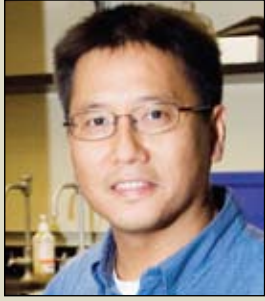


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## Psychology celebrates new home



Open space helps open minds to the expansive future of psychology.

BRYAN MELTZ

By CAROL CLARK

The psychology department introduced its new building by celebrating its past and the possibilities for the future at Homecoming 2009.

"New technologies and sophisticated methodologies are allowing us to learn things about the human brain that were just unimaginable even a decade ago," says Robyn Fivush, Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Psychology and chair of the department.

Ben Johnson, chair of Emory's Board of Trustees, served as master of ceremonies for the Sept. 25 dedication ceremony of the state-of-the-art building, which was completed in May. Alumni on campus for Homecoming Weekend mingled with other members of the Emory community at a ribbon cutting, followed by refreshments and guided tours of the facility.

Three venerable faculty members — Marshall Duke, Darryl Neill and Steve Nowicki

— inaugurated the 115-seat auditorium by giving talks drawing from their decades of teaching and psychology research at Emory.

The 119,000-square-foot structure more than doubles the space of the old psychology building, and brings together offices for the department's faculty and graduate students, laboratories, classrooms and clinical work that were spread over six locations. (The only psychology labs not housed in the new building are those

involving animals.)

Natural light fills the public spaces, high-tech labs and classrooms. The Child Studies Center on the main floor offers a warm, friendly setting where researchers focus on the origins and development of language, memory and how infants and children come to know the world and themselves.

The third and fourth floors contain the cognition labs,

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## Dalai Lama announces gift, return

By NANCY SEIDEMAN

"The professor will return" is the promise His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama made as he departed Atlanta after his first visit as Presidential Distinguished Professor two years ago.

The Dalai Lama has announced not only that he will fulfill his pledge by returning to Emory next year, but he has made a gift of \$50,000 to the Emory-Tibet Science Initiative, an historic and ambitious undertaking to develop and implement a comprehensive science education curriculum for Tibetan monastics.

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## Emory Libraries redirect resources

By RON SAUDER

The Emory University Libraries, which have gained renown in the past decade for their acquisition of prestigious literary, historical and cultural archives as well as their innovations in digital scholarship, have announced plans to cut some staff positions while redirecting operational budgets to meet rapidly growing technological requirements.

As part of the University's overall response to the new economic realities, the Libraries are eliminating 29 positions — including six currently vacant — in order to close a \$1 million shortfall for FY10. Overall, the Libraries' budgets have been reduced by 4 percent, from \$26.17 million to \$25.13 million.

These reductions, affecting 27 employees (a combination of full-time and part-time positions), are based on elimination of work where job requirements have diminished or been consolidated,

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## STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY

## Challenges reveal community 'at our best'

By KIM URQUHART

The past year has brought many challenges to the Emory community, from the shaking of the nation's economic foundations to the impact of a new, worldwide influenza outbreak.

"A review of our year together," said President Jim Wagner at the 11th annual State of the University address, "shows how as a community we have been at our best at confronting, resolving and rising above these challenges."

In a time when universities, along with the rest of the country, are facing economic and societal change, Emory leads with a sense of enthusiasm, determination and upward trajectory. "We as a community continue to share a sense that we are going somewhere worthy of our best thinking, our strongest spirit and our enduring determination," he said.

Wagner outlined notable achievements of each school and unit, ranging from a national recognition as an aca-

dem leader amid an explosion of interest in global health, to the distinction of becoming Division III national champs in women's volleyball, to prominent notice from the White House for Emory's leadership in community service.

A few highlights:

- Campaign Emory is now closing in on \$1 billion of its \$1.6 billion fundraising goal, despite launching amid the stock market collapse last September, making Emory the first institution in the state of

Georgia to raise that amount in a single campaign.

- Over the past year strategic plan leaders and many other University partners have conducted the first in-depth overall evaluation of the strategic plan that will lead Emory in fulfilling its vision and mission through 2015. The strategic plan helps us to strengthen our core and enlarge the scope of what we do best, Wagner said,

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## NEW ONLINE AT EMORY.EDU

communications.emory.edu

The newly launched Communications and Marketing site reflects the division's services and functions, including media relations, creative services, photo/video and marketing for both the University and health sciences.

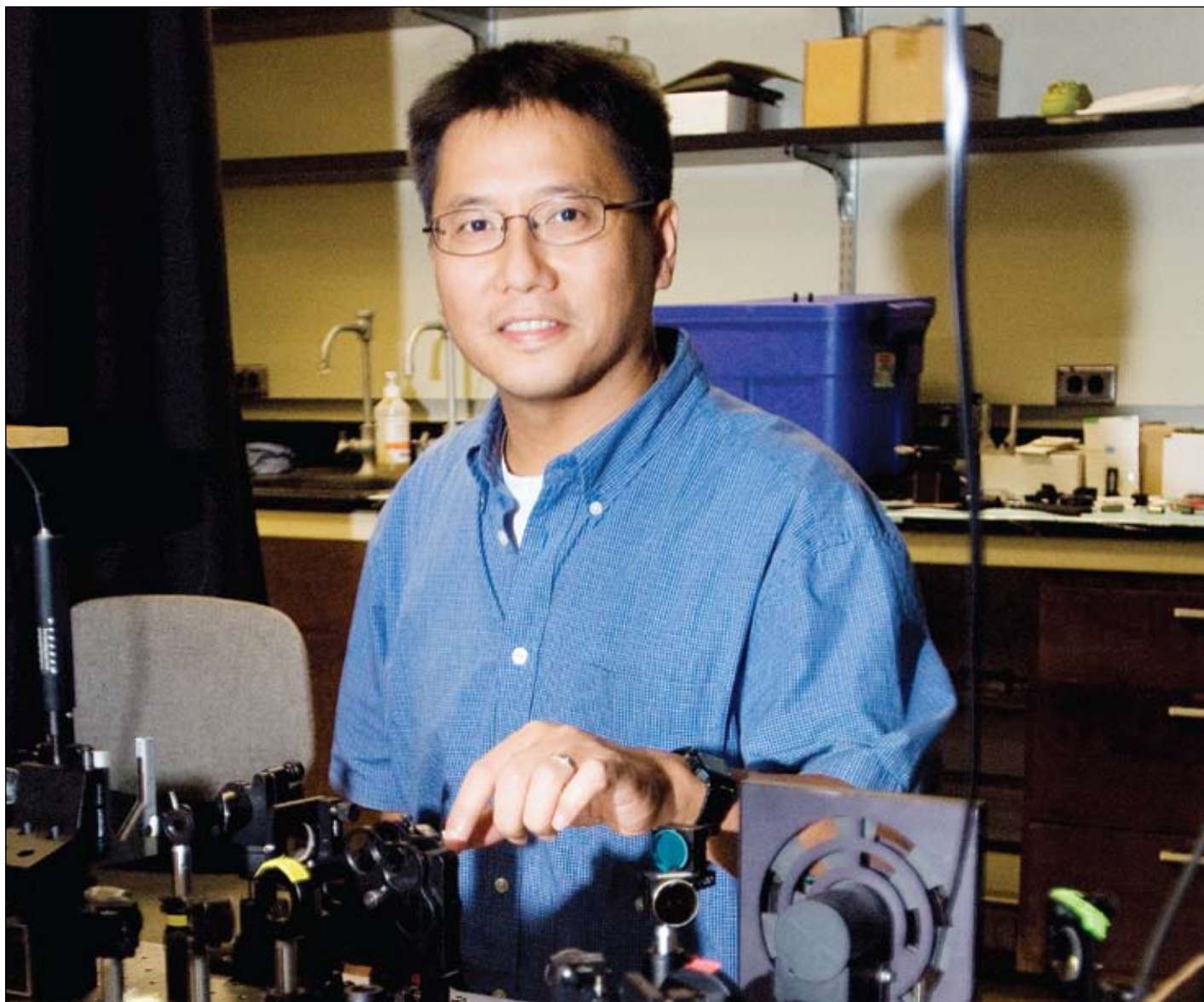
A few highlights:

