

Selected Academic Highlights Fall 2002

National and International Recognition

The *Chronicle of Higher Education* reported that the value **Emory** places on collaborative interdisciplinary research attracts top research opportunities for scholars at the university. Government agencies and also a number of foundations and nonprofit organizations recognize the importance of collaborative work to solve complex problems. As a result, funds to support Emory scholars engaged in interdisciplinary research in science and the humanities are increasing.

The **Cherry Emerson Center for Scientific Computation**, established in 1991, is gaining recognition as both a service and a research center. Over 100 scientists and students use the center's high-end computing for research. During the last 10 years, the center has hosted 86 scientists from 28 different countries who have done collaborative research with Emory-based scientists. Currently, faculty from the departments of chemistry, physics, math, and computer science use the facility, as does a member outside Emory College, the School of Medicine's Biomolecular Computing Resource. The Emerson Center has expanded its service to meet the needs of the Emory community while helping to build the university's international visibility.

The Consortium for Graduate Study in Management, of which **Emory's Goizueta Business School** is a member, received the Award of Excellence in the 2002 Associations Advance America Awards program, a national competition sponsored by the American Society of Association Executives, Washington, D.C. The award recognizes the consortium's efforts in the recruiting and rewarding of minority fellowships. The consortium, an alliance of leading business schools in partnership with the business community, provides scholarships to deserving underrepresented minority students—African American, Hispanic American, and Native American—who want to pursue an MBA degree.

Former President and Emory Distinguished Professor **Jimmy Carter** received the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize for his work in resolving international conflicts. The \$1 million award recognizes Carter's goal to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, his dedication to advance democracy and human rights, and his efforts to promote economic and social development. Carter's commitment to "wage peace" is reflected in his having observed elections, mediated conflicts, and helped confront life-threatening diseases throughout the world. Emory President William M. Chace noted that Carter's "experiences have taught him that war is not necessarily the best answer to conflict...." President Carter plans to give the prize money to the Emory-affiliated Carter Center, through which he has accomplished much of his work. Carter accepted the prize at a ceremony in Oslo in December.

James W. Curran, Dean of the Rollins School of Public Health, was elected as President of the Association of Schools of Public Health. ASPH is the national organization that represents deans, faculty, and students of the accredited member schools of public health and other programs seeking accreditation. Additionally, the Association of Academic Health Centers, a national nonprofit organization that promotes health education, research, and health care delivery, honored Dr. Curran with the John P. McGovern Award. The annual award is presented to a member of the American Medical Writers Association to honor an outstanding contribution to any of the various forms of medical communication.

Michael M. E. Johns accepted the chairmanship of the board of directors of the Association of Academic Health Centers. Emory's executive vice president for health affairs, Johns also serves as director of the Robert W. Woodruff Health Sciences Center and as chairman of Emory Healthcare. AAHC is a national organization dedicated to improving the health of people by advancing the leadership of academic health centers.

Charles Nemeroff, Reunette W. Harris Professor and chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences in the School of Medicine, and **Reynaldo Martorell**, Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Public Health and chair of the Department of International Health in the Rollins School of Public Health, were elected to the Institute of Medicine, one of four national science academies. The IOM recognizes achievements and contributions to the field of medical research and the nation's health-related problems. Emory now has 11 members. Nemeroff's clinical research involves studying the connection between adult depressive disorders and the impact of early childhood trauma. Martorell is an expert on childhood nutrition in developing countries. His first-hand observation of the lack of health services and its connection to malnutrition and resultant infection in his native Honduras led to Martorell's interest in understanding factors affecting child growth and development.

William H. Foege, Presidential Distinguished Professor of International Health at the Rollins School of Public Health, and former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was awarded an American Public Health Association Presidential Citation at the APHA meeting held in Philadelphia. The honor recognizes Dr. Foege's "extraordinary contributions to public health." Foege is a Fellow and Executive Director of the Task Force for Child Survival and Development at the Carter Center.

