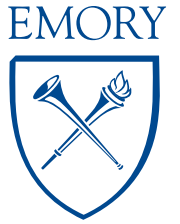


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HEALTH&WELLNESS

Making strides for workplace wellness with Step Up Emory

BY KIM URQUHART

On a recent Friday, Human Resources employees laced up their tennis shoes, temporarily abandoned their desks and headed out into the morning sunshine for a brisk walk, falling in step with Vice President of Human Resources Peter Barnes and tracking their distance on pedometers provided by Step Up Emory. The day included a healthy cooking demonstration by Wellness Specialist Blair Giles of Emory's Faculty Staff Assistance Program, a course on chair yoga, relaxing chair massages, a session on achieving work-life balance and managing stress, and a healthy snack break.

HR is not the only department that is stepping up to the challenge posed by a health promotion campaign sponsored by Emory University, Emory Healthcare, FSAP, Employee Health Services and HeartWise. Inspired by Step Up Emory,

an initiative designed to encourage employees to change habits and actively take control of their health, the staff of the Graduate School used the pedometers provided by the program in a fitness challenge. Employees logged each step taken throughout the workday over a two-week period, at the end of which two winners were announced and rewarded with gift cards, explained organizer Tamika Hairston, associate director of registration.

The Carter Center offered a similar incentive: Armed with their Step Up Emory pedometers, the employee who took the most steps over a certain period earned a prize. According to Human Resources Director Mike Turner, The Carter Center also offers an ongoing wellness program, an organized one-mile weekly walk around the perimeter of

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Bryan Melitz

In support of Step Up Emory, President Jim Wagner and his colleagues in the president's office (pictured from left to right: Cynthia Watters, Janet Gallo and Marion Dearing), make every effort to take the stairs at work. Taking the stairs even one flight on a regular basis can help burn calories and improve cardiovascular health, in addition to other benefits.

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY

TCP group hosts U.S. Social Forum attendees from N.Y.

BY CAROL CLARK

I ranya made coffins and served in the military in her native Nicaragua. She now works to ease health care disparities. Doniolo is a high school athlete who loves basketball and is a whiz at impersonations, particularly Forrest Gump. He helped create a bill of rights for students at his school. Jose is from Ecuador. He is using his bilingual skills to help prevent labor abuses of immigrants.

The three were among the group of about 40 travelers from Make the Road by Walking, a social action group in Brooklyn, N.Y., who came to Atlanta for the U.S. Social Forum June 27 to July 1. They were housed during their stay in an Emory residence hall on the Clairmont Campus. Their hosts were members of an Emory Transforming Community Project community dialogue group, who welcomed the visitors with a catered barbecue dinner and a lively discussion.

Everyone in the room had a unique story to tell. What united them was the shared passion and energy to get involved in their communities, and to work toward making them better places for everyone to live.

"We just want people to hear each other and learn from one another," said Sara Giordano, a graduate student in Emory's department of neuroscience, who spearheaded the effort to host the visitors.

During the spring semester, Giordano was part of an Emory TCP group, which brings together people from across the campus to discuss issues of race and diversity. At the end of the semester TCP participants can apply for \$300 mini-grants, to invest in a project to help transform the University's racial dynamic.

When Giordano heard that Make the Road by Walking needed housing in order to attend the U.S. Social

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CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY

Emory sees 'special opportunity' in voluntary EPA self-audit

BY KIM URQUHART

Emory hosted the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 4 Audit Agreement Signing Ceremony on June 25, joining participating colleges and universities throughout the Southeast in conducting voluntary self-audits on their campuses.

The EPA's audit policy provides incentives for regulated entities that voluntarily discover, promptly disclose and expeditiously improve compliance with environmental laws and regulations. Self-audits also help identify new opportunities for conservation and encourage sharing best practices among institutions.

"Emory's vision is to be an educational model for other universities and communities as they promote their own healthy and sustainable living," said Director of Sustainability Initiatives Ciannat Howett. "Given the dynamics in the Southeast with a growing population and increasing public health and economic concerns about the environmental impact of this growth, universities in our region have a special opportunity to lead



Jon Roux

Director of Sustainability Initiatives Ciannat Howett welcomes participating colleges and universities to the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 4 Audit Agreement Signing Ceremony. Emory is among the schools that have volunteered to self-audit their compliance with federal and state regulations.

in making the educational, social, economic and cultural changes necessary to preserve a high quality of life for current and future generations."

Hosting the signing ceremony provided an opportunity for Emory to showcase its leadership in this area. While on campus, the representatives were invited to ride the alternatively-fueled shuttle buses — many of which are powered by a biodiesel blend made from used cooking oil

from campus cafeterias, and to tour its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-certified buildings, as Emory has more certified "green" building by square footage than any other university in the country. Even the location of the signing ceremony — the agreement inked in the natural daylight of a room in the "green" — built Goizueta Business School

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AROUNDCAMPUS

Emory announces program for Dalai Lama visit

Emory has released program and ticket information for the public events related to the visit of His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama, Presidential Distinguished Professor at Emory University. The Dalai Lama will deliver his inaugural lecture during an Oct. 20–22 visit to Emory, during which he will participate in a conference on science and spirituality, and an interfaith session on religion as a source of conflict and a resource for peace building. The Dalai Lama is scheduled to give a free, public talk, “Educating the Heart and Mind: A Path to Universal Responsibility,” at an Emory-sponsored event in Centennial Olympic Park Oct. 22.

Tickets for the First Emory Summit on Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding and the Mystical Arts of Tibet: Sacred Music Sacred Dance are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://emory.interticket.com> or by calling the Arts at Emory Box Office at 404-727-5050.

Visit dalailama.emory.edu for complete, up-to-date information.

Department of Justice praises debate project

The Computer Assisted Debate Project was recognized recently by the U.S. Department of Justice as one of five programs that “work” to help kids in its national “Weed and Seed” initiative.

CAD, which provides a challenging and engaging after-school learning experience for at-risk middle school students living in Atlanta Housing Authority communities, is a program of the National Debate Project, which Emory supports with students and faculty from the Barkley Forum.

Weed and Seed, a community-based strategy sponsored by the Department of Justice, is a comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention and community revitalization.

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FIRSTPERSON FRED TUNG

Observations on Ethiopia

Special

The Ethiopian government turned to Emory Law Professor Fred Tung for help in revising its commercial code, which governs business formation and transactions. This essay is excerpted from Tung's online blog.

I'm just back from a week in Ethiopia, where I consulted with the Ministry of Justice on reform of Ethiopia's commercial code. My short stay there — my first time in Africa — left me with many impressions about business, law, economics and society, which I am still processing.

The commercial code incorporates a lot of stuff, including business organization law and bankruptcy law. The Ministry of Justice and foreign commercial interests are vitally interested in modernizing commercial law — and with it, the economy. The Minister himself showed up on the first day of our meetings, along with the French ambassador. The current code was enacted in 1960 during the reign of Emperor Haile Selassie. Since then, Ethiopia has been through coups, communism and contested elections. The current government has committed to privatizing the socialist economy it inherited.

A modern commercial

code, of course, is but one (probably not the first) factor in successful development of the economy. The country is quite poor: over 80% of the population survive by subsistence farming and livestock grazing. The capital Addis Ababa feels like a typical third-world capital, in some ways more so. Traffic is not as bad as Bangkok or Jakarta or New Delhi, but pollution from the cars is probably worse. Few of the autos seemed to use tailpipes, as the smell of exhaust in the passenger compartment was quite strong in every car I rode in. There is more livestock herding through city streets than I've ever encountered.

One striking aspect of Ethiopia — that everyone from cab drivers to Ministry lawyers comment on — is its ethnic fragmentation. A political compromise in 1995 formalized a system of ethnic federalism. The country is divided into nine ethnically-based administrative regions, each of which has its own

official language. Court proceedings, for example, are conducted in different languages in each region. Each person's national ID card specifies his or her ethnic group. The dominant language in Addis Ababa is Amharic, but any attempt to promote a national language — as Mao did by mandating Mandarin education in primary school in China — is apparently fraught with political peril. Eritrea of course seceded in 1993, and separatist movements in other regions are active.

The implications of this ethnic-political structure are of course far-reaching. Forgive the reduction, but to the American-trained lawyer-academic interested in economic development, this feels like one big transaction cost. Besides language and ethnic fragmentation to make commercial interaction more difficult internally, the country also relies on the Julian calendar and a system of time

keeping based on sunrise and sunset. For example, “one” o'clock in the morning is one hour after sunrise (or our 7 a.m.). These latter of course may simply be artifacts — and not causes — of an incomplete engagement with external commercial activity. On the whole, though, the circumstances suggest that economic progress will be slow. Commercial law reform is probably necessary, but hardly sufficient.

I met a doctor on the flight home who spends several months of each summer leading U.S. medical teams in Africa doing spot medical relief all over the continent. He captured my sentiments pretty well when he described his sense of an overwhelming task, where one has to be content with the small steps one can effect in a short time.

For more on Tung's reflections on Ethiopia, visit his blog at www.theconglomerate.org/.

LAW SCHOOL

Law students awarded grants to serve public

Twenty-seven Emory law students have the opportunity to work in public interest jobs this summer due to generous donations to the Emory Public Interest Committee Summer Grant Program.

EPIC, a student-run organization at Emory Law, awards grants to law students who accept volunteer positions in the field of public interest law. This summer, grant recipients are working at a variety of non-profit and government agencies in Atlanta and across the country, including Georgia Lawyers for the Arts, the Latin American Association, the National Wildlife Federation and the Institute for Justice.

“We know that Emory is becoming a leader in the study of public interest law because the quality of applicants increases every year,” said Brad Drummond, EPIC president and rising third-year student at Emory Law. “The 2007 summer grant recipients are no exception — they have demonstrated serious dedication to serving the public within Atlanta and throughout the world.”

The grants fund 10 weeks of full-time work and allow students to put their law school knowledge and skills into practice.

“I knew when I started law school that I wanted to work in public interest law — it was just a matter of what kind,” said Anna Kurien, a rising third-year law student currently working at the DeKalb County Public Defender's Office, which provides legal counsel to indigent clients. “I'm proud to use my law school education to represent clients who may not be able to afford a good defense attorney otherwise.” This is Kurien's second year interning at the DeKalb Public Defender's office, both times through the EPIC Summer Grant Program.

The goal of EPIC is to promote awareness and understanding of public interest law in the law school, and to make public interest jobs more accessible to Emory law students by assisting with employment and supporting public service programs.

“The EPIC Summer Grant Program was a major attraction to Emory Law for me,” said Jared Welsh, who is interning at Georgia Lawyers for the Arts. “I enjoy public interest law because the work is meaningful, the people are interesting and committed, and the opportunities to have a real effect on people's lives are many. I only wish that the support for programs like these was greater.”

During the 2006-07 academic year, EPIC raised more than \$124,000 toward its summer grants program through events like the Inspiration Awards, which honor outstanding legal practitioners for their commitment to public service. The Inspiration Awards are EPIC's largest fundraising initiative each year with all proceeds supporting student grants. The organization also raised an additional \$24,000 for the EPIC Endowment Fund, which contributes to the overall future of the program at Emory.

—Liz Chilla

EMORY APPOINTMENTS

Internationally renowned scientists join Emory

Dennis Choi, a neuroscientist renowned for his groundbreaking research on brain and spinal cord injury, has been recruited to lead two major neuroscience programs at Emory. Choi will direct the Neuroscience, Human Nature and Society Initiative within Emory's University-wide strategic plan as well as a new Comprehensive Neuroscience Center in Emory's Woodruff Health Sciences Center.

“Dennis Choi is a superb addition to Emory's faculty and our neurosciences programs throughout the University,” said President Jim Wagner.

“Neuroscience has long been a strength of Emory, and has now been identified as a key initiative advancing Emory's strategic plan. As an esteemed scientist, Dr. Choi will help Emory continue to develop its national leadership in the neurosciences.”

A former president of the Society for Neuroscience, Choi served as head of the Neurology Department at

Washington University Medical School from 1991 until 2001 and as neurologist-in-chief at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. He established and directed the Center for the Study of Nervous System Injury and directed the McDonnell Center for Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology.

From 2001 until 2006 Choi was executive vice president for neuroscience at Merck Research Labs, leaving to join Boston University, where he has been a professor of pharmacology and experimental therapeutics. He joins Emory's School of Medicine as a professor in the Department of Neurology Aug. 1.

As executive director of Emory's strategic neurosciences initiative, Choi will oversee the development of four key areas: neuroscience education, behavioral neuroscience and cognition, brain therapeutics, and molecular and translational imaging research. Each program builds on strengths across multiple units of

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EMORYPROFILE JAMES DAVIS

By
Carol
Clark

Making Emory shine



Bryan Meltz

James Davis, a night superintendent for Facilities Management Building Services, earned a Sustainability Innovators Award for his leadership in green-building operation and maintenance.

Late at night, when the campus is calm, quiet and seemingly deserted, James Davis is hard at work. As the night superintendent for Facilities Management Building Services, he oversees an after-hours crew in charge of cleaning more than 100 buildings of the University, including the Oxford Campus.

"I wouldn't trade it for anything, the night shift," Davis says. "I like the atmosphere. It's quiet, so quiet. You don't have the rigmarole of all the phone calls. In the day, everybody's pulling at you to get your attention. At night, people don't feel as stressed. You can focus on just doing your job."

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., Davis moved to Atlanta in 1983. He worked in custodial positions in a hotel, a hospital and a medical center before joining Emory 12 years ago.

"By far, this is the best job I've ever had," Davis says. "At some of the other places I've worked, I could only go so far, but the University provides you with opportunities."

Just four months after Davis took a position as a senior custodian at Emory, he received his first promotion. He moved up to superintendent in 2003.

During his varied Emory career, Davis has donned hair net, footies, gown, gloves, mask and goggles to scrub down a biosafety level 3 lab and helped clean up after a pipe burst in the Atwood Chemistry building in 1996, flooding three floors with a foot-and-a-half of water. "We've had some interesting floods, I'll tell you," he says.

"Everybody from Building Services comes out and picks up a wet vacuum and we just take care of it."

Building Services employees "get a wealth of training to make sure we stay safe," Davis says. "We know what's potentially dangerous and how to avoid it."

In his current role as night superintendent, Davis may visit as many as 10 buildings in a single evening. "It's a lot of ground to cover," he says. "I make sure that the work is getting done and that I'm there for employees to come to if they have any needs, so they don't have to wait until the morning."

When his wife, Penelope, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999, Davis was glad that he was off during the daytime, so he could drive her to doctor appointments. The couple's four children were still growing up at that time. Penelope passed away in 2003.

"I had a lot of support from my colleagues at Emory, to get me through the trying times, and I had a lot of those," he says.

One goal of the team at Building Services is to "try to make sure we stay ahead of every other University in sustainability," he says. That includes a major green-cleaning program that began in recent years, as Emory expanded its number of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-certified buildings and made sustainability a key part of its strategic plan.

Building Services began moving to Green Seal cleaning

products with low amounts of volatile organic compounds, toxins and metals. Special door matting, to minimize the amount of dirt entering buildings on the soles of shoes, is now used whenever possible, along with specialized equipment, such as dual-motor vacuums with better filtration systems.

Davis was charged with testing of the new products and equipment, along with training of staff to ensure effective implementation. For his leadership in green-building operation and maintenance, Emory's Office of Sustainability Initiatives recently presented Davis with a Sustainability Innovators Award, but Davis says it was a group effort.

"It was a large project, requiring the work of a lot of people, and we did it all together," Davis says. "It takes a lot of time, to make sure the green products we use can actually do the job and are safe and cost-effective to use. We had to make sure our employees knew how to use the products effectively. And we're constantly educating faculty

and staff about what 'green' and 'sustainability' mean. We try to include our customers into everything we're doing. The buy-in helps you."

Green cleaning measures have improved the working atmosphere for everyone at Emory, he says. "When I first started in the cleaning business, it was something. The chemicals a lot of times bothered me. I'd have asthma attacks and sinus and allergy problems. I've watched the green-cleaning movement develop and I can see how it benefits people in the long run. I can breathe. Our employees feel better, too, when they're working. And people who have offices in the buildings have been telling us that they feel healthier."

Davis offers this general cleaning tip: "Read the directions on the label. Make sure you understand what a product does and how to use it. Don't take someone else's word for it. Always read it for yourself."

While Davis is a leader in keeping Emory clean and green, "at home, I'm just Dad," he says.

His youngest daughter

Camilla, 17, who is still in high school, supervises the housework. "I clean the kitchen and bathrooms and the kids take care of everything else," he says. "They definitely have to take care of their own bedrooms, because I don't want to touch them. The boys are sometimes difficult," he says of Ashton, 20, and Andrew, 22. "Sometimes I have to ask, 'What's that awful smell coming from your room?' But Camilla will get on them."

Despite the sometime sketchy states of their bedrooms, both of Davis' sons are hard-working members of Emory's custodial staff. "Both of them came to Emory as temps. They worked hard, got interviewed and got hired," Davis says proudly.

His oldest daughter, Tiffany, has left home, but he sees her often since he is a hands-on grandfather to her three-year-old son, Donovan.

"He's my little roughhouse and my riding partner," Davis says. "Me and him can get in the car and go riding for any reason. We both love Buster's ice cream."

CAMPUSNEWS

Wagner issues statement on academic freedom

President Jim Wagner has lent his voice to those opposing a threatened boycott of Israeli universities by the University and College Union of the United Kingdom, representing more than 120,000 lecturers and other academic staff members.

The UCU has said that it will hold a debate on the possible boycott, in a move that is already triggering widespread denunciations — including, most recently, a vote of overwhelming opposition from union members themselves at Oxford University.

"At Emory we are committed to the principle of academic freedom. Clearly any constraint on scholarly exchange would impinge on this foundational freedom of the academy, and in the long run such constraints undermine both the spirit of academic freedom and the practical means for safeguarding it," Wagner said.

"The proposed boycott of Israeli academics is outrageous and strikes at the very heart of intellectual and university life. All of us with an interest in the continued livelihood of universities must do everything in our power to protect their intellectual vitality."

Recently, Robert M. Berdahl, president of the Association of American Universities (to which Emory belongs), urged UCU members to reject the threatened boycott.

"Academic boycotts are inimical to the free exchange of ideas that is essential to academic freedom," he said. "Members of the academic profession should seek to preserve academic freedom, not restrict it. It is our hope that the UCU will vote down this boycott."

VISUALARTS

Illusion explored in 'Dowsing' exhibition

Atlanta artist Martha Whittington's installation at the Visual Arts Gallery, "Dowsing," is an exploration of the long practiced and debated art of finding hidden water with sticks or rods. Whittington's magical sculptures employ motorized rods that tap swiftly as if focusing on an area where water lies, with mirrors, lights and paint creating illusions of water.

"These objects blur the line between science and folklore," said Whittington. "Which is real and which is an illusion?"

Through July 27; Emory Visual Arts Gallery, 700 Peavine Creek Drive; Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday 12-4 p.m.; www.visualarts.emory.edu; 404-727-6315.

—Mary Catherine Johnson



Special

CAMPUSNEWS

Partnership with Ethiopia includes digitization of historical documents



Bryan Meltz

Administrators from Addis Ababa University visited Emory last month, touring various schools and undergoing intensive training in IT, finance and human resource systems.

BY CAROL CLARK

Emory will apply its state-of-the-art digital technology to some of the most venerable historical documents in sub-Saharan Africa under a memorandum of understanding recently signed between Emory and Ethiopia's Addis Ababa University.

Digitizing AAU's collection of rare parchment documents could open a new window on medieval African history by making the previously obscure materials accessible to scholars worldwide on the Internet.

"AAU has an extensive photo library dating back to the 1800s, showing the history of the country, and some parch-

ment documents that date back 700 to 800 years. If something isn't done to digitally preserve them, they will disappear," said Alan Cattier, director of academic technologies with Emory's AAIT Academic Technology Services.

Emory could benefit by having free access to the materials, he said, while AAU could benefit by charging subscription fees to other scholars and institutions who wanted to access them. "That way, AAU could support the further digitization of documents and photographs that they are about to lose to old age," Cattier said.

This application of Emory information technology resources to African history follows other recent University initiatives in digitization, including the documentation of slave passage records and their posting on the Web by scholars in Emory's History Department.

In May, Emory launched another groundbreaking model for digital scholarship: the use of cutting-edge scanning technology to make thousands of rare, out-of-print books available via a fast, affordable print-on-demand service.

In addition to the digitalization project, the MOU that Emory signed with AAU lays the foundation for a long-range partnership to include faculty and possible student exchanges, joint research and scholarship projects, and administrative capacity-building initiatives in information technology, finance and human resources.

The agreement formalized an ongoing relationship between the two universities, sparked when Emory President

that first meeting, working out the details of the relationship. "We want to identify mutual opportunities to benefit each institution," Mandl said.

In 2007, two groups of faculty and administrators from AAU made brief visits to Emory, touring various schools and undergoing intensive training in IT, finance and human resource systems.

"We appreciate the commitment of Emory and the people here who have been investing their time and effort in briefing us," said Abebaw Bihonegn Belachew, director of the AAU Planning, Budget and Finance Office, who led the AAU delegation to Emory in June. "The information is very helpful."

"We want to identify mutual opportunities to benefit each institution."

—Mike Mandl, executive vice president, finance and administration

Jim Wagner visited AAU with former President Jimmy Carter in September 2005. In exploring potential partnerships in Africa, the pair met with AAU President Andreas Eschete. They learned that AAU is taking a lead role in the Ethiopian government's mission to expand the nation's capacity in higher education, in order to alleviate poverty and improve health care.

"Presidents Wagner and Carter felt that AAU was serious about having the university really make a difference in the country, and they thought there would be good synergy with Emory's strategic plan as it relates to internationalization, which includes working to build capacity in the developing world," said Mike Mandl, Emory executive vice president, finance and administration.

Key administrators from AAU and Emory have been traveling back and forth since

Finding enough Ph.D. faculty is one of the biggest challenges AAU faces as it seeks to rapidly expand its graduate programs, he said.

Emory plans to send a total of seven emeritus faculty to AAU by the end of 2007, to teach courses lasting several weeks. The MOU also outlines a plan for student exchange programs.

The Institute for Developing Nations, a collaboration between Emory and The Carter Center, has been closely involved with establishing the partnership between Emory and AAU.

"We have been charged with building a research program, and a strong desire of our academic advisory board is that we do that in collaboration with African scholars in ways that are mutually beneficial," said Sita Ranchod-Nilsson, IDN director.

CAMPUSGIFT

Arbiser's sculpture shows mettle of Holocaust survivors



Photos by Bryan Meltz

The scrap-metal "stick man" pushing a giant cog up an incline is an eye-catching labor of love, installed in a landscaped area near the Facilities Management building on Peavine Creek Drive. But the simple figure, known as "The Worker," also has a tragic, and ultimately uplifting, story to tell.

"I made this sculpture in commemoration of my family," said Sam Arbiser at the recent dedication for the work, held at Emory's Visual Arts Center. Arbiser donated the sculpture, appraised at \$35,000, to thank the University for helping he and his wife make a new life after surviving the Holocaust.

"This sculpture memorializes an extremely poignant history of survival and triumph,"

said Jeffrey Prince, regional development director for Emory Arts and Sciences Development. "People like you give Emory a conscience and we thank you for this opportunity."

Arbiser's great-grandfather operated a foundry in Poland, a family business eventually handed down to Arbiser's father, Jacob, who had an engineering degree in machine building. During World War II, when Arbiser was a teenager, he was captured by the Soviets and spent seven years in a Siberian labor camp. Meanwhile, his parents, sister and brother were killed by the Nazis.

After the war, Arbiser went to Israel where he became the chief engineer in the largest machine building company and foundry in the Middle East. He also met his wife, Pola, one of the so-called "hidden children of the Holocaust," who was saved by her Christian nanny.

The couple came to Atlanta in 1959, when Arbiser received an offer to work in the United States. He eventually opened his own company, while Pola performed research at Emory. She earned a Ph.D. here in 1964. The Arbiser children, Sherry and Jack, also graduated from Emory. Jack Arbiser is currently an associate professor of dermatology in the Emory School of Medicine.

"I want to thank this country and Emory University for providing my family roots and allowing us to thrive," Jack Arbiser said. "This statue is really just a token of my family's wish to say thank you."

—Carol Clark



CAMPUSPLANNING

Eagle Row South update

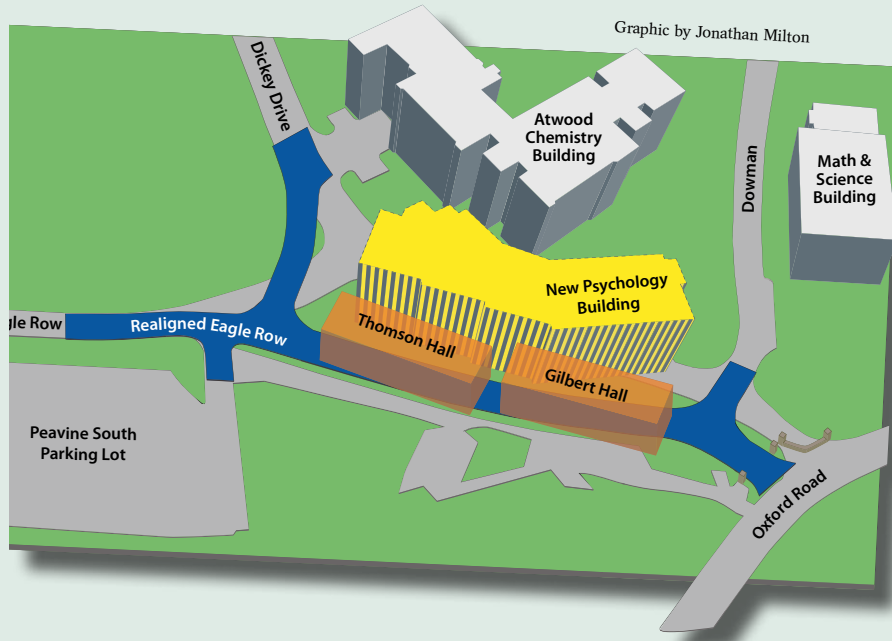
Gilbert and Thomson residence halls, both located on Dickey Drive near the Mathematics and Science and the Atwood Chemistry buildings, are in the final stages of demolition as part of the realignment of Eagle Row South. The shift in path for Eagle Row will provide additional space for new academic buildings included in Emory's master plan.

These halls were built in 1947 and included many distinctive building features — clay roof tiles; exterior lamps; and ornamental ironwork above the exterior hall doors — that were salvaged for re-use elsewhere on campus.

After the residence halls are completely removed, the new Eagle Row will continue from the Peavine Parking Deck over the former site of the two residence halls, and connect directly with Oxford Road. Dickey Drive and Dowman Drive will both be extended to connect with Eagle Row. The former student parking lot behind Gilbert and Thomson Halls will be removed in part and reforested with new trees.

During the road construction, the existing Eagle Row, Dickey Drive and Dowman Drive will all remain open with periodic single lane closures. The Peavine Parking Deck and the Peavine South visitors parking lot will also remain open during this project.

The completion of Eagle Row and its connection with Oxford Road is expected to occur in October.



Changes on the horizon along Haygood Road

Starting this month, Emory should see several changes along Haygood Road that support the evolution of the University's student housing plans, the improvement of traffic flow, and the enhancement of its world-class health care at facilities on Clifton Road.

As part of the University's student housing initiative, which will include housing more undergraduates on the University's core campus and its Clairmont Campus, student beds will gradually move from the Turman residence complex on Haygood Road over the next two years.



Turman West Residence Hall

construction of the first phase of the new Haygood Parking Deck will begin on that site. The deck construction is projected to begin in October and end in September 2008.

This first phase of the Haygood Parking Deck is significant because it will provide replacement parking for spaces that will be lost when the new clinic complex at Clifton and Gambrell roads is built. Part of the new clinic complex will sit on the current site of the old sorority houses. Last year, all of the sororities moved to the new Sorority Village on Eagle Row.

Following the 2007-08 academic years, the remainder of the Turman housing complex will be razed and those student beds will move to Emory's newer residence halls. A future second phase of the Haygood Parking Deck will be constructed on that site.



Rock House

—David Payne

HEALTH&WELLNESS

Fitness on the Fourth



Chief Marketing Officer Una Hutton Newman, Michael M.E. Johns, CEO of the Woodruff Health Sciences Center and chairman of Emory Healthcare, and Jeff Lesesne, medical director for the Emory Crawford Long Internal Medicine practice, celebrate in the Emory hospitality tent after the Peachtree Road Race.

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the Center's 35-acre property.

With Step Up Emory, the key to success is to identify exercise opportunities. "Every little step counts," said FSAP Manager of Wellness Programs Eddie Gammill, who chairs the Step Up Emory committee. "We're all faced with busy lifestyles and challenges at work," he said, but noted that "pockets" of exercise, in 10 to 15 minute increments, can add up to reach the recommended 45 minutes of daily exercise and can be achieved while at work.

Since Step Up Emory launched this spring, more faculty and staff are taking steps to increase their physical activity during the workday as a result of the "Take the Stairs" program. This month kicks off Step Up Emory's next wellness initiative, HealthQ.

Available to all employees and dependents enrolled in Emory's medical benefit plans, HealthQs are secure, confidential online health questionnaires designed to assess physical well-being, lifestyle and behavioral habits. Participants receive a confidential detailed health report, as well as a personalized action plan and tools to help them reach their health and wellness goals.

Later this summer, Step Up Emory shines the spotlight on nutrition, while prevention is the theme for the fall. The year-round campaign is part of Emory's efforts to augment its health programs, building on resources already in place, with the goal to provide education and awareness of health promotion and wellness opportunities in the workplace to all employees.

"At Emory, we are committed to fostering a community that encourages joyful, healthy living — through our series of wellness programs, initiatives in sustainability,

and new steps to help find balance between work and family life," said President Jim Wagner. "Good health is one of the foundation stones of a strong community."

The Admissions Office of the Goizueta Business School has put wellness to work with two initiatives — forming a "Healthy Lunch Club" in which employees take turns serving a low-calorie meal once a week; and HELLO, which stands for Healthy Living in the Office. HELLO encourages employees to bring in healthy snacks to share with colleagues, hosts health and wellness presentations and offers lifestyle coaching through the FSAP. Perhaps most importantly, each staff member is allowed 30 minutes a week of "on-the-clock" time to devote to exercise.

"Since the inception of these programs, everyone has embraced the idea," said Katie Lloyd, senior associate director of MBA admissions in Goizueta Business School. "The results: My colleagues have formed walking groups. Some have joined Weight Watchers. Annual checkups have been scheduled. Individual sessions with the Wellness Center have been utilized. Excellent meals have been shared. Overall, a general awareness about health has been established."

For departments who would like to create a wellness program of their own, Step Up Emory organizers recommend that groups survey the interest in their department, then form a committee to share and implement ideas. The FSAP also can provide guidance, support and suggestions.

Learn more about Step Up Emory initiatives, enroll in HealthQ, or browse health and wellness information on www.stepup.emory.edu, a new Web site that will launch on July 19.

Step Up Emory hosts Wellness Fair

Step Up Emory is hosting a Wellness Fair on Thursday, July 26, to encourage employees to participate in HealthQ as well as to provide valuable information about health and wellness through various internal and external vendors. The Wellness Fair is open to all Emory employees and will be held in Cox Hall Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Attendees will be able to enter into a drawing for a free Fuji bicycle sponsored by Bike Emory, Fuji Bikes and Bicycle South.

The Comprehensive Neuroscience Center and the Emory Transplant Center are among the patient-focused, comprehensive centers of excellence recently announced as part of Emory's Woodruff Health Sciences Center Vision 2012 strategic plan on transforming health care.



Dennis Choi has been named executive director of Emory's neuroscience initiatives.



Allan Kirk is scientific director of the Emory Transplant Center and a Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar.

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the University and existing neuroscience programs.

As director of the new Comprehensive Neuroscience Center in Emory's Woodruff Health Sciences Center, Choi will lead a clinical and translational center that integrates research, clinical care and education.

"Dr. Choi's recruitment will be of tremendous benefit to the entire university and to Emory College as we continue to enhance our programs in the sciences and seek linkages between those departments and the humanities," said Bobby Paul, dean of Emory College. "We look forward to incorporating his vision for the role of neurosciences as a university-wide discipline that includes undergraduate, graduate and professional students and faculty and that links the health sciences with the Liberal Arts in innovative ways."

Choi is a member of the Institute of Medicine and its Forum on Neuroscience and Nervous System Disorders, a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of the executive committee of the Dana Alliance for Brain Research.

He received M.D. and Ph.D. degrees in 1978 from Harvard University and the Harvard-MIT Program in Health Sciences and Technology.

Choi has served on numerous scientific and advisory boards, including the National Academy of Sciences Board on Life Sciences, advisory committees to the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health, and as chairman of the U.S./Canada Regional Committee of the International Brain Research Organization. He has been a member of multiple editorial boards, including founding co-editorship of the journal, *Neurobiology of Disease*.

Allan Kirk has joined the Emory University School of Medicine as scientific director of the Emory Transplant Center and as a Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar.

Kirk has been chief of the Transplantation Branch at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases of the National Institutes of Health since 2001. He is the founding director of the NIH Intramural Organ Transplant Program.

Kirk will serve as a kidney/pancreas transplant surgeon at Emory University Hospital and at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, with a primary appointment in Emory's Department of Surgery and a secondary appointment in the Department of Pediatrics to facilitate novel transplant therapies for children.

An internationally recognized surgical scientist and authority on transplant immunology, Kirk is the ninth scientist attracted to Georgia research universities by the GRA as an Eminent Scholar — a national model for attracting world-class scientific talent to the state.

"We are extremely fortunate to have Allan Kirk joining our Emory Transplant Center," said Transplant Center Director Christian Larsen. "He is an international leader in the most important research priority in transplantation — eliminating the need for toxic immunosuppression drugs. Because this has been a major focus of our transplant research at Emory and the Yerkes National Primate Research Center over the past decade, we welcome the opportunity to work closely with Dr. Kirk in advancing this critical research."

Kirk received his M.D. from Duke University School of Medicine in 1987 and his Ph.D. in immunology from Duke in 1992. He completed a general surgery residency at Duke in 1995 and a multi-organ transplantation fellowship at the University of Wisconsin in 1995. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

—Holly Korschun

SCHOLARSHIP&RESEARCH

Gilman's students learned to stomach research in diet project



The history of diets and dieting are the subject of Professor Sander Gilman's recent research and forthcoming book, a project he undertook with students in his seminar "Food and Taboo: History of Dieting."

BY CAROL CLARK

Sander Gilman grew up in New Orleans, where every Friday he would go to the French Quarter market with his grandmother to shop for a live chicken. He recalls peering into crates, searching amid the scrawny birds for one that was relatively plump and had clear eyes. The vendor would lop off the head of the chosen chicken, and Gilman and his grandmother would take the carcass home where he would help to prepare it.

"You'd pull the feathers off, very carefully, and then you were left with the pin feathers," he said. "You had to take an open flame and burn them off, otherwise the skin was too bristly to eat. The whole house smelled of burned pin feathers."

The burning smell was soon replaced with the aroma of roasting chicken. "It was the best chicken one ever ate," said Gilman, Emory Distinguished Professor of the Liberal Arts and Sciences. "Today we have no connection with live animals that we eat — and we don't want it."

The history of diets and dieting are the subject of Gilman's recent research and forthcoming book, a project he undertook with students. Over two semesters, his Institute of the Liberal Arts seminar "Food and Taboo: History of Dieting" engaged 20 students — both undergraduates and graduates — in researching special diets, from religious rituals of the ancient world to contemporary theories and practices. The resulting collaborative volume is now undergoing peer review and will likely be published in the fall.

His students, who didn't grow up choosing live chickens at the market, offered their own perspectives. "It was so cool doing the book with students," Gilman said. "They have a very different understanding of food and dieting. And each of them brought something different to the table, in terms of their experience."

A women's studies major contributed knowledge about gender, while a science major viewed the subject through the lenses of genetics and biochemistry. Students heavily involved in sports brought information about dieting and sports medi-

cine, while a gossip columnist for the Emory Wheel was heavily versed in the fad diets of celebrities — or at least what celebrities professed to be eating.

"We looked at how diet reflects itself in popular culture and how popular culture affects dieting," Gilman said.

The book covered everything from an analysis of Margaret Mitchell's references to the weight of her characters in "Gone With the Wind" to Dr. Phil's "The Ultimate Weight Solution."

One of the things that surprised the students during the research was the fact that many of today's diet "fads" actually originated more than 100 years ago, Gilman said. The precursor of the graham cracker, for example, was invented in 1829 by Sylvester Graham, a Presbyterian minister who urged Americans to eat a high-fiber, vegetarian diet that included lots of coarsely-ground flour.

Many of the early movements for vegetarianism and health food had a theological basis, Gilman said. "A healthy diet was once seen as a path to God. Today, God isn't usually in the health-food equation anymore. It was an 'aha!' moment for many of the students."

One of the book's conclusions: We have always been a dieting culture. We always will be.

Gilman, who is the director of Emory's Psychoanalytic Studies Program, is used to tackling such esoteric, interdisciplinary subjects. His more than 70 books include the titles "Fat Boys: A Slim Book," "Seeing the Insane" and "Jewish Self-Hatred."

"The common theme among all my work has to do with how we imagine who we are," he said. "I've been asking that question over and over for 45 years, using different objects."

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— served as an example of Emory's environmental conservation efforts.

"Emory's enthusiastic and steadfast commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability are integral to our mission. They represent the foundation of a healthy environment for teaching, learning and living at Emory," said President Jim Wagner. "We look forward to working with the EPA to support their greater environmental goals."

While the EPA's self-audit will be focused on regulatory compliance, "for us it's about going beyond compliance," Howett said. Emory is also committed to shaping the quality of life for future generations through conserving energy and water, providing alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles, serving local and organic

foods, diverting waste streams to recycling, and demonstrating leadership in sustainability practices in many other ways. Howett said the voluntary audit will set a baseline for measuring the progress of the University's sustainability initiative, which is in its first year.

Under the EPA agreement, participating colleges and universities will be audited by their peers over the next two years, Howett said. This week, Emory is playing host yet again — serving as the training site for peer auditors in Georgia. Howett sees far-reaching benefits for the University.

"In the end, we will have a whole team of internal people who have been trained on this audit, and they will be on hand to ensure that we are in a continuous state of self-monitoring and compliance assurance at Emory," she said. "And that's what's really exciting about this."

Under the EPA's Audit Program, Emory joins participating colleges and universities to audit compliance with the following federal and state regulatory programs:

- The Clean Air Act
- The Clean Water Act
- Safe Drinking Water Act
- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act
- Toxic Substances Control Act

SCHOLARSHIP&RESEARCH

Emory Global Health Institute awards \$2M in grants for research, programs

BY ROBIN TRICOLES

As part of its commitment to address pressing health challenges throughout the world, Emory's Global Health Institute has awarded nearly \$2 million in support to four new research and public health programs. The programs build on existing Emory research strengths and collaborations with scientists in other nations. Established earlier this year as a University-wide strategic initiative, the Global Health Institute is directed by Jeffrey Koplan, Emory vice president for academic health affairs and former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

• Halting the worldwide diabetes epidemic

Emory's Rollins School of Public Health, along with the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, will establish the Global Diabetes Research Center in Chennai, India. Led by K. M. Venkat Narayan, researchers from both Emory and India will work together to find ways to stop the growing worldwide diabetes epidemic. Narayan is the Ruth and O.C. Hubert professor of global health and epidemiology at Rollins School of Public Health and professor of medicine.

The Center will serve as a hub for population-based research and large intervention trials throughout South Asia and the world as well as provide increased educational and research opportunities to Emory faculty, staff and students.

"The Global Diabetes Research Center will advance a long-term partnership and promote cultural compatibility in science and innovation. Along with our partners, we will develop low-resource solutions to decreasing diabetes in India and worldwide while encouraging complementary strengths in collaborative, interdisciplinary and global diabetes research," said Narayan.

• Reducing maternal and newborn deaths during home births

Emory's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, in collabo-

ration with the International Center for Diarrheal Disease Research in Bangladesh, will launch a research and training project aimed at reducing maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity in poor areas where home births often are assisted by unskilled attendants.

The partnership, headed by Lynn Sibley, associate professor in Emory's Lillian Carter Center for International Nursing, will use community-based strategies and interventions to reduce the 529,000 maternal deaths and 4 million neonatal deaths that occur annually because of complications during home births.

The project builds on current collaborations between the School of Nursing's Center for Research on Maternal and Newborn Survival and the ICDDR,B. The new partnership will include Emory's Rollins School of Public Health, the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee and the LAMB Integrated Rural Health and Development/World Mission Prayer League, two well-known nongovernmental organizations.

"We are very excited about continuing our work to prevent maternal and newborn deaths during home births and enhancing our partnerships in this effort," said Sibley. "We believe this project will make a tremendous difference in the lives of mothers and newborns in Bangladesh and will serve as a model for other countries as well."

• Improving the global control of tuberculosis

Emory School of Medicine and Rollins School of Public Health, the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka, Zambia, and the University of Zambia School of Medicine will conduct a research project focusing on improving the global control of tuberculosis, with an emphasis on TB in the HIV-positive population. Led by Henry Blumberg, Emory professor of medicine, the project is expected to include a study of a new generation of diagnostic TB tests, as well as research training for Zambian physicians and scientists.

"There is a critical need for improved diagnostics for TB throughout the world," said

Blumberg. "As recent events illustrate, tuberculosis remains an enormous global public health problem with critical needs for increased support of research on new tools for TB control including new drugs, new diagnostics and an effective TB vaccine."

The Zambia-Emory Research Initiative in TB and TB/HIV builds on the infrastructure established by the Zambian-Emory HIV Research Program. The program was established in 1994 by Susan Allen, professor of global health at the RSPH, and by the NIH Fogarty International Center-funded Emory AIDS International Research and Training Program grant (which includes Zambia), led by Carlos del Rio. Allen and del Rio are collaborators on the new global health project, along with Naasha Talati, a fellow in the Emory Division of Infectious Diseases.

• Developing avian influenza vaccines

A consortium that includes Emory University School of Medicine's new NIH-funded Center of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance and the Harbin Veterinary Research Institute in China will conduct studies aimed at developing a universal vaccine against infection by different H5N1 avian influenza strains.

Led by Chinglai Yang, assistant professor of microbiology and immunology, Emory will provide training in molecular virology and immunology studies to visiting HVRI scientists, while HVRI will provide training to Emory researchers in avian influenza field surveillance and viral pathogenesis studies.

"Emory's strengths in influenza research, enhanced by a recent large NIH grant, and our established scientific partnerships with China, will allow us to move forward as world leaders in the development of a universal avian flu vaccine," said Yang.

For more information about the Global Health Institute and these projects, please visit www.globalhealth.emory.edu/.

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Forum, she proposed pooling some grants to come up with the needed funds. Ten members of her TCP group joined the pool, providing \$3,000 to host the visitors.

"I kind of pushed this project because I think it's important for Emory students, faculty and staff to see ourselves as part of a bigger community, and think of ways to share our resources," Giordano said.

"This is one of the larger grants that we've given out, and we're really pleased," Jody Usher, co-director of the TCP,

told the visitors from Brooklyn. "We're delighted that you're here."

Ted Pettus, an instructor in the Emory School of Medicine and a TCP participant, was one of the hosts at the dinner, which included high school students who had formed a youth action group.

"Whether or not you're interested in Emory, you should try learning about college admissions and applying for financial aid. You'd be amazed at the opportunities available," Pettus told them.

He offered to give the visitors a tour of the admissions

office and campus. When he asked how many would be interested, a dozen hands shots up.

Letitia Campbell, who is studying Christian ethics in Emory's graduate division of religion, was one of the TCP members impressed by the visitors' stories about how they are working to transform their Brooklyn neighborhood. "If you guys leave New York, you're bringing great strength and knowledge wherever you go," she told them. "You have these amazing experiences of organizing and you are a great resource."

INFORMATIONTECHNOLOGY

Technology notes for teaching, learning, community

For those of us who work in Academic Computing, summer acts as prelude to fall. As prelude, it offers the opportunity to introduce services and themes to the Emory community while sounding out how they will be received in September, as the school year more traditionally starts. This summer is no different as a number of upgrades and training workshops signal future direction for our next academic year.

First and foremost, Emory's online course management system, BlackBoard, has been upgraded to an enterprise worthy infrastructure that introduces the potential for new and expanded functionality. Perhaps more than any other application, BlackBoard witnessed explosive growth over the course of 2006-07, moving from roughly 100,000 hits a day to nearly 30,000 hits per hour at peak usage. Many of the service disruptions that occurred last year were due to the lack of available computing resources to meet the spikes in demand, resulting in slow performance and, occasionally, failed connections and server outages.

Since the upgrade, what are some of the new capabilities that are available beyond substantially improved robustness? Discussion forums have been completely redesigned, providing subscription options to keep students connected to ongoing discussions; new moderator settings allow for more distributed discussion management for small groups; and the grade book has options for import and export of single tests as well as full customizability of test feedback. In addition, AAIT has been testing a module that will introduce the option of blogs and wikis within BlackBoard courses and these services should be available in the fall to instructors who request them.

If BlackBoard is the Web-based environment where faculty and students go for course resources, LearnLink is the place where faculty and students go for quick text-based discussions and to connect up with their online community. LearnLink looks different, as well, for those who have checked in over the summer. LearnLink's new client offers a substantial redesign of the user interface of the desktop, with larger, more navigable icons as well as new functionality to support small teamwork in "Workspaces." In order to bridge a connection to the Web environment, there is now a bookmarks manager to allow transparent surfing to designated Web sites from within the LearnLink client. Information on the new client is available at www.learnlink.emory.edu/guides/.

However, not all changes in teaching and learning services this summer are solely focused on the online environment. One major target of AAIT research has been to pilot an approach to recording class lectures. Using special software, faculty who teach using PowerPoint can record their voice in addition to the slides and any annotations made to them. The recorded file can then be available for distribution as an online resource that can be viewed on the Web, within BlackBoard, or on an iPod Video. Depending upon the success of the pilot, this capability might become more readily available on the campus next year.

Training sessions at Emory's Center for Interactive Teaching focused on two additional topics. First, Personal Response Systems, more commonly known as "clickers," garnered a great deal of faculty interest as a promising classroom technology. Used to provide immediate feedback in that setting, PRS allows a teacher to ask questions and have students "click" their response. In the exchange, both faculty and students can assess whether the material being covered has been adequately comprehended.

The second set of workshops focused on using podcasts (online, portable audio files, that are streamable or downloadable) and vodcasts (online, portable video files, that are streamable or downloadable) to complement more traditional class materials. On the topic of iPods, the actual location where many of these files end up, the latest student survey indicates that more than 70% of Emory students have Apple's specific player and an additional 20% have some form of MP3 player. Part of AAIT's summer testing looks at mechanisms to distribute podcast and vodcast content alongside other class resources.

This past year clearly saw a pivotal shift by faculty and students toward online resources for teaching and learning. This summer, AAIT's upgrades to the infrastructure and features of Emory's teaching and learning environment speaks to meeting that shift, while providing a range of tools that can be used both inside the classroom as well as online. As many individuals at Emory return from their research and collaboration around the world, it is increasingly tools like these that tie us together as a community, allowing a reach and a variety of strategies to live and learn globally.

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Events for the Emory Community

VISUAL ARTS

Carlos Museum Exhibition

"Cradle of Christianity: Jewish and Christian Treasures from the Holy Land." Carlos Museum. \$15; Museum members and children, free; On Wednesdays, students, faculty and staff, free. 404-727-4282. **Through Oct. 14.**

Carter Center Exhibit Opening

"Beyond the Presidency: 25 Years of The Carter Center." The Carter Center Library and Museum. \$8; seniors (60+), military and students, \$6; Children (16 and under), free. 404-865-7101. **Through Nov. 25.**

Schatten Gallery Exhibition

"Dreaming Cows." Betty LaDuke, artist, presenting. Schatten Gallery, Woodruff Library. Free. 404-727-0136. **Through Aug. 15.**

MARBL Exhibition

"Benny Andrews: Voice of the Artist." Level 10, Woodruff Library. Free. 404-727-6887. **Through Sept. 10.**

Pitts Theology Library Exhibition

"John Henry Cardinal Newman and the Oxford Movement." Durham Reading Room. Free. 404-727-1218. **Through Sept. 15.**

LECTURES

THURSDAY, JULY 12 Surgical Grand Rounds

"Daniel Collier Elkin: Rem Acu Tetigistus." Thomas Dodson, surgery, presenting. 7 a.m. Emory Hospital Auditorium. Free. 404-778-1903.

THURSDAY, JULY 19 Surgical Grand Rounds

"The Current State of Lung Transplantation." Seth Force, surgery, presenting. 7 a.m. Emory Hospital Auditorium. Free. 404-778-1903.

THURSDAY, JULY 26 Surgical Grand Rounds

"Fatigue in Aviation and How it Would Apply to Physicians" Jack Rubino, Former flight surgeon, presenting. 7 a.m. Emory Hospital Auditorium. Free. 404-778-1903.

Clinical Ethics Seminar

4 p.m. 864 Rollins School of Public Health. Free. 404-727-5048.

SPECIAL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 Learning Services Workshop

"Communicating For Results." 8:30 a.m. 100 Human Resources Center. Free. 404-727-7607

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 Learning Services Workshop

"Assertiveness-Interpersonal Skills Certificate." 8:30 a.m. 100 Human Resources Center. Free. 404-727-7607.

TUESDAY, JULY 17**Atlanta Neighborhoods Home Buyers Seminar**

6 p.m. W131 Goizueta Business School. 404-727-3920.

THURSDAY, JULY 19 Endnote Workshop

11:30 a.m. 310 Woodruff Library. Free. 404-727-6863.

SATURDAY, JULY 21 Evening MBA Information Session

8:30 a.m. 208 Goizueta Business School. Free. 404-727-0497.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 Learning Services Workshop

"Collaboration." 8:30 a.m. 100 Human Resources Center. Free. 404-727-7607.

CRADLE OF CHRISTIANITY

Trail-blazing biblical scholar Galambush to speak at Emory

BY CAROL CLARK

After she was ordained a Baptist minister, Julie Galambush spent a few years serving a small church in her native Ohio before finding her true calling: academia. She left the ministry to enter Emory in 1985 as a Ph.D. candidate in Old Testament Studies.

"I've always found the Old Testament more fascinating than the New Testament," Galambush said. "The stories are so much richer. In Judges, for instance, you have Ehud the left-handed man who stabs the enemy king. The king is so fat that the dagger goes in over the hilt. And then Jael invites the enemy commander into her tent, and, as he sleeps, goes 'softly' over to him and drives a tent peg through his head and into the ground. The book of Judges is filled with a mixture of bizarre and violent stories and lofty ideals. Throughout the Hebrew Bible you see an interplay between mysterious, gripping stories and sublime proclamations of faith. It just grabs me. It always did."

Her Emory Ph.D. project examined the metaphor of Jerusalem as God's wife, described in Ezekiel 16.

"God is so angry over his wife's adultery that he calls in an army to have her chopped up to pieces. I wanted to look at the emotional and sexual dynamics of that extended metaphor, and particularly its attitude toward violence against women," she said. "If the reader is supposed to see God as a model husband, what

do you do if he's abusing his wife?"

She noted that prior to her dissertation, commentaries on Ezekiel 16 tended to "clean up" the story, concluding that "God loves his wife and it pains him to have to discipline her." To Galambush, this didn't make sense. "God tells his wife that after she has been hacked to pieces, then he will be calm and his rage will subside. How could scholars read this as the model of a loving husband — or a loving God?"

Blazing new trails through ancient texts is just another day's work for Galambush, who is now Distinguished Associate Professor of Religious Studies at The College of William and Mary. "In biblical studies, scholars have spent hundreds of years studying each volume," she said. "If you don't cut it open in a new way, you're just replicating what's already been done. I don't have any interest in doing that."

Even as a child, growing up in a liberal American Baptist church, Galambush enjoyed getting into intense theological discussions with the minister. The barrier between Judaism and Christianity seemed especially debatable to her. "So what if God raised Jesus from the dead?" she posited. "That just means God kept his prom-

ise to the Jews. Why would you start a new religion over that?"

In Hebrews 5 "it says that Jesus learned obedience and became perfect through what he



Julie Galambush's lecture is among the public events in conjunction with the Carlos Museum's "Cradle of Christianity" exhibition, which includes the Temple Scroll, pictured above. The lecture will be held on Tuesday, July 10, at 7 p.m., in the Carlos Museum Reception Hall.

suffered. To me this is a stunning line," Galambush said. "It suggests that Jesus did not start out perfect, and that his will was different from God's. In short, he was human. Although the church went in one direction and made him divine, the stubborn Baptist in me always said that I could believe in a lower Christology and still be Christian."

In 1994, a few years after marrying a Jew, Galambush converted. "It was an easy and joyful transition," she said.

Her ability to embrace, and even revel, in such paradoxes, launched Galambush into a whole new specialty: explaining Christianity to Jews and Judaism to Christians. "I was surprised at how much the two groups didn't know about each other and I began to see

myself as a resource," she said.

To help bridge the gap, she wrote "The Reluctant Parting: How the New Testament's Jewish Writers created a Christian Book," which

Recognition of the strong Jewish identity that persisted in the first centuries of Christianity "is a relatively new insight," she said. "It's only been fully articulated in the last generation. Scholars continue to place the 'parting of the ways' at a later and later date." The Holocaust was one impetus for the two religions to search for common ground, Galambush said, while the Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered between 1947 and 1956, provided critical tools for further exploring the connections. "The Dead Sea Scrolls not only told us a lot of fascinating things about how Jews thought in the period when Christianity was forming; they were also powerful enough to get us to reconsider other data," she explained.

The "Cradle of Christianity" exhibition currently at the Carlos Museum is one example of this gradual transformation in the understanding of the two religions. "I think the exhibition, in an understated way, is quite daring," Galambush said. "After all, a cradle is a place where you do some nurturing. So the name implies that not only did Christianity originate in Judaism; Judaism nurtured it. This was an intimate relationship. In many ways, that potential for gracious co-existence is still there in the two religions."

Jews and Christians alike have expressed gratitude for the book. "People are so eager to understand the connections between the two traditions," Galambush said. "Seeing the authors' Jewish identity reflected in every page of the New Testament allows a reader to befriend the authors as Jews without suggesting that the reader should now become a Christian."