- The site spotlights Emory Photo/Video's work, linking to a related site where fine-art prints may be purchased.
- The Web Office provides guidance for schools and units interested in using the Emory standard templates.
- The marketing staff offers insights into managing communications in the expanding world of social media.
- Identity colleagues provide downloadable tools to brand publications correctly.
- Want to reach broader audiences with your marketing dollars? Advertise in Emory Report, Emory Magazine, Emory Health or Emory Medicine. (Favorable rates apply for advertising in more than one publication.)

## EMORY PROFILE Tim Lian

# Shining a light on green energy

## China roots give chemist global view of climate change



Tim Lian is William Henry Emerson Professor of Chemistry.

BRYAN MELTZ

By CAROL CLARK

Tianquan "Tim" Lian grew up in a fishing village, on a marshy coastline in southeast China's Fujian Province. "It was hot, but beautiful, and there were lots of little creeks and inlets where you could fish at high tide and low tide," says Lian, William Henry Emerson Professor of Chemistry.

Lian's father worked in a government-owned department store. The family lived in a simple home that leaked during typhoons. "Food was not abundant," Lian says, "and living conditions were worse than today, but we were happy. I would say very happy. It seemed to be a care-free time."

Lian did well in school, enabling him to go to college, where he discovered the wonders of physical chemistry and quantum mechanics. Physical chemists explore the microscopic world through techniques such as spectroscopy — shooting lasers into an object to see how its atoms interact with light.

"I thought that was absolutely marvelous!" Lian says. "We can't see molecules, but by shining a light on them

and seeing what type of light they absorb and what type they release, you can deduce their structure and other properties."

Today, Lian is a leading expert in ultra-fast spectroscopy, electron transfer processes and quantum dots — nano-particles that hold promise for everything from electronics to medicine and renewable energy.

In collaboration with scientists at Emory and elsewhere, Lian is studying ways to convert the sun's energy into cheap and clean solutions to the global energy crisis. "Solar energy conversion is very complex," he says. "Spectroscopy allows us to break it down into small, fundamental steps that you can study carefully."

In a project with Emory inorganic chemist Craig Hill and computational chemist Jamal Musaeu, Lian is investigating using sunlight to split water into oxygen and hydrogen, which could then be burned as a non-polluting fuel. "My lab has been looking at the charge separation process a long time, and the Hill and Musaeu group is very good at making water oxidation catalysts — you need

both in order to make solar-driven water-splitting work," Lian explains.

They have demonstrated that they can shine a light on a stable, inorganic catalyst and split water into oxygen and protons. Protons can then be used to make hydrogen. "There are other groups that can split water using electricity, but we are one of the few who have shown that you can bypass electricity," Lian says.

The most efficient catalyst for converting protons into hydrogen is a naturally occurring protein — hydrogenase. In another research project, Emory chemists are seeking ways to bind this protein to quantum dots, which are good at absorbing light and could provide the energy to drive the reaction. Lian is collaborating with Stefan Lutz, a biomolecular chemist who specializes in protein re-engineering, and Brian Dyer, a physical chemist who is an expert on hydrogenase.

Lian is also working on fundamental steps of converting solar energy into electricity. One promising area involves the relatively new technology of multiple exciton generation. The ability to gen-

erate multiple electrons from a single high-energy photon, and then separate them out of a quantum dot, holds the potential to greatly boost the current in a solar cell.

"These are all very challenging scientific problems," Lian says, adding that it will take many people, working across disciplines, to make solar energy go mainstream. "We have to solve these problems, because using fossil fuels is not sustainable. We're going to be in big trouble if all the developing countries start living the way we do in America."

Lian visited his hometown in China over the summer. His parents now have air-conditioning in nearly every room of their home. "I was shocked," he says. "When I was growing up, we had none." And the Chinese government is touting plans to drive economic growth through the production of automobiles.

"I feel very good about what I do for a living," Lian says. "It combines what I love, spectroscopy, with something that I feel very strongly about — the need to find sustainable, clean energy."

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# People

## Ugandan studies animal, human health

By CAROL CLARK

Innocent Rwego's hometown of Kisoro, Uganda, is nestled amid the volcanic mountains at the border of Congo and Rwanda — near the habitat of endangered mountain gorillas.

Growing up, however, he never saw a gorilla. "You have to pay to enter the national parks, and most of the locals cannot afford it," says Rwego, a postdoctoral fellow in the environmental studies department.

Following in the footsteps of his police detective father did not interest him: His childhood idol was the town's sole veterinarian. When his family went to buy freshly slaughtered meat, he would see Dr. Bisangwa inspecting the carcasses for disease. When one of his grandfather's cows fell ill, Dr. Bisangwa would be summoned. "I was impressed that he could treat an animal that was down, and it would be up on its feet again in a few hours," Rwego says.

Dogs in the town were more guards than pets, prized for their ferociousness, and rabies was not uncommon. "Dr. Bisangwa seemed very brave to me," Rwego says. "He knew how to grab a vicious dog, so that he could immunize it."

Rwego attended college and veterinary school at Makerere University in Kampala, intending to become a village vet. But near the end of his schooling, he assisted in a mountain gorilla research project.

The researchers entered

Bwindi Impenetrable National Park behind a machete-wielding guide who hacked out their path. After hours of hiking through the dense, hilly forest, they came upon a gorilla family, peacefully munching on leaves.

"I was amazed," Rwego says. "The silverback male was a huge animal, but so quiet and confident."

After he graduated, Rwego worked in the national park for four years as a mountain gorilla vet. He sometimes had to assist curious young gorillas that set off traps intended for antelope. It was a tricky task. Although gorillas are peaceful animals, the males will attack someone threatening their family members.

Once when Rwego darted a young one, a nearby silverback heard it cry out, charged in, grabbed the tranquilized youngster, and ran off. Rwego's team followed the gorilla group, and eventually he managed to remove the wires that were cutting into the arm of the young one.

Rwego went on to become a lecturer at Makerere University. He also serves on the scientific committee of the UNESCO DIVERSITAS ecoHEALTH Cross-cutting Network, which is charged with protecting biodiversity.

"I care about the health of all animals — including man," Rwego says. He studies how the overlap of humans, domestic animals and wildlife contributes to the transmission of disease and parasites.

At Emory, Rwego works



"I care about the health of all animals — including man," says Innocent Rwego.