Several other Rollins School of Public Health faculty members received the following awards at the APHA meeting: **Stan Foster**, Professor of International Health, was recipient of the Career Achievement Award, APHA Section on International Health; **Jennifer Hirsch**, Assistant Professor of International Health, won the Outstanding New Professional Award, APHA Section on Population, Family Planning and Reproductive Health; **Deborah Houry**, M.D., MPH, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine and Environmental and Occupational Health (Center for Injury Control), received the Jay S. Drotman Memorial Award, as an outstanding young public health professional.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recognized the significance of the AIDS-prevention program designed by researchers Associate Professor **Gina Wingood**

and Charles Howard Candler Professor **Ralph DiClemente**. Both at the Rollins School of Public Health, the husband and wife collaborate in developing HIV-prevention programs that use an interactive behavioral approach, focusing on individuals to increase their self-awareness and self-esteem, rather than just on the disease. The CDC included Wingood and DiClemente's program in the compendium used by public health departments as a guide for developing their HIV-prevention programs. Inclusion in the compendium will make the program available to a wide audience.

Mahmoud Al-Batal, Associate Professor of Middle Eastern Studies and director of the Emory College Language Center, was named associate director of the new National Middle East Language Research Center, a consortium of Middle Eastern language experts at Brigham Young University. As a member of the Arabic board of professors, one of Al-Batal's efforts is to assess the needs of the Arabic field to meet NMEELRC's larger goal of coordinating efforts to increase and improve opportunities for learning Middle Eastern languages.

David L. Peterson, Professor of Old Testament Studies at Emory's Candler School of Theology, was elected vice president of the Society of Biblical Literature at its annual meeting held in Toronto. The SBL is the foremost academic professional society for specialists in Biblical studies. Peterson's scholarly interest is in the early chapters of Genesis.

Programmatic Development

Emory's **Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing** received a \$5 million commitment from the Helene Fuld Health Trust to support an innovative program designed to increase the nation's supply of university-trained nurse leaders. The largest single gift in the school's history, the money will establish an endowment to support a specialized program to provide scholarships for individuals who have earned bachelor's degrees in other fields. The school will receive \$1 million annually for five years.

Emory's **Interfaith Health Program of the Rollins School of Public Health** received a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to promote community health in seven states from Georgia to California. Emory will help the HHS begin a new effort to disperse funds and provide technical assistance to faith-based community organizations. Emory's interfaith health initiative is a partnership with nine foundations in seven states; IHP will disperse \$900,000 of the appropriated \$1.5 million to these foundations to promote public health through local faith-based organizations. IHP will serve as a clearinghouse of national expertise in promoting public health through faith-based communities. Technical assistance provided by IHP will include helping local groups effectively access funding sources, operate and manage their programs, train staff, and expand their programs into the community.

Emory University School of Medicine was one of 11 institutions in the U.S. to receive a \$5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, under NIH's Specialized Centers of Research (SCOR) on Sex and Gender Factors Affecting Women's Health, to study the

metabolism of psychiatric and other medications during and after pregnancy, and to determine their effect on the unborn child. **Zachary Stowe**, M.D., associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and director of the Women's Mental Health Program will lead the grant that will support a collaborative study with Emory faculty, **Michael Owens**, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, **James Ritchie**, Assistant Professor of Pathology, and **Page Pennell**, Assistant Professor of Neurology; along with Medical University of South Carolina and community-based clinicians. According to Dr. Stowe, the study will be the largest ever done "to determine what pattern of medical exposure may contribute to birth outcomes."

A team from the **Emory Center on Health Outcomes and Quality** and the **Center for Public Health Preparedness and Research**, in the Rollins School of Public Health, will study the effects of stress-related or aggravated diseases on health care costs. The university's Center on Health Outcomes and Quality received \$270,000 from the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to study the effects of the Sept. 11 terrorism and also the subsequent anthrax attacks on the healthcare system. The findings will be used to help the health care community anticipate and better prepare for the impact of possible future terrorist acts.

University scientists, **Richard Compans**, chair of the Department of Microbiology, and **Chinglai Yang**, Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, received \$450,000 from the National Institutes of Health Rapid Response Grants program for bioterrorism-related research. Compans and Yang will work toward developing vaccines for the hemorrhagic fever caused by the lethal Ebola and Lassa viruses. Scientists at Emory's School of Medicine and at the NIH categorize the viruses as having the potential to become biological weapons. Both viruses are on the CDC's list of agents that pose a threat to national security. Scientists' interest in vaccines for the viruses has grown since Sept. 11.

