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Get ready to see a lot more shuttles like these next year, not only moving around Emory's campus but ferrying people through surrounding Atlanta neighborhoods. Emory is ramping up its shuttle service in a big way, going from eight to 17 regular routes, replacing the current bus shelters with technologically enhanced constructions that reflect the University's architectural look, and establishing Park & Ride lots around the city. All together, the project reflects Emory's commitment to removing cars from the Clifton Corridor to reduce traffic and improve quality of life for the University and its neighbors.

#### **TRANSPORTATIONSERVICES**

# Building a better, cleaner way to travel

**BY MICHAEL TERRAZAS** 

Starting next fall, Emory's going to be a lot easier place to get around.

By Sept. 1, the University's shuttle service will have undergone perhaps the largest overhaul in its history, more than doubling the number of routes, adding buses, and filling those buses with gizmos to keep riders entertained as they move about smoothly within—and beyond—the campus borders.

At present, Emory's shuttle service encompasses 48 buses serving seven routes and reaching out as far as Grady Hospital and downtown Decatur (an eighth "route," to and from Oxford College, is run once a day). Under the proposed expansion, Emory shuttles will run 17 color-coded routes that cover all of the existing stops and add many new ones, including service to areas such as Northlake

and North DeKalb malls, and Executive Park.

But that's just the beginning: Many of the buses will run on new fuels, will stop at new bus shelters, and will offer new amenities to what Emory officials hope will be a surge of new riders choosing to leave behind their single-occupant vehicles and embrace a cleaner way to travel. Just as they are now, University shuttles will be open to anyone who wants to ride, whether affiliated with Emory or not.

"In the recent transit study done by the Clifton Corridor Transportation Management Association (CCTMA), demand management was one of the issues identified as needing to be addressed," said Bob Hascall, vice president for Campus Services. "This addresses that area specifically."

Shuttle routes serving the core campus will be shortened,

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#### **ALUMNIASSOCIATION**

# University grads offer real world lessons

**BY ERIC RANGUS** 

group of Emory alums returned to campus recently to share their post-college experiences with current students through an initiative that aims to strengthen the University's bond with its graduates while also preparing today's collegians for life beyond the classroom.

The Professor for a Day program, sponsored by the Association of Emory Alumni, the Emory Annual Fund (EAF) and Arts & Sciences Development, was held during February and March. Seven Emory grads returned to class to talk about where their college degree has taken them.

"The big mission is to get alumni re-engaged with the Emory community," said Alisa Toney, assistant director of annual giving with EAF, who helped organize the event. "Students and alumni are brought together, but in a more formal and structured way."

This is the second year for the program, which added Arts & Sciences Development to the mix this year.

Graduates visited classes this year from Feb. 28 to March 2 in Emory and Oxford colleges, Goizueta Business School and Candler School of Theology.

Candace Wagner, a 1981

graduate who obtained a degree in English, is now working as an associate staff technical writer with Scientific Atlanta, a global telecommunications firm. Wagner's speech, on how to become a technical writer, was not limited to one class—she spoke to about a dozen students during a lecture sponsored by the English department that was held in the Callaway Center's Kemp-Malone Library.

"It was a delightful and rewarding experience," she said, adding that she has already contacted fellow Emory alums to encourage them to try it next year. Wagner said the program appealed to her because she wanted her modern-day counterparts to know that they too could put their English degree to work.

"I wanted English majors to know that there are careers [out there] other than teaching or law or other tracks traditionally open to English majors," she said.

Steve Ahn, a 1991 business school graduate who's a founding partner of The Abacus Group, addressed a class taught by his former professor, Nicholas Valerio, associate professor of finance.

Ted Daywalt, a 1980
MBA graduate who is president and chief executive
officer at VetJobs.com, spoke
to a "Political Economy of



Candace Wagner, an Emory grad who now works as a technical writer, shared her lessons from corporate America with University students during her stint as Professor for a Day.

Development" class taught by Associate Professor Rick Doner.

Chi Chi Okezie participated in the program last year on the Atlanta campus, but this year she traveled to Oxford as a guest of economics Associate Professor Frank Maddox. A graduate of Oxford and Emory, Okezie was the only returning participant.

Several of Emory's staff attended the lectures, and in the case of theology school graduate Bob Townes' address, "The Theology and Methodology of Successful Fund-Raising Campaigns in the Church," the pastor of North Decatur United Methodist Church—himself an Emory alumnus—was in the audience.

Organizers said they hope to grow the program in the future by increasing the number of alumni members who participate.

Toney said feedback about the program has been uniformly positive. She said students enjoyed asking graduates about the future, while alums were happy interacting with the campus community and faculty members were pleased to have had the chance to reconnect with the former students.

"We made certificates of appreciation for the alumni," Toney said. "One of them wrote back to tell me he had his on the wall of his office right next to his Emory diploma."

#### CAMPUSNEWS

# Relay For Life raises money for cancer

BY ROBYN MOHR

Emory will host its first Relay For Life next month to raise awareness and money for cancer prevention and research.

The event, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will be held at the P.E. Center on April 28 at 6 p.m. and continue until noon on April 29. The race will feature teams of students, faculty, staff and community members, all of whom will have at least one member walking or running around the track at all times.

Relay is the American Cancer Society's signature event, an effort to rally the community behind cancer research.

Rachel Cohen, a senior at Emory, has been involved with the fundraiser for more than six years. "I believe that there should be a cure," she said. "I have had friends and family members diagnosed and even die of cancer. Every day I meet someone who gives me a new reason to relay."

Officials said 3 million people around the country participated in last year's event. The proceeds from the relay are used to support the society's mission of eliminating cancer.

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#### **AROUND CAMPUS**

## Hamilton lecture to feature former NO mayor

Marc Morial, president and CEO of the National Urban League and former mayor of New Orleans, will deliver Emory's annual Grace Towns Hamilton Lecture on Wednesday, April 5, at 7 p.m. in Glenn Auditorium.

Morial, who served as New Orleans' mayor from 1994–2002 and before that in the Louisiana State Senate from 1992–94, plans to discuss recovery efforts in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.

The Grace Towns Hamilton lecture series, sponsored by the Department of African American Studies, honors the life and legacy of Grace Towns Hamilton. A native Atlantan, Hamilton in 1966 became the first African American woman elected to a state legislature in the South and the first African American to be elected to the Georgia Legislature since Reconstruction.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, call 404-727-6847.

## Emory ranks high among postdocs in survey

Emory has been named the top-ranked university and No. 4 institution overall in the *The Scientist* magazine's 2006 survey of "Best Places to Work for Postdocs."

Emory and Vanderbilt University (Nashville, Tenn.) were among the top 15 institutions overall, as well as the J. David Gladstone Institute (San Francisco), the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (Seattle) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in North Carolina.

The survey invited magazine readers and registrants on *The Scientist* website who identified themselves as nontenured life scientists to respond to a questionnaire of 46 criteria. The magazine ranked the top 35 institutions in North America and the top 35 outside the continent.

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#### **FIRSTPERSON** LYNNE HUFFER

## Becoming queer



**Lynne Huffer** is professor of women's studies.

hen I was in college, my mother came out as a lesbian.

For 25 years, she'd been a stay-at-home mom, a dutiful wife, a Girl Scout leader. Married to my father in 1957 right out of college, she did what many women of her generation did: put aside her own interests, got pregnant and raised a family. You can see the fruits of her efforts, nicely framed in a family photograph taken not long before I went away to college. There we are, the classic all-American family-respectable, white, heterosexual. Each of us had our role to fill, and we played our parts well, for a while.

I won't go into the details of my family's transformation. Lots of things happened after I went off to college, including my mother's realization that she was attracted to women and had been for as long as she could remember.

My parents got divorced and, as families do, we all scattered. My mother dated women for a while, and eventually settled down with her partner, Gillian. My father remarried and had two more kids with his second wife. My brother went to China for a year and came back married. My sister had a daughter whom she raised as a single parent. I went to college. In graduate school I got married, and by the time I had a job as an assistant professor in the French department at Yale, I was well on my way to getting divorced. By the time I was 30, I was single again and, just like my mother, becoming queer.

Some people say to me: It must have been easy coming out, since your mother was already a lesbian. But, in fact, the opposite was true. Like a lot of girls, I needed to assert my own identity as part of the process of growing up. If I became a lesbian I'd be just like my mother! I would feel amorphous, undifferentiated, trapped in the maternal space of childhood. So it wasn't until my 30s, after a failed marriage and lots of pain, that I took the plunge and "came out." I started seeing women. I said to the world: Yup, I'm queer. Just like my mother.

The word "queer" itself is deeply fraught and misunderstood by lots of people. When I tell folks outside of academic or progressive activist circles (my aunt in Birmingham, for example) that I'm currently teaching a graduate seminar on "queer theory," they usually respond with a blank look that barely masks a deep discomfort.

"But what is it?" they ask, in a squeaky voice. "Q... q... que... queeeeer?"

And so I explain. "Queer" has been used as a put-down, a term of derision, a weapon aimed at people like me-lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, intersexed, two-spirit, questioning (queer!)—those of us who no longer (did we ever?) neatly fit into the mold of the all-American family. Reclaiming the term "queer" is a strategic act of political empowerment that exposes a history of intolerance, reminding us of how words have been used to shame us: "You queer!"

At the same time, the word "queer" celebrates the courage and the radical creativity of those who refuse to conform to rigid conceptions of what it means to be a person and to be in relationships with others. It becomes, instead, a speech act of defiance: "We're here, we're queer, get used to it!"

Today, both the work I do and the life I lead outside the University reflect an ongoing process of becoming queer. This process began, even before my mother came out as a lesbian, with my own vague perception that there was something big and important missing from my

than I knew, but I hadn't yet allowed that dim intuition to take the form of realization and action. Married to a man, I spent my 20s writing, teaching and wondering how I might eventually balance children with a demanding academic career. I didn't want to make the sacrifices I'd seen my mother making. Yet in some ways, I was still trying to bring back that all-American family I had lost.

But like my mother, who finally came out and painfully, hesitantly, left my father, I woke up one day and realized I just couldn't breathe anymore in the life I had been told was normal. I suddenly experienced my own marriage, like the family in which I grew up, as airless and constrained, not only because of its rigid heterosexuality, but also because of the (unspoken) middle-class norms of whiteness and Americanness it silently but stubbornly upheld.

Today, my family embodies very few of the norms with which I grew up. I have no image that captures us, all together, this queer family, because we can't be captured. It can't be done. But I know we're happier than those five people in my traditional family photograph. Sure, in the photo we're smiling. But I also know that we were barely breathing.

With age, I've learned that my family was not the completely airless coffin my dra-



Lynne Huffer (far left) as a teenager with her family.

mother's life. I sensed somehow, even in high school, that she was not fully living, not fully there. I think that's what originally propelled me, as an undergraduate in the early 1980s, to become a women's studies major. I wanted to figure out what was wrong with my mother's life, and that led me to look at the lives of women more generally, throughout history and across the globe.

As I pursued a career learning about feminist struggle and feminist thought, both I and my work were gradually becoming queerer. When I wrote my first book (*Another Colette*) in my late 20s, I didn't realize how queer my subject, Colette, really was

Indeed, I too was queerer

matic mind sometimes makes it out to be. Nobody died of asphyxiation. Sure, we had our problems, and the stability promised by our being a "family" was an illusion. But I've also learned to re-embrace us—both in the past of who we were, and in the present of what we've become. I've learned that all of us have always been just a little bit queerer than we might have thought. We were always more than the photograph.

This essay first appeared in the Spring 2006 Women's News & Narratives and is reprinted with permission.

#### **EMORYVOICES**

How often do you ride Emory shuttles?



Every day—sometimes two or three trips. I work at Briarcliff campus, and it's my lifeline to the main campus.

> Kristina Baade administrative assistant Office of University-Community Partnerships



Most days. I'm a public transortation geek, and I like riding them.

Sam Marie Engle program director Community Building Program



Never. I don't need it.

Otor Khalili senior research specialist Physiology



Not at all. I drive to work.

Eric Udunka mail services Pitney Bowes



tos by Jon Rc

Twice a day, from my room at the Alpha house to class and back.

Anthony Cooper sophomore Neuroscience

# Br Divisions of Language Rachel

Robertson

"I am creating a novel sentence right now that I've never uttered before but I know exactly how to do it. You have never heard it before and yet you understand exactly what I am saying."

his is the way
Benjamin Hary
begins his classes to
demonstrate what he calls the
"fantastic phenomenon" of
language.

Much of Hary's research is on Hebrew and Arabic, so he makes his academic home as associate professor in Middle Eastern and South Asian studies, although his interest in Jewish languages has also earned him an appointment in Jewish studies. In 1995 he helped found Emory's linguistics program and served as the first director for several years.

Growing up during the 1960s in Israel, Hary witnessed a divided society. Being Ashkenazi (a Jew of European background), he was a part of the dominant culture but, from a young age, felt drawn to the language and culture of Arabs, and in school Hary chose to study Arabic.

"I remember walking on the street in Haifa when I was 16 or 17 and seeing a piece of paper that was in Arabic, and I would pick it up and figure it out," he said. "I was really obsessed with understanding the language and culture."

So began his fascination with what he calls "the other:" any group outside of one's own culture. Although a well-behaved and studious child, Hary expressed his rebellion intellectually. "Growing up in a society that did not accept Arabs," he said, "I heard many negative things about Arabs, which made me even more interested in them."

He didn't believe the things he heard, unwilling



Ever since he was a child growing up in Israel, Benjamin Hary has had a fascination with language and with "the other" in society. As a Jew of European descent, he was taught to avoid Arabic culture. "I heard many negative things about Arabs, which made me even more interested in them," he says. To rebel, he strove for inclusiveness, and that has carried through in his teaching.

to accept that Arabs were "bad" people, and instead was intrigued by how the division in the cultures was expressed through language. This early desire to reach beyond what is known and accepted, to be inclusive, continues to influence Hary's scholarship. "I have this agenda in me," he said. "We, in academia, really pride ourselves that we are totally objective and we say we don't have an agenda. I think we do. We just need to be clean about it and say what it is."

As an undergraduate at Jerusalem's Hebrew University studying Arabic and Hebrew, Hary first learned of Judeo-Arabic—a blending of the two languages into a "religiolect" that is primarily Arabic with characteristics such as Hebrew script. It is a language that dates back to the 8th century and offers a window into spoken Arabic of the past. Because Arabic was the language of God for Muslims, their documents adhered strictly to the standard language and could hardly reflect the spoken variety, which was very different. But Jews (and Christians) were not constrained in this way, so a study of old Judeo-Arabic texts can reveal much about spoken Arabic in earlier times.

Chance—and some alert observation—brought an important finding early in Hary's career. As a graduate student at the University of California–Berkeley in the 1980s, he once took a lunchtime trip with one of his advisers to a Jewish museum, the Judah L. Magnes Museum,

and noticed an uncataloged manuscript set aside from the displays.

"It caught my eye because it was in neat handwriting and it had colors, some red writing in it," Hary said. Probably destined for the trash, the document was written in Judeo-Arabic, so Hary made photocopies of it and suggested the museum hang onto it while he researched what it was.

Examining the copies, Hary and his adviser, William Brinner, discovered it was a copy of the 16th century "Purim Scroll" of the Cariene Jewish community that "celebrated the disappearance of Ahmad Pasha, a self-appointed Ottoman governor of Egypt who oppressed the Jews," Hary said. The manuscript became the topic of his first book, Multiglossia in Judeo-Arabic, a comprehensive study that situated the document historically as well as characterized and explained features of its language.

Hary's interest in Jewish languages does not end at Judeo-Arabic; he is interested in all of them (Yiddish, Judeo-Italian, Judeo-Greek and Judeo-Spanish, are other examples). Indeed, he believes researchers should look beyond the 20 or so currently documented. All the languages vary, although many adopt Hebrew and Aramaic elements and are written with Hebrew characters. In Judeo-Italian, for instance, Hary said Italian morphemes (the smallest meaningful unit of language, such as "s" to denote plural in English) are added to Hebrew

words: The Hebrew word *paxad* ("afraid"), with the addition of the Italian ending oso, becomes *paxadoso*, or "timid."

"If I say this to Italian speakers, they will say, 'This sounds Italian, but I don't understand it,'" Hary said. "Wherever people want to distinguish themselves, they will also do it with the language."

And so he is also interested in the more subtle differences in language, such as when young people want to create a culture distinct from that of their elders, or when women wish to forge their own identity. "Women," Hary said, "use many more adjectives than men."

In pursuit of this topic, and with a grant from the Center for Teaching and Curriculum in 1997, Hary developed the class, "History of American Languages," which surveyed American languages and sociolinguistic behavior of the 20th century, focusing on the migratory aspects of language.

A more recent undertaking (one actually still in progress) has been the construction of the Corpus of Spoken Israeli Hebrew with Hary's colleague, Shlomo Izre'el of Tel Aviv University. A valuable tool for linguists, the corpus is an electronic database of language (in this case, naturally spoken language) that can be used to understand how words function in context. Even in this endeavor, Harv sought to be inclusive by recording non-native speakers—a criterion not used in other corpora. In the case of Hebrew, he explained, where the ratio of native to non-native speakers is 1:1, it only makes sense.

"Shimon Peres, who was prime minister [of Israel], is not a native speaker of Hebrew," Hary said. "Does that mean we can't record him? Of course we should, because his influence on the language is huge."

Hary is also committed to bringing "the other" to his students, not only through his classes, but even more directly by encouraging and assisting with several study abroad programs. As the director of Jewish studies' summer abroad program, he introduces students to the history of the Sephardi Jews (originally from Spain). Students in the program first travel to Spain, studying life and culture before 1492 (when Jews were expelled from the country). During the second part, the group travels through France, Holland, Italy and Greece as they trace the path that Sephardi Jews took after being driven from Spain.

Thinking back on the role that multicultural understanding has played in his life, Hary wonders if his motivation for getting involved with the summer program was personal.

"My father is half-Mizrahi [a Jew of Sephardi and Arab descent], but we never acknowledged it because it was not good to be part of that; it was good to emphasize our German background," he said. "So, now that I think about it, maybe I wasn't just interested in 'the other.' Maybe I was trying to reclaim what was taken away in my own family history."

#### FOCUS: HUMANRESOURCES

# Medco ready to take over Rx management

eginning April 1, Emory employees will need to present their new Medco ID cards when filling prescriptions at local pharmacies. By now, all employees should have received two new cards in their welcome packets from Medco.

Medco's toll-free member services line is 800-939-3758, and pharmacy plan participants can call it to:

- find a participating retail pharmacy;
- get help getting started with Medco By Mail;
- ask about retail and mail-order co-payments;
- find out whether a particular medication is covered and under what tier;
- ask how and when to submit a claim for reimbursement.

The Medco website, **www.medco.com**, will be available to Emory employees beginning April 1. The site allows users to review personal prescription information, refill existing mail-order prescriptions, and obtain detailed plan information, as well as find general information on health and well being.

#### Is your info right?

It is important that Human Resources has correct information about employees in its PeopleSoft system. Employees can change home address, home and work phone numbers, work e-mail and emergency contact information by using PeopleSoft Self Service. To log in, visit http://leo.cc.emory.edu, click on Self Service and follow the links to My Personal Information.

If information regarding education level, marital status or military status needs to be updated, or ethnic group or gender information needs to be corrected, employees should ask their departmental colleagues who handle human resource issues to complete the necessary form and send it to HR for processing.

If your name has changed because of marriage or divorce, you will need to complete a new I-9 as well as other forms, which can be found on the HR website <a href="http://emory.hr.emory.edu">http://emory.hr.emory.edu</a> under Data Services>Employee Data Changes>Name Change. Print and complete these documents, then bring them to HR for processing.

#### Don't lose your money!

Employees have until March 31 to submit Flexible Spending Account (FSA) claims for reimbursement before the money in their FSA accounts is lost. To obtain a claim form, go to the Human Resources website under Benefits>Forms & Brochures>Dependent Day Care/Health Care Expense Reimbursement Account Claim Form.

#### Need to verify your employment?

For employment verification with third parties (such as lenders), Emory faculty and staff can provide either the toll-free number for TALX The Work Number (800-367-5690) or the web address (**www.theworknumber.com**). To complete the transaction, the verifier will also need the employee's name, Social Security number and the Emory employer code (11332).

For employment plus income verification, follow the same steps as above with one additional piece of information that the verifier will need in order to process the transaction: a salary key. The key is a numerical code generated by TALX for the employee to give to verifiers. A verifier cannot access income information without this code.

To get a salary key, the employee needs to call TALX The Work Number at 800-367-5690 or go to the website. Once the salary key is generated, the code can be used—once and only once—by the verifier to "unlock" salary data. This secure system enables the employee to control access to salary data.

For more information, please see the HR website at **http://emory.hr.emory.edu** under Data Services>Employment Verification.

#### **Time to celebrate**

Staff Fest 2006 will be held May 19 from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. This year's theme, "All Aboard! Destination: Emory," was created by Sandra Butler of Academic and Administrative Information Technology and Michael Huey of Student Health Services. Butler and Huey participated in the Staff Fest theme contest and will each receive a \$25 prize.

Staff Fest is for current staff and retirees only. Family members will not be admitted. Employees' Emory ID cards will be required for lunch.

Beginning April 3, more information will be available at <a href="http://emory.hr.emory.edu/stafffest">http://emory.hr.emory.edu/stafffest</a>.

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#### **STRATEGICINITIATIVE**

# 'Season of Predictive Health' seminar series kicks off, March 30

**BY CHRISTI GRAY** 

new quarterly seminar series, "Season of Predictive Heath," focuses on "Predictive Health and Society," one of Emory's strategic plan initiatives under the theme "Exploring New Frontiers in Science and Technology." Woodruff Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management Kenneth Thorpe will kick off the series, Thursday, March 30 at 3 p.m. in Cox Hall Ballroom, with his lecture "Policy Implications and Solutions for Predictive Health."

"The series is being held to further inform the Emory community about predictive health and to invite continued dialogue with the broad constituency across campus that's involved with or impacted by the predictive health initiative," said Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Mike Johns. "These seminars are designed as a mechanism to continue the discussion involving the disciplines central to implementing the predictive health model."

Events like the national symposium "Seeking Ponce's Dream—The Promise of

Predictive Health," co-hosted by Emory and Georgia Tech held last December, and the recent Feb. 17 panel, which featured President Jim Wagner, Provost Earl Lewis, and initiative leaders Kenneth Brigham (medicine) and Michelle Lampl (anthropology), raised questions about how Emory might lead in health care by building and implementing a predictive health model. Thorpe will further the discussion by offering some insight into predictive health.

Thorpe is a frequent commenter on health care issues in the print media and on television. He has appeared on *Nightline* with Ted Koppel, *NBC Nightly News* with Tom Brokaw, *ABC World News Tonight* with Peter Jennings, CNN, CNBC and *Newshour* with Jim Lehrer.

He has also testified before Congress on health care reform and has worked with the American College of Physicians, American Hospital Association, National Coalition on Health Care, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Service Employees International Union and the United Hospital Fund, as well as policymakers, including former president Bill Clinton to develop and evaluate alternative approaches for providing health care.

"Dr. Ken Thorpe is a nationally recognized authority on health policy and related issues," Johns said. "He will discuss not only the policy implications for the implementation of Predictive Health as a model system—but he will also explore possible solutions for the implementation as well."

Future lectures will feature speakers on the topics of education, ethics, behavior, religion and political forces as they relate to predictive health and will align with the initiative's concerns outlined in the strategic plan including:

- combining technological expertise at Emory and Georgia Tech in areas such as nanobiology, imaging and genetics/metabolomics;
- integrating science, technology, ethics, humanities, law, business, health policy and economics;
- moving from cellular to societal sciences; and
- building bridges between population and individual health.

For more information on the strategic plan, visit **www.** admin.emory.edu/StrategicPlan/.

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and all 17 will converge at what Hascall and Associate Vice President Laura Ray are calling the "transportation nexus" at the intersection of Woodruff Circle and Means Drive, in front of Woodruff Research Building. Furthering Emory's goal of building a pedestrian campus, all shuttles will be removed from the University's geographic center near Cox Hall and the Dobbs Center.

Ray, brought in last year to oversee Emory's transportation efforts, said exact numbers to measure the expansion in shuttle routes are still being worked out, but the change will be measured in orders of magnitude. "We're increasing our service multifold," Ray said.

That multifold increase will include a quantum leap in technology. Ray said all Emory shuttles will be equipped with automated passenger counters (at present, Campus Services can only estimate ridership) and tracking software that will monitor where the vehicles are. Riders will have a variety of options for checking in: They could use their PDAs or Treos to visit a website, they could call a number on their cell phones, or—at some bus shelters—they could simply look at a flat-panel screen to see how long before their ride arrives.

All of Emory's bus shelters will be rebuilt to architecturally reflect the "Emory look" but also to improve signage (the letter-coded posts demarking shuttle stops will be replaced with actual bus-stop signs) and to add the tracking technology that not only will make shuttle service more customer-friendly,

but also will enable Campus Services to pinpoint bottlenecks and fine-tune the routes.

"We've heard complaints about shuttles driving around campus with no passengers in them," Hascall said. "This will allow us to look at demand and make adjustments."

#### A cleaner Clifton Corridor

Though improving shuttle service around the central campus is the top priority for fall semester, concurrent will be efforts to leverage the expanded service into improved commuter options by opening Park & Ride lots around Atlanta. Even before Sept. 1, Ray said, the first such lot could open at North DeKalb Mall, meaning Emory employees and students could park at the mall and ride a shuttle in to campus, using that time perhaps to go online using the Wi-Fi service that will be added to many vehicles in the Emory fleet.

There are still details to be worked out with the mall's management (such as how much it will cost Emory, how security and maintenance will be provided, etc.), but Ray said she expects the deal to get done sooner rather than later, and more agreements could be on the way at Northlake Mall, Executive Park, further out toward Stone Mountain, and at other locations to the west and south of Emory's campus.

Ultimately the goal of the Park & Ride lots is to remove commuters' cars from the Clifton Corridor, and even the shuttles themselves will be cleaner: Ray said new additions to the fleet will run on bio-diesel, a sustainable fuel that can be produced from vegetable

sources and even from used cooking grease.

For commuters, the biggest incentive is cost; people can commit to using the Park & Ride lots to avoid being billed for oncampus parking. But Ray knows convenience is another factor, and to that end Emory is contracting with Flexcar (www.flexcar.com) to provide loaner cars that may be checked out, free of charge, by faculty and staff to run workday errands.

The program will start with six gasoline-powered Honda Civics; if demand is there, Ray said, another six can be added immediately, and in the future the loaner cars will have hybrid engines. People who are registered with Emory's alternative transportation programs may use the cars free up to four hours per week, and Ray said they will also be available for departmental business travel.

"We're the first in Atlanta to be doing this," said Ray, adding the program will begin May 1. "Flexcar has been very successful at Portland State University in Oregon. In Atlanta, the community improvement districts, Midtown Alliance and Central Atlanta Progress, will begin offering the service a month after we do, and Georgia Tech and Georgia State are looking into it, too."

To roll out all the changes in Emory's shuttle service (including a new name, the search for which has already started), Ray and Hascall are meeting with as many as 30 groups around campus. An e-mail address (shuttles@emory.edu) has been established for inquiries about the shuttles, and more information can be found at http://www.epcs.emory.edu/alttransp/shuttles.html.

#### **PERFORMINGARTS**

# World, new music take stage for spring concerts through April

**BY NANCY CONDON** 

ans of new and world music will not have to look beyond the Emory campus over the next few weeks to hear the sounds they love.

A series of concerts in March and April will bring an international beat to the University.

Tangueros Emory and Friends, an ensemble of international and local artists who formed a social club to celebrate the tango, will perform March 31 in the Performing Arts Studio during two shows scheduled for 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. (Tickets are \$10; \$5 for non-Emory students and senior citizens 65 and over; Emory students free.)

The evening is organized by Horacio Arcidiacono, a dance instructor and member of the group, and Kristin Wendland, a faculty member in the music department. Tangueros Emory is a University social club for students, alumni and Atlanta residents who love to tango. The friends include teachers and members of Atlanta Tango, Milonga a Media Luz Cooperativos, Buenos Aires's Tango Academy and Tango Evolution.

Tango, known for its sensual style, has long been a part of Argentine culture. Devotees of the erotic dance, which has made a comeback among the general population in recent years, span the globe.

The program will begin with a demonstration of how the dance was performed several years ago and will end with milonga, a modern tango social dance that will be open to all tango dancers in the audience.

Music will be performed by Osvaldo Barrios, a Buenos Aires bandoneón player; duo-ATL, which features classical guitarist Brian Luckett and flutist Nicole Randall; Argentine violinist Alejandro Drago; and guitarist and Emory sophomore Gray Reilly. Tenor



Members of Tangueros Emory, a social club for devotees of the sensual tango, will put their moves and music on display during two performances, March 31 in the Performing Arts Studio.

Julian Ingram, a Kennesaw State University vocal student, sings the opening piece, "El Payador," by 19th century Argentine composer Gabino Ezeiza.

Thamyris New Music will present "Metal Garden" during a free performance at the Schwartz Center at 8 p.m. on March 28. Founded in 1987 by music department faculty members Laura Gordy and Peggy Benkeser, the group will perform solo and ensemble pieces by present-day composers.

Thamyris has been a major presence in Atlanta's new music scene, winning the Cultural Olympiad Regional Designation Awards from 1993 to 1995. The group had a five-year residency with Spivey Hall, and was appointed ensemble-in-residence at Emory in 1998.

During the performance, Gordy will open "Metal Garden" with "Music for Piano," by Azerbaijani composer Franghiz Ali-Zadeh. Electronics will provide depth for three of the four solo pieces, written for instruments normally not played solo, including Kaijo Saariaho's "Six Japanese Gardens" for percussion, performed by Stuart Gerber, a founding member of the new music group Bent Frequency; and Matthew Marth's

"They're Still Running to the West, Rex," played by cellist Craig Hultgren, Alabama Symphony member. Everett's "Rendezvous IV" for violin, performed by Atlanta Opera Concertmaster Helen Kim, incorporates an additional layer of interactive electronics. The other two pieces, Adès' "Catch" and Andriesson's "Worker's Union" are played by the entire ensemble with Everett conducting and playing double bass and electronics and Ted Gurch playing clari-

"The general idea of our program is to incorporate two extremes," Everett said. "On one hand, we are showcasing individuals, and on the other we are demonstrating how there is this ultimate unity in new music."

Prairie Winds, a wind instrument quintet, will perform April 6 at 8 p.m., followed by a performance by the Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta's Society Chamber Orchestra and guests on April 9 at 4 p.m. The Emory Wind Ensemble and graduate organ students will perform on April 11 at 8 p.m. All of those April performances will be held in the Schwartz Center at no charge.

For more information, call 404-727-5050 or visit **www. arts.emory.edu**.

#### **Relay For Life** $from \ page \ 1$

The race tradition began in May 1985 when Gordy Klatt coordinated a 24-hour walk/run around a track in Tacoma, Wash. Klatt, a colorectal surgeon and avid runner, ran 83 miles, raising about \$27,000 in donations that were given to the American Cancer Society.

The following year, Klatt continued the event, recruiting 220 participants who were divided into 19 teams. Two decades later, Relay For Life is held annually in many states and even has been embraced by eight countries outside the United States.

Emory is catching onto the trend. The University's chapter of Colleges Against Cancer (CAC), a member of the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Movement, will host the relay.

As of March 19, Emory had raised \$4,482 for the American Cancer Society, according to a statement on the CAC's Web site.

"I am hoping that this relay will become a key part of the Emory community," Cohen said. "Unlike many other charity events or fundraisers, Relay has the unique opportunity to give back to its community. The money raised stays in the area for the American Cancer Society's programs, services and research."

Every team nominates a captain, and participants set goals of how much money they hope to raise. All the proceeds are given to the American Cancer Society.

Participation is free for all

cancer survivors and those who pre-register. General participants must pay \$10 and should register with Emory's chapter of Relay For Life.

There will be two team captain meetings for newly established teams on March 29 and April 19 at 7 p.m. in room 114 of Candler Library. At 7 p.m. on April 25 there will be a "Bank Night," where teams can pick up their shirts, drop off money and get last-minute updates. An hour before the race begins, there will be a "Survivor's Reception" on the third floor of the P.E. Center for cancer survivors.

For more information please visit www.students. emory.edu/cac, www.acsevents.org/emoryrelay or Learnlink "Relay 2006."

#### **UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE**

### **Employee Council ready to elect new leaders**

even candidates are vying to hold leadership positions on the Employee Council, which will elect a slate of new officers in April to lead the group during the next academic year.

The hopefuls laid out their agendas when they addressed council members, who gathered March 15 in the Seney Conference Room at Oxford College for the council's annual meeting on the Newton County campus.

The council will elect its 2006-07 leaders at its April 19 meeting. The races for president-elect, treasurer and historian are contested, but only one person is running for the position of secretary-elect.

Jackie Culliton, who has worked at The Carter Center for the past 12 years, is unopposed in the secretary-elect race. Culliton, who has a bachelor's and master's degree from Emory, has been on the council since 2004.

Kenny Kelly and Linda Sheldon are running for president. Kelly works as assistant director of facilities operations for Greek Life & Custodial Services. He has served on the council for over five years. "I want to grab hold of the torch and run the race better than the people before," he told the members. "I want to leave it better than I found it."

Sheldon works in Campus Services as a manager of accessibility design and construction. She has served on the council for two years. "Leadership is what I'm interested in," she said. "I bring a fresh perspective."

The other candidates are: Chris Alexander, the incumbent, who is running against Jennifer Vazquez for the treasurer's slot, while Betty Goetz is competing against Ed Koffsky for the post of historian.

The Employee Council is the official voice for Emory staff and serves as an advisory board to University administrators. Voting members of the council are the only ones allowed to cast ballots during the election.

In addition to selecting its leaders, Employee Council members will also vote on revisions to the group's bylaws.

The changes include: allowing elected officers to serve from September to May, an attempt to give incoming officers more time to prepare for their new duties before officially taking office; codifying a practice that designates the secretary of the University Senate to be a member of the Employee Council; and increasing the duties of the parliamentarian.

In other business, council members heard opening remarks from Kent Linville, dean of academic affairs for Oxford College.

Council members also received updates about: the status of proposed changes to employee benefits suggested last year by the Benefits Review Committee; the brown bag seminar held March 9 to apprise the campus about efforts to implement suggestions made during the climate survey; the switch to Medco, the new company that will manage the University's prescription drug benefit, starting April 1; and parking woes on campus. Laura Ray, associate vice president for transportation and parking, is scheduled to appear next month to update council members about the University's ongoing effort to increase mobility on campus.—Alfred Charles

If you have a question or comment for Employee Council, send an e-mail to President Louis Burton at louis.burton@emory-healthcare.org.



Olmsted Park group receives Baker Award
At a ceremony held March 16, Friends of Emory Forest (FOEF)
President Nancy Seideman presented the Woolford B. Baker
Green Space Award to Brian Bowen, vice president of the
Olmsted Linear Park Alliance. Named for the string of green
spaces along Ponce de Leon Ave. which it is trying to restore
and enhance, the alliance has raised nearly \$5 million since its
inception in 1995. Olmsted Park is named for landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, who designed both the park and
nearby Druid Hills neighborhood in the late 19th century.

#### SCHOLARSHIP&RESEARCH

## Winship nabs \$7.5M national grant for cancer research

**BY VINCENT DOLLARD** 

he National Cancer Institute (NCI) has awarded a \$7.5 million grant, one of the largest lung cancer research grants in the country, to Winship Cancer Institute, with additional support coming from the Georgia Cancer Coalition, Georgia's innovative public/private cancer research partnership.

The grant is built around four scientific projects supported by three core laboratory facilities, and the grant team comprises some 40 researchers, clinicians, fellows and technicians from 10 departments throughout Woodruff Health Sciences Center. The project's primary goal is to enhance therapeutic strategies for lung cancer.

"Lung cancer is one of the most devastating public health issues we face in Georgia today," said Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue. "Our ability to develop groundbreaking research to advance the standard of care and develop more effective prevention and treatment is vital."

The NCI provides these grants, called PO-1 grants, only to institutions with broadbased, multidisciplinary and collaborative research capabilities. Winship Associate Director Fadlo Khuri is

director and co-principal investigator on the grant. Haian Fu, associate professor of pharmacology, also is co-principal investigator. Winship's P0-1 grant is among the nation's 12 largest currently funded lung cancer grants.

"Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death in men and women, both in the United States and worldwide," Khuri said.
"Despite important advances in understanding the biology of lung cancer and the introduction of several novel chemotherapy agents, five-year survival for this disease remains at a dismal 15 percent."

Khuri said the project aims to improve lung cancer therapy by better understanding how lung cancer cells communicate. Researchers will study "cell signaling pathways" and how several drugs interfere with them, so that cancer cells cannot communicate and reproduce.

"By utilizing data from a large international clinical trial that studied the most effective treatment sequence of chemotherapy and surgery among lung cancer patients, we hope to develop better, more personalized therapies," Fu said. "We also hope to find new drugs that only target cancer cells and their altered signaling pathways, leaving healthy cells alone."

"This is a vitally important step for lung cancer research in Georgia and in the United States," said Michael Johns, executive vice president for health affairs. "This grant also sends a clear signal that collaboration among research and clinical faculty throughout the Emory system and beyond is working, and it is working to advance some of the most pressing medical issues of our time."

According to the American Cancer Society's recently published *Cancer Facts and Figures*, Georgia will witness 4,860 new cases of lung cancer in 2006, and an estimated 4,530 Georgians will die of lung cancer this year. Nationally, new cases of lung and other respiratory organ cancers for both men and women are estimated to be 176,860.

"We are proud to support this exciting and innovative program," said Bill Todd, president of the Georgia Cancer Coalition. "We salute [the researchers'] hard work, vision and tenacity in bringing this important grant to Georgia."

In addition to Khuri, five other researchers involved in the PO-1 have received grant support from the Georgia Cancer Coalition as Distinguished Cancer Clinicians and Scholars. They are Otis Brawley, associate director at Winship;



A reception, attended by (from left) Haian Fu, Torn Lawley, Bill Todd, President Jim Wagner, Fadlo Khuri and Otis Brawley, was held to mark Winship Cancer Institute's new \$7.5 million grant.

Wei Zhou, assistant professor; Shi-Yong Sun, assistant professor; Dong Shin, professor; and Leland Chung, professor. Shin and Chung have served as advisers to the PO-1 project.

The grant consists of four collaborative and supporting projects: Project One focuses on non-small cell lung cancer and a specific cell signaling pathway that plays an important role in cell proliferation. Project Two focuses on a specific gene, LKB1, in which inherited mutations indicate a predisposition to certain cancers, including lung.

Project Three studies the anticancer effectiveness of farnesyl transferase inhibitors and how they synergize with existing chemotherapies such as Taxol and Taxotere. Project Four, as one component of the integrated program project, will test the hypothesis that certain proteins support the survival of lung cancer cells by suppressing the normal celldeath functions of similar proteins

"Dr. Khuri, Dr. Fu and the entire team of researchers and clinicians who worked so hard to develop this exceptional grant are to be commended," said medical Dean Tom Lawley. "This grant represents a sharpened focus on a devastating disease. It is this kind of work that will truly make a difference for lung cancer patients and their loved ones."

# Study: Directed intervention can improve diabetes care

BY JANET CHRISTENBURY

ith the rate of diabetes threatening to approach epidemic proportions, Emory researchers have found that management of diabetic patients in a primary care setting can be improved by an intervention aimed at physicians.

Study organizers individualized the interventions to physicians' record of action when patient glucose levels were high, and featured regular feedback on their performance. Such feedback seemed to improve physicians' use of therapy and led to lower glucose levels in their patients (glucose levels are closely linked to the likelihood of developing diabetes complications such as kidney failure or blindness).

The results of the threeyear study were published in the March 13 issue of *Archives of Internal Medicine*.

"This study reaffirms the importance of correcting what we call 'clinical inertia'—the failure of health care providers to intensify therapy appropriately when clinically indicated," said Lawrence Phillips, professor of medicine in the Division of Endocrinology and

senior author of the paper.
"We found that feedback on
performance given to primary
care physicians decreased
their clinical inertia, and as
a result, patients' glucose
levels improved. The patients
became healthier."

The research was made possible by a unique health care partnership of generalists and specialists, aimed at improving care for patients not seen by specialists. The partnership differs from typical consultations where specialists see patients directly. Researchers focused on the primary care setting because most patients with diabetes are managed by generalists in such settings.

In the study, 345 primary care practitioners at Emory (internal medicine residents, or medical doctors still in training) were randomized either to be controls (no intervention) or to receive interventions aimed at their behavior—either computerized reminders with patient-specific recommendations for changes in therapy; physician-specific feedback on their performance given by endocrinologists in five-minute, face-to-face meetings every two weeks; or both reminders and performance feedback.

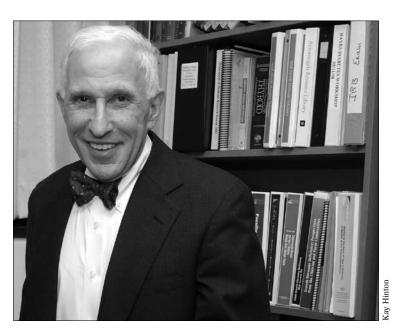
When patients' glucose

(blood sugar) levels were high during health care visits, physician behavior was categorized as "did nothing," "did anything" (any intensification of therapy) or "did enough" (if intensification met recommendations). More than 4,000 patients participated in the study.

At baseline, physicians "did anything" for 35 percent of visits and "did enough" for 21 percent. Intervention intensity increased more in the two groups receiving feedback on performance than for the other two groups. After three years, physician behavior in the reminders and control groups returned to baseline, whereas improvement with feedback alone or feedback plus reminders was sustained.

Analysis showed that feedback on performance contributed independently to the likelihood that a physician would intensify therapy when clinically indicated, and that intensification contributed independently to improved glucose levels.

"To improve diabetes outcomes—complications, death and cost—it's critical that we find better ways to manage the disease," Phillips said. "This study showed the importance of recognizing the problem of clinical inertia,



A study by Lawrence Phillips, professor of medicine in the Division of Endocrinology, has found that care of diabetic patients can be improved by focusing on physician intervention.

and developing interventions, which can help overcome this problem. The feedback on performance intervention helped providers to intensify therapy more frequently when clinically indicated, to intensify therapy enough to make a clinical difference, and to bring patients with high glucose levels back for early return visits.

"The study worked," he said, "because it succeeded in three key dimensions: identifying the problem, using an intervention that targets the

problem, and focusing on specific, important behaviors to improve."

Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, and the major cause of kidney failure, blindness and nontraumatic leg amputation in adults. The disease is also a major contributor to U.S. health care costs: In 2002, Phillips said, diabetes accounted for one out of every nine health care dollars and about 30 percent of Medicare costs.

#### **HEALTHSCIENCES**

# Emory Flight soars to help fly Gulf Coast's stranded to safety

**BY KATHI BAKER** 

onths after hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, two bridges that connect Biloxi to New Orleans are still not accessible. Emory Flight, a partnership with Life Net Medical Services, has been supporting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in missions to transport seriously ill or injured patients while the bridges that once gave them quick access to urgent medical care in New Orleans are being repaired.

Long after many Americans have stopped thinking about Katrina, some Emory Flight medical personnel are still living in tents, sleeping on cots, eating in mess halls and using outdoor showers.

"This is about as close to a modern-day M.A.S.H. unit as you can get," said John Holland, aviation director for Emory Flight's Southeast region. "The flying area that we have set up is so remote that we could not even get roads on [our global positioning system]."

Emory Flight began its mission immediately after Katrina hit, rescuing and transporting victims to safety. Since then, FEMA has asked Emory Flight to set up flying areas where they can quickly respond to patients who need to get to an emergency room. A distance that would take an hour-and-a-half by car can be covered in seven minutes by helicopter.

"In one incident, we were returning to the unit after dropping off some patients when we noticed there had been a truck accident," Holland said. "When we landed, we found five people injured. Fortunately, we were able to get those people to the hospital by air. In situations



Emory Flight is pitching in to transport New Orleans patients to medical care in Biloxi, Miss., because two main bridges in the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast region are still impassable.

like that, getting a patient treated quickly can mean life or death. Travel by ambulance may not have gotten them there in time."

Emory Flight helicopters have been staffed by volunteer Emory Flight medical personnel for the last three FEMA missions. Volunteers are assigned to the Gulf Coast for a week at a time. For Emory's Flight's most recent mission, which has been extended for about a year, medical personnel have been recruited from around the country.