BRYAN MELTZ

with primate disease ecologist Thomas Gillespie, who has established one of the world's leading labs for the medical analysis of gorilla feces. The lab work is hardly glamorous, but intensely important. While the H1N1 flu outbreak started in pigs, ebola and HIV have been linked to wild primates, which are also susceptible to human diseases.

Tracking microbes that move amid species gives scientists a better chance of stemming the

next pandemic — or preventing one. "Traditionally, vets work alone, medical doctors work alone, and ecologists work alone," Rwego says. "We need to work together to understand how pathogens are evolving and new diseases are emerging."

No one is immune to the threat. "The world is becoming a village," Rwego says. "A disease that breaks out in my hometown can be here within 48 hours."

## Toastmasters raises speaking skills

By TANIA DOWDY

When William Cassels attended his first Toastmasters@Emory meeting in 2008, he expected professional and motivational speakers to surround him. Instead, the room was full of others who were just as frightened by public speaking as he was.

The associate vice provost for academic space planning now serves as Toastmasters@Emory's president. Toastmasters is an international public speaking organization geared to help individuals develop better communication and leadership skills.

Before Toastmasters, Cassels sometimes adlibbed or used humor to get through meetings. "I often did not come prepared to run a meeting, and I think it really detracted from my leadership abilities," he recalls. "To me, it made plenty of sense because I knew in my head what I wanted to say, but I think a lot of people were going away wondering 'what was he talking about?'"

Cassels, who jokes that he held the record for most 'ums' and 'ahs' when he first spoke at a meeting, now knows that preparation is the key to successful public speaking.

It's helped him become more confident.

"It's the practice. You can listen to great speeches, but unless you get in front of a group and start talking, you're never going to become a better speaker," says Cassels.

As president, his role lies between managing and leading, but every Toastmaster plays an important role. The task of leading meetings is shared by the "Toastmaster of the day."

On a recent rainy Wednesday morning, Cassels put his skills to the test when he had to take over managing the meeting in absence of his daughter, who was supposed to be the day's Toastmaster but got busy with her coursework at Goizueta Business School. This was a teaching moment, as is every moment at Toastmasters.

"This is an environment that is very supportive. It's not intimidating at all. They're going to point out 40 things you did right to every one thing you did wrong. You can come in and build your skills, but you will also make a lot of friends."

Toastmasters@Emory is an open club where "anybody, anywhere can come and participate." The group meets each Wednesday morning at 1462 Clifton. This year,



Toastmasters popped up at Staff Fest in May to promote the club.

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Cassels' goal is to get more students, staff and faculty members involved. He notes that Toastmasters can benefit anyone at every level of public speaking — from the very timid to the very confident.

"Once you take that first step, then you're okay," says Cassels.

"We have a favorite saying at Toastmasters: 'You can never get rid of the butterflies, you can only get them to fly in formation.'"

To join or learn more about Toastmasters, visit <http://emory.freetoasthost.info>.

## ACCLAIM

**Nazeera Dawood** won a public service award from the American Tamil Medical Association.

The research projects manager in the renal division in the School of Medicine was presented with the honor for her community service work and for giving back to the community here and in India.



**James Meyer**, associate professor of art history, co-authored a catalogue for the opening of an exhibition at the Smithsonian Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C.

In October at the Hirshhorn, Meyer will give a talk on the artist, Anne Truitt, whose last show while alive was at Emory.

Meyer has also authored an essay for a scholarly journal that will be published in October.



**Andrew Taylor**, professor of radiology in the division of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging, has been honored with a National Institutes of Health MERIT Award.

The Method to Extend Research in Time (MERIT) Award is for his work related to the study "Development of Tc-99m renal tubular tracers," which he has led for the past 25 years. This symbol of scientific achievement in the research community is to provide long-term support to NIH investigators.



**Natasha Trethewey** was a featured speaker at the recent Southern Women's Writers Conference at Berry College. Trethewey is the Phillis Wheatley Distinguished Chair in Poetry at Emory.

Her poetry was also part of a presentation by Jee Eun Kim, University of Southern Mississippi on "Miscegenation as History: Reimagining the South Through Trethewey, Howe, and Lockwood."

Southern Women's Writers Conference showcases the works of well known and emerging Southern women writers, expanding the literary canon, and developing critical and theoretical understandings of traditions and innovations in Southern women's writing.



"Acclaim" recognizes the accomplishments of faculty and staff. Listings may include awards and prizes; election to boards and societies; and similarly notable accomplishments at Emory or in the wider community. Emory Report relies on submissions for this column. Contact: [ltking@emory.edu](mailto:ltking@emory.edu).

## TAKE NOTE

### Candler creates fund to help flood victims

An Emergency Flood Fund has been created in the Candler School of Theology to help students cover unanticipated costs incurred during the recent flooding.

Rebecca Spurrier, acting director of student life and spiritual formation at Candler, says donations can be made via checks payable to Emory University. These can be taken to the Candler Development Office, Suite 515, or mailed to Candler Development Office, 1531 Dickey Drive, Suite 515, Atlanta, GA, 30322.

"If you have other resources you would like to make available [like furniture], please notify the Office of Student Programming at osp@learnlink.emory.edu, and we will then contact you if we have requests for the items that you are willing to donate," Spurrier says.

Those needing assistance can make a request by completing the form at [www.candler.emory.edu/ADMISSIONS/flood\\_relief.cfm](http://www.candler.emory.edu/ADMISSIONS/flood_relief.cfm).

For more information, call 404-727-4538.

### Consulting program hones teaching skills

Faculty members can now have a teaching consultation — a one-on-one series of focused sessions with another faculty member, either as a peer or a mentor.

Offered by the Center for Faculty Development and Excellence, the consultation is usually conducted over a semester or a year. The goal of the structured but flexible program is to help a faculty member improve aspects of teaching such as lecturing, grading, feedback, low evaluations and technology use in class.

The center has 60 volunteer faculty and staff from across the University, recognized for their excellence in teaching.

Participation in the program is voluntary and confidential. For more information, contact Jamie Weems at [jdweems@emory.edu](mailto:jdweems@emory.edu).

### Carter museum, library will reopen

The renovated Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum will reopen Oct. 1 at 10:30 a.m. with a ceremony and ribbon-cutting.

The event, which is open to the public, will also celebrate Carter's 85th birthday. It will be webcast live at [www.cartercenter.org](http://www.cartercenter.org).

In addition to the former president and first lady, former Vice President Walter Mondale, civil rights leader Joseph Lowery and other guests will be there.

The museum closed in April for a five-month, \$10 million renovation, funded by private donations.

## Creative Group cost-effective by design

By KIM URQUHART

Need help launching an e-newsletter, redesigning a Web site, or converting your departmental communications from print to digital? Emory Creative Group (ECG), in the Office of Communications and Marketing, can help maximize your message with minimal cost.

With staff working in the areas of design, writing, editing, visual identity, and production, ECG is the University's full-service, in-house design shop. ECG produces more than 400 print and electronic projects per year — from posters and annual reports to eFlash presentations and html e-mail — on time and within budget.

"We meet clients where they live," says Executive Director Susan Carini, "and give clients options viable for their budgets and for their audiences."

Before turning to outside vendors for creative services, departments, divisions and units are well advised to call ECG first.