Emory University's Center For AIDS Research received more than \$7.3 million for AIDS research. The five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health will help AIDS research efforts at Emory College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and four teaching and research institutions at Emory's Woodruff Health Sciences Center. CFAR's major areas of research are in the pathogenesis of AIDS, prevention science, development of vaccines, and clinical science.

David Lynn, Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Chemistry and Biology, received a \$1 million grant for science education from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. One of 20 new HHMI professors, Lynn plans to establish an undergraduate training program for scientific research. Graduate students will serve as peer role models for undergraduates to foster awareness of the career opportunities in science and the diverse aspects of scientific research. Lynn's principal, long-range goal is to build a collaborative science curriculum, which integrates faculty research into education and links content, theory and practice across disciplines. The grant money, disbursed over four years, also will be used to support and expand ongoing HHMI-sponsored programs.

Emory's Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Religion attracted \$3.2 million from The Pew Charitable Trusts. With major research efforts such as those of the CISR, interdisciplinary scholarship at Emory in the humanities and social sciences is growing. Currently, the CISR is working on a two-year research project, "Sex, Marriage and Family and the Religions of the Book," which will culminate with an international conference on the topic in March 2003. The CISR continues to bring together and broaden the insights of scholars.

Emory's Center for Myth and Ritual in American Life, which draws faculty from the humanities and social sciences, continues to oversee a collection of research projects. A recent project underway is African-American Family Narratives, Ritual Performance and Experiences of Place; another in progress is the Narrative Creation of Family Culture and History: Family Story-telling. Initiated in 2000 with a \$3 million grant from the Sloan Foundation, MARIAL researchers use diverse approaches and both quantitative and qualitative methods to bridge the traditional divide between disciplines.

The Office of University Community Partnerships announced a new program, the **Kenneth Cole Fellowship in Community Building and Social Change**. The purpose of the 12-month program, funded by a gift from the Kenneth Cole Foundation, is to provide education, experience, and training to a diverse group of Emory undergraduates. Through academic classes, site visits, field experience, and small group meetings, the program's goal is to foster new leaders who will "revitalize" their communities and work to promote and enact social change.

New Resources

Emory University received a donation of a portion of the Hatch/Billops Collection that will expand teaching and research opportunities in 20th-century African-American studies. The research materials, which include oral history tapes, scripts of unpublished plays, posters, photographs, and numerous books, will enhance the growing reputation of Emory's Special Collections. The archive will attract students and scholars country-wide.

The **Carlos Museum** added another permanent exhibit, "Art and the Ancient Americas," to its almost 16,000 works of art. Due to its success, the Carlos is a member of the American Association of Museums. The growth of the Carlos has matched the growth of Emory as a leading teaching and research institution. A \$475,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation will allow the museum to continue to integrate its programs into the university's. The museum plans to raise an additional \$375,000 to support student internships, interdisciplinary symposia, and an education program for visiting conservators.

Emory's new \$40 million **Math and Science Center**, which opened in October, is one of 26 buildings in the nation that qualifies for the U.S. Green Building Council's "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" certification. LEED certification requires the environmentally friendly design and construction of buildings. Locating the math and science departments together for the first time will benefit faculty and help

promote the departments' collaborative work, allowing new academic partnerships to develop. Students also will benefit from the center's enhanced laboratories and classrooms, which allow professors to increase interactive learning.

Equipped with state-of-the art computers, newly renovated **Cox Hall Computer Center** opened in November. The high-tech center will benefit Emory's students as well as enhance academic programs with its smart classrooms and lab space. The design of many workstations, which allows users to work in groups, will encourage collaborative learning. The center's continuing ties to the Emory College Language Center and the Emory Center for Interactive Teaching programs will strengthen with ECLC and ECIT's use of the smart classroom technology.

Gregg Orloff, senior lecturer in biology, influenced the creation of **CancerQuest**, a new website designed to help cancer patients, their families, and also students learn practical and scientific information about the biology of cancer. CancerQuest, developed to educate users about the effects of various treatments, does not offer recommendations. The project received funding through a Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant.

