DEDICATION

Psychology celebrates new home

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 laboratories, classrooms and clinical work that were spread over six locations. (The only psychology labs not housed in the new building are those in the space of the old psychology building, which was completed in May.)

The third and fourth floors of teaching and psychology department, which was completed in May, bring together faculty and graduate students, drawing from their decades of achievement.

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

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 worthwhile, with 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 academic 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 $3 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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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. They have redlined, affecting 27 employees (a combination of full-time and part-time positions), based on elimination of work where job requirements have diminished or been consolidated.

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EMORY PROFILE Tim Lian

Shining a light on green energy
China roots give chemist global view of climate change

By CAROL CLARK

Tianquan “Tim” Lian grew up in a fishing village, on a marshy coastline in southeastern 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 carefree 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 — nanomaterials 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 Musaev, 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 Musaev 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 reengineering, 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 excitation generation. The ability to generate 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.

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“They 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.”
Ugandan studies animal, human health

By CAROL CLARK

Innocent Rwego’s hometown of Kisoga, 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 park and you can’t go anywhere if the locals cannot afford it,” says Rwego, a postdoctoral fellow in the environmental studies department.

He is following in the footsteps of his police detective father who did not interest him. His childhood idol was the town’s sole veterinarian. When his family went to buy freshly slaughtered meat, he would ask 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 so that is how Rwego was raised. He avoided them.

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, rocky forest, they came upon a gorilla family, peacefully munching on leaves.

“I was amazed,” Rwego says. “The silverback male was huge, 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 with gorillas that set off traps intended for antelope. It was a tricky task. “Although gorillas are peaceful animals, the males will attack anyone threatening their family members.”

Once when Rwego darted a young one, a nearby ally 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 baby gorilla.

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 the overlap of humans, domestic animals and wildlife contributions to the transmission of some diseases. At Emory, Rwego works with primates disease ecologist Thomas Gillespie, who has 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 masters raising 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 ad-libbed or used humor to get through meetings.

“I often did 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 that as 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?”

That is what he 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 the absence of his supervising Emory student who was supposed to be the day’s Toastmaster but got busy with legal work.

“This is an environment that is very supportive. It’s not intimidating at all. They’re more likely 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 Report.” The group meets each Wednesday morning at 1462 Clifton. This year, they have a favorite saying at Toastmasters: “You can never get rid of the butterflies, but you can only get them to fly in the very confident.”

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“We have a favorite saying at Toastmasters: You can never get rid of the butterflies, but you can only get them to fly in the very confident.” To join or learn more about Toastmasters, visit http://emory.toastmasters.org.

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

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.

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ACCLAIM

Nazeera Dawood won a public service award from the American Tamil Medical Association. The research projects under the renal division of the School of Medicine was presented with the award 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 to a group of postdoctoral fellows, Anne Truitt, whose last show while 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 awarded with a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Award.

The Method to Extend Research in Time (MERIT) Award is for his work related to the study “Development of T-c99m renal ablar 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.

Natalie Tretway was a featured speaker at the recent Southern Women’s Writers Conference at Berry College. Tretway is the Phillips Wheatley Distinguished Chair in Poetry at Emory.

Her poetry was also part of a presentation by Lee Kim, University of Southern Mississippi on “Modernization: Reimagining the South Through Tretway, Howe, and Lockwood.”

Southern Women Writers Conference showcase 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 commissions, and similarly notable accomplishments at Emory or in the wider community. Emory Report relies on submissions for this column. Contact: thinking@emory.edu.
Candler creates fund to help flood victims

An Emergency Flood Fund has been created in the Candler Development Office of Theology to help students over unanticipated costs incurred during the recent flooding. Rebecca Spurrier, acting director of development for the Candler community, 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, 1515 Dickey Drive, Suite 515, Atlanta, GA, 30322.

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

Spurrier's coordinating efforts can make a request by completing an online form at www.emory.edu/ADMISSIONS/flood_relief.cfm. For more information, call 404-727-4518.

Consulting program homes teaching skills

Faculty members can now have a teaching consultation in 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 for each faculty member to 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 jweems@emory.edu.

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The Washington, D.C. event also will feature remarks by Emory College Dean Robert Paul and Ledi 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. "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 Tibet 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 Lobzang Ngi Tenzin, co-director of the Emory-Tibet Science Initiative.

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 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, 404-727-7181) accepts projects related to Campaign Emory.

- Emory Graphic Design Services (http://gdvs.emory.edu, 404-727-5666) offers medical illustration, design and printing services including posters, banners and signs with volume discounts to Emory faculty, staff and students.
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 2009 was about $8.6 million, up from $7.8 million in 2008, and is expected to be about $10.5 million in 2010.

In order to achieve those goals, Emory identified several changes that will save an estimated $13 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. Those changes will lower plan costs by about $9 million. Meanwhile other changes, such as the spouse/SSDI medical charge, 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 (hr.emory.edu/mybenefits) and attend the Annual Enrollment meetings held across campus.

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.

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**Libraries: Restructuring for 21st century demands**

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

This graphic indicates how much was spent in each category.

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The Libraries’ plans call for consolidating 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 served 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.

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"The reductions were made with the goal of taking a strategic perspective while maintaining public services and balancing the reductions between staff and college, and minimizing the impact on faculty and students," says Luce. Efficiencies include centralizing parking 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 Emory is entering the new academic year as a vital hub of a vibrant research community, while also maintaining the intellectual and creative engagement that has characterized Emory 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 vibrant research library, and I am confident that will continue to be the case at Emory.

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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 a lot of… well… newness. Over the past year, we have redefined our focus, our programming and the Advisory Council, trimmed our budget (hasn’t everyone?), and developed new programs.

We are particularly committed to thinking about how gender intersects with our many other identities and communities 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 the four guiding themes that the Center for Women at Emory believes will help us to meