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## From the Director's Desk

*Gene Bianchi*



We are starting on a year of special transition for our Emeritus College. We have just created a Committee for the Future. This group will focus especially on ideas for enhancing the EC's contributions to Emory and to our emeriti as we look ahead. We will also be searching for a new director within the next year.

The Committee for the Future will build on what we have been doing since 2001, but it will mainly explore new possibilities. In this process, we will be working closely with Senior Associate Provost, **Claire Sterk**. We will be reviewing our mission statement in light of the University's strategic plans as developed over the last few years. Our questions will be not only about what we are, but also about

what we might become. The Committee will also survey our membership for new ideas.

A number of new initiatives have already surfaced for discussion. We may want to revisit the potential contribution of emeriti in mentoring undergraduate students. The College will also be developing pre-college short courses for high school seniors. Emeriti might well become involved in such programs. The University is examining an expanded continuing education division where emeriti could be engaged. Emeriti will also be asked to participate in new admissions programs to Emory, helping prospective students and families get better information on our school.

Another venture that I'd like to start soon is a writers' group in the Emeritus College. We may want to divide the focus between creative writing and more academic prose. We have resources to call on in

Emory's Creative Writing program and also in personnel here who aid writers in more academic fields. To encourage writing and publication among emeriti, we now have a display case at our Briarcliff offices for such books, articles and other writings.

In the realm of art and imagination, I want to point out the new Emory mural along the retaining wall under the track on Dickey Drive. The Emeritus College was involved in this project from its beginnings two years ago. It turned out to be an excellent example of collaboration on the part of administrators, students, alumni, faculty and staff persons. In a small way, it was the multiversity coming together as a university. The polyvalent symbols point to many aspects of Emory from its past (Dooley) to the helix and the world itself. Have a look; connect the symbols.

*-Gene*



*"The Spirit of Emory" Mural*

## Reception Honors Distinguished Emeriti *Charity Crabtree*



*Gavin Averil*

**L to R: Honorees John Rozier, Richard Ward, Emilia Navarro, and Robert Kibler.**

*"We congratulate the honorees and celebrate their many years of dedication and service to Emory and the community."*

Each Spring, the EC honors three or four of our emeriti, chosen by a nominating committee composed of fellow emeritus professors, for their outstanding contributions to their fields, to the university,

and to the wider community. On Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, over 100 Emeritus faculty, friends and family gathered in Cox Hall to pay tribute to the achievements of this year's Distinguished Emeriti: **Robert F. Kibler**, **Emilia Navarro**, **John W. Rozier**, and **Richard S. Ward**. At the reception, each recipient was honored by the reading and presentation of a citation, written by a personal friend and/or colleague.

Robert F. Kibler, MD, Professor Emeritus of Neurology, was honored for his distinction in the practice and scientific advancement of medicine, as well as for his involvement in the community as an environmental activist. Emory has benefited from his work in establishing neurology as an independent department, and his innovative teaching at Emory has been acknowledged by students and faculty alike. His devotion to learning has led him to audit a variety of classes since retirement. He has served in both membership and leadership roles in a variety of environmental groups, such as the President's Council of the Wilderness Society. His

citation was written by **Mario DiGirolamo**, Emeritus Professor of Medicine, and **Herb Karp**, Emeritus Professor of Neurology. Dr. DiGirolamo presented the award.

Emilia Navarro, Ph.D., Professor Emerita of Spanish, was cited for her excellence in scholarship, teaching, administration, and leadership. Her contributions to Emory have been widespread, as a groundbreaking and effective leader in her positions as chair of Spanish, Hispanic and Latin American Studies, Romance Languages, Modern Languages, and Women's Studies. In addition, she served on many departmental, College, and university committees, consistently an advocate for issues of concern to women and other under-represented minority groups. She has often been recognized for her dedication to teaching and influential scholarship. Her citation was written and presented by **Martine Brownley**, Goodrich C. White Professor of English and Director of the Bill and Carol Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry.

