Alumni Interview program poised for great beginning

BY ERIC RANGUS

When Felicia Ross ’94C and Keith Brin ’94C–’95PH first heard about Emory’s new Alumni Interviewing Program, they knew they wanted to get involved.

“Emory has given me so much; it’s about time I gave something back,” said Ross, who now lives in the Chicago suburb of Buffalo Grove.

“If our involvement with Alumni Interviewing creates just one connection between a prospective student and Emory, we will have been successful,” said Brin, a resident of Highland Park, Ill.

Though they graduated the same year, Ross and Brin did not know one another as students. As alumni, they’re getting to know each other very well. They are the local co-chairs of Emory’s Alumni Interviewing pilot program, which is launching in Chicago this fall.

The Alumni Interviewing program is a partnership between the Emory Alumni Association and the Emory and Oxford Offices of Undergraduate Admission. Many elite universities include interviews with admission officers as part of their admissions process. Emory never had one—until now.

The year when a two-year pilot project was approved to try out alumni interviewing in select markets.

Chicago, the largest city in an area of the country where Emory is not well known (the Midwest), but home to a growing number of Emory families (more than 1,500 alumni reside in the Chicago area) and an increasing number of applicants, made for an ideal market.

Starting in late summer, the EAA began its marketing efforts to get alumni involved. So far, response has been outstanding. More than 90 Chicago-area alumni have signed up to be interviewers, and that number increases every week. Several training sessions have been held over the past few months, and the first interview sessions will take place Saturday, Oct. 27. Three more will follow, wrapping up in early February.

The most recent training session, held Sept. 26 in tandem with Destinations: Chicago, the EAA’s distinguished speaker series featuring President Jim Wagner, was so popular that the alumni in attendance barely fit in the meeting room.

Following the training session, which drew more than 40 interested alumni, the entire Emory community in Chicago was treated to Wagner’s speech, “Impact: Making a Positive Difference,” which broadly covered the impact universities have on the world.

“Admissions processes for universities are a bit different than what your parents went through and definitely from what your grandparents went though,” Wagner told the full Chicago crowd of 150. “The process is now focused on establishing how well students match to the University for success.”

One way of gauging that match is through Alumni Interviewing. The interviews will be straightforward.

Prospective students will sit down with an alumnus for 30 to 40 minutes and just have a conversation.

“What do you know about Emory? What academic courses most interest you? What’s the most meaningful thing you’ve ever done for another person? These are just samples of suggested questions—there is no exact format.

Following the interview, alumni are asked to fill out a form summarizing the candidate and listing their impressions. The interviews are not necessarily make-or-break parts of an application. They merely represent additional information Emory admission counselors can rely on when selecting new students.

“The alumni who have volunteered have been extremely engaged,” said Adrián Tonge, director of volunteer programs with the EAA. Tonge and Ronnie McKnight, senior associate dean in the Emory College Office of Admission, are the training leads for Alumni Interviewing and have been the front men in the University’s efforts to get the program rolling.

“They’re active in our training sessions,” Tonge continued. “Alumni volunteers ask good questions, they want to represent Emory as best they can, and they want to help Emory attract the best new students. The Class of 2012 will be following in their footsteps.”

Even before the final session in Chicago is over, initial communications will be sent to the cities participating in the second year of the pilot, Houston and San Francisco. Following the second year, it will be determined whether Alumni Interviewing will be rolled out worldwide.

Prospects for peace focus of Palestinian scholar’s lecture

By beverly CLARK

Hanan Ashrawi, founder and first secretary general of the Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy, will deliver a free, public lecture on Oct. 29.

E mory’s Office of the Provost will present a talk by Hanan Ashrawi, founder and first secretary general of the Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy, on Monday, Oct. 29, at 4:30 p.m. in Glenn Auditorium. The free, public lecture is part of Emory’s series of on-going events related to inquiry, conflict and peacebuilding in the Middle East.

A distinguished Palestinian scholar and former minister of higher education and research in the Palestinian Authority, Ashrawi is well known throughout the world for her strong advocacy of human rights and peace making. Her talk will focus on the prospects for peace in the Middle East.

Questions may be submitted prior to the event via e-mail at pel@emory.edu, or in person immediately following the lecture. “Snapboxes” will be placed outside of Glenn Auditorium to permit individuals to voice their own thoughts at the conclusion of the lecture.

As a university committed to producing knowledgeable individuals, we are confronting the most difficult questions of our time,” said Provost Earl Lewis. “These events are designed to provide a public forum for the expression of a wide variety of views, to facilitate scholarly analysis and to shed new light on this critical issue.”

Ashrawi is an elected member of the Palestinian Legislative Council and the founder and a board member of the National Coalition for Accountability and Integrity. Ashrawi also served as deputy commissioner of the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens’ Rights and served as its first commissioner general.

She was actively engaged in the planning and implementation of reform programs as head of the Palestinian Legislative Council’s Special Committee on Reform. From 1996–1998, she served as the Minister of Higher Education and Research.
**ARDON CAMPUS**

### Nominate honorary degree recipients — to be presented at the 2009 Commencement — is Friday, Nov. 9. Faculty, staff, students and alumni can nominate distinguished candidates by submitting nomination letters via the online nomination form at www.emory.edu/SECRETARY/Honorary-Degrees, e-mail at honorary.degrees@emory.edu, or USPS mail at Honorary Degrees/Office of the Vice President and Secretary of the University, Administration Building Room 407, Mail Stop J-01001, Emory University, GA 30322.

