Through the lens of global health

By ROBIN TRICOLES

Each of the nearly 150 photographs, shot in the world’s poorest countries, tells its own story. Some of them break hearts. Others warm them. And still others inspire. Each is a breathtakingly intimate look into the lives and surroundings of people a world away.

These photographs make up the Emory Global Health Institute’s inaugural photography contest. Each was taken by an Emory student during a global health field experience.

Five winning photographers were honored at a Feb. 18 reception celebrating their work. These winners received a $500 prize and a certificate recognizing their accomplishment:

- Brian Chu, Rollins School of Public Health
- Julia Phillips, Rollins School of Public Health graduate
- Rita Jen, Rollins School of Public Health
- Jonathan Sherrill, Physician Assistant Program graduate
- Heidi Soeters, Rollins School of Public Health

“When we received the submissions to our 2008 contest, we were really taken aback by their high quality, their beauty, and the stories behind them. We all said that the judges would have a difficult time making choices, and it turns out we were right,” says Global Health Institute Director Jeffrey Koplan.

“A little over a year ago I began a discussion with my friend Bob Yellowlees about the Emory Global Health Institute, and how one of our goals was to bring different disciplines together at the University to explore global health issues,” Koplan explains. “Bob is an excellent photographer, and together we began exploring ways to combine his interest in photography with his interest in global health issues. We agreed that a student photography contest would be a good way to bridge global health and the fine arts.

Interested in entering the next contest? Visit: www.global-health.emory.edu/fundingOpportunities/Photog.php.

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By LESLIE KING

Filing income tax doesn’t have to be a frightening, arduous or even expensive experience. Help is on hand through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance service offered for the second year through Emory University Human Resources.

Randall Cumbaa, organizational development and employee relations in HR, said this year, the food bank scheduled appointments for qualified members of the Emory community. The food bank also vetted potential recipients to make sure they met the Internal Revenue Service guidelines.

Video of the event will be available with an Emory ID at www.employeeCouncil.emory.edu.

Tune into webcast on economy

“Emory and the Economy” was the topic of the spring Employee Council Town Hall Feb. 19, as University leaders made comments and answered questions from about 250 staff and faculty who packed Tull Auditorium, in the School of Law.

President Jim Wagner, Provost Earl Lewis, Executive VP for Finance and Administration Mike Mandl and Executive VP for Health Affairs Fred Sanfilippo participated in the program as part of the Council’s year-long theme “Talk to Me: Communication in Community.”

Many tuned in via webcast.

“By the time I got back to my office, I had e-mails from all over campus commenting favorably on the webcast,” says Council president and emcee Matt Engelhardt.
Growing spiritual health

Love and loss in childhood paved his pastoral path

By CAROL CLARK

In many ways, George Grant’s upbringing in Aiken, S.C., shaped him for his role as director of research and innovation for Emory Healthcare’s Emory Center for Pastoral Services.

Grant’s father was a civil rights trial attorney, whose clients were poor and disenfranchised. Sometimes he was paid with a bucket of peaches or tomatoes. His law firm was always full of people waiting to see him.

“My father taught me how to listen to people in crisis, and to advocate for them,” Grant says. “He had a strong sense of giving new visibility to the people waiting to see him.

When one knew, I woke up in my bedroom and there were about 100 people in the house. My father was quite a public figure.”

Crying no longer seemed like an option to Grant. Instead, he “stayed strong” for his mother and younger sister. At South Carolina’s Wofford College, Grant majored in religion, while also studying theater and music. He then entered Candler School of Theology. “I thought it was a good way to keep learning about me,” he explains. While studying, he sang professionally, in clubs and churches, and wrestled with what to do with his life.

“I was really struggling,” Grant says. “I knew I needed to do something else because I was feeling empty. I didn’t know what I was looking for, but I knew I needed to be with people who would allow them freedom to express their pain,” he says.

“Emory is doing translational research that will influence how we treat patients at the bedside. We’re trying to measure things that are supposedly intangible, but nevertheless powerful in terms of healing.”