"In a resource-constrained environment, our role is more important than ever," says Carini. "The staff here has long years of experience understanding the mission and vision of Emory and the way that communications need to express the fundamentals of who Emory is."

"We marshal our forces on each project to do the very best job," she says. As an example of that commitment, ECG has recently established "rush teams" as more work flows through the door.

Another benefit: ECG can create partnerships that result in cost reductions. Priced at just \$65 a project (the group's administrative fee) for print,



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plus any direct costs, the savings can be significant in comparison to external services. ECG is instituting a modest chargeback system of \$65 per hour for handling the influx of clients who need help getting into the new, universal Web template.

As shrinking resources cause departments to reconsider already limited communications budgets, and more printed materials are finding better traction on digital platforms, ECG counsels clients about the best venue for their needs.

For many clients, the conversation can be about pairing print and online. "Print will not fade into complete oblivion, just find new outlets," predicts ECG Associate Director LaDonna Cherry. ECG's designers are current with the latest technology and committed to mastering the continually evolving online strategies that will meet clients' needs.

For example, ECG several years ago helped the Department of German Studies create a departmental newsletter in print and is

currently consulting with them on a cost-saving transition to an e-newsletter.

ECG is also assisting clients with adhering to the University policy that requires any school, division, department or unit redesigning a Web site to use the universal template and the underlying content management system.

The group's brand experts can help exterior Web sites serving virtual communities display the Emory brand on videos, iTunes albums, blog sites and html-based e-mails.

"It was a pleasure to work with Emory Creative Group," says Silke Delamare, who just departed Emory but had served as the academic department administrator for the Department of German Studies. "They kept all their deadlines and the quality was beautiful."

"In our current economic crunch, this is one of the best tools we have for the development of four departments. It is just fantastic to have this at Emory."

### More in-house design and editing services

Emory also offers creative services through these select offices:

- **Health Science Publications**

(<http://whsc.emory.edu/home/publications/index.html>, 404-727-5680) provides services for projects in Emory's Woodruff Health Sciences Center, primarily those generated by the Office of the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and within the schools of medicine, nursing and public health.

- **Development Communications**

([www.campaign.emory.edu](http://www.campaign.emory.edu), 404-727-7181) accepts projects related to Campaign Emory.

- **Emory Graphic Design Services**

(<http://gdvp.emory.edu>, 404-727-5665) offers medical illustration, design and printing services including posters, banners and signs with volume discounts to Emory faculty, staff and students.

## GIFT: Dalai Lama supports science education

Continued from the cover

The ETSI, a collaboration of Emory and the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives, grew from a shared vision of the Dalai Lama and Emory. The initiative aims to bridge the best of modern science education with the wisdom and insights of the ancient monastic tradition, through a long-range commitment to foster dialogue and exchange knowledge.

"In just three years, the Emory-Tibet Science Initiative has made notable progress," wrote the Dalai Lama. "However, it is a large and far-sighted project that will require significant resources to ensure its success and sustainability. I am therefore happy to make a contribution...towards this important work at Emory."

In acknowledging the gift, President Jim Wagner said, "This extraordinary and entirely unexpected gesture bespeaks the remarkable generosity of spirit in a great human being like His Holiness. The 'Professor' has taught us

another lesson from afar — the truth that people, when we are at our best, invest our treasure and our hearts in the same place. We at Emory are very grateful not only for his recent gracious gift but also for the heart he has long invested in the Emory-Tibet Partnership."

The ETSI, along with many of Emory's university-wide strategic plan initiatives, addresses the interface between religion and science. As part of a five-year pilot program, Emory faculty have traveled to Dharamsala, India to teach a western science curriculum to more than 100 monks and nuns, and have worked with Tibetan Buddhist scholars to produce science textbooks printed in English and Tibetan.

On Oct. 9 the ETSI will receive additional visibility and support at a reception and panel discussion on "Science and Spirituality," hosted by actor Richard Gere and including psychologist Daniel Goleman, author, scientist and Buddhist monk Matthieu Ricard, and Lobsang Negi Tenzin, co-director of the Emory-Tibet Science Initiative.

The Washington, D.C. event also will feature remarks by Emory College Dean Robert Paul and Lodi Gyari Rinpoche, special envoy of the Dalai Lama.

The ETSI, as well as the Dalai Lama's 2007 appointment, is an outgrowth of the Emory-Tibet Partnership, which was founded in 1998 to bring together the best of Western and Tibetan Buddhist intellectual traditions.

As Presidential Distinguished Professor, the Dalai Lama provides private teaching sessions with students and faculty during Emory study-abroad programs in Dharamsala, as well as providing opportunities for University community members to attend his annual teachings. He makes periodic visits to Emory to participate in programs, most recently in 2007 when he delivered his inaugural lecture as Presidential Distinguished Professor. Emory has established a fellowship in the Dalai Lama's name to fund annual scholarships for Tibetan students attending Emory undergraduate and graduate schools.

### 'The Professor' returns in 2010

The Dalai Lama will visit Emory Oct. 17-19, 2010 in his role as Presidential Distinguished Professor, the first university appointment accepted by the 1989 Nobel Peace Laureate and leader of the Tibetan people.

During his visit, the Dalai Lama will participate in several programs open to the general public and to the Emory community.

For information regarding the Dalai Lama's visit, and to register for listserv updates, go to <http://dalailama.emory.edu>. All program information regarding public events will be posted to this site as it becomes available.

# Campus

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REPORT FROM: The Center for Women at Emory

## Four themes are umbrella for gender work

The Center for Women at Emory is entering the new academic year with lot of... well... newness. Over the past year, we have redefined our focus, created a new Advisory Council, trimmed our budget (hasn't everyone?), and developed new programs.

Perhaps you're not really sure what exactly the Center for Women does, but are afraid to ask? We help Emory provide the best possible environment for women as students, faculty and staff. Reporting to the Provost's Office, we serve every school and unit of Emory — with only three full-time employees, no less! We promote gender equity throughout the University; provide resources and skill-building opportunities; and bring community members together to examine gender issues and work toward ethical solutions.

We are particularly committed to thinking about how gender intersects

with our many other identities and circumstances — such as race, class, sexuality and disability — and recognizing gender as a social construction that exceeds the traditional man/woman binary.

We've chosen to organize our work under these four themes:

- **Academic Scholarship:** We support scholarship related to women and gender and make it available and useful outside of academia. You can see this goal at work, for example, in our new online-only version of our biannual publication, *Women's News and Narratives*. (Contact Roslyn.sledge@emory.edu to get WNN delivered to your inbox.) Focused on gender-based violence, the issue features research by Emory faculty and students, as well as stories about how our personal experiences with violence shape our work and our lives.

- **Global Engagement:** We connect Emory to global women's issues and use technology to create a global learning environment. On Oct. 15, we will co-sponsor a Luminaries lecture by the internationally acclaimed anthropologist Veena Das, who will be exploring the global public performance of violence. We'll also launch our new Web site in October.

- **Education:** We provide practical educational programs related to women's physical, mental, spiritual and financial health. For example, on Oct. 21 we'll present the second workshop in our annual Women's Health and Wellness Series: "Empowering Women to Have Positive Intimate Relationships." We will also be supporting Take Back the Night programs in October.