John W. Rozier, M.A., Emeritus Director of Information Services, was acknowledged for his service to Emory and to the community through historical research. After graduating from Emory, he and his wife, Dorothy, published newspapers in Wrightsville, Georgia and Richmond, Virginia before returning to Emory. Here, he served as Director of Information Services for twenty years, and

in this role he was influential in portraying a positive image of Emory in the media. In 1978 he was awarded a prestigious grant for research on political developments in Hancock County, Georgia, his family home since the 18<sup>th</sup> century and the first black-controlled county in the United States. Subsequently, he wrote two books on the subject, winning awards for both books. His citation was written and presented by **Mary Cobb Callahan**, Director of the Emory Academy for Retired Professionals.

Richard S. Ward, MD, Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry, was recognized for his contributions to the field of psychiatry and to the university through his excellent teaching. After attaining psychoanalytic training at Columbia University in New York City, he came to Emory in 1960, and was instrumental in the development of an accredited child psychiatry program, and in laying the groundwork for the Emory Psychoanalytic Institute. His teaching inspired many students to become leaders in their field, and the breadth of his interests and knowledge has inspired both students and colleagues to broaden their own horizons. Dr. Ward's citation was written and presented by his colleague, **Dr. Sammie Brown**, a private practitioner at the Emory Psychoanalytic Institute.

We congratulate all honorees and celebrate their many years of dedication and service to Emory and the community.

## Thinking About Transitions

*Dana Greene*

Lives matter: yours, mine and ours. That was the subtext of the recent "Transitions Symposium: Revitalizing Later Life" held one Saturday in April in the handsome Miller-Ward House. About seventy people—faculty, staff, emeriti, alumni—gathered for the morning brought together by Emeritus College, the Center for Women, and the Emory Alumni Association. The intent was to provide a forum to discuss the often neglected aspects of later life, namely issues of social, psychological and spiritual well-being. The idea for the symposium grew organically from the ongoing women's and men's conversation groups sponsored by the Center for Women and Emeritus College, respectively.

**Gene Bianchi**, Director of Emeritus College, began with an overview entitled "Body, Mind and Spirit" and panelists, **Eve Byrd**, Associate Director, Fuqua Center for Late Life Depression, **Pat Douglass**, former assistant

VP, HR, **Dana Greene**, Dean emerita, Oxford College, and **Corey Keyes**, Professor of Sociology, spoke about issues of flourishing in late life, self identity, peer support, and meaning and purpose. Their statistical and anecdotal contributions stimulated participants to think both personally and collectively about the opportunities and challenges of this stage of life. What became evident is that individual decisions would have collective consequences. As a demographic cohort there have never been so many who are so healthy, so wealthy, so well-educated. The question is: will we be wise? And how do we do this, given that we have neither the language nor the conceptual framework to think imaginatively about what this extraordinary development of extended life-span might mean for the human species?

Table conversations were personal, forth-right and wide-ranging, and took on the com-

plexity and the opportunities of this yet unexplored stage of human development. Participants sensed both the gravity and the levity of this exploration, and resonated with Pat Douglass' quip—"later life is not for sissies." Conversation facilitators – **Julianne Daffin**, **Roland Ingram**, **Helen O'Shea**, **Phyllis Rosen**, **Ted Runyon**, **Don Saliers**, and **Richard Ward**—did not have to prod conversation among attendees; that was animated, engaged and engaging. There was genuine appreciation for the opportunity for those entering later life and those well-immersed in it to talk together about the issues which too often get short-shrift. The conversations go on, and the hope is that more people will join in further iterations of this topic of revitalizing later life.



