



## **Confronting the Human Condition and Experience**

### *Accomplishments: September 2008 to August 2009*

- Religions and the Human Spirit completed a national search, hiring Dr. Ellen Idler as the Director of the Religion and Public Health Collaborative; established a PhD concentration in Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding; supported 12 scholars in the field of religion and sexuality; received funding for compassion meditation research; developed a neuroscience curriculum for Tibetan monks; developed protocol and lead meditation classes for Emory University School of Medicine study through the Emory Tibet Partnership/Emory Tibet Science Initiative; sponsored “The Gita Translated” event featuring renowned Kuchipudi dancer, Sasikala Penumarthy; and presented “Giving Voice” music performance featuring eight time Grammy nominee, Kirk Whalum
- Race and Difference hired post-doctoral fellow Esther Jones. Partnered with numerous Emory departments and programs for a multi-institution initiative focused on Motherhood at the Intersection of Race and Class, sponsored by Clark Atlanta University, Emory, Morehouse College, and Georgia Institute of Technology. This initiative culminated in a public address offered by Professor Angela Davis
- The Global Health Institute (EGHI) had 96 students participate in EGHI-related field experiences and 131 students serve in various program capacities; published 114 EGHI-related papers; developed 23 new courses; and participated in 228 lectures, events and external presentations. EGHI programs are now operating in 75 countries around the world

### *Accomplishments: September 2007 to August 2008*

- Initial research results on the effects of compassion meditation in Emory under-graduates were accepted for publication in the journal Psychoneuroendocrinology under the title “Effect of Compassion Contemplative Studies – Science: Meditation on Neuroendocrine, Innate Immune and Behavioral Responses to Psychosocial Stress”
- 21 Global Health Institute (GHI) program grants were awarded to Emory faculty. As a result of GHI support, a two-year total of 29 new or expanded Emory global health partnerships are now functioning in 16 countries
- Carol Anderson (Professorship in Civil Rights) was appointed and will begin in the 2009-2010 academic year. Race and Difference Initiative (RDI) hired Ester Jones as a one-year post-doc (with an office in Women’s Studies)

### *Accomplishments: September 2006 to August 2007*

- For Understanding Religions and the Human Spirit, recruited five post-doctoral fellowships and three doctoral fellowships, completed planning for the Encyclopedia of Contemplative Practices, and reached out to the community through Cradle of Christianity exhibition, Religion and Conflict lecture series, and Changing the Way We Die conference
- Constituted faculty leadership team for Understanding Race and Difference and received budget approval for each of four sub-initiative areas:
  - Race, Community, and the Emory Curriculum
  - Difference, Diversity, and the International Community
  - Conflict Resolution and Social Engagement
  - Difference, Gender, and Sexuality
- For Global Health, funded 19 programs, 25 students, and two new faculty member and received a \$20M Gates grant.



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- Partnership Program grantees, GHI staff, and the new faculty received over \$3.8M in program-related awards and matching funds and pledges

### *Accomplishments: September 2005 to August 2006*

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- Completed and approved 5-year strategic plan, budget, key performance measures and targets for Global Health Institute and filled Director and Administrator positions
- Convened oversight committee for seven proposed projects within the Religion and Human Spirit Initiative and developed 5 year budgets
- Consulted with key leaders about future possibilities for Understanding Race and Difference Initiative and decided to enlist a consultant