- **Leadership Development:** We prepare diverse groups of women to be leaders and prepare all genders to be leaders in

gender equality. On Oct. 7, we'll explore ethical leadership with a talk by anti-war activist and author Ann Wright. We also support leadership development by advising undergraduate and graduate women's groups, including Feminists in Action and our discussion groups for Women of Color, Queer Women and International Women.

The programs mentioned above are just a tiny taste of what the Center for Women has to offer. Find us at [womenscenter.emory.edu](http://womenscenter.emory.edu) for more information. To hear more about the Center's work in relation to a broad spectrum of community and diversity initiatives at Emory, join us for "Exploring Race and Difference at Emory" on Oct. 2: See [rdi.emory.edu](http://rdi.emory.edu) for details.

*Dona Yarbrough is director of the Center for Women at Emory.*

## Economic trends cause changes to benefits

BY KATHERINE HINSON

Health care costs continue to see a double-digit increase nationally and Emory is no exception. Emory's cost in 2008 for active employee health coverage increased about \$15 million from 2007; this equates to the salary and benefits costs for about 280 full-time employees (FTEs). Based on the current annualized trend rate, Emory expects to see an 8 percent or nearly \$12 million cost increase from 2008 to 2009 — the equivalent of 181 FTEs. (For a breakdown of Emory's health care cost in 2008, see: "Where do Emory's health care dollars go?")

"Reducing the rate of the annual expense increase is important for the overall sustainability of the plans. Additionally, for 2010, our goal was to have minimal increases to employees' premiums as a way to offset the lack of salary increases," says Vice President for Human Resources Peter Barnes.

Emory is also committed to providing a benefits program that includes choices to meet the needs of its diverse faculty and staff population that are also competitive, thoughtful and sustainable.

In order to achieve these goals, Emory identified several changes that will save an estimated \$11 million of benefits expense in calendar year 2010.

The changes for 2010 include the consolidation of the health, dental and the behavioral health plans under one vendor, Aetna, and streamlining the core network to include only Emory affiliated facilities. These changes will lower plan costs by about \$9 million. Meanwhile other changes, such as the spouse/SSDP medical charge and the part-time rate will potentially save Emory an estimated \$2.4 million.

Other cost saving measures include "Going Green" for Benefits Annual Enrollment which will save an estimated \$130,000 in print and mail costs. As such, the 2010 Benefits Annual Enrollment Guide will be e-mailed to faculty and staff as a link to an interactive PDF file on the MyBenefits Web site. Human Resources encourages you to open and read all e-mails from MyBenefits, frequently check the MyBenefits Web site ([www.hr.emory.edu/mybenefits](http://www.hr.emory.edu/mybenefits)) and attend the Annual Enrollment meetings held across campus.

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technology is being implemented, or cost effective alternatives have been identified.

"We are taking these painful steps with a sense of regret, but also with gratitude for the contributions of our departing colleagues," says Rick Luce, vice provost and director. "With rapidly changing technologies in the world of information access, storage, dissemination, and publishing, we would be remiss in our responsibilities if we did not begin to re-direct operations and resources to meet the new demands of the 21st century research library."

In-person use of the Libraries has remained relatively stable at about 182,000 visits in the past year, while the number of online article downloads increased by 76 percent from 2006 to 2009, and Emory's digital collections logged about 2.6 million accesses last year, a figure that continues to grow rapidly.

The Libraries' plans call for consolidation of service and reference desks, along with no overall decrease in the hours the doors are open to students, faculty and staff for study and research.

All affected library staff were offered severance packages based on their years of service, and Emory will pay COBRA health care premiums for six months for those employees who have Emory health care plans. Continuing appointment librarians have been given notice of non-renewal of their contracts, which run through August 2010. All affected employees are eligible for rehire and may apply for unemployment benefits.

Luce said the reductions in force were determined in consultation with his senior management team after studying a range of alternatives. Every unit within Emory has been mandated to reduce its costs in the wake of the world economic downturn last fall. At the same time, the University Libraries have faced a growing structural deficit, which until the past year could be largely balanced by a predictable degree of annual turnover in its workforce. During the past year the Libraries had already eliminated 7.5 vacant positions and curtailed new hiring, reduced travel costs, made significant collection acquisition cuts, and reduced expenses in a number of areas.

"The reductions were made with the goal of taking a strategic perspective while maintaining public services and balancing the reductions between staffing and collection acquisitions to minimize the impact on faculty and students," says Luce. Efficiencies include centralizing support for branch services, consolidating service desks, downsizing the back office for collection acquisitions, and examining services that are redundant across several locations.

"I am grateful to Vice Provost Luce and his management team for making tough decisions to ensure that the library remains a vital hub of a vibrant research community, while also remaining mindful of the individuals who have faithfully worked at the library for years," says Earl Lewis, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. "It is imperative for faculty and students at a top-tier university to be served by a top-tier library, and I am confident that will continue to be the case at Emory."

In recent years, the Emory Libraries have been the center of international attention as luminaries such as Ted Hughes, Seamus Heaney, Salman Rushdie, Flannery O'Connor, Alice Walker and Raymond Danowski, who built the 75,000-plus volume Raymond Danowski Poetry Library, chose to place their letters, manuscripts, archives, and — in some cases — computer hard drives with Emory. The Libraries have gained international recognition for significant new forms of digital scholarship and publishing, including the online journal of interdisciplinary studies "Southern Spaces" ([www.southernspaces.org/](http://www.southernspaces.org/)) and an online database of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade "Voyages" ([www.slavevoyages.org/tast/index.faces](http://www.slavevoyages.org/tast/index.faces)).

Luce said the Libraries will continue to place a high priority on acquisition of unique collections for MARBL — the Manuscripts, Archives, and Rare Books Library — as well as the recruitment of a new director for MARBL.

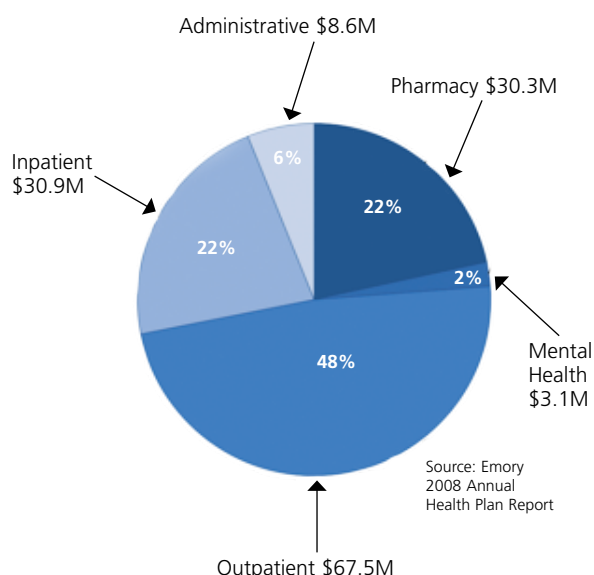
The strategic plan remains focused on enhancing the Libraries' special collections in modern literature and African American studies, digital technologies, and distinctive resources and services that empower students and scholars to pursue original scholarship.

On Sept. 10, the Take Care newsletter announcing the benefit changes for the 2010 plan year was mailed to the home addresses on record for faculty and staff. To view a copy of Take Care or to learn more about the 2010 changes, go to [www.hr.emory.edu/mybenefits](http://www.hr.emory.edu/mybenefits).