*Dana Cassell/Emeritus College*

**Above: Participants in a table conversation**

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## Emeritus Professors As Visiting Faculty in Addis Ababa

*Mike Lane*

As part of Emory's new *Institute for Developing Nations*, the University has entered into an agreement with Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. Part of this agreement is an effort to assist AAU with visiting faculty, many of whom will be emeritus, and therefore able to spend a month or so at AAU. **Dr. Suzanne Gebhart** and her husband are currently there as the pioneers, and **Dr. and Ms. Roland Ingram** and **Drs. Marianne and Bob DeHaan** will be there for a month in the fall. The initial interest from AAU centers on medicine, nursing, and the basic sciences, but we hope that opportunities will also become available in the humanities, as well. Emory will pay for round trip business

class airfare for the emeritus professor and his/her spouse. There are apartments in a new building available, and a modest but apparently adequate stipend is being provided by AAU. The Director of the Institute for Developing Nations, **Dr. Sita Ranchod-Nilsson** has developed communications with AAU, and **Dr. Mike Lane**, EC member, can assist with information. We hope that Dr. Gebhart will be able to give a seminar about her experiences a few weeks after her return; preliminary communications are that the teaching is going very well.

The emeriti are sending teaching materials over, or taking them as baggage. We understand that library resources are limited,

and computer access in the classroom is not optimal. Each Emory faculty has been invited by a specific AAU faculty member, who thus becomes the focus of e-mails regarding the teaching needs, and the material(s) needed.

Weather in Addis Ababa is pleasant, being quite elevated, and the city is free of malaria. Medical resources are limited, but Dr. Ranchod-Nilsson has identified the spouse of a Carter Center staffer living in Addis who has found a medical clinic used by expatriates for routine medical care. Emory has also agreed to provide insurance to cover the costs of medical evacuation in the event it should



*BBC Photo*

**Above: Gates of Addis Ababa University**

become necessary.

We hope that this initial effort will expand, and that many emeriti will take advantage of the opportunity to develop Emory's effort in the Third World. For more information, contact Dr. Sita Ranchod-Nilsson ([SRANCHO@emory.edu](mailto:SRANCHO@emory.edu)) or Dr. Mike Lane ([mikelane869@yahoo.com](mailto:mikelane869@yahoo.com)).

## Orange Gallery Exhibit Both Small and Diverse

Rhonda Dubin



John Bonner with his photos.

Our most recent exhibit in the Orange Gallery was entitled "Photos and Fabrics, Etc." The opening was held on Wednesday, January 24 with thirty five to forty guests and featured the *photos* of **John Bonner**, Anesthesiology, and the *fabrics* of **Connie Conrad**, Public Health. Although the contrast in mediums was poles apart, the talent of these two artists was equally inspiring. We asked John and Connie to say a few words about their experience with this exhibit:

"The opportunity to exhibit some of my art work at the Orange Gallery was much appreciated. Having friends and faculty "family" see and comment on the art gave me a fresh look at it, opening up new insights about some of the work being so precise and controlled, and other pieces being so free and intuit-

ive. Fabric finds its way into most pieces, whether they are more tradition-based, or more contemporary where one "lets the self out to play". "*Deer Bed at Dawn*", a small wall hanging in the show, has been accepted in the category of "Joy" by the Sacred Threads show, a national juried exhibit, which will be held in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, June 16-30, 2007. If you are an artist, I hope you, too, will gain the benefits and pleasures of showing your work at the Orange Gallery. A round of applause for all of the helpful staff there!" *Connie Conrad*

"Much of what I see is in my photographs. The images can represent intimacy, admiration, curiosity, barriers and secrets, and their meaning can change over the years. I thank the

Orange Gallery for this opportunity to assemble the show and to share it with others." *John T. Bonner*

Our next show will be in the fall. If you have artistic talent and would like to exhibit your work, please send digital images to Rhonda Dubin at [rdubin2@emory.edu](mailto:rdubin2@emory.edu) for consideration.