Earlier this month, Grant chaired the 2009 summit of the organization Spiritual Care Collaborative, which brought together professionals from around the globe taking an interdisciplinary approach to pastoral and spiritual care, counseling, education and research.
By BEVERLY CLARK
Senior Alexandra Kamins has received the Gates Cambridge Scholarship, one of only 37 students in the United Kingdom who are pursuing a master’s or doctoral degree. Kamins is the second Emory student to receive the scholarship and the first since 2001.

Kamins, a biology major, will pursue a master’s degree in veterinary science and plans to study zoonoses, diseases that transmit between humans and animals, in Emory’s Department of Biological, Medical and Veterinary Science. “Alex is a multi-talented woman with the ability to think and act as a diplomat,” says Dee McGraw, director of Emory’s National Scholarships and Fellowships Program. “She is one of the most accomplished members of this senior class and I have no doubt that she will make great contributions to the world.”

Since coming to Emory, Kamins has spent a summer abroad in Namibia and Botswana, as well as a semester in Israel. She has been a member of Emory’s INSPIRE undergraduate research program, which emphasizes a multidisciplinary approach to science.

Outside of her research, biology shares my love with many other subjects, including creative writing, theater design, and illustration and literature,” says Kamins, who spends what free time she has reading. “I also enjoy hiking, and I want to do my part to stop it.”

Alexandra Kamins will study veterinary science in England through the Gates Cambridge Scholarship.

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Prestigious Gates honor for Kamins

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TAKE NOTE

Swimmers, divers win 11th title

The Emory men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams continued their streak of success at the University Athletic Association Championships, winning their 11th-consecutive conference title on Feb. 14 in Chicago. Emory swimmers amassed a total of 14 individual and relay championships and 29 all-UAA honors during the meet. In the process, Emory’s athletes set seven UAA records and 10 pool records.

University-wide Rockfest is on

The Student Programming Council’s Emory Belmont Rockfest on Saturday, Feb. 28 is Emory’s first University-wide student festival. Seven bands will perform across two stages on McDonough Field beginning at 2:30 p.m. Two are Emory bands and four bands hail from Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. Headlining the event is singer/songwriter Matt Nathanson.

“His great event will give faculty and staff alike, along with their families, to come together and interact outside of the classroom – which is such an important part of the collegiate experience,” says Matt Garrett, assistant director of the Office of Student Leadership & Service.

Join Emory in the Peachtree Road Race

Participants in the Fourth Annual Peachtree Road Race can help ensure optimal mental health. Revenue Service’s $42,000 family income ceiling and were not non-resident aliens, who can get assistance with their returns from the controller’s office.

For information: www.hr.emory.edu/ofr/employees/stoolkit/otherresources/freetaxes.html.

Dancing through history

The Emory Friends of Dance Lecture "From the Noble to the Grotesque" will shed light on Baroque dance’s resonance in today's world. Catherine Turvey of the New York Baroque Dance Company will give the free public lecture Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Schwartz Center's Dance Studio.

Addiction forum takes holistic view

By CAROL CLARK

What roles do biology, politics, society, culture and history play in addiction? Leading scholars will gather on campus to discuss this question during the "Conference on Addiction, the Brain and Society" Feb. 26-28. David Courtwright, a renowned addiction historian from the University of North Florida, will deliver the keynote for the international gathering, which features 20 leading researchers from Emory, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the National Cancer Institute, Campus, to take an integrated approach to supporting breast cancer research at Winship Cancer Institute and Emory School of Medicine. Longtime Eagles' fans also paused for reflection as the athletic department recognized the 25th anniversary of the George Woodruff PE Center.

TAX: Money saved, found with program

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Ing Dyo, senior applications developer and analyst in HR, is volunteering with the program for her second year. "I was looking for volunteer opportunities and this was something I thought I could do," she says. "It's a lot of fun, a good opportunity and you feel so happy when you help someone save some money."

Another volunteer, Carolyn Duncan, a senior financial consultant, in the controller's office, is a CPA. She had done her parent's taxes and had seen them and other pay money for a service they didn't need to. "It was such a waste," she says, adding a lot of people feel nervous about doing their own taxes. "But it's so simple." And, she says, "it's a good opportunity to help the community."

One of the purposes of the service is to help those eligible take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit.