Emory-affiliated **Grady Memorial Hospital** will open a \$28 million cancer center funded by the Georgia Cancer Coalition Center for Excellence. Leading the effort as medical director of the cancer center is **Otis Brawley**, M.D., Associate Director of Emory's Winship Cancer Institute. One of the country's preeminent leaders in cancer prevention and a scholar of health disparities research, Dr. Brawley plans to apply for \$8 million in additional federal grants to study racial disparities in cancer. One of the issues to be explored is why black women are less likely than white women to have the type of breast cancer that best responds to some therapies.

Research and Teaching Awards

Craig Hill, Goodrich C. White Professor of Chemistry, received the 2002 Southern Chemist Award of the American Chemical Society. The award recognizes Hill's work in cluster science and other areas of research, such as those which have applications in medicine and various technologies. Hill conducts research in inorganic systems in catalysis (a modification in the rate of a chemical reaction), materials science, and environmentally benign ("green") chemistry.

Lawrence P. Jackson Assistant Professor, and new member of Emory's English Department, received a National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Research Award, 2002, and a Howard University Academic Excellence Grant, 2001-2002. The *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* noted that Jackson is the first scholar to write a full-scale biography of Ralph Ellison. Jackson's *Ralph Ellison: The Emergence of Genius, 1913-1953* was published by John Wiley.

William Dillingham, Emeritus Professor of English, is the recipient of one of two Heilbrun Fellowships for a year of research. Dillingham is completing a book to be titled *Rudyard Kipling: Hell and Heroism*. The Heilbrun fellowships are part of an initiative

called Emeritus College that was formed in 2001 by faculty members who wish to maintain retired faculty's link to the university.

Angelika Bammer, Associate Professor, The Graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts, was awarded a Senior Fellowship at Emory's Center for Humanistic Inquiry. The Fellowship provides support for an academic year of research and scholarship. Bammer's project, *Memory Work*, is a book that explores how we both remember and commemorate our historical past.

Two new Emory University Goizueta Business School faculty members, **Klass Baks**, Assistant Professor of Finance, and **Narasimhan Jegadeesh**, Dean's Distinguished Visiting Professor of Finance, each won the annual Trefftz Award for the best student paper from the Western Finance Association. A recent PhD, Baks' interests include investment management, mutual funds, venture capital, and econometrics. Jegadeesh specializes in fixed income and empirical asset pricing. The prestigious award is presented by the association in honor of its first president, Kenneth L. Trefftz, professor of finance at the University of Southern California from 1941 to 1982.

Associate Professor of English **Sheila T. Cavanagh** was awarded the Masee-Martin/National Endowment for the Humanities Distinguished Teaching Chair for 2002-2006. Cavanagh will receive financial and administrative support for activities related to improving college teaching, such as providing teaching leadership, while also teaching a normal course load and an introductory-level class each year. Cavanagh will serve on the Advisory Committee to the Center for Teaching and Curriculum.

Scholarship

George J. Armelagos, Professor of Anthropology at Emory and pioneer in the field of paleopathology, is one of 50 scientists and scholars who contributed chapters to "an evolutionary history of disease," *The Backbone of History: Health and Nutrition in the Western Hemisphere*, published last August. In the comprehensive investigation of pre-Columbian health, the researchers conclude that the general health of Native Americans may have deteriorated centuries before Europeans came to the New World. Although their findings do not mitigate the responsibility of Europeans as agents of disease, the authors state that their research should correct a long-held misperception that the New World was nearly free of disease before 1492.

Alan Platt, physician assistant and program coordinator at the Grady Hospital-based Georgia Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center, is editor and coauthor with New York physician Alan Sacerdote of *Hope and Destiny: A Patient's and Parent's Guide to Sickle Cell Disease and Sickle Cell Trait*. Contributors to the book, released in October, include Emory physicians **James Eckman**, **Lewis Hsu**, and **Melanie Jacob**, who also work at the Sickle Cell Center. The authors hope to educate readers about the complex causes of sickle cell disease; current treatment options; genetic counseling; pain management; and new treatments and research, including ongoing work at Emory.

Ray Watts, M.D., Professor of Neurology at Emory University School of Medicine is lead investigator of an Emory study on Parkinson's disease whose results were published in the Oct. issue of the American Medical Association's *Archives of Neurology*. In the first study of its type, researchers at Emory and nine other centers nationwide determined that Coenzyme Q10 can slow the progressive deterioration in early Parkinson's disease.