Connie Conrad and "Santa Gertrudis"

## Men's Stories

Rick Ward, with Charity Crabtree

Our fourth well-attended Men's Stories meeting was held at Miller-Ward House on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The discussion among those gathered focused on problems in health care for the elderly, fragmented health care, the paucity of doctors trained in geriatrics, the importance of clearly formulated advance directives, follow through on these directives, and the importance of the persistence of family members in this process.

In addition to medical aspects, the group responded to the request for evaluation of sessions to date and suggestions for next year. One suggestion was to choose an area for discussion (at least for the start of each session), and for

someone to identify a couple of articles on that subject that could be circulated by PDF ahead of time, which might constitute a rough agenda each time. Attendees in general did not seem to support the suggestion to follow the model of the women's group, which has made much use of vignettes of life contributed by the participants.

One topic suggestion for the October 2007 meeting was "the concept or definition of a just war". The question of this topic aroused heated discussion; many felt that war was the most critical issue facing all of us right now. Events between now and October might make the topic timely or otherwise; the final deci-

sion will be made in September.

The group agreed to continue meeting on Tuesdays, but to begin meeting on the 1st Tuesday of each scheduled month. Attendees agreed this would provide the least conflict with other known regular meetings. Because of traffic concerns, the decision was made to start the meetings at 4:30 pm.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Roland Ingram at [rmingram@bellsouth.net](mailto:rmingram@bellsouth.net) or Dr. Richard Ward at [rsward@emory.edu](mailto:rsward@emory.edu) if you would like more information about this program.

Be sure to watch for an announcement of the next meeting!

Come participate in the conversation—

Watch for an announcement of the next meeting of Men's Stories!

# Frans De Waal Sides With Darwin in Annual Sheth Lecture

*Dana Cassell, with additional reporting by Emily Rios*

"Darwin was right," so said **Frans de Waal**, PhD, during his Morality & Primate Social Behavior presentation to a capacity-filled room at the recent 2007 Sheth Distinguished Lecture. The Emory Emeritus College sponsors the Sheth lecture each spring. The program is funded by a generous gift from Professor **Jagdish Sheth** of the Goizueta Business School and his wife, **Madhu**. Previous speakers have included **James T. Laney**, former Emory president, **William Foege**, MD, MPH, presidential distinguished professor in the Rollins School of Public Health, and **President Jimmy Carter**.

Dr. de Waal, director of the Living Links Center at the Yerkes National Primate Research Center and a C.H. Candler Professor of Psychology at Emory, agreed with Darwin's emphasis on continuity with animals even in the moral domain: "Any animal whatever, endowed with well-marked social instincts ... would inevitably acquire a moral sense or conscience, as soon as its intellectual powers had become as well developed, or nearly as well developed, as in man."

Siding with Darwin, de Waal discussed this theory in his presentation just as he does in his latest book, *Primates and Philosophers: How Morality Evolved*, Princeton University Press, which provided the base for his lecture. He shared his belief that human morality grows from our genes and the traits that define morality – empathy, reciprocity, reconciliation and consolation – can be seen in many animals, most particularly in primates.

Beginning with empathy, the ability to identify with and understand another's feelings or difficulties, de Waal explained how care for others most likely originates with parental care; mothers must be in tune with the needs of their babies to ensure



*Bryan Meltz/Emory Report*

survival. But, this trait extends beyond mother-child relationships.

Dr. de Waal said empathy is an automatic response seen in human infants, dogs and apes. "It's immediate, too fast to be under voluntary control. Seeing someone else in pain activates the same brain areas as if you were actually feeling pain yourself," he continued. Beyond empathy alone, great apes, for example, participate in a behavior called targeted helping, basing their reactions on insight and perspective of another's situation.

Citing an example of a female bonobo who attempted to help a small bird, Dr. de Waal explained, "Kuni picked up the starling with one hand and climbed to the highest point of the highest tree where she wrapped her legs around the trunk so that she had both hands free to hold the bird. She then carefully unfolded its wings and spread them wide open, one wing in each hand ... Having seen birds in flight many times, she seemed to have a notion of what would be good for a bird."