### Where do Emory's health care dollars go?

In 2008, Emory spent \$140.4 million on its health plans. This cost is divided into several categories: outpatient services (doctor visits and emergency room visits); inpatient services; behavioral health; prescriptions (brand name and generic); and administrative/miscellaneous costs.

This graphic indicates how much was spent in each category.



## Children prescribed Tamiflu could get the wrong dose



Physician Michael Schechter checks a pediatric patient.

JACK KEARSE

By ASHANTE DOBBS

Medical and public health officials should be alerted to the serious potential for dosing errors in children prescribed Tamiflu oseltamivir due to confusion when trying to follow the medication label and using the prepackaged dosing syringe, warns Emory health literacy researcher Ruth Parker in the Sept. 23 online edition of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

In the article, lead author Parker and colleagues provide the example of a 6-year-old recently prescribed Tamiflu for H1N1 influenza. While the medication bottle specified dosage in volume units, the syringe prepackaged

with the medication was marked in mass units. It required a complex calculation for the parents to convert teaspoons to milligrams to determine just how much medication the child should receive.

"It is critical that immediate steps are taken to improve the prescribing instructions for this drug in children to ensure its safe use," says Parker. "We recommend that all pharmacies are instructed to ensure that the label instructions for use are in the same dosing units as those on the measurement device dispensed with Tamiflu (oseltamivir)."

To learn more, visit <http://whsc.emory.edu>.

## Ethics in scholarly training focus for graduate students

By ULF NILSSON

In January 2009, the James T. Laney School of Graduate Studies was one of five institutions to receive a grant from the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS). These grants are intended to advance the scope and quality of graduate education in professional research ethics, including the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR). Emory's project will develop an RCR program that centers on process-oriented training in research ethics and builds contexts in which ethical dilemmas can be candidly discussed.

"One of the challenges in graduate education is to prepare students with the skills in ethical reasoning to deal with never-before-encountered situations," says Dean Lisa Tedesco. "Our program will seek to harness the critical thinking and analysis skills that they use every day in their research to engage more deeply into research ethics and the responsible conduct of research."

To begin the conversation, the Laney Graduate School will host a series of lectures, workshops and panels under the title "Beyond Right & Wrong: Engaging Ethics at Emory." The series will be inaugurated by C. Kristina Gunsalus of University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, a speaker well-known for her lively presentations on professional ethics within the academy on Oct. 7. In November, a panel discussion on scholarly misconduct will feature Nicholas Steneck of University of Michigan.

The series will continue through spring semester, with speakers and panels on a wide range of topics, such as mentorship, consent in cross-cultural contexts, treat-

ment of animals in research, and the social responsibilities of researchers.

This project aims to develop a comprehensive program sensitive to the needs of graduate students across the University. A survey will identify the important areas of professional responsibility as seen by students, faculty and staff. The graduate school has also begun to identify the professional ethics training opportunities presently available at Emory.

"Graduate students and faculty need to be involved in this process" says Mark Risjord, associate dean of the graduate school. "The program needs to reflect their concerns about scholarly integrity and RCR." As part of the CGS grant, the graduate school has support available for faculty and graduate students who would like to host speakers or hold workshops in areas of special interest, as well as for those who are developing courses or course components that integrate ethics into the graduate curriculum.

"Ethics in scholarly training is expected to be a standard professional requirement nationally. With this grant from the Council of Graduate Schools, Emory has been selected to take a lead," notes project co-director Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Anthropology Michelle Lampl.

Several town hall meetings will provide graduate students and faculty the opportunity to discuss the ultimate shape of such requirements at Emory. The first town hall meetings will be held Oct. 20, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and again Oct. 21, 3:30-5 p.m.

## CAMPAIGN EMORY

# Avon backs cancer care for underserved

By VINCENT DOLLARD

The Avon Foundation has awarded \$750,000 to the Emory Winship Cancer Institute (WCI) and the Avon Comprehensive Breast Center at Grady Memorial Hospital to continue community outreach, education, clinical access and research studies that improve care for the underserved populations in Atlanta.

"We are grateful to the Avon Foundation for their extraordinary and steadfast support," says Sheryl Gabram, professor of surgical oncology and principle investigator on the Avon grant. "Our aim is to reach 10,000 or more women through outreach and education presentations throughout Atlanta. We also will increase mammography, treatment services and access to clinical trials to underserved women."

Gabram says the Avon Foundation's support in previous years has resulted in significant improvements in the breast center at Grady.

"The number of women diagnosed with breast cancer at early stages has doubled," she says, "with a corresponding decrease in the number of women who are diagnosed with late stage disease. We are providing over 16,000 mammography, diagnostic and screening services annually and this is

a significant increase from past years."

Since 2000, the Avon Foundation has awarded more than \$11,000,000 to WCI and Grady. The funds have been instrumental in building new facilities, acquiring state-of-the-art equipment and supporting leading-edge breast cancer research projects aimed at improving outcomes for underserved women diagnosed with breast cancer in Atlanta.

In addition to an emphasis on outreach and clinical services, the grant will support research projects that will examine how access to care, income, and other factors impact breast cancer survival among women in Georgia; how a specific surgical procedure affects patients' return rate to the operating room; and why African American women with estrogen receptor positive tumors have worse survival rates than Caucasian women.

This grant is part of Campaign Emory, a \$1.6 billion fundraising endeavor that combines private support and the University's people, places and programs to make a powerful contribution to the world. Investments through Campaign Emory fuel efforts to address fundamental challenges: improving health, gaining ground in science and technology, resolving conflict, harnessing the power of the arts, and educating the heart and mind.



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# Forum

## Civil rights scholars host dialogues

By **TANIA DOWDY**

The James Weldon Johnson Institute for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies (JWJI) welcomes its second cohort of visiting scholars. The Visiting Scholars Program, funded with support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, is the first residential program of its kind to bring together a community of scholars solely focused on the study of the modern civil rights era, from 1905 to today.

Monthly colloquia, co-sponsored by the Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, serve as the dynamic framework for the presentation of the visiting scholars' research.

The presentations are strategically structured as discussions, to allow for an even exchange between attendees and fellows, says Calinda Lee, JWJI assistant director for research and development.

The objective is to foster a multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary dialogue and to create of a community of scholars. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"It's really a great opportunity for people who have interdisciplinary interest in the humanities and law to be able to engage in dialogue that includes scholarly perspectives from a number of disciplines," says Lee.

## ADDRESS: 'State of University is sound'

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referring the audience to learn more in the special Strategic Plan Update in Emory Report (see special insert).

• Wagner commended the foresight and leadership of multidisciplinary teams in the University and Emory Healthcare who have helped Emory to be prepared for an uncertain flu season with the first wave of the novel H1N1 influenza. "We can be deeply grateful for the countless hours of preparation and the innovative application of experience that our planning teams have brought in making our campus as ready as we possibly can be," he said.

This inventory of accomplishments over the past year collectively demonstrates that Emory has not been distracted by challenges, Wagner said. He believes Emory can lead from its new resource base — one that is "\$60 million annually less than a revenue base we were used to, and counted on for our future."