All nomination letters should address the following:

- What are the nominee’s achievements that would merit this honor?
- Why is it particularly fitting for Emory to honor this nominee?
- Would an honorary degree from Emory have any special significance for this nominee?
- Would the award have any special significance or meaning for graduating students?

**Workshop offers training in conflict management**

The National Coalition Building Institute at Emory and the Office of Community and Development Services is hosting a three-day Train-the-Trainer workshop, aimed at building skills such as ending discrimination through leadership, reducing inter-group conflict and building multi-cultural communities. The workshop runs Oct. 31 to Nov. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The registration fee is $250, with discounts for groups registering together. Scholarships are available for Emory students and staff. The workshop will be held at 1599 Clifton Rd. in Room 5C and participants are asked to check in between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 31. For more information, visit www.ncbi.org.

### FIRST PERSON

**TERRI McINTOSH**

These shoes were made for walking

on my face. I love arriving at the office with cheeks flushed and blood-pumping full of energy to meet my day. I love the fact that I don’t walk home, which I nearly always do, I’ve already walked two brisk miles, a respectable workout in anybody’s book. I’m no longer compelled to drive to a gym and run in a mindless circle like a gerbil in expensive athletic shoes. Perhaps being out all, walking is good for the mind. I get some of my best ideas while on foot. A bad day isn’t even a memory by the time I reach home. And every day I learn something new. It’s living near Emory for nearly 20 years, for instance, and only just noticed that the posted speed limit on Clifton Road is, variously, 25 and 35. Did you know that? I’ll bet you didn’t.

Here are a few other things I’ve learned on the sidewalks and sidewalks of my community:

- There’s a tiny Stonehenge outside CDC.
- McDonald’s drive-through is open 24 hours.
- Many people are fat.
- In groups of four or five, high school boys are heartbreakingly awkward.
- Pugs come in black.
- In 325 B.C., Herophilus said, “When health is absent, wisdom cannot reveal itself.”
- Firefighters wash their trucks almost every day.
- When you drive all the time, you see the world through glass, and become one big TV show. When you walk, the world is right there, underfoot, overhead, all around. It’s the scent of a fancy lunch that surrounds Le Gavroche.
- The delicate click of bicycle gears, the lovely sight of a crescent moon in the day sky.
- When I was strapped into my car, other people were involved in accidents.
- Now that I walk and ride, they’ve become friends. I’m meeting so many great people who just a few months ago I’d have only seen through the glass. Anna, a grandmother with a thick German accent, feeds rice to her dog.”
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**ARDON CAMPUS**

### Alumni honored for accomplishments

Three of Emory’s most distinguished and dedicated graduates received Emory College’s highest alumni honor at Homecoming Weekend at the Distinguished Alumni Award Dinner. Honorees are recognized for their accomplishments and service to the University or to the community, or achievements in his or her profession.

Jack Ward ’33C–’36G, who dedicated much of his career to the University as dean of alumni and former vice president and dean of the undergraduate liberal arts college, received the 2007 Distinguished Faculty and Alumni Award. Wendy Rosenberg Nadel ’82C, co-founder of Volunteer Emory and an Emory College Alumni Award Member, and David Budy ’77C, an Emory alumnus recognized for his contributions to public health, were the 2007 recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award.

**Celebrate Halloween at Jake’s Open House**

Dean of Alumni Jake Ward ’33C–’36G invites the entire Emory community to join him at the Jake’s Open House Annual Halloween party, from 6–8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26. The event, sponsored by the Association of Emory Alumni and Emory Annual Fund, will take place at the Miller House Alumni House and offer family-friendly activities including a costume parade. For more information, call 404-727-6200.

**Horowitz to speak on Oct. 24**

Emory College Republicans are sponsoring Terrorism Awareness Week on Oct 22-26, headed by David Horowitz who will deliver a lecture on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 8 p.m. in the Watsco Ballroom. The conservative commentator is expected to speak about Islamophobia.

For more information, contact Ben Clark at bdclark@learnlink.emory.edu.
A feminist guide to Islam

By Carol Clark

“I had a religious awakening and a feminist awakening,” Aysya Hidayatullah says of her undergraduate study at Emory.

“T he 1980s were not an easy time to be a member of an immigrant group in Gwinnett County,” says Aysya Hidayatullah. The Muslim religious advisor for the Office of the Dean of the Chapel and Religious Life, Hidayatullah was 6 years old when she moved from Chicago to Georgia with her Pakistani-born parents. “I remember walking into first grade and being the only Muslim,” she says. “I felt invisible because you’re so other.”

She decided that she was going to focus her energy on my grades and doing the best that I could. From the very first semester to my senior year, I was first in my class. That’s how I became visible, just working really hard.”

She entered Emory College in 1997 and joined the Muslim Student Association. Although she had grown up surrounded by a large, extended Pakistani-American family, she had never been around so many Muslims her own age. Men and women were segregated at Emory MSA meetings and women took on leadership roles.

“No one had told me that this, the Muslim community at Emory has been really well-organized and dedicated to making all kinds of Muslims feel welcome,” Hidayatullah says. “The openness of the MSA here made it a great place to explore questions. I finally felt like I had a group of peers where I belonged.”