In an article published in a Nov. issue of *Science*, journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Professors of Biostatistics **M. Elizabeth Halloran**, **Ira M. Longini**, **Azhar Nizam**, and **Yang Yang** of Emory's Rollins School of Public Health concluded that smallpox immunity could remain from childhood vaccinations received by those born before 1972 (57 percent of the U.S. population). Or, immunity could be newly created by giving vaccine to health care workers and other first responders who might come in contact with the first victims. The vaccine, which consists of a live virus, can cause serious side effects or result in life-threatening complications. Questions about the safety of the vaccine have created a national debate over when and if to make the vaccine available.

The *Los Angeles Times* reported that according to an Emory University study led by **Corey Lee Keyes**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, most baby-boomers are not aging well, and as a result the cost of their health care will increase. The co-authored study, in the Nov./Dec. issue of the *American Journal of Health Promotion*, found that only one in five adults has good, comprehensive mental and physical health; thus many have the potential to develop serious illnesses. The report's results point to the need for an approach to health care that focuses on health promotion and disease prevention rather than providing treatment once people are seriously ill.

Jonathan D. Glass, Professor of Neurology and Director of the Neuromuscular Program, is lead author of a study on disorders called peripheral neuropathies, which was presented at the American Neurological Association's 127th annual meeting in New York City. Researchers' surprising finding that damage to nerve fibers may be caused by damage to the far end of the nerve fiber, and not to the nerve cell body that nourishes it, has implications for treating patients. Dr. Glass noted, "We may need to direct delivery of neuroprotective agents to nerve terminals rather than to cell bodies."

U.S. News & World Report noted that according to **David Holtgrave**, as many as 1.6 million people in the United States have escaped HIV infection due to prevention efforts. Holtgrave, Professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education in Emory's Rollins School of Public Health and director of the university's Center for AIDS Research, conducts research on the cost-effectiveness of HIV primary prevention interventions. He published the results of his study as an introduction to United Nations World AIDS Day.

Noted scholar and author of several books on Russian literary theory, **Mikhail N. Epstein**, Emory University's Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Cultural Theory and Russian Literature, published his latest book in translation, *Cries in the New Wilderness: From the Files of the Moscow Institute of Atheism*. The book, a "mock classified

document” on emerging spiritual sects in the 1980s, satirizes the Soviet disavowal of religions. A review of Epstein’s work appeared in an article in a Nov. issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

In a new book, *The Rise of Southern Republicans*, **Merle Black**, Asa G. Candler Professor of Politics and Government, and coauthor Earle Black, trace the emergence of Republican strength in the once solidly Democratic South. Published by Harvard University Press, the book documents the transformation of Southern politics over the past 50 years. The *Economist* magazine chose the book as one of its “Books of the Year 2002.” Political scientist Merle Black’s comments on national politics, political parties and elections, and Southern politics and voting trends appear prominently in daily national and regional newspapers.

Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, Eleonore Raoul Professor of the Humanities, and **Mary E. Odem**, Associate Professor of History, in Emory University’s Department of History, won prizes for their books in the University of North Carolina Press *Gender and American Culture* series. Fox-Genovese, author of *Within the Plantation Household: Black and White Women of the Old South*, received the C. Hugh Holman award, Society for the Study of Southern Literature and the Julia Cherry Spruill Prize, the Southern Association for Women Historians. Odem was recipient of the President’s Book Award from the Social Science History Association for *Delinquent Daughters: Protecting and Policing Adolescent Female Sexuality in the United States, 1885-1920*.

Faculty in the Department of History recently contributed to a variety of publications. Professor **Jeffrey Lesser**, Director, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, published “Teaching Asian Experiences in Latin America and the Caribbean” in *Amerasia Journal* and also “Udihara e os projetos de etnicidade nipo-brasileira, 1936 - 2002” in Massaki Udihara, *Um medico brasileiro no front: Diário de Massaki Udihara na II Guerra Mundial* (São Paulo: Hacker Editores Narrativa Um; Imprensa Oficial do Estado; Museu Histórico da Imigração Japonesa no Brasil, 2002). **James V.H. Melton**, Professor and Chair, is editor of *Cultures of Communication from Reformation to Enlightenment: Constructing Publics in the Early Modern German Lands*. St. Andrews Studies in Reformation History, London: Ashgate. **Kenneth W. Stein**, William E. Schatten Professor of Contemporary Middle Eastern History and Israeli Studies, published “Israel Reconciling Disparities?” in *The Middle East in 2015: The Impact of Regional Trends on U.S. Strategic Planning*. **Sharon T. Strocchia**, Associate Professor, published “Naming a Nun: Spiritual Exemplars and Corporate Identity in Florentine Convents, 1450-1530” in *Society and Individual in Renaissance Florence*; and in *Sixteenth Century Journal*, “Sisters in Spirit: The Nuns of Sant Ambrogio and Their Consorority in Early Sixteenth-Century Florence.”