It wouldn't be ethical to ask the Emory community to do more with less, he said. Rather, adjusting to this economic climate change has meant doing "less with less" in one area so that the University can focus

and excel in another.

"It has been gratifying to see our faculty and staff rally to the cause of resizing our program's budgets, and our own Student Government Association has made itself available for positive engagement in this effort as well," he said. "But deep determination has been and will continue to be necessary."

Wagner spoke of the importance, going forward, "to keep our eyes on our primary purpose." We must think deeply about how Emory can best serve society, he said, and be true to the "unique facets of our calling to be a powerful intellectual community."

To the faculty, staff and students in the audience, and the rest of the Emory community, Wagner concluded: "Thanks to you, the state of our university is sound, and good, and promising."

### State of the University replay

Hear the full State of the University address via webcast at: [www.emory.edu/president/](http://www.emory.edu/president/)

### Johnson Institute Colloquium Series

**Sept. 30:** Chandra Mountain: "End Street: Reading the Signs, Hitting the Wall and Speaking Madness."

**Oct. 28:** William Turner: "Is Gay the New Black? Or, Conceptual Notes on the Empirical Exploration of the Connections and Disconnections between the African American and LGBT Civil Rights Movements."

**Jan. 2, 2010:** Mab Segrest: "'Lunacy Administration' at the Milledgeville Hospital: African Americans, Psychiatric Patients and the Movement for Civil and Human Rights."

**Feb. 3, 2010:** Tomiko Melancon: "Unbought and Unbossed: Transgressive Black Women and the Politics of Representation."

All colloquia begin at noon in Candler 207.

See visiting scholars' bios at [www.jamesweldonjohnson.emory.edu](http://www.jamesweldonjohnson.emory.edu).

## SOUNDBITES

### Marine commander on Iraq efforts

"We weren't there to conquer Iraq, but we were, in our hearts, there to liberate these people from a very, very terrible time," said Maj. Gen. John F. Kelly. The Marine commander spoke at Emory Law Sept. 21 about establishing the rule of law in the Al Anbar province.

"At the end of the day, it was a combination of what al Qaeda was doing in the province and what the Marines were doing in the province. What we were doing was fighting insurgents, but doing it in a very restrained way. And at the same time, everyday we were trying to rebuild a country," Kelly said.

—Liz Chilla

### Carter on beliefs, major issues

Former President Jimmy Carter's annual Q&A session with Emory freshman had a higher profile this year coming right after Carter's comments that Rep. Joe Wilson's outburst during President Barack Obama's speech was "based on racism."

At the Sept. 16 Town Hall, Carter's answers ranged from Kanye West's comments about Taylor Swift to Turkey and the European Union.

"I think it is completely legitimate, and to be expected, to have tough, sometimes even unfair debates about major issues," Carter said about Wilson's comment. But "out of bounds" personal attacks "against Obama have been influenced by a belief that he should not be president because he happens to be African American."

—Tania Dowdy

### How to pump up your enthusiasm

"If you catch on fire with enthusiasm, people will come from miles around just to watch you burn!" William O'Neal told a full house at Emory University Hospital auditorium Sept. 15.

Step Up Emory hosted the motivational speaker who presented "Seven Keys for Maintaining Personal Enthusiasm."

Interspersing stories and examples, O'Neal elaborated on each of the keys: Talk to yourself; communicate effectively; maintain personal vision; reflect on your purpose; look for opportunity in change; find sources of inspiration; and balance work and family life.

O'Neal urged listeners to "stay attached to sources of inspiration" like books and music.

"Sometimes, change is hard" he noted, but it is important not to fear it.

O'Neal emphasized a work-life balance because "you know what we're going to do if you fall dead from stress? We're going to fill your job," he said, bringing down the house with laughter.

—Leslie King

## GUIDE TO EMORY GOVERNANCE GROUPS

Six governance groups representing broad but specific constituencies across the University advise campus administrators on issues of concern to their communities and initiate and implement projects that support their themes and issues.

### Employee Council

**What It Does:** Facilitates communication between employees and the University administration; advocates for issues of concern for all University employees; and represents the perspective of employees to the administration.

**When It Meets:** Every third Wednesday at noon in the Jones Room, Woodruff Library. Next meeting: Oct. 17.

**Key Events/Issues:** TBA

**For More Information:** Nina Long, president; [www.employeecouncil.emory.edu](http://www.employeecouncil.emory.edu)

### Faculty Council

**What It Does:** Discusses policies and matters of interest to all University faculty, provides faculty perspective to University administrators, collaborates with administrators to enhance the quality of faculty life. Note: The president of the Faculty Council is also the president of the University Senate.

**When It Meets:** Third Tuesday of each month; 3:15 p.m.; 400 Administration Building. First meeting: Oct. 20.

**Key Events/Issues:** Preparing feedback on Emory College dean search; and raising awareness of issues in members' schools.

**For More Information:** Ken Carter, president; [www.emory.edu/SENATE](http://www.emory.edu/SENATE)

### University Senate

**What It does:** Represents every constituency of the University; serves as a forum on initiatives and proposals that affect the University as a whole. It is comprised of faculty, staff and students.

**Key Events/Issues:** Focusing on the goals of the different committees and raising awareness of and interest in serving on the Senate's committees.

**For More Information:** Ken Carter, president; [www.emory.edu/SENATE](http://www.emory.edu/SENATE)

**When It Meets:** Third Tuesday of each month; 3:15 p.m.; Jones Room, Woodruff Library. Next meeting: Oct. 21.

### President's Commission on the Status of Women

**What It Does:** Serves as an advisory board to the president on issues related to Emory women and seeks to advance women's interests at the University.

**When It Meets:** Third Wednesday of each month; 3:30 p.m.; Jones Room, Woodruff Library. Next meeting: Oct. 17.

**Key Events/Issues:** Work-life balance; flexible/alternative work arrangements; professional development opportunities; gender equity and equal pay; maternity leave; and an environment free of harassment.

**For More Information:** Lisa Newbern, chair; [www.pcsww.emory.edu](http://www.pcsww.emory.edu)

### President's Commission on Sexuality, Gender Diversity and Queer Equality

**What It Does:** Researches matters on campus relevant to the LGBT community; acts as a catalyst to further the growth of programs that serve the community; advises University administrators on matters important to LGBT people at Emory. Formerly known as the President's Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Concerns.

**When It Meets:** Third Tuesday of every month; 5:15 p.m.; Jones Room, Woodruff Library. Next meeting: Oct. 20.

**Key Events/Issues:** Health care benefits for faculty, staff and students; queer scholarship; and projects with other commissions.

**For More Information:** John Blevins, co-chair; [www.pcsgdqe.emory.edu/](http://www.pcsgdqe.emory.edu/)

### President's Commission on Race and Ethnicity

**What It Does:** Serves as a forum for discussion and analysis of race and ethnicity on campus and of national import; develops and supports activities that enhance the presence of persons of color and strengthen the community of color at Emory.

**When It Meets:** Third Monday of each month; 3 p.m. Jones Room, Woodruff Library. Next meeting: Oct. 19.

**Key Events/Issues:** Partner with other commissions to increase awareness of the commissions and opportunities for hourly workers to serve on them; enhance the Emory Courtesy Scholarship; and implement Transforming Community Project Dialogues at Emory Midtown.