That's the reason Kevin Lee, director of VentureLab and associate director of the Office of Technology Transfer, got involved. Some people who do not know the tax laws are not aware of or may not know of tax benefits they can get, he notes.

This is Lee's first year as a tax assistance volunteer. He describes it as a "learning process for me" as well as the people the program serves. Lee, who says he did his own taxes some years ago, says some one-day training provided by HR was "very good."

Lee’s advice to those eligible for the service: “This service is a way to maximize benefits and take advantage of them.”

Cumbaa explains that the free tax help, which lasts until April 9, is also available at other sites around metro Atlanta.

To use the service or see if you qualify, visit www.hr.emory.edu/employee/stoolkit/otherresources/freetaxes.html.

"Think Pink" raises green

The Emory Eagles and fans were "Thinking Pink" on Feb. 15. Despite University of Chicago’s 67-61 win, the "Think Pink" basketball game was a victory for breast cancer awareness. Emory Athletics raised close to $12,000 that will go to support breast cancer research at Winship Cancer Institute and Emory School of Medicine. Longtime Eagles fans also paused for reflection as the athletic department recognized the 25th anniversary of the George Woodruff PE Center.
Recyclemania goal is to crush competitors

By KIM URQUHART

For its fourth year, Emory has joined campus recycling programs across the country in the Recyclemania competition to see who can collect the largest amount of recyclables and reduce waste. The contest aims to ensure that institutions collect the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables and the least amount of trash per capita.

Track Emory’s weekly results during March at Recyclemaniacs.org.

Recycling Solutions are hosting E-Waste Recycling Day on Feb. 28 for faculty, students, staff and residents of the surrounding neighborhoods. The electronics recycling event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on the Ekleberry Campus in the front parking lot.

“Electronic waste grows as rapidly as new technology is developed,” says Wall. “It is a basic human right to have a home, streets and sidewalks clear of electronic waste, and that is one of the reasons we are working to keep electronic waste out of our city’s waste stream.”

Recycle computer monitors, TVs, cell phones and video games. Items cannot be reusable or damaged.

E-Waste Recycling Day is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the front parking lot.

Recycling Solutions will be conducting a trash audit on March 19, 8:30 a.m. at Clairemont Towers Apartments, the Emory Recycling Center, or the Carter Center. Responding to a request from the staff at Clairmont Towers Apartments for more convenient recycling bins, Emory Recycling Solutions will be conducting a trash audit on March 19, 8:30 a.m.

Training Congolese police for a systemic impact

REPORT FROM: The Carter Center

By KIM URQUHART

Until recently, police officers in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), investigated cases of sexual violence in public spaces because they didn’t have office space. When it rained, they carried the papers under their shirts to preserve the files.

Police officers in the DRC face these and many other challenges in their daily professional activities that affect their ability to meet minimum standards of due process and other human rights guarantees. A training program from The Carter Center aims to help officers understand that they have the right to demand minimum working conditions that protect the dignity, safety and privacy of the accused and victim.

Many Congolese officers have never had any substantial instruction on general human rights principles and Congolese laws concerning sexual violence, rights of women, children and detainees. The two-day officer training focuses on such topics. For example, officers are given a copy of the rights of people under arrest, which specify that they have the right to remain silent and to hire a lawyer.

“I recently caught a man in his forties at a bar fondling a minor,” one police trainee said. “Before this training and development scene seemed ordinary to me. But after the training I have become sensitive to child protection, and I understood [he] was committing a serious crime. I immediately arrested him, and he is in detention now as I speak.”

Although The Carter Center continues to encourage the Congolese government to ensure its officers have the necessary tools and resources to allow them to conduct their work in a professional manner that respects the rights of citizens, officers still lack office space, earn too little, and must detain people in cells that are too small and lack access to basic amenities such as a bathroom.

“We plan to expand our training to have a more systemic impact,” says Karin Ryan, director of the Center’s Human Rights programs. “For now our program is reaching individual officers, but the problems are widespread. Our future trainings will develop officers’ specific skill sets such as how to investigate and prosecute crimes of sexual violence, how to process detainees, how to keep records, and how to improve relationships with their respective communities.”