A double awakening

Her involvement with the MSA, combined with a sophomore course on women’s studies, “really made a light bulb go off in my head,” she says. “I had a religious awakening and a feminist awakening.Figures out that it meant to be Muslim and a feminist were sexist and intrinsically intertwined”.

In 1999, she became the first woman president of Emory’s MSA. “It felt like a huge responsibility, like I couldn’t screw up because I would send a message that women weren’t really capable religious leaders,” Hidayatullah recalls. “Every day was a struggle.”

Susan Henry-Crowe, dean of the chapel and religious life, took Hidayatullah under her wing. “I shared with her the feelings of anxiety and pressure I was having in that role,” says Hidayatullah. “Susan has this amazing ability to see things in people, gifts that they may not even know they have, and bring them to the surface. She saw this in me and had me go to the chapel and religious life, and I was able to work with them.”

In 2000, under Hidayatullah’s leadership, the MSA won, for the first time, the Emory College Council’s highest prize: the Meg Gaines Award for outstanding student organization. Hidayatullah received the award for outstanding president of the year.

Mariyah the Copt

After graduating from Emory in 2001, with a degree in English and women’s studies, Hidayatullah headed for the University of California at Santa Barbara to pursue a doctorate in religious studies. She was asked to contribute a chapter to a book on sexuality and gender and, while researching it, she came across a reference to Mariyah the Copt.

“I had never heard her name,” Hidayatullah says. “She’s this very elusive figure in the history of early Islam.”

As a devout Muslim, Hidayatullah was well-versed in stories of the life of the prophet Mohammed, who had more than one wife. Some of the marriages were for political alliances, or to maintain marital honor, and women weren’t really capable religious leaders, or even capable of being married to Mohammed. “I didn’t know what to do with this story. The prophet’s example is really important to me. Was the story of Mariyah representative of all women? How could I even be asking such a question of our revered prophet? It made me very nervous, so I decided I was going to do my master’s project on Mariyah.”

From candor to censorship

Hidayatullah’s thesis focused on how Mariyah’s story has been manipulated over the centuries to serve shifting social and political interests. “When you go back to medieval times and the idea of being a widow, they are full of candor about sexuality,” she says. A legalized system existed to take female slaves as consorts in Arabia, she discovered. Starting in the 19th and 20th centuries, however, the texts began editing out references to Mariyah.

“The prudery and shamefulness about sexuality starts when the colonial era comes in,” Hidayatullah says. “It reflects the anxieties and frustrations of writers in the Muslim world. Christian scholars that attacked Islam singled out sexuality and Mohammed’s multiple wives. Muslims were having to apologize and explain to prevent the vilification of the prophet’s life and their religion.”

“ACritical eye”

Hidayatullah is currently working on her dissertation, which is exploring Muslim feminist theology of North America. “One of the things I learned at Emory was how to read with a critical eye,” she says. “Developing that skill has made me come full circle. I had internalized stereotypes about women and Islam that I had been exposed to, and struggled with my identity as a Muslim woman. After I began to examine the issues for myself, I felt more at peace. I realized that there is unbelievable potential for feminism in Islam.”

In the fall of 2006, Hidayatullah took on the role of Emory’s Muslim religious advisor for the Office of the Dean of the Chapel and Religious Life, serving along with advisers from Christian, Hindu, Buddhist and Jewish faiths.

“I jumped at the chance to work with Susan Henry-Crowe, my mentor and my role model,” Hidayatullah says. Emory’s council of religious advisers is “challenging a more traditional model of interfaith relations in this country that seeks to dance around or minimize difference,” she says. “What we are trying to do is engage difference in ways that are productive. The hope is that trusting relationships among members of the council can translate to trusting relationships among the students we represent.”

Muslim students often come to Hidayatullah for advice. “They are in the spotlight [since 9/11] much more than when I was a student here,” she says. “They feel a lot of responsibility to dispel myths about Islam.”

Although she is a scholar and not a cleric, she draws on a wealth of personal experience to help students find the resources they need.

Finding home

Last May, Hidayatullah joined a Journeys program to New Orleans, a series of inter-religious trips sponsored by the dean of the chapel to communities in need of healing and reconciliation. She found that New Orleans remains a city in crisis two years after Katrina, with many of the people who were displaced from the storm still scattered to the winds and unable to return to their homes.

“One of my personal revelations from the trip was that, in this globalized world we’re living in, home is almost never one place for anyone,” she says. “The idea of home is changing in radical ways.”

Hidayatullah’s life is a vivid example. “I grew up in Atlanta. My parents’ home town. There is that feeling of not really having a home, “ she says. “Maybe all the different people who have touched my life are my home — all these people from so many different worlds and paths of life who love me, and who I love back.”

Celebration honors emeriti from business, economics

Professor of Accounting Larry Beard (left) congratulates F. Brown Whit- tington Jr., one of the retired faculty members honored at the Alumni-Emeriti Teacher Celebration. The Emeritus College and the Emory Alumni Association recognized former deans and retired faculty as they celebrated the past, present and future of Goizueta Business School and Emory College’s Department of Economics during the Oct. 15 event that featured food, entertainment and speakers.
ENERGY AWARENESS

Watt-waster phantom loads steal electricity, pour carbons into air

BY KELLY GRAY

There are many phantom electrical loads tapping massive amounts of money from your wallet and releasing tons of carbon emissions into the atmosphere. A phantom electrical load is the electricity that is consumed by an electronic device or appliance while it is powered off, simply because it is plugged into a wall socket. The United States consumes 43 billion kilowatt-hours per year due to phantom electrical loads — equivalent to 200 years worth of the power plants necessary to produce the energy. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 75 percent of the electricity used during the lifetime of a typical electronic device is consumed while the unit is powered off. Phantom loads come in many forms. The following appliances are known as “watt-wasters” and possess phantom loads: VCRs, TVs, computer equipment, cell phone chargers, battery chargers and any appliances or electronics with digital clocks.

What can be done to eliminate phantom loads?

Reducing phantom electrical loads is easy and can be done by using surge protectors, replacing old appliances and unplugging electronics when not in use. Unplug electronics To eliminate phantom loads, plug electronic devices into a multi-plug surge protector so the power can be cut off with the flick of one switch. Replace old appliances Old and outdated appliances are one of a household’s biggest energy wasters. An old refrigerator consumes over four times more electricity than today’s energy efficient models. This translates into huge savings since refrigerators consume more electricity than any other appliance in a typical residence. When buying new appliances, look for the Energy Star label. This government rating system gives a special label to energy efficient appliances.

Why not bike to campus on Oct. 24?

Show support for alternative transportation practices by cycling to campus on Wednesday, Oct. 24, for Bike to Campus Day. The event starts at 8 a.m. in front of Bicycle South (2089 N. Decatur Rd.). There is limited parking at Bicycle South, so participants are strongly encouraged to bike to the start of the event. Cyclists will depart Bicycle South at 8:45 a.m. and pedal down North Decatur Road to Clifton Road. From Clifton Road, participants can head to their final destinations. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m., and representatives from the Atlanta Bicycle Campaign will be on site to provide cycling advice. Each participant will receive a free T-shirt, and prizes will be awarded to the cyclist with the longest commute and to the participants from the department with the largest number of riders. At noon the event will continue at Asbury Circle with free food and a Fuji bike giveaway. For more information, visit www.bike.emory.edu.

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NATIONAL EVENT

Emory celebrates National Campus Sustainability Day

Emory will join hundreds of colleges and universities across the country on Wednesday, Oct. 24, to celebrate National Campus Sustainability Day. Started by the Society for College and University Planning, the event is conducted to raise awareness of the achievements and challenges related to expanding sustainable practices in higher education.

“The goal of Campus Sustainability Day is to get us all to stop and think about what each of us can do,” said Ann Hartwell, Emory’s director of sustainability initiatives. “There are so many habits and practices that collectively can make an enormous difference towards improving our sustainable work and living environments here at Emory.”

Activities will include:

• Bike to Campus Day
• Fuji bike giveaways
• ‘Green’ tours and discussion
• Freshman dorm energy competition awards event (at Wonderful Wednesday)
• Energy efficient light bulb giveaways (at Wonderful Wednesday)

For more information on these events, contact Erica Weaver at 404-727-9916.

—Kelly Gray

EYEPATCH

Win an iPod by taking test on sustainability awareness

An online contest will test students, staff and faculty’s awareness of sustainable projects and practices on campus. “Eyes Wide Open — Seeing Sustainability at Emory” asks participants to match 27 photographs of sustainability projects to locations on a campus map. The person who matches the highest number of photographs to locations will win an iPod at an award ceremony in November. Designed by Assistant Professor of Biology Astrid Prinz and Darin Melton, a department of biology computer technician, the contest is a result of a $500 grant from the Office of Sustainability Initiatives Incentives Fund. Melton shot the photos and Nagib Haque, an Emory alum and CancerQuest Web programmer, designed the contest site.

“We hope that participating in our contest will encourage people to see the Emory campus with new eyes and appreciate the many efforts toward a more sustainable campus that are already under way,” said Prinz.

To enter the contest, which runs until Oct. 31, visit www.emory.edu/sustainability.

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENT

Emory responds to drought

The state of Georgia has declared a level four drought, the most severe level of drought, for 60 counties in Georgia, including DeKalb County. As you have likely seen in the local news, this has widespread implications for all of us individually and Emory University as a whole.

In keeping with Georgia regulations and our commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability, Emory will:

• Comply with the state watering restrictions by ceasing all outdoor watering by Emory employees. The use of an outside licensed contractor is permissible under the conditions of the watering regulations and, as allowed, Emory will hire outside contractors to water newly installed landscaping for 30 days from the date of installation of new plantings in a few limited circumstances including the new School of Medicine building, new Turman Hall and Eagle Row.
• Apply grass seed to the turf on campus, but not water the seed.
• Voluntarily forego planting the seasonal flower beds with the winter annuals this year.
• Use our harvested rainwater from our four underground cisterns on campus in an effort to keep our newly and recently planted trees alive in the coming year.

While Emory implements these actions, please consider ways to reduce your personal water consumption. Whether reducing laundry wash loads, taking shorter showers or turning off the faucet while brushing teeth, we can all do our part.

— Mike Mandl is executive vice president, finance and administration.

MEDICAL SCHOOL

Innovation makes the cut

Future physicians used surgical scissors to perform a very important procedure — cutting the ribbon at the Oct. 15 School of Medicine dedication ceremony. Hundreds celebrated and toured the new 162-square-foot building, the physical component of an innovative curriculum launched with this year’s first year medical class.
BY CAROL CLARK

Paul Rusesabagina was having dinner with friends the evening of April 6, 1994, when the president of Rwanda’s plane was shot down. Shortly after the missile hit the plane in Kigali, his wife Tatiana called him and said, “I’ve heard something I’ve never heard in my life. Please rush and come back home.”

Her instincts that something terrible was happening were right: the assassination of Rwanda’s president led to an unprecedented genocide that took more than 800,000 lives over the following 100 days. Rusesabagina, whose role in the events inspired the movie “Hotel Rwanda,” delivered Emory College Council’s “The State of Race” talk on Oct. 16. The emcee, former donor Don Cheadle as Rusesabagina, was nominated for three Oscars and named on the map of mainstream American consciousness. It dramatizes the story of how Rusesabagina, in the midst of the slaughter, managed to safely harbor 1,268 people in Kigali’s Hotel des Milles Collines.

“I was scared, but one of the most important lessons I’ve learned in life is how to deal with evil,” he said. No two-hour movie or single person could tell the full story of an event so complex, warned a laureate passing out to those arriving at Glenn Auditorium for Rusesabagina’s talk. The laureate, headlined “Hollywood is not reality,” advertised an upcoming November event on Rwanda, to be sponsored by the Rollins School of Public Health, which will feature a panel discussion on the subject.

Tensions between the two main ethnic groups of Rwanda, the Hutus and Tutsis, have periodically boiled over into violence. The 1994 assassination of the president sparked a state of madness—a mass uprising of extremist Hutus slaughtering Tutsis with machetes. Rusesabagina is of mixed parentage, but he is primarily identified as Hutu. His wife, Tatiana, is Tutsi. Neighbors who were Tutsi began gathering in Rusesabagina’s home for protection during the first days of the genocide, he recounted to the Emory audience. He said he warned his children not to go out of his house, but one of his sons disobeyed to go check on a friend. He found his friend, along with his friend’s six sisters and their mother, murdered in their compound.

“That boy came back crying, went to his room and stayed for four days, not speaking to anyone,” Rusesabagina said.

Rusesabagina was a manager for the Belgian-owned Milles Collines, which was located within the U.N. security zone. He eventually brought 22 neighbors and friends to the hotel for protection. More than 1,200 people, mostly Hutus, sought his help. He said he used his diplomatic skills on local militia officers, calling in favors to prevent anyone inside the hotel from being removed.

After the killing stopped, Rusesabagina said he traveled south to his family home—south to his family home—south to his family home—south to his family home—south to his family home—south to his family home—south to his family home—south to his family home—south to his family home—south to his family home—south to his family home. He has received the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom, among other honors, and travels the world spreading a message that the international community must learn from the mistakes made in Rwanda.

He has also stirred controversy as an outspoken critic of the government of Rwandan President Paul Kagame, saying that Tutsis are now systematically targeting Hutus. “I don’t see why I should hide the truth of what has been going on from 1994 to date,” he said.

One of those who strongly disagrees with his assessment of the Rwandan government is Susan Allen, a physician and professor in the Rollins School of Public Health. Allen has worked in Rwanda for 21 years and is currently director of Emory’s Rwanda-Zambias HIV Research Group.

“The current government is headed by people who stopped the genocide and have done a spectacular job of recovery of the country,” she said. “They are extremely supportive and welcoming to outsiders, which is one reason why Emory has so many projects there.”

Allen is spearheading the November forum on Rwanda. Although a date has not yet been set, plans call for a panel to include former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, genocide survivors from the Mille Collines and Emory students and faculty from throughout the University who have worked in Rwanda.

“We want to talk about a whole variety of things: the precursors to the genocide, the genocide itself, the current situation in Rwanda and the future,” Allen said.

When Allen learned that Rusesabagina was coming, she asked the College Council to consider the use of the debate format for “The State of the Race.” Rusesabagina’s contract, however, precluded her from participating. “I will never forget that,” he said.

Rusesabagina now lives in self-imposed exile in Belgium. He has received the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom, among other honors, and travels the world spreading a message that the international community must learn from the mistakes made in Rwanda.
Leah Ward Sears ’80L, chief justice of the Georgia Supreme Court and Emory alumna, will be among the leading scholars discussing the future of law and religion at Emory’s Center for the Study of Law and Religion’s Silver Anniversary conference Oct. 24-26. Sears, whose distinguished career includes being the first woman and the youngest person to sit on the Supreme Court of Georgia, will join Stephen Carter, Yale University; and Enola Aird, The Motherhood Project; to present “Law, Religion, and the Future of the African American Family” Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the law school’s Pull Auditorium. Robert Franklin, president of Morehouse College and former Emory professor, will chair the session, which has been designated this year’s Decalogue Lecture.

Morehouse, Spelman College and the Interdenominational Theological Center are co-sponsors. The event is free and open to the public, and registration is not required for this portion of the conference.

We will discuss “The Marriage Gap: A Case For Strengthening Marriage in the 21st Century.” Sears leads the Supreme Court of Georgia’s Advisory Committee on Healthy Marriage, which she formed to study the legal consequences associated with the growing fragmentation of American families and to make recommendations for addressing their root causes.

Sears shared her key points with Emory Report.

**Emory Report:** Today less than half of U.S. households are headed by married couples. Why do you call for a renewed focus on strengthening marriage?