"Our employees have been stretched pretty thin over the last several months, so we have begun to train other medical professionals to staff the helicopters," Holland said. "However, we have been able to provide the use of our most modern longrange aircraft, and we intend to continue to help out in any way we can, as long as we are needed."

Emory Flight is a partnership that combines staff

trained by Emory Emergency Medicine faculty with LifeNet helicopter services. Each helicopter is designed as an airborne critical care unit, staffed by a pilot, nurse and paramedic, and linked through advanced technology communications to physician specialists in the receiving hospital or facility. Care begins the moment the patient is placed on the helicopter. The medical director of the Emory Flight program is Alexander Isakov, an experienced flight physician and assistant professor of emergency medicine.

LifeNet is owned by
Rocky Mountain Helicopters,
which has been associated
with the air medical industry
for over 25 years. The Denver
company was the provider of
choice of the first aeromedical transport program in the
United States. It currently
operates aircraft at 59 locations throughout the United
States and Puerto Rico and
employs over 750 personnel
nationwide, including medical
staff

## An-Na'im, Austrian alum

FOCUS: INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**Awards dinner to honor** 

# mory will present its highest international awards during a March 27 ceremony that will honor two individuals who

a March 27 ceremony that will honor two individuals who have significantly contributed to the University's internationalization.

Abdullahi An-Na'im, Charles Howard Candler Professor of

Abdullahi An-Na'im, Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law, will receive this year's Marion V. Creekmore Award for Internationalization for his tireless efforts to build upon human rights scholarship that effects positive social change around the world.

The Creekmore Award (named for Emory's first vice provost for international affairs, Marion Creekmore) was established by Claus Halle and is given each year to an Emory faculty member who excels in the advancement of the University's commitment to internationalization.

An-Na'im is an internationally recognized scholar on Islam and human rights and a senior fellow in the School of Law's Center for the Study of Law and Religion. Since coming to Emory in 1995, he has worked to promote an understanding of Islam consistent with international human rights standards, and to put scholarship in the service of improving human rights, in particular for women, children and religious minorities living in Islamic nations.

"Professor An-Na'im has made it his life-long ambition to develop a genuine Islamic theory and practice of human rights, democratization and rule of law," said interim law Dean Frank Alexander. "He now stands at the height of his intellectual powers, and the world now stands at the height of its need for understanding of and reconciliation with the Islamic world."

An-Na'im is the author and editor of 15 books and more than 50 articles and book chapters on human rights, constitutionalism, Islamic law and politics. Over the past decade, his work has attracted nearly \$2 million in support from the Ford Foundation for a series of multi-year, international research projects, including studies on women and land rights in Africa, Islamic family law and an Islam and human rights fellowship program, which brought to Emory more than a dozen scholar-activists from Islamic nations advocating for social change in their home countries.

His current project is a two-year study on the future of Islamic law (shari'a) and the role of religious neutrality in Islamic societies.

The second award, the Sheth Distinguished International Alumni Award, will be presented to Austrian Manfred Asamer, graduate of the Goizueta Business School ('86MBA).

The Sheth Award, established by Mahdu and Jagdish Sheth, Charles H. Kellstadt Professor of Marketing, recognizes Emory's international alumni who have distinguished themselves in service to universities, governments, private sector firms or nongovernmental organizations.

Asamer is president and CEO of Asamer & Hufnagl Holding AG, a company active in gravel, stone, concrete, cement, recycling, waste treatment and real estate. One of the largest and most important companies in the state of Upper Austria, the firm has 2,700 employees and 95 operational sites in 12 countries: Austria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Saudi Arabia. The company's foundation (building materials) has been critical to the expansion and rebuilding of infrastructure throughout post-Soviet Central and Eastern Europe.

Asamer is being honored for his personal accomplishments, for the important role he and his company play in the economic reemergence of East and Central Europe since the fall of the Berlin Wall, and for bringing recognition to Emory through his support of Goizueta's close relationship with its oldest exchange partner, the Johannes Kepler University of Linz, Austria.

A University of Linz graduate himself, Asamer was among the first Austrians to be awarded a Goizueta MBA. Today, Goizueta has awarded 55 MBAs to students from the University of Linz, making Austria home to one of the largest populations of Emory degree-holders outside of the United States. Asamer's support for Emory continues through his membership on EMEA, the University's international advisory board for the Europe, Middle East and Africa region.

Goizueta Professor Al Hartgraves, who for almost two decades has been Emory's point person for the University of Linz partnership, said that over the years he has observed Asamer's development as an Austrian business leader.

"Dr. Asamer inherited the opportunity for leadership of a fine family business," Hartgraves said, "but through his extraordinary abilities and efforts has grown a solid family business into a great entrepreneurial enterprise."

#### Founder of national volunteer nursing corps to visit campus

The Georgetown University instructor who was instrumental in the creation of a national volunteer nusing corps will speak about the program when she visits Emory this week.

Barbara Aranda-Naranjo, who holds the Robert and Kathleen Scanlon Endowed Chair in Values-Based Health Care at Georgetown's School of Nursing & Health Studies, is scheduled to discuss the Nurses for America Program on Tuesday, March 28 at 4 p.m. in Room 101 in the nursing school.

The initiative, which received a \$20,000 grant last year from Americorps, the national effort created to encourage volunteerism and community service in the United States, sprang from a challenge issued by Aranda-



Naranjo that asked students to find ways to provide health care to underserved communities. "The program seeks to address two of the most critical issues in health care today: an increasing number of uninsured and under-insured Americans who need regular primary health care and a shortage of professional registered nurses," Aranda-Naranjo said.

American is providing some funds to underwrite the Nurses for America program. The \$20,000 stipend to the nursing corps was the first one ever given to a nursing program.

Aranda-Naranjo worked with Georgetown faculty and students to secure the grant, which funds recruitment, training and placement of nurses in underserved areas for two years. Nurses who enroll and complete a term of service are eligible to apply for funds to continue their education.

"The aim of the grant is to help address the nursing shortage in community health centers, public health departments and faith-based clinics, which are the safety net health care providers for uninsured and low-income workers and their families," Aranda-Naranjo said.

Lailee Mendelson is manager of public relations for the Office of International Affairs.



## **PERFORMING**

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 27 Poetry Reading**

James Nave, presenting. 7 p.m. Williams Hall (Oxford). Free. 770-784-8888.

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 28**

**Concert** 

Thamyris New Music Ensemble, performing. 8 p.m. Emerson Concert Hall, Schwartz Center. Free. 404-727-5050.

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29** Film

Salam Bombay! Mira Nair, director. 7:30 p.m. 205 White Hall. Free. 404-727-6761.

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 30**

"Women's History Month Dance Performance." Noon. Reception Hall, Carlos Museum. Free. 404-727-4291.

Emory Jazz Combo, performing; Gary Motley, conductor. 8 p.m. Emerson Concert Hall, Schwartz Center. Free. 404-727-5050.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 31 Concert

"Tangueros." Kristin Wendland, director. 8 & 11 p.m. Auditorium, Performing Arts Studio. \$10, general admission; \$5, discount category members; free, Emory students. 404-727-5050.

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

**Concert** 

Melissa Plamann, organ, performing. Glenn Auditorium. 8 p.m. Free. 404-727-5050.

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

**Art Showcase** 

"Fieldwork Showcase." 7 p.m. Dance Studio, Performing Arts Center. \$7. 404-727-5050.

#### **Concert**

Rotterdam Philharmonic and Vladimir Feltsman, piano, performing; Valery Gergiev, conductor. 8 p.m. Emerson Concert Hall, Schwartz Center. \$60, general admission; \$40, discount category members; \$10, Emory students. 404-727-5050.