The Carter Center has worked in the DRC to help strengthen tools of democracy since observing the country’s 2006 elections, which were its first presidential and legislative multi-party elections in 46 years. Since 2007, The Carter Center has trained more than 200 Congolese police officers and judges in human rights policy and practice; established and trained a network of Congolese nongovernmental organization (NGO) partners in human rights; and trained and mentored on-the-job paralegal consultants in the prevention and redress of gender-based violence.

The Center has also worked in the DRC to review and provide counsel on more than 60 current mining contracts; trained government officials and NGOs in producing reports for the United Nations on the DRC’s implementation of the Rights of the Child Protocol; and established the Human Rights House as a “safe space” for dialogue among Congolese NGOs, government officials, press, and members of the international community.

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CAMPAIGN EMORY

Neurology receives millions for research

By CARIE PAINE

The Department of Neurology in Emory School of Medicine is giving hope to families touched by neurodegenerative disease, and several of these families are making cutting-edge neurological research possible through their generous donations back to the program.

The Emory School of Medicine has received a pledge of $5 million from Mary Louise “Lou” Brown Jewell to establish the A. Worley Brown Chair in Neurology in honor of her late husband, Worley Brown, former CEO of Rock-Tenn Corporation, who was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease in 1986 and died from complications of the disease in 1997. Jewell hopes her gift to Emory will help expand research to improve detection, advance treatment, and, eventually, discover a cure for Parkinson’s.

Howell and Madeline Adams Jr. also pledged their support of Emory neuro- rosciences through their recent gift of $1 million to endow the Adams Family Alzheimer’s Discovery Fund to help the Emory Alzheimer’s Research Center to continue research efforts on frontotemporal dementia (FTD), a devastating in that it tends to strike individuals 10 to 20 years earlier than Alzheimer’s disease.

Bradly established the fund to honor his wife of 13 years, Viretta Bradly, an accomplished artist who was diagnosed with FTD several years ago. While still very young, she had been robbed of many joys in her life and requires round-the-clock care. However, she continues to produce her art. Her family and friends recently gathered at an exhibit of Viretta Bradly’s work to celebrate her talent while contemplating the devastating effects of this disease.

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Exploring race, class and motherhood

By KIM URQUHART

Two linked art exhibitions at Emory are stimulating awareness, action and discussion about the challenges faced by less-privileged mothers and incarcerated women. They also generated a unique collaboration between Atlanta-area universities.

Curated by historian Rikke Solinger, the traveling exhibitions are on display through March 12 at the Woodruff Library’s Schatten Gallery. “Beggars and Choosers: Motherhood is Not A Class Privilege in America,” features 60 photographic images challenging the idea that motherhood should be a right only for the privileged, and “Interrupted Life: Incarcerated Mothers in the United States,” now on view in the Schatten Gallery, is a multi-campus exploration of “Motherhood at the Intersection of Race and Class.”

By HOLLY KORSCHUN

When scientists are looking for ways to block brain tumors’ growth, tools the brain uses itself are ideal. That’s the rationale behind Emory researchers’ work with vasculostatin, a fragment of a naturally occurring protein in the brain.

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Vasculostatin is a fragment of a protein called brain angiogenesis inhibitor 1 (BAI1), first identified in 1997 at the University of Tokyo.

BAI1 is normally stuck on the surfaces of cells such as astrocytes in the brain, but vasculostatin can diffuse to neighboring cells. Van Meir and his colleagues are now investigating what makes vasculostatin break off from the rest of BAI1.

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A portion of the funds received is shared with the Emory inventors and the other portion is returned to the research enterprise to help support future discoveries.

Emory’s robust product pipeline includes more than 50 products in all stages of development and regulatory approval, with 27 having reached the marketplace and 12 more in human clinical trials. The most widely used drugs for HIV/AIDS, diastolic heart failure, antidepressants, drugs for cancer and hemophilia, a technology to improve angio-plasty, and imaging software for diagnosing cardiovascular disease are among the many products now commercially available for patients and physicians.

For more information about technology transfer at Emory, including its product pipeline, see www.ott.emory.edu.

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A new report from the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) ranks Emory 16th among universities in revenue received from commercializing research discoveries. In FY07, the year of the most recent report, Emory received nearly $17.7 million in licensing revenue.

In addition to funds received from previously licensed discoveries, the licensing team in Emory’s Office of Technology Transfer transacted a record high 40 new licensing deals in 2007 and launched six new start-up companies.

In fiscal year 2008 Emory transacted 24 licensing deals and launched three new companies. In 2008 Emory received more than $15 million in licensing revenue from drugs, diagnostics, devices and consumer products.

Through fiscal year 2008, Emory had received a total of $760.4 million in licensing revenue, including $540 million in 2005 from future royalty payments from the HIV/AIDS drug Enviros. At least 42 start-up companies have resulted from licensing Emory discoveries.

“This ranking underscores our team’s ability to ensure that promising discoveries from our faculty become available in the marketplace for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases, as well as other consumer needs,” said Todd Sherer, director of technology transfer and CEO of the Office of Technology Transfer. “The lab helps serve the tradition of the University, which includes creating, preserving and protecting the intellectual property in the service of humanity.”

The tech transfer team works with Emory scientists to patent promising discoveries and license them to existing companies or new start-up companies.

Remaining events

FEB. 25

LECTURE: “Yo’ Mama’s Dysfunktional: The Impact of Single Motherhood on Black Manhood, Futures, and Families in the Age of Obama.” 7 p.m. Morehouse College

MARCH 2

LECTURE: Angela Davis, Women’s History Month Keynote. 7 p.m. Ebenezer Baptist Church

All events are free and open to the public. For details see http://redi.emory.edu.

Tool to shrink brain tumors’ blood supply

By QUINN EASTMAN

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Lectures tackle genocide, terrorism, more

By APRIL BOGLE

Religious leaders will discuss difficult legal, moral and ethical issues facing their religious communities for the Center for the Study of Law and Religion’s lecture series, “When Law and Religion Meet.” Free and open to the public, the lectures will take place at Emory Law’s Full Auditorium throughout March.

“We are bringing to our lectern distinguished religious leaders to discuss how state law challenges their religious communities and how their religious communities might, in turn, challenge state law,” says John Witte Jr., Jonas Rohrbacher Professor of Law and CSLR director. “We shall be confronting some of the hardest legal, political and moral questions that face us today: questions of life and death, of war and terror, of faith and freedom, of church and state, of marriage and family, and much more.”

Genocide prevention March 16

Irwin Cotler, Canadian Member of Parliament and McGill University law professor, discusses his efforts to prevent genocide on March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the inaugural Harold J. Berman Lecture lecture.

World renowned for his pursuit of justice and peace, including the release of Natan Sharansky from the Soviet gulag in 1986, Cotler’s current focus is holding Iran legally accountable for genocidal actions. He has issued a Responsibility to Prevent petition, which Member of Parliament in 1999 with 92 signatures, including Nelson Mandela, and has been honored for his dedication to humanitarian causes with the Order of Canada and many other awards, including nine honorary doctorates.

“The Danger of a Genocidal and Nuclear Iran: The Responsibility to Prevent” is sponsored by the Henry Luce Foundation in honor of Emory Law Professor Harold J. Berman, the pioneer of the field of law and religion, who died in 2007.

Islamic v. English law March 18

Moni Siddiqui, professor of Islamic studies and public understanding at the University of Glasgow, lectures March 18, at noon, about the stark differences between Islamic law and English law. Her lecture, titled “Islamic Law in Britain: A Minor Problem or a Problem for a Minority?” outlines her experiences as an expert witness in anti-terrorism cases. Abdullahi Ahmed An-Naim, Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law and CSLR senior fellow, will respond.

Siddiqui joined the University of Glasgow in 1986, where she founded the Center for the Study of Islam in 1998 to develop the religious studies program. Her areas of research include classical Islamic law, and she has applied her research in anti-terrorism cases and issues relating to Muslim family law in the United Kingdom. Siddiqui is also a well-known public figure in the U.K., where she works for a wide range of public bodies and media. Her lecture is sponsored by the Luce Foundation.

Gay civil rights March 20

The Right Rev. V. Gene Robinson, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire, delivers the CSLR’s annual Currie Lecture in Law and Religion March 20 at 7:30 p.m. He will address the divide in the Episcopal Church caused by his election as bishop in 2003 in a lecture titled “Why Religion Matters in the Quest for Gay Civil Rights.”

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Robinson was elected bishop in 2003 after serving as Canon to the Ordinary for nearly 15 years. He is the first openly gay, noncelibate priest to be ordained a bishop in a major Christian denomination and is also a well-known public figure in the United States, a movement called the Anglican realignment.

The Right Rev. V. Gene Robinson will speak on gay civil rights March 20.

Symposium examines presidential direction

“The president cannot be a one-man band,” former U.S. Solicitor General Paul Clement said during the 28th annual Randolph W. Thrower Symposium, “Executive Power: New Directions for the New Presidency.”

“The president cannot discharge all of the various functions of the executive branch by himself, or someday, herself,” Clement said. “There has to be more than one person doing the job.”

Clement delivers the symposium’s keynote address on the “under-discussed” topic of internal separation of powers within the executive branch, as well as the role of the solicitor general’s office.

“For me, perhaps the most important aspect of this internal division is the separation of the policymaking function from the legal decision-making function,” said Clement, who served as solicitor general during the second term of the George W. Bush administration. He currently is a partner at King & Spalding in Washington, D.C., where he heads the firm’s national appellate practice.

This year’s Thrower symposium, held at Emory Law Feb. 12, examined different theories of presidential power, with a particular focus on the transition to a new president.

The event brought together distinguished panels of legal scholars and individuals involved in the country’s executive branch to discuss opposing theories, institutional design and the shift from one administration to the next.

Emory Law professors Victoria Nourse, William Bootzin and Robert Proctor participated in the day’s panel discussions, and professor Charles Shanor provided the closing remarks.

The Thrower Symposium is part of an endowed lecture series sponsored by the family of Randolph W. Thrower and hosted by Emory Law Journal and the law school.

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The question you should ask yourself is, “Where would you rather be?” For me the answer is simple,” he said. “In the worst of times and the best of times I’d want to be at an organization involved in health and the knowledge economy … a place with unique assets and partners that promise the potential for success … a place like Emory Woodruff Health Sciences Center.”

—Michelle Boone

How to prepare for a flu pandemic

Wash your hands. That’s the best way to protect against flu, either the seasonal kind or a pandemic, which will be a new virus or a mutated version of a current flu strain.

Jessica Liu told Emory’s chapter of the American Red Cross Feb. 18 how to get the word out about pandemic flu. The first line is to be well-prepared. Have a plan and be informed.

There is no immunity and no vaccines in a pandemic flu, so the severity of the consequences are inevitably much greater. “That’s why we really stress hand-washing,” Liu said.

Flu is spread from person to person either through contact or through the air. For a pandemic, protection extends beyond individuals to entire “social kits” in case of quarantine. “That’s one gallon of water per person per day,” Liu said. “Prescription and non-prescription medicines, like antibiotics, water coolers, tablets such as Gatorade and extra towels and blankets.”

—Liese King

Love, activism goes beyond borders

Just before Valentine’s Day, students and staff who were treated to the romance and activist story of Emory staff member Monica Sanfilippo and her husband, George Komi. The couple met while she was an activist and he was a prisoner in South Africa.

“With emphasis on the giving,” added Monica, academic services coordinator in the School of Medicine.

—Portia Allen
**ADVANCE NOTICE**

**Awards presented in LGBTT community**

Out & Equal Atlanta has chosen Emory as a "Hero Among Us" in the educational institution category of the workplace advocacy organization’s first awards series. The Office of Lesbian/Gay Bisexual/Transgender Life will present honors of its own at its Pride Awards Reception on March 2, at 6 p.m. at Miller-Ward Alumni House.

The first GALA Leadership Award will be presented as well as awards for graduate and undergraduate papers in the Studies in Sexualities Program Essay Contest. The annual Chestnut Award, given to an individual who has contributed greatly to the LGBTQ community at Emory, will be given and 2009 graduates will be recognized.