**Sears:** There is a growing gap — socially, spiritually, emotionally — between those kids who have two married parents and those who do not. There is something intrinsic in a marriage bond that makes it better for children. Marriage is the best child welfare, crime prevention, and poverty program we have. We Must, therefore, protect it.

**Why should family law be concerned with building a healthy marriage culture in America?**

**Sears:** The law is getting hit with criminal cases, divorces, child custody cases — we are dealing with the consequences of fragmented families every day. When I started as a superior court judge in the mid-1990s, 20 percent of my cases would be in some way have to do with family law. We just got together and stay together. Now that figure is 65 percent.

**How can law and public policy respond to the marriage gap?**

Most of the solutions will not come through the law, but so many of the consequences of divorce and family judicial systems. That’s why I started the Supreme Court Commission on Children, Marriage, and Family Law that I hope will make a positive difference for Georgia families. This is the first commission of its kind in a court ever, so this is new ground for us. We are still assessing the issues.

What is needed is more public attention on the nature and purpose of marriage. I advocate for a body of family law that is not a residual of the late 19th century. Socially, I’m saying that the laws we have for children is for those other where they are and the laws should be in place to support that purpose. This is where we are, we have two parents, and the point where they discriminate against families that are constituted differently.

**What is your message?**

“A cleaner system doesn’t require as much energy to operate, and the ability of HVAC. “Germicidal lights also have improved the capacity of Emory’s HVAC coils to extract heat and lower humidity,” said Ricky Ray, preventative maintenance supervisor for Campus Services. The system was installed on coils at Gambrell that were more than 30 years old. “They don’t just look brand new, the performance and efficiency has greatly improved,” Ray said.

By using this cleaning process, Emory is saving on more than just energy bills. “We could end up purifying more chemical coil cleaners and biocides for these buildings, and by using fewer chemicals we’re further protecting the environment,” said Ray.

The Environmental Protection Agency implies dirty HVAC systems as the primary cause for most indoor air quality problems. Indoor air quality has always been a high priority at Emory, which is why the University invests heavily in preventative maintenance on HVAC systems. “Our number one goal is to provide the healthiest indoor environment for our students, staff and faculty,” said Norris. “Cleaner air-conditioning systems are a key to that goal.”

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**Brain imaging shows similarities and differences in chimps and humans**

By LISA NEWBORN

In the first study of its kind, researchers at the Yerkes National Primate Research Center used functional brain imaging to assess resting-state brain activity in chimpanzees to comparechimp brain activity to that of humans.

The researchers’ findings, which appear in the current Early Edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, suggest that chimps may engage in thought processes similar to those of humans at rest, as well as thought processes that are quite different. The findings are significant because they show the uniqueness of chimps, as well as our similarity to our closest primate relative.

According to lead researcher Jim Rilling, “Examples of resting-state brain activity are when your mind wanders to past social interactions, to potential future interactions, or to problems you need to solve.”

Working with his research team, Rilling and his coworkers Todd Purvis and Lisa Parr — and using positron emission tomography, or PET imaging, to contrastchimp brain activity to human brain activity — they found significant overlap in brain activity patterns such as high levels of activity in the medial prefrontal and medial parietal cortex, brain regions associated with reflecting on mental states of self and others. Results also showed differences with humans, including activity in regions associated with language and the analysis of meaning; these were found in humans but not chimpanzees.

The researchers reasoned if the pattern of brain activity in chimps at rest is similar to humans, there is likely to be some similarity in cognition; conversely, they thought, if there are differences in brain activity during rest, it would imply differences in resting-state cognition.

“This study bears on important issues in comparative psychology, specifically whether chimpanzees understand that when you don’t know the answer to a question, you have to say you don’t know,” said Rilling. “We don’t study the resolution of the issue, but it does suggest humans and chimps use different systems involved in thinking about one’s own behavior and that of others.”

Researchers plan to further studychimp brain activity by imaging the animals while they are engaged in tasks that specifically drive mental processes the researchers hypothesize to be ongoing at rest.

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**CAMPUS SERVICES**

Emory shines with UVC light and cleaner HVAC systems

The University has set a goal to reduce its energy consumption by 25 percent over the next eight years. To help Emory get there, Campus Services is using revolutionary germicidal technology in some of the University’s heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems that save up to 5 percent of a building’s total energy consumption.

Over the past year, Campus Services has been collaborating with EnviroMax Engineering Inc. to install germicidal light grids in HVAC systems. “These systems using a distinctive intensity of short wave ultraviolet lights, known as UVC or germicidal light, HVAC systems stay cleaner for longer, which increases efficiency and lowers operating costs.”

Germicidal light fixtures are installed next to cooling coils where UVC rays continuously clean the systems by destroying pathogen contamination. “These lights improve the efficiency of interior walls and blower fans. By restricting the buildup of mold and particle, the efficiency of a ventilation system increases. Cleaner HVAC systems provide an array of benefits: better performance, energy savings and improved air quality.”

“A cleaner system doesn’t require as much energy to perform the same ventilation and temperature control functions, and that lowers operating costs,” said Charles Norris, director of maintenance administration. “At Gambrell Hall the HVAC air-flow capacity has increased by 20 percent since we installed the ultraviolet lights. With the rising cost of energy, the timing is perfect.”