**For More Information:** Stacey Derico, chair; [www.pcore.emory.edu](http://www.pcore.emory.edu)

## ADVANCE NOTICE

### Research, race and difference explored

The Race and Difference Initiative and Provost Earl Lewis present "Exploring Race and Difference at Emory: Mapping Current Research and Charting Future Directions" on Friday, Oct. 2.

It will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Jones Room of the Woodruff Library.

Emory faculty and special guests Troy Duster, professor of sociology at New York University; Paula M. L. Moya, associate professor of English at Stanford University; and Keith Wiloo, Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of History and director of Rutgers University's Center for Race and Ethnicity, will be featured.

For more information, contact Michelle Manno at [michelle.manno@emory.edu](mailto:michelle.manno@emory.edu).

### Panel on editing essay collections

A panel of Emory faculty addresses benefits and challenges encountered in editing a volume of essays Oct. 6 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in White Hall 200.

Martha Fineman, Woodruff Professor in the law school; David Eltis, Woodruff Professor of History; Mark Risjord, associate professor of philosophy; Mary Odem, associate professor of history; and Rich Martin, professor of religion, will discuss the tremendous amount of work and difficulty in publishing such a volume.

For more information, contact Amy Benson Brown at [abrow01@emory.edu](mailto:abrow01@emory.edu) or 404-727-5796.

### Events focus on breast health

Breast health educational sessions and cancer screenings will be available throughout October, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

On Oct. 6, Winship Cancer Institute hosts a breast health screening with free exams and an opportunity to meet the multidisciplinary team specializing in breast health and breast cancer treatment. To register, call 404-778-7777.

A community town hall forum, "Breast Health Issues Facing African American Women," will be Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. at Emory University Hospital Midtown. To register, call 404-778-7777.

Extended and weekend hours for women needing a mammogram will be Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 17. To schedule appointment, call 404-778-PINK.

For more information, see <http://www.emoryhealthcare.org/breasthealth>.

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

### TUESDAY, Sept. 29

**Meditation Station.** 1 p.m. 119 Candler Library. Free. [shirley.banks@emory.edu](mailto:shirley.banks@emory.edu). Every Tuesday.

### WEDNESDAY, Sept. 30

**Women's Soccer v. Spelman College.** 7 p.m. Woodruff P.E. Center. Free. [www.go.emory.edu](http://www.go.emory.edu).

### THURSDAY, Oct. 1

**"Digging Up the Holy Land."** Miriam Davis, author of "Dame Kathleen Kenyon," presenting. 7 p.m. Carlos Museum. Free. 404-727-4282.

### SATURDAY, Oct. 3

**Graduate Nursing Council's "Fun & Health Carnival."** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. McDonough Field. Free. [cewash@emory.edu](mailto:cwash@emory.edu).

To see all campus events, visit the online Emory Events Calendar at [www.emory.edu/home/events](http://www.emory.edu/home/events).

## PSYCHOLOGY: Homecoming showcases new hub for science

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where faculty and students are investigating the evolutionary origins of language, memory and thought. The top floor houses the Psychological Center, serving members of the community in need of testing, assessment and intervention, and labs doing groundbreaking research into mental health and mental illness.

"It's big," says Elaine Walker, Candler Dobbs Professor of Psychology, who moved into the new building over the summer, along with the rest of the faculty. "A lot of people, including myself, are still walking around lost a bit of the time. We are still in the throes of the excitement about it."

The building rises five stories and extends in a boomerang shape along Eagle Row. Its two wings embrace green space and walkways connected with the chemistry department in Atwood, forming a "science commons."

"The brain processes everything," Duke says. "Across the University, people are interested in how the brain responds to music, art and literature. Now it's possible to address those questions at very different levels."

### Homecoming buzz

For photos, updates and stories from Homecoming Weekend 2009, follow the Emory Alumni Association's updates on [eavesdropping.blogspot.com](http://eavesdropping.blogspot.com).

## CREATIVE WRITING

# Reading series spans genres

By PAULA VITARIS

The 2009-2010 Creative Writing Program Reading Series presents readings and colloquia by poets, playwrights, essayists and novelists, and a joint reading by the program's two new Fellows. All events are free and open to the public.

Fiction writer and essayist Thomas Glave will give this year's Phillis Wheatley Reading on Oct. 19 (6:30 p.m., Jones Room, Woodruff Library) and a colloquium on Oct. 20 (2:30-3:30 p.m., N301 Callaway), and will also speak in The Race and Difference Lecture Series on the topic "Race(lessness) and Desire: 'North,' 'South,'" on Oct. 21, (3-4:30 p.m., 102 Commons, Candler School of Theology). Glave's visit is co-sponsored by the Department of African American Studies and the Race and Difference Initiative.

Quiara Hudes wrote the book for Broadway's 2008 Tony Award winner for Best Musical "In the Heights." She will give

a reading on Nov. 16 (6:30 p.m., Jones Room, Woodruff Library) and a colloquium on Nov. 17 (2:30-3:30 p.m., N301 Callaway). The hit musical will be at Atlanta's Fox Theatre Nov. 3-8 giving the Emory community a rare opportunity to see a fully-staged musical and then discuss its genesis with the book's writer. Hudes' visit is co-sponsored by the Department of Theater Studies.

Fiction writer Oindrila Mukherjee and poet Heather Christle are the Creative Writing Program's 2009-2011 Fellows. Mukherjee has a PhD in literature and creative writing from the University of Houston, and Christle graduated with an MFA from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Her poetry collection, "The Difficult Farm," is forthcoming from Octopus Books. Mukherjee and Christle will read on Feb. 15, 2010 (6:30 p.m., Jones Room).

The Department of Women's Studies and the Center for

Women are co-sponsoring novelist Susan Choi's visit to give the annual Feminist Founders Reading on March 17, 2010 (6:30 p.m., Jones Room), and a colloquium on March 18, 2010 (2:30-3:30 p.m., N301 Callaway). Choi is the author of three novels and has also co-edited the anthology "Wonderful Town: New York Stories from the New Yorker."

Antonya Nelson, author of three novels and six short story collections, and winner of the 2003 Rea Award for Short Fiction will give a reading at Awards Night, the annual celebration of student writing at Emory. She will also announce the winners of the Creative Writing Program's and English Department's writing contests. Nelson will give a colloquium April 15, 2010 (2:30-3:30 p.m., N301 Callaway).

For more information: [www.creativewriting.emory.edu](http://www.creativewriting.emory.edu); 404-727-4683.



Spider Web, 2006

JOEL LEIVICK

## Leivick's 'Garden' highlights Atlanta photography festival

In October the annual Atlanta Celebrates Photography Festival, "ACP 11," sets off an explosion of photography exhibitions and related events as hundreds of venues throughout the region showcase this popular art form in every conceivable variation and evolution.

The Emory Visual Arts Gallery will host one of the festival's highlights with an exhibition of renowned California-based photographer Joel Leivick's luminous and contemplative series "In the Garden."

The exhibition, part of "The Lucid Eye: A Year of Photography at Emory, 2009-2010," opens on Oct. 1 with a reception from 5-7 p.m. and an artist talk at 7 p.m., and runs through Nov. 20.

For more information, visit [www.visualarts.emory.edu](http://www.visualarts.emory.edu) and [www.acpinfo.org](http://www.acpinfo.org).