#### **VISUAL ARTS**

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 30 Visual Arts Gallery Exhibit Opening**

"Garden." Mark Steinmetz, photographer, presenting. 5 p.m. Visual Arts Gallery. Free. 404-727-6315.

#### **Schatten Gallery Exhibit**

"The Art of a Woman: Women in the Arts." Corridor Gallery, Schatten Gallery. Free. 404-727-6861. Through March 31.

#### **Emeritus College Exhibit**

"Capturing Life: A Woman's Safari." Orange Gallery, Briarcliff Campus. Free. 404-712-8834. Through March 31.

#### **Carlos Museum Exhibit**

"From Pharaohs to Emperors: New Egyptian, Near Eastern and Classical Antiquities at Emory." Carlos Museum. Free, students, faculty, staff & members; \$7 suggested donation. 404-727-4282. Through April 2.

#### **Carlos Museum Exhibit**

"Greek and Roman Art." Carlos Museum. Free. students, faculty, staff & members; \$7 suggested donation, 404-727-4282.

#### **LECTURES**

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 27 African Studies Lecture**

"Rescrambling Southern Africa's 'Mfecane' Migrations." John Wright, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg (South Africa), presenting. 4 p.m. 1385 Oxford Rd., Room 108. Free. 404-727-6402.

#### **Nursing Lecture**

"Nurses for America: Challenge Yourself. Change a Community!" Barbara Aranda-Naranjo, Nurses for America, presenting. 4 p.m. 101 of Nursing. Free. 404-727-0722.

#### **Middle Eastern Studies Lecture**

"Andalusi Moorings." Ross Bran, Cornell University, presenting. 4:30 p.m. 110 White Hall. Free. 404-727-2297.

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 28 History Lecture**

"Purchasing Whiteness: Conversations on the Essence of Pardo-ness & Mulatto-ness at the End of the Empire." Ann Twinam, University of Texas, presenting. 11:30 a.m. 323 Bowden Hall. Free. 404-727-6555.

#### **Law Lecture**

"Justice as Rights." Nicholas Wolterstorff, Yale University, presenting. Noon. Tull Auditorium, Gambrell Hall. Free. 404-712-8713.

#### **Health Panel Discussion**

"Mind-Body Connections and the Search for Health: Past, Present and Future." Anne Harrington, Harvard University; Charles Raison, medicine; and Peema Dorjee, Tibetan Medical Council, presenting. 7 p.m. WHSCAB Auditorium. Free. 404-727-6722.

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 Women's History Month Keynote Lecture**

"Random Senseless Acts." Margaret Edson, presenting. 7:30 p.m. Cannon Chapel. Free. 404-727-2001.

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 30 Surgical Grand Rounds**

"Proximal and Distal Thoratic Aoritc Surgery—'New Stuff.'" Joseph Bavaria, University of Pennsylvania, presenting. 7 a.m. Emory Hospital Auditorium. Free. 404-712-2196.

#### **Biomedical Research Lecture**

"New Enzymes for Generating Protein Disulfide Bonds: From Vaccinia Virus to Human Growth Factors." Colin Thorpe, University of Delaware, presenting. Noon. Alperin Auditorium, 1512 Clifton Rd. Free. 404-727-5972.

#### **Health Lecture**

"Fundamental Health Care Reform: National Priority or National Pariah?" Tom Daschle, former U.S. Senator, presenting. 1:30 p.m. Ballroom, Cox Hall. Free. 404-727-3487.

#### **Predictive Health Lecture**

"Policy Implications and Solutions for Predictive Health." Kenneth Thorpe, public health, presenting. 3 p.m. Ballroom, Cox Hall. Free. 404-727-3990.

#### **Environmental Studies Lecture**

"Environmental Applications of Remote Sensing." Scott Stoodley, AMEC, presenting. 4 p.m. N306 Math & Science Center. Free. 404-727-4253.

#### **Health Lecture**

"Like It or Not, We're All Getting Older: Language and Communicative Dynamics of Aging." Howard Giles, University of California, Santa Barbara, presenting. 4:15 p.m. 206 White Hall. Free. 404-727-7904.

#### **Art History Lecture**

"When Was Yoruba Art?" John Picton, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (UK), presenting. 5 p.m. Reception Hall, Carlos Museum. Free. 404-727-6701.

#### **Family Violence Panel**

"Family Violence and the Juvenile Court System." 7 p.m. 102 White Hall. Free. 404-727-6268.

#### Journalism and **Law Lecture**

"Journalists and Their Sources." Floyd Abrams, Columbia University, presenting. 7 p.m. Tull Auditorium,

Gambrell Hall. Free. 404-727-4221.

#### **Middle Eastern Studies Lecture**

"Fulfilling a Vow: Punic Child Sacrifice Inscriptions." Jo Ann Hackett, Harvard University, presenting. 7 p.m. Reception Hall, Carlos Museum. Free. 404-727-4291.

#### **Philosophy Lecture**

"Loemker, Leibniz and Philosophy at Emory." Robert Mulvaney, University of South Carolina, presenting. 7 p.m. Ballroom, Emory Conference Center. Free. 404-727-1191.

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 2 Ellmann Lecture**

"Three Masters: Cervantes, Borges and Ortega y Gasset." Mario Vargas Llosa, novelist, presenting. 4 p.m. Glenn Auditorium. Free. 404-727-2223.

#### RELIGION

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 2 University Worship**

Heejung Kwon, theology, preaching. 11 a.m. Sanctuary, Cannon Chapel. Free. 404-727-6225.

#### **SPECIAL**

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 27 Dooley's Week Celebration Opening**

8 p.m. McDonough Field. Free. 404-727-6169.

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 28**

**Career Discussion Panel** "Looking Beyond the University: Discussions on Careers Outside of Academics." Solomon Pollard and Emma Hitt, alumni, presenting. 4:15 p.m. Auditorium, Whitehead Building. Free. 404-727-0356.

#### **Nonprofit Networking Night**

7 p.m. Winship Ballroom, Dobbs Center. Free. 404-727-6268.

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 Powerpoint Workshop**

Noon, 304 Bishops Hall. Free. 404-727-1218.

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 30 Neonatology Conference**

7:30 a.m. Conference Center. Cost TBA. 404-727-4769. Also March 31.

#### **MARIAL Panel**

"Myths of the American Family." 9 a.m. Jones Room, Woodruff Library. Free. 404-727-3440. Also March 31.

#### **Art Research Workshop**

11:30 a.m. 310 Woodruff Library. Free. 404-727-2997.

#### **University Seminar**

"Computational and Life Sciences." 4 p.m. W525 Business School. Free. 404-727-9947.

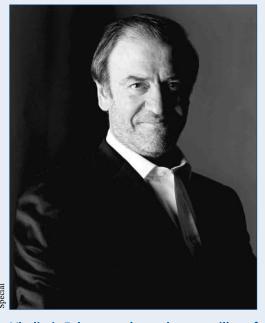
#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 2 Manjushiri Sand Mandala Closing Ceremony**

10 a.m. Reception Hall, Carlos Museum. Free. 404-727-6280.

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#### **Rotterdam Philharmonic comes to Schwartz**



The Rotterdam Philinarmonic Orchestra, led by Russian conductor Valery Gergiev (shown), will make the Schwartz Center its first stop on a U.S. tour when it visits Emory April 2. Founded in 1918, the ensemble is one of the leading orchestras in the **Netherlands and** the world, performing more than 100 concerts a year and attracting 150,000 audience members. Joined by solo pianist

Vladimir Feltsman, the orchestra will perform Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5. Tickets are \$60; \$40 for Emory faculty and staff and discount groups; \$10 for Emory students. For more information, call 404-727-5050 or visit www.arts.emory.edu.