Contamination buildup diminishes airflow and restricts the ability of HVAC. “Germicidal lights also have improved the capacity of Emory’s HVAC coils to extract heat and lower humidity,” said Ricky Ray, preventative maintenance supervisor for Campus Services. The system was installed on coils at Gambrell that were more than 30 years old. “They don’t just look brand new, the performance and efficiency has greatly improved,” Ray said.

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**SCHOLARSHIP & RESEARCH**

Emory faculty and staff impact medical writers conference

Emory faculty and staff had a significant impact on this year’s American Medical Writers Association International conference, held in Atlanta. Their talks ranged from heart health to health policy at the conference that attracted more than 1,000 AMWA members.

Bill Eley, executive associate dean for medical education, shared the keynote address with Eve Higginbotham, dean of Morehouse School of Medicine. Eley and Higginbotham discussed the current state of medical education and its ongoing evolution, including the need to focus more on preventive disease.

Jeremy Koplan, vice president for academic health affairs, Woodruff Health Sciences Center, received the Walter C. Alvarez award, given annually to a person known for excellence in communicating health care and concern for the public. Koplan addressed the conference on the importance of working with people in other parts of the world to solve common health problems such as obesity and smoking.

Venkat Narayan, Hubert Professor of Global Health and Epidemiology, talked about the causes, trends and future of twin epidemics: obesity and diabetes, both on the rise.

New drug development — from bench to breakthrough — was the focus of a session headed by chemistry professor, Robin Tricoles.
Group seeks to raise awareness of intimate partner violence

By KIM URQUHART

The statistics are chilling. Nearly one-third of American women report having been physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives. Georgia ranks 7th in the country for female homicides due to domestic violence. DeKalb County continues to have one of the highest domestic violence fatality rates in the state. Emory, too, has lost community members to this serious public health problem.

Paula Gomes and Sheryl Heron see it far too often in their line of work. Gomes, as director of the Faculty Staff Assistance Program at the Emory Wellness Center, and Heron as an emergency medicine physician and associate professor of emergency medicine, concerned about the growing number of domestic violence cases and limited educational awareness. Gomes and Heron spearheaded the formation of the Intimate Partner Violence Working Group.

“If you look at the statistics and you extrapolate those numbers to the number of people who work at Emory, clearly it’s a problem we can’t ignore,” said Heron, a nationally recognized speaker who has been influential in her work against domestic violence.

This group is using Domestic Violence Awareness Month as an opportunity to introduce themselves — and the facts about intimate partner violence — to the Emory community.

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The group is working to develop strategies to educate Emory students, faculty and staff about intimate partner violence and dating violence within the context of the greater community. This includes a communication plan to bolster awareness about the resources available to address undue and abusive or neglectful partnerships.

At the end of the academic year, the group will recommend an action plan to Emory administrators with specific strategies for addressing the issues of intimate partner violence and dating violence.

“What needs to be done to arrest the problem of intimate partner violence? Who is available within our midst at Emory to provide education, support and leadership? What can we do at Emory to change it today?” asked Heron.

The solution, she said, involves “a coordinated community response, meaning we must involve people from all areas and all disciplines to address this issue.”

The IPVWG brings together the first time community volunteers, service providers and experts in the field of domestic violence in Emory’s various schools and divisions and Emory Healthcare.

Here we have one of the leading scholastic institutions in the Southeast, and within this institution we have individuals doing amazing things. We know each other, but we’ve never had a cohesive, overarching university statement,” said Heron, a member the statewide Georgia Commission on Family Violence, DeKalb Domestic Violence Task Force and a board member of the Women’s Resource Center to End Domestic Violence.

“Our goal is to establish bridges across Emory, and then with the Atlanta community, so that we are poised and ready to respond to our colleagues, friends and patients,” Gomes said.

Even more important than intervention is prevention, said Gomes. Education is a crucial component. The IPVWG is examining options for impacting awareness, which include educating the community about the resources available to survivors of domestic violence, and training staff and leaders to know how to refer a colleague. A direct report, student or friend who may be experiencing violence in their personal relationship.

“We want to make sure that those involved in providing employee-related services and student-related services are well versed in the strategies for responding to this issue,” Gomes said.

Emory offers several resources and support services.

Intimate partner violence: get help, get advice, get the facts

• Center for Women 404-727-2006; www. womenscenter.emory. edu; Provides counseling, educational services and referrals.

• Faculty Staff Assistance Program 404-727-4328; www. emory.edu/fsap Provides assessment, consultation, counseling, resource referrals, educational materials.

• Emory Police Department 404-727-7450; www. emoryhealthcare.org/police Provides intakes/assessment, counseling and legal advocacy services.

• Emory University Human Resources 404-727-7611; http://hr.emory.edu Provides information about employment and employee rights.

• Emory Healthcare Human Resources 404-727-9444; www. emoryhealthcare.org HR or www.eushc.org/department /human-resources/index.html ; Provides information and resources.

• Emory Counseling Center 404-727-7450; www. emorycounseling.ccs/ Provides intake/assessment, counseling and resource referrals.

• Office of Student Conduct 404-727-7190; www. conduct.emory.edu

• Emory Student Health Sexual Assault and Prevention Educator 404-727-1516; www. emory.edu/uhis/sexual assault.htm; Provides consultation and advocacy to students.