Bianca Premo, Assistant Professor in Emory’s Department of History and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, received the 2002 Lewis Hanke Prize for field research from the Conference on Latin American History.

Additionally, Premo published “Minor Offenses: Youth, Crime and Law in Eighteenth-Century Lima” in *Minor Omissions: Children in Latin American History*, University of Wisconsin Press.

Several English Department faculty members recently published essays and reviews, plays, short stories, and books. Professor **Mark Bauerlein**’s essays and reviews appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Partisan Review*, and *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Also, Bauerlein consulted on a PBS series on the history of Jim Crow. **Jim Grimsley**, Senior Writer in Residence, completed his play, “Fascination,” which will be produced in the spring of 2003; “Perfect Pilgrim,” Grimsley’s short story will be published in the Feb. 2003 issue of *Asimov’s Science Fiction*. Associate Professor **Barbara Ladd** published an essay, “‘Longing for the Future’ in Donald Harington’s *The Architecture of the Arkansas Ozarks*” in the fall 2002 issue of *The Southern Review*. **Michael A. Elliott**, Assistant Professor, published two books: one by the University of Minnesota Press, *The Culture Concept: Writing and Difference in Realist America*, and the other by New York University Press, his co-edited *American Literary Studies: A Methodological Reader*. Professor **Walter Kalaidjian** was commissioned as the editor of *The Cambridge Companion to American Modernism*. **Joseph Skibell**, Assistant Professor, expects the release of his new novel, *The English Disease*, in May by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill.

Recent achievements of faculty in the Graduate Institute for Liberal Arts include the following: **Amy Lang**, Associate Professor, has a new book, *The Syntax of Class: Writing and Inequality in Nineteenth-Century America*, which will be published by Princeton University Press in February. **Dana White**, Goodrich White Professor, published (with Senior Associate Dean Peter Dowell and Clyde Partin, Professor of Health, Physical Education and Dance) an article entitled “Take Me Out to the Baseball Museum” in *Atlanta History: A Journal of Georgia and the South*. **Allen Tullos**, Associate Professor, contributed a chapter, “What the Traffic Bares: Popular Music ‘Back in the USA’” to *A Companion to Post-1945 America*, published by Blackwell Publishing. Assistant Professor **Kimberly Wallace-Sanders**’ book *Skin Deep, Spirit Strong*, published by University of Michigan Press, was nominated for an NAACP Image Award for literature.

Leadership Appointments and Achievements

This fall, the following faculty were honored with Distinguished Chair appointments:

- **Thomas R. Insel**, M.D., was named to the William Patterson Timmie Chair in Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. In his work on the neural basis of social behavior, Dr. Insel has studied a range of mammalian species, from rodents to primates. Recipient of a major National Science Foundation grant, Dr. Insel is also author of numerous articles—most recently, “The Social Deficits of the Oxytocin Knockout Mouse.” Insel, who has been director of the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center, recently became director of the National Institute of Mental Health, where he previously has done behavioral and clinical neuroscience research.

• **Dalia Judovitz** was named as the National Endowment for the Humanities Professor of French and Italian. Professor Judovitz's research includes 17th-century French literature and philosophy. She is the author of several books including *Culture of the Body: Figure and Style in French Baroque and Classical Literature*.

• **Walter L. Reed** was named William Rand Kenan Jr. University Professor in Emory College. Reed also was named Director of the Graduate Institute for Liberal Arts. Among Professor Reed's publications are books on the Romantic hero in 19th-century fiction and also on the Bible as literature from a Bakhtinian perspective.

