,” you’ll see that some have outright banned it, some tolerate it, and some facilitate its use and have taken steps to make it more secure.

We intend to do everything we can to support an optimal configuration of Skype, and are even exploring third-party products that may allow us to tie it into our new Voice Over IP-based phone system, so calls could be forwarded from conventional Emory phones. By early this summer, we expect to have final recommendations on how to optimize the use of Skype at Emory. Please note that our scope for this project is limited to Emory University, and will not include Emory Healthcare workstations.

Please feel free to e-mail me your reactions to our new communications directions. Rich.mendola@emory.edu.

Rich Mendola is vice president for information technology and chief information officer.

SNAPSHOT

Campus camp-out for a cause

“We wanted to take student activism to another level,” says Sebastian Castro (second from left), one of the students who braved wind, cold, rain and canned food rations in a 24/7 campus camp-out. “The Tico Tent Project” raised awareness and money for the people affected by a 6.3 magnitude earthquake that struck the province of Alajuela, Costa Rica Jan. 8.

Learn about Emory and the economy at Town Hall

Emory and the economy is the focus of the Employee Council’s 2009 Town Hall discussion set for Thursday, Feb. 19, from noon to 1 p.m. Guest speakers are President Jim Wagner; Provost Earl Lewis; Fred Sanfilippo, executive vice president for health affairs and CEO of Emory Healthcare; and Mike Mandl, executive vice president for finance and administration.

The four will provide background on the current economic downturn as it relates to Emory University and Emory Healthcare and answer questions from those attending.

This is an incredible opportunity to hear directly from Emory’s leadership about what’s going on in the economy. Employee Council President Matt Engelhardt, “as well as to reconnect with fellow staff, faculty and students across campus.”

The annual event, which will be webcast, will be held in the School of Law’s Tall Auditorium. Light refreshments will be served.

Project Compass: What does it mean for you?

Who will be affected by Project Compass?

This transition will affect nearly every individual and every department at Emory.

If you currently use an FAS subcode for department expenditures, the FAS numbers will change. If you currently use a health care accounting FANCODA number, that number may change. This will impact departmental purchases at the bookstore, travel expenses, departmental budgets and University grant accounts, to name a few.

When will Project Compass affect you?

On Sept. 1, 2009, all FY 2009-2010 expenditures will need to be processed through the new accounting system.

To prepare for this transition, Project Compass Learning Forums will begin this spring.

These sessions are designed to provide you with a detailed overview of the new accounting system and a discussion around what is changing with the implementation of PeopleSoft. Training programs for this transition will begin in July. Training will provide the hands-on and Web-based learning exposure to the new system.

What is next?


Take advantage of the briefings and tutorials that are planned for this spring and anticipate training this summer.

If you have not attended a Project Compass Town Hall Overview, sign-up to attend the last session: Monday, Feb. 23, 10:30 a.m.—noon, Dobbs University Center, Winship Ballroom.

RSVP for the Town Hall meeting at www.compass.emory.edu.

In our very challenging fiscal climate, I thought it would be helpful to outline the cost-saving activities that my Office of Information Technology has been focused on. I’d like to talk about what has been happening with e-mail and phones, and how the foundation we’ve been laying should enable more efficient and cost-effective communications in the near future.

You only need to go back a few years in Emory history to observe the plethora of systems that were used for basic communications. We had two major phone systems, more than 50 e-mail systems, and multiple high-level organizational units involved in communications-related activities.

Fast forward to February 2009, and the landscape has changed considerably. We have moved more than 20,000 faculty and staff at Emory University and Emory Healthcare to common voice and e-mail systems and now have an organizational structure in my University Technology Services division that no longer separates data, voice or communication services into multiple siloed units.

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Illuminating hidden civil rights collections

By ELAINE JUSTICE

Emory’s Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library is one of four institutions that will share a $900,000 grant awarded by the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) to support “Working for Freedom: Documenting Civil Rights Organizations,” a collaborative project designed to bring to public notice more than a dozen “hidden” manuscript collections housed in Atlanta and New Orleans archives. Emory and the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History received a joint award of $480,000, while the Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center and the Amistad Research Library on Auburn Avenue were awarded $250,000 each to complete their projects. Funds for the CLIR grant were provided by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. At MARBL, the grant will be used to help process materials in the archive of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), which Emory acquired last year. Auburn Avenue will process materials in its collections on the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as well as the personal papers of Andrew Young. Together, the SCLC archive at Emory and NAACP and Andrew Young papers at Auburn Avenue chronicle some of the most transformational moments and movements of the civil rights era, says Randall Burkett, curator of Emory’s African American Collections. The SCLC archive contains some 1,000 boxes, the second largest collection at MARBL, says Burkett. Most of the materials date from after the death of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968. The King Library and Archives at the King Center holds most pre-1968 items. The archive at Emory chronicles SCLC presidencies of Ralph David Abernathy and Joseph Lowery, who succeeded King.