SCHOLARSHIP&RESEARCH

Investigators join forces to design cancer imaging center

By KELLY MCCOY

E mory has been awarded a National Cancer Insti tute planning grant for $1.3 million to design and create the Emory Molecular and Translational Imaging Center. This center will ultimately help clinicians diagnose cancer patients earlier, closely monitor their progress and treat them more effectively.

Specifically, EMITC will focus on creating and using noninvasive imaging tech niques to study cancer both in the lab and in the clinic. Imaging science relies on developing probes to detect certain signals associated with specific diseases. These signals could be used by basic scientists and physicians more about a particular disease. “This center will allow us to evaluate biomarkers that would be specific targets for cancer … for specific types of cancer or specific char acteristics of cancer,” said Carolyn Meltzer, chair of radiology and associate dean for research in the School of Medicine.

Biomarkers can also be used to measure a patient’s responsiveness to a particular new therapeutic and to help guide the development of new therapeutics, she said.

The imaging techniques can also be used to study cardiovascular and neurological diseases.” Most of the efforts for this center are tied to cancer, but a lot of the methods can be applied to other disease processes,” Meltzer said.

Creating the EMITC will require an interdisciplinary effort between collaborators, including the Winship Cancer Institute and the departments of biomedical engineering, radiology, biostatistics, pathology, urology and surgery. Recently, the National Institutes of Health has created new types of grants to foster such collaborative efforts among principal investigators with complementary expertise. In the past, funding opportuni ties were only available to individual investigators.

“This is the first grant to Emory that is under the mul tilingual platform,” said Meltzer, who is one of three equal PIs on the grant along with Xiaoping Hu, director of the Biomedical Imaging and Neurotechnology Center.

This model allows a leadership team to approach problems in a team science manner,” said Meltzer. Using complementary methodologies, collaborators can more efficiently attack the same problem from different angles. In addition, having multiple PIs allows for the recruitment of other investigators to offer their expertise to the proj ect when needed. There are already a few PI EMITCs, both from both Emory and the Georgia Institute of Technol ogy in Atlanta, which when fully formed will be one of only eight cancer imaging centers nationwide.

With the cooperation of both basic scientists and clini cians, it will be easier to move what the researchers learn “from bench to bedside,” thereby developing new thera peutics more quickly, said Meltzer.
For online event information, visit www.events.emory.edu.

Events for the Emory Community

Carlos Museum Exhibition

MondAyi, OcT. 22
Concert
Richard Stoltzman, clarinet, with Atlanta Young Wind Symphony: Scott Stewart, directing. 8 p.m. Emerson Concert Hall, Schwartz Center. Free. 404-727-5050.

THEsUsA, ocT. 25
Theater
“Little Shop of Horrors.” 8 p.m. Black Box Theater (1804 N. Decatur Rd.) $6; $4 students. 617-930-0881. Ad_Hoc_Box_Office@learnlink.emory.edu.

SUNDAY, ocT. 27
Concert
Christina Howell, soprano, and Brian Luckett, guitar, performing. 8 p.m. Emerson Concert Hall, Schwartz Center. Free. 404-727-5050.

VIsUAL ARTS
WEDNESDy, ocT. 24
Film
“Double Harness.” John Cowper Powys and Brian Lumley, directing. Presented by the Emory Student Broadcasting Service. 11:30 a.m. on-site massage. 404-727-5050.

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TUESDAY, ocT. 23
Spanish and Portuguese Lecture
“Caceria de la memoria: Severo Sarduy entra en La Habana.” Nelda Castillo, Instituto Superior de Arte de La Habana, presenting. 4:30-5:30 p.m. 501 South, Callaway Center. Free. 404-727-6493.

Carlos Museum Lecture

Dance Lecture

Women’s Health Lecture
“What We Don’t Eat Makes a Difference?” Francisca Morán, Southern Methodist University, presenting. 9 p.m. Williams Hall (Oxford). Free. 770-784-8392.

FRIDAY, ocT. 25
Film Studies Lecture

SUNDAY, ocT. 28
University Worship
Bishop Margaret Mathias, Lutheran Church, Hanover, Germany, preaching. The Voices of Inner Strength Gospel Choir, performing. 11 a.m. Cannon Chapel. Free. 404-727-6225.

TUESDAY, ocT. 23
EndNote Workshop
11:30 a.m. 310 Woodruff Library. Free. 404-727-8683. eamoone@learnlink.emory.edu.

Google Workshop
2:30 p.m. 310 Woodruff Library. Free. 404-727-0178. lilab@learnlink.emory.edu.

Breast Health Seminar
Mary Newell, radiology, and Christine McCarthy, breast health specialist, presenting. 6:30 p.m. Spa Sydell Midtown. Free. 404-778-7777. Free on-site massage.

WEDNESDy, ocT. 24
Careers in Art History and Visual Arts Forum
3 p.m. Reception Hall, Carlos Museum. Free. 404-727-4282. dfiletch@emory.edu.

Philosophy Lecture
“One Person Doesn’t Make a Difference.” Stuart Rachels, University of Alabama, presenting. 4:15 p.m. White Hall. Free. 404-373-2130.

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“Una furtiva lagrima: cármenes, luces, ruinas. Antonio José Ponte frente a las piedras de La Habana.” Francisco Morán, Southern Methodist University. 4:30 p.m. 501 South, Callaway Center. Free. 404-727-6493.

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