**Prevention event engages men**

A program by the national organization Men Stopping Violence will be held March 20 in the Few Multipurpose Room.

The first part of the program, a lecture open to the Emory community from 10 a.m. to noon, will be bolstered by a workshop by Men Stopping Violence, for men only. Until 2:30 p.m., lunch will be provided for workshop participants. The registration deadline is March 13.

Aline Jesus Rafi, sexual assault prevention education, Emory University Health Services, said the purpose of the event is to "try to see where the interest is. Relationship violence is something people don’t talk about. This is a way to let men get engaged in actively preventing violence in a way that’s not blaming, that’s positive.

Cosponsors include the Alliance for Sexual Assault Prevention, Office of Residence Life, Center for Women at Emory and Emory Law Office of Student Affairs.

**Women’s club hosts celebration**

The Emory Women’s Club is holding a 50th anniversary celebration dinner to benefit the Emory Adopt-A-Scholar program and Emory Law’s Bar-to-Law Clinic. The event starts with cocktails and a silent auction at 6:30 p.m. at the Miller-Ward Alumni House, followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $75 per person.

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**Film**

**Monday, Feb. 23**

ETHICS AT THE MOVIES: "Pain to Power" Eve Ensler and Dena Muikevitch, present- ing. Noon. 102 Ethics Center Commons. Free. ethics@emory.edu

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH:** "Brother Outsider." 5:30 p.m. Harland Cinema. Free. mshutt@ emory.edu

**Wednesday, Feb. 25**

"Yiddish Tunes" (Drucken Angel). 8 p.m. 205 White Hall. Free. 404-727-6761.

**Friday, Feb. 27**

"Valère Novarina: What Cannot Be Spoken is What Must Be Said." 1 p.m. 208 White Hall. fern@emory.edu

"Red Poles." 8 p.m. 205 White Hall. Free. jtlefe@emory.edu

**Performing Arts**

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**POETRY READING:** Jeff Thomson, Megan Kaminiski, and Brigette Byrd. 8 p.m. Theater Lab, Schwartz Center. Free. 404-727-5050. aqhorow@ emory.edu

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"Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue." Emory Wind Ensemble, performing and Scott Stewart, directing. 8 p.m. Emerson Hall. Free. 404-727-5050.

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"The Mucus Thickens-New and Newer Families of Chloride Channels: Roles in Epithelial Patch Test Reaction," Criss Hartzell, cell biology, presenting. 9 a.m. 600 Whitehead Research Building. Free. kathy.hoffmeier@ emory.edu

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**Roundup**

March to the beat of musical variety

By JESSICA MOORE

March is a great month for music at Emory, whatever your taste, from those interested in experiencing the music of Java to those eager to explore Women’s history.

The first concert features Teresa Hopkins, soprano, and Deborah Thoreson, piano, in a free Women’s History Month program, ‘Our Voices, Our Songs’ (March 3, 8 p.m.).

The Guarnieri String Quartet perform their final Atlanta concert before retirement as part of the Candler Concert Series with a program featuring ‘The Rider’ by Franz Haydn and the ‘String Quartet in F Major’ by Mauricio Ravel (March 3, 8 p.m., ticketed).

The Emory University Symphony Orchestra and for His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

The Vega String Quartet premiere Richard Prior’s ‘intimations of immortality’ and John Anthony Lennon’s ‘Still the Fire’ for saxophone, cello and piano (March 13).

The Evolution Project.

"Between Disposition, Trauma and History: How Oedipal was Dora?" 4:15 p.m. 110 Emory Hall. Free. emard@ emory.edu

"New Light on Exodus Route in Northern Sinai," Lisa Hoffmeier, Middle Eastern and South Asian studies, presenting. 7 a.m. 600 Whitehead Research Building.

Pharmacology Seminar Series. Noon. Richard Yui, pharmacology, presenting. 5052 Rollins Research Building. Free. or spherepharmacy@ emory.edu

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**Saturday, Feb. 28**

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**Seminars**

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**Women’s reports**

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"Addition, the Brain, and Society Conference. 6 p.m. 860 School of Public Health. Free. dkon2a@Emory.edu. Also Feb. 27-28.


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