“What’s important about these materials is the detailed documentation about local chapters, such as field agent reports, local dues that were being submitted, and receipts and reimbursements made,” says Burkett. “From these types of records you can get a very good sense of the work being done on the ground and who were the active participants of SCLC work throughout the South.”

The joint grant to Emory and Auburn Avenue will allow each institution to hire a lead archivist and graduate students from area universities to help with processing the collections, says Susan McDonald, coordinator of arrangement and description services at MARBL and director of the project.

“The grant means we will be able to do this work much, much sooner than we could have possibly done it otherwise,” she says. “We’re excited about giving graduate students with an interest in these materials the opportunity to work on them,” says McDonald. “MARBL will benefit from their subject expertise and they will learn about doing archival research; it’s win-win for everyone.”

The processing teams at Emory and Auburn Avenue will be using a technique called the Greene-Emerson processing model, which advocates “more product, less process” and should help streamline the teams’ ability to deal with such large collections.

Blocking toxic effects boosts clot-buster safety

By QUINN EASTMAN

Since the introduction of the life-saving clot-busting drug tPA more than a decade ago, evidence has been accumulating that it can be a double-edged sword. Although tPA (tissue-type plasminogen activator) remains the only FDA-approved treatment for acute stroke, it can have toxic effects on the brain, reports neurologist Manuel Yepes. “But it’s clearly not just dissolving the clot.”

“tPA is a protein released naturally by the body in response to a blood clot,” neurologist Manuel Yepes says. “But it’s clearly not just dissolving the clot.”

Research by Yepes and his colleagues suggests that blocking tPAs toxic effects could make it safer and allow doctors to use it more often on patients experiencing a stroke. The results were published online Jan. 15 by the American Journal of Pathology. Yepes’ team is testing strategies for blocking LRP1, a molecule that transmits inflammation signals triggered by tPA. They have shown that in mice, genetically removing LRP1 from brain cells called microglia softens tPAs impact on the brain.

They are now testing a naturally occurring inhibitor of LRP1 called RAP in the laboratory. Co-treating or even pre-treating stroke patients with RAP might soften tPAs effects.

Doctors in community hospitals can often be reluctant to administer tPA to patients who appear to be having a stroke, because tPA has been shown to increase the risk of bleeding in the brain, Yepes said.

American, Chinese partnership in biomedical engineering

By HOLLY KORSCHUN

Two highly respected biomedical engineering programs in the United States and China are breaking new ground in international academia as they begin to enroll the inaugural class of a new joint Ph.D. program.

Members of the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech and Emory traveled to Beijing last fall to finalize the program details with the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Peking University (PKU).

“In my knowledge, this joint Ph.D. program is the first of this type showcasing international cooperation in education between China and the United States,” says Jianhua Lan, Peking University provost. “By forming a partnership with the recently formed College of Engineering at PKU is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us to create a new paradigm for international biomedical engineering education and research,” says Larry McIntire, chair of the Coulter Department. “The infrastructure being created within our departments will allow our students and faculty to learn how to conduct research and business in a global arena and will prepare them to become international leaders in 21st century biomedical engineering industry and academia.”

Assistant Provost Jim Wagner: “We are very excited about launching this new global endeavor in biomedical engineering that joins the diverse strengths of the two fine institutions.”

Students will have an advisor at their home campus and co-advisor at their secondary institution. Each student will have at least a year taking classes and participating in research in the co-advisor’s lab on the secondary campus. Classes will be taught in English and a single dissertation will satisfy the thesis requirements of all three institutions.
A need for balance between religion, human spirit

By ELAINE JUSTICE

At his Distinguished Faculty Lecture on “American Secularism and American Muslims: Challenges and Prospects” during Founders Week, Abdullahi An-Na’im said he resonates with the human spirit in the religion that signifies critical inquiry, “race and difference” and “religion and the human spirit.”

“There is a tension between religion and the human spirit in the sense that religion signifies a drive for conformity, whereas the human spirit signifies critical inquiry,” said An-Na’im. “I’m trying to stress the need for balance between the stability that religious communities need through a higher level of conformity, and the need for critical dynamic inquiry that gives meaning to the lives of communities.”

An-Na’im, Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law and senior fellow of the Center for the Study of Law and Religion, also took a moment to celebrate the Jan. 20 inauguration of President Barack Obama. “Americans have reaffirmed the possibility of human inclusive transformation — what is wonderful is that it can happen any day to us. We don’t have to wait for it.”

The Faculty Council is selecting nominations for next year’s Distinguished Faculty Lecturer. Nominations will be accepted through March 1. For more information, contact Faculty Council chair-elect Kenneth Carter at kenneth.carter@emory.edu.

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I represented Emory in Paris, where I had been an exchange student in my junior year. In October I traveled to Paris to assist with a major event held at the iconic city hall or “l’Hotel de ville,” under the auspices of the French presidency of the European Union. The event brought together leaders from nongovernmental organizations in development, academics and journalists, and an exhibition and series of presentations was organized.