• **Jeff M. Sands, M.D.**, was named to the Juha P. Kokko Chair in Medicine. Dr. Sands' research is in nephrology. Currently, he conducts studies performed in rats treated to produce physiologic and pathophysiologic models of human conditions. Dr. Sands also is a member of a Program Project Grant, "Cellular and Molecular Biology of Renal Transport Processes."

• **Claire E. Sterk** was named Charles Howard Candler Chair of Public Health. Professor Sterk has achieved international recognition for her work on addiction and women's health; she also has been awarded several grants from the National Institutes of Health. Professor Sterk's publications include two books and over 50 articles in the main journals in her field.

Cathy Caruth, Professor and Director of Comparative Literature, was named a recipient of the Winship Distinguished Research Professor for 2002, for outstanding scholarly achievements. Caruth's areas of research include English and German Romanticism, trauma theory, and psychoanalytic theory. Her most recent book, *Unclaimed Experience: Trauma, Narrative and History*, published by the Johns Hopkins University Press, was translated into Japanese and published by Misuzu Shobo Press last spring.

Emory President William M. Chace named **Robert M. Franklin**, former president of Interdenominational Theological Center, as Presidential Distinguished Professor of Social Ethics at Emory's Candler School of Theology. Franklin has initiated and led projects concerned with education, public health and community development, race relations, and social justice. A senior fellow at Emory's Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Religion, Franklin is working on preparation of a study, "The Future of African-American Marriages and Families."

Joyce P. Murray, Professor of Nursing at Emory's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, joined The Carter Center as director of its Ethiopia Public Health Training Initiative, a teacher training program to help Ethiopia meet staffing needs for more than 500 community health centers nationwide.

Abdullahi An-Na'im, Emory Law School Professor and Fellow, Law and Religion Program, is now director of the school's Religion and Human Rights Project. The project, which received a grant of \$707,000 from the Ford Foundation, brings together Muslim scholars from around the world to develop human rights scholarship and advocacy strategies. An-Na'im considers the effort critical to the future of peaceful international

relations. Emory's Law and Religion Program, which encompasses this and other research projects, celebrated its 20th anniversary this fall.

Exhibitions and Symposia

The **Carlos Museum** was host to a special traveling exhibition, "Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur," organized by the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology and through The Pew Charitable Trusts. The exhibition examines the remarkable technological achievement of Near Eastern archaeology, the excavation of the site of Ur, a third-millennium Sumerian city in Mesopotamia. The Royal Tombs, a group of burials, was the expedition's most spectacular discovery: the graves contained finely crafted gold jewelry, stone and metal vessels and weapons, and also remains of musical instruments. The exhibit, on display since October, ended in January.

Through a collaborative partnership, **Emory University** and the **Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site** presented "Without Sanctuary: Lynching Photography in America," an exhibition on the history of lynching throughout the United States from the 1870s to 1960s. The collection of postcards and photographs, owned by Atlanta collectors James Allen and John Littlefield, was on long-term loan at Emory and displayed at the MLK site from May to January 2003. Curator of the exhibition was Joseph F. Jordan, former director of Atlanta's Auburn Avenue Research Library. It was the first public showing of the material in the South.

The photography exhibit, "Hope for Humanity: The Quest For An AIDS Vaccine," organized by the **Hope Clinic of the Emory Vaccine Research Center** in collaboration with **Humanitarian Endeavors** and the **Fernbank Science Center**, has won an outstanding exhibit award from the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries. The exhibit features educational science displays about vaccines and also the work of photojournalist Andrew Petkun, whose organization, Humanitarian Endeavors, strives to increase awareness and support to combat HIV/AIDS. The exhibit, which opened in November, will run through February 2003.

The **Center for the Study of Health, Culture, and Society** and the **Department of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Immunology at Emory's School of Medicine** cosponsored a symposium to present research on the diagnosis and treatment of Kawasaki Disease, an early childhood rash/fever illness. Without timely or appropriate treatment, KD can result in fatal coronary artery aneurysms. **Howard Kushner**, Professor in the Graduate Institute for Liberal Arts and in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education, Rollins School of Public Health, organized the meeting. The results of the symposium will appear in an article in *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine* in spring 2003.