Being in tune with others shows an understanding of the need for cooperation and reciprocity, an understanding that is critical for survival. Based on his extensive work with chimpanzees and capuchin monkeys, de Waal explained how these two species are among a select group of primates that share food. Both chimps and capuchins will work with other members of their groups to reach a common

goal, even if there is no immediate reward.

Also important for animal as well as human survival according to de Waal are reconciliation and consolation activities. de Waal shared his observational experiences with chimpanzees, stating that in order for them to preserve important relationships, they engage in friendly reunions after a conflict, similar to the way a married couple or good friends might reconcile after a conflict. Consolation, which de Waal defined as friendly contact and reassurance by an uninvolved third party after a conflict, is a behavior seen only in great apes and humans.

Dr. de Waal concluded his presentation by restating his belief Darwin was right that social animals inevitably would acquire a moral sense or conscience. Human morality, de Waal said, is a deep-seated, natural trait grown from the social nature natural selection has produced.

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*Frans de Waal*

## In Memory

The Emeritus College would like to acknowledge and commemorate the following emeriti who have passed on in the last two years.

Their achievements at Emory were noteworthy and they are truly missed:

*Loui G. Bayne*, Orthopedics  
*Herbert W. Birch*, Gynecology  
*Woodfin B. Cobbs, Jr.*, Medicine  
*William D. Ferguson*, Law  
*Ben Johnson, Jr.*, Law  
*R. Bruce Logue*, Medicine  
*Joseph H. Patterson*, Pediatrics  
*Albert P. Rauber*, Pediatrics  
*Roger T. Sherman*, Surgery  
*J. Harvey Young*, History

If you know of others not mentioned above, please contact us, as we would like to recognize them as well.



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## Upcoming Events

*Join us for breakfast or lunch this summer!!*

Our monthly breakfast and lunch meetings in the Oxford Room continue to be popular. In order to accommodate those of you who have had a conflict with the Tuesday breakfasts and the 10 o'clock classes at Life Long Learning Center, we have changed the time to **8:15-9:45 a.m.** so you can travel over to the Briarcliff Campus. As always, lunch is from 11:30-1:00. Upcoming talks include:

- **June 12<sup>th</sup> Breakfast:** Matthew Bernstein, Assoc. Professor, Film Studies - "Segregated Cinema in Atlanta"
- **June 20<sup>th</sup> Lunch:** Bill Emerson - last Editor in Chief of the Saturday Evening Post - "My Turbulent and Outrageous Life in Magazine Journalism"
- **July 10<sup>th</sup> Breakfast:** Ciannat Howett - "Emory's Sustainability Initiative"
- **July 18<sup>th</sup> Lunch:** Stephanie Solomon, Philosophy - "The Economics of Healthcare"
- **August 14<sup>th</sup> Breakfast:** Timothy J. Dowd, Assoc. Prof., Sociology - "What's Sociological about Music?"

If you would like to be a presenter at one of these meetings please contact **Ron Johnson** (breakfast) at [ronald.johnson@emory.edu](mailto:ronald.johnson@emory.edu) or **Betty Connell** (lunch) at [betcon6166@yahoo.com](mailto:betcon6166@yahoo.com).

**New Time  
for Breakfasts!**

## Julianne Daffin Honored As Unsung Heroine by Center for Women at Emory

Dr. Julianne Daffin, former Associate Vice President of Campus Life, was selected as one of the Center for Women at Emory's Unsung Heroines for 2007. These awards are intended to honor women who have shown extraordinary dedication to issues affecting women at Emory and in the larger community, but whose efforts heretofore have not received accolades or formal recognition. Dr. Daffin was honored along with six other women at an Award Dinner in the Miller-Ward Alumni House February 15th of this year.

*Congratulations Dr. Daffin!*