Help the Carlos Museum tell the stories of civilization

WITH HUNDREDS OF AREAS TO DIRECT YOUR GIVING through MyEmory, deciding what at Emory to support can be a difficult choice. For Emmanuel Lartey, L. Bevel Jones III Professor of Pastoral Theology, Care, and Counseling at Candler School of Theology, contributing to the Michael C. Carlos Museum through a membership made perfect sense.

“The series of special exhibitions and events hosted at the museum, in addition to its permanent collections, is a major attraction,” Lartey says, highlighting African Cosmos: Stellar Arts (on view through June 21) as an example of the extraordinary museum offerings. “Being able to play a more active role in bringing these exhibitions to the Carlos is quite rewarding.”

Membership support helps the Carlos Museum offer innovative learning opportunities, expand and preserve its premier collections, and develop world-class exhibitions. In return, members receive generous benefits and unique opportunities to experience treasures left by history’s artists, scribes, and storytellers.

“The Carlos Museum is our gateway to ancient worlds and wonders,” says Sherry Ebrahimi 97C, director of the Office of University Conferences.

Whether taking an afternoon break to walk through an exhibition, bringing her son to one of the museum’s camps, or attending a special members-only event with her family, Ebrahimi enjoys the many benefits of museum membership.

“We were delighted to spend time with one of our favorite Atlanta bartenders at Mummies and Mixers, and my son was thrilled more than anyone can imagine when he was able to sit in the members-only seating for the lecture by Rick Riordan [author of the Percy Jackson & the Olympians series],” she says.

Lartey, whose area of focus is intercultural studies, often relies on the Carlos Museum as a teaching tool.

“If I’m teaching a course on healing, we can cross the Quad, and masks and other ritual artifacts are right there in front of my students’ eyes,” he says, adding that the museum is a terrific resource for high school students as well. “It’s a win-win kind of thing.”

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Retired law professor issues a $1 million challenge

**Emory Law Professor William J. Carney** and his wife, Jane, have created a challenge grant of $1 million to benefit the law school’s Center for Transactional Law and Practice. The Carneys’ gift will allow the center to hire an assistant director and to enhance both its experiential programs and academic offerings.

When the law school has raised $1 million in matching funds from other faculty and staff, alumni, and friends, it will establish the William and Jane Carney Chair of Transactional Law and Practice, to be held by the center’s executive director.

The study of transactional law prepares students to be financially literate and gives them a strong foundation in business law doctrine, practice contract drafting, and other business deal skills. Carney, the Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law Emeritus, led the committee that developed the center and hired its first director. It has grown dramatically since its founding in 2007. More than 200 second- and third-year students are currently enrolled in its certificate program, now under the leadership of Executive Director and Professor Sue Payne.

“It’s a difficult legal market, and students are graduating with significant debt. Graduates need practical knowledge, and the center gives young transactional lawyers a realistic understanding of what they need to do on day one.”

—WILLIAM J. CARNEY

“Candler’s master of divinity program trained me for my profession. But the real gift came from the way faculty, staff, and other students helped me further clarify my vocation—working with college students. Now the doctor of ministry program is teaching me how to help our students know themselves and the community in even deeper ways. Because of this investment in me, I want to invest in students through MyEmory.”

—Lyn Pace 02T 17T

College Chaplain
Oxford College of Emory University
Gives to Erskine Smith Moseley Scholarship at Candler School of Theology and Martin Luther King Scholarship at Oxford College

“One of my favorite quotes is from Theodore Roosevelt: ‘Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.’ The opportunity to give back, whether in time or money, is important to me. My gift, combined with the gifts of others, makes a big difference and can change the environment around us. Scholarships, equipment, educational materials, or a helping hand makes a difference individually and collectively. I encourage everyone to do what they can with what they have. Together we really can make a difference!”

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““The museum provides historical and archaeological study aids for classes, and we can help add to what is available by being actively engaged and involved.”

The benefits of membership include complimentary use of audio guides, free or discounted admission to museum-sponsored lectures, films, and workshops, and a discount at the Museum Bookshop. “The shop is one of my favorite places in Atlanta to purchase gifts, and I enjoy the members-only discount,” Ebrahimí says.

“Memberships are so reasonably priced; there is no reason not to join,” she says. “The Carlos is something every Emory employee should feel proud of. I certainly feel a sense of pride when I show it off to friends and family.”

Lartey agrees. “The Carlos transports us into different times and cultures. Yes, this experience enhances the life of the mind. More important, it enhances the way we see and relate to other people, no matter the differences in our cultural backgrounds.”

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Jennifer Crabb Kyles has a giving strategy for sharing the Oxford experience

As a student, Jennifer Crabb Kyles 98OX 00C loved Emory University so much she decided to make it her career. After graduation she took a job registering alumni for events, and she has worked at the Emory Alumni Association (EAA) ever since. Today she is the EAA’s senior director of operations.

“Being able to contribute to my alma mater using payroll deduction through MyEmory makes giving simple,” says Kyles, who contributes to the Oxford College Science Building Fund. At a recent alumni board meeting, she learned that it also was possible to make a significant gift to Oxford by using an asset she already had: her life insurance policy. She structured the gift so the policy will provide for her husband and four children, and then a percentage will go to Oxford College. She decided to make the gift unrestricted rather than earmark it for a specific purpose.

“I want the dean to be able to use the funds for whatever the need is at the time. I believe in the leadership of Oxford College, and I know that they will do what’s best for the school,” she explains. “For me, this gift is about giving others the opportunity to have the experiences I did at Oxford College.”

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