The Halle Institute cosponsored a “Cartooning for Peace” portion of that event and I worked with political cartoonists Jean Plante de La Monde and Mike Luckovich of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Our alumni abroad were very grateful to have an opportunity to reconnect with Emory and fellow alumni: 800 people, including many Emory alumni, attended.

In November, I organized Emory’s Turkish Lecture Series luncheon with the visit of Turkish Ambassador to the U.S., His Excellency Nabi Sensoy. This included an evening event at the Miller-Ward Alumni House where the Turkish Honorary Consul General for Georgia presented a check to Emory College Dean Bobby Paul to complete the Turkish Lecture Series endowment.

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Events I organize are not limited to internationals. In cooperation with professor Greg Berns, distinguished chair of neuroeconomics, and his Center for Neuropolicy at Emory, I organized a conference in Washington, D.C. on the neurobiological mechanisms of political conflict, cosponsored by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

My position is helping me develop professionally and academically. It has opened my eyes to many possibilities. My interactions with diplomats and scholars from around the world have had a profound impact on my plans for the future. Ultimately, I would like to become an ambassador for the United States.

I encourage everyone to explore our programs. Information can be found online at www.international.emory.edu, www.emory.edu/SSSP and www.halle.institute.emory.edu.

—Leslie King

Holocaust survivor advocates tolerance

Hollywood could never adequately portray events of the Holocaust, said Roman Kent, a Holocaust survivor who gave a recent talk at Atlanta’s Emory Hillel and the German Studies Department.

“There is no way that anybody can put in a film what really happened,” Kent said. “Can a film depict the smell of burning flesh?”

Kent is president of the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous and the author of a memoir, “Courage Was My Only Option.” He was born in Lodz, Poland, in 1929. “Only education can prevent a future Holocaust,” Kent told the students. “Tolerance cannot be assumed. It has to be taught.”

—Caroline Clark

Integrative history vital, scholar says

Hollywood historian and author Saul Friedlander describes a photograph of a newly minted medical graduate of University of Amsterdam in September 1942: “From one single photograph, the viewer gets information of a vast number of interactions” between German, Dutch and Jewish institutions, and “at the center of it all, the fate of a Jewish individual.”

The photograph, he says, can be seen as “the very notion of an integrated history of the Holocaust.”

Friedlander was the guest lecturer for the Feb. 9 Tam Institute of Jewish Studies Tenenbaum Family Lecture Series. A debate in the 1980s sparked Friedlander’s advocacy for the “interdisciplinary” dimension along with others within an integrative history of the Nazis.

“Integrated history leads to connections often only dimly perceived,” he said.

—Leslie King
**ADVANCE NOTICE**

‘Monologues’ visits for V-Day

The Center for Ethics is hosting a noon lunch on Monday, Feb. 19, with Eve Ensler, the creator of “The Vagina Monologues,” and David Mukuwe, recipient of a United Nations human rights prize for his work against sexual violence in the Congo.

The event is part of V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. RSVP to ethics@emory.edu.

The play, “The Vagina Monologues,” will be performed Sunday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m., as part of the Performing Arts Series. There will be a reception at the Center for Women and online at womenstcenter.emory.edu.

Further information about V-Day can be found at www.v-day.org.

**Music, dance celebrate ‘Gita’**

A celebration of Charles Howard Candler Professor Laura Brown’s new translation of “The Bhagavad Gita” will be Thursday, Feb. 19, in the Philosophy Department.

The Gita Translated: A Festival of Poetry, Dance & Music will feature readings of the text in Sanskrit and English; interpretations of the verses in dance choreographed and performed by Kyle and Kaitlyn dancer Sasikala Penumarthi; and in conjunction with the event, a booksigning to follow.

A reception at 6 p.m. and a Founder’s Reading in conjunction with the event will give this year’s Feminist McCarthy Prize, and a novel, “Beckett’s monologue, "The Unnamable." The texts, which are accompanied by string quartet, are meant to suggest "a narrative of redemption in a blighted world," writes the composerPhil Kline who will give a pre-concert lecture at 7 p.m. for ticketholders.

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The Vega String Quartet, performing. Free. 404-727-6754.

The Vega String Quartet will give a Perspectives on Performance lecture/demonstration that is free (March 19, 2:30 p.m.). Both Phil Kline and Lionheart are Emory Coca-Cola Artists-in-Residence. For tickets and information, call 404-727-5069, or visit www.arts.emory.edu.

**Emory University’s Arts Gala**

Emory University’s Arts Gala, 6 p.m. Lullwater Ballroom, Emory Conference Center. $10. www.emoryartgala.com.

**Photography Workshop**

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP FOR 8-12 YEARS: "Shadowing Harry Burton." 2 p.m. Carlos Museum. $15. $12, members. 404-727-4282.

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