Oxford College hosted a conference, "Cross-Disciplinary Inquiries into the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning," attended by Carnegie scholars from across the country and also faculty from Oxford. Two of the organizers, **Patricia Owen-Smith**, Professor of

Women's Studies, and **Sharon Lewis**, Professor of Psychology, emphasized the uniqueness of the conference's focus on the role that teaching plays on college campuses. The conference about the scholarship of teaching was the first of its kind to take place at Oxford.

Community Service and Awareness

As sponsors of **Volunteer Emory's Hunger and Homelessness Week**, Emory faculty, staff, and students participated in aiding Atlanta's homeless in November. This kind of event not only raises awareness of the victims of worldwide hunger and homelessness, but also educates the Emory community on issues and problems of hunger and homelessness in the Atlanta area. This year, VE teamed with the Task Force for the Homeless, an Atlanta support and advocacy group.

Over 2,000 **Emory Healthcare employees** from all departments raised money for the American Heart Association by participating in the association's Heart Walk in November. Emory is known worldwide as a leader in researching and treating cardiovascular disease.

Comings and Goings

Bonnie Anne Speed, former director of the Trammell & Margaret Crow Collection of Asian Art in Dallas, has joined Emory as director of the Carlos Museum. Speed, who is an experienced curator, organized exhibitions of Japanese and Chinese art for the Crow Collection. She successfully established a membership program of core supporters and also attracted new audiences to the museum. Another one of Speed's talents, forming alliances through educational outreach, will help build collaborations at Emory and in Atlanta.

Poet **Yusef Komunyakaa** has accepted an offer to join the creative writing faculty in Emory's Department of English. Komunyakaa received the 1994 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry for his collection *Neon Vernacular: New and Selected Poems*. He will be the Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Poetry. Joining the English Department as the Longstreet Professor of English and African-American Studies is African-American literature scholar **Michael Awkward**. Awkward, who specializes in contemporary African-American literary, cultural and gender studies, is author of several books, including *Negotiating Difference: Race, Gender, and the Politics of Positionality* and *Inspiring Influences: Tradition, Revision, and Afro-American Women's Novels*. Also joining the department is **Reetika Vazirani**, author of two books which won the Barnard New Women Poets Prize. She received other awards for her poetry, as well as fellowships from the Bread Loaf and Sewanee writers' conferences and the Glenna Luschei/Prairie Schooner Award. These newest appointments are among several that have established Emory as a leading institution for scholarship in African-American literature.

Benjamin Druss, former professor at Yale's Department of Psychiatry and Public Health, has joined Emory's School of Public Health in the Department of Health Policy

and Management. Dr. Druss is the first Rosalyn Carter Chair in Mental Health. The endowed chair, the first joint appointment between the Rollins School of Public Health and the Carter Center, is also the first endowed chair in mental health at any public health school in the United States. Druss was leader of a recent study on healthcare delivery which found an increasing trend among people who seek medical care from non-physician providers. Since these patients also receive treatment from medical doctors, non-physician clinicians and doctors are forming multidiscipline teams. The trend reflects both coordinated care and the risk of fragmented care if communication is missing between physician, non-physician, and patient.

University President **William M. Chace** announced his intention to retire at the end of the academic year and return to teaching following a year's sabbatical. Emory has benefited from Chace's numerous achievements during his 15 years of leadership. Among them, a dramatic increase in sponsored research, from \$118 to \$277 million; admission of the university to the Association of American Universities; a \$1 billion construction initiative, the award-winning environmentally conscious campus master plan; creation of Emory's Briarcliff campus and a biotechnology development center in collaboration with Georgia Tech; expansion of partnerships with the Georgia Research Alliance and Georgia Cancer Coalition; and an increased international recognition.

Director of University Libraries **Joan Gotwals** plans to retire at the end of the academic year. Gotwals was instrumental in expanding the libraries and increasing their visibility nationally. During Gotwals' 14-year tenure, Emory Libraries' holdings rose to 2.7 million volumes, which includes additions to Emory's Special Collections in the areas of modern English language and literature and African-American collections.

John L. Temple, Emory's executive vice president and chief operating officer, announced his retirement as COO. During his 20 years of service, Temple has managed the university's investments and seen its endowment grow from \$250 million to \$4.5 billion. In addition to overseeing fiscal operations, Temple oversaw several campus transportation improvements and also managed the construction of facilities on campus, supervising the construction of at least 20 buildings. Temple plans to leave Emory at the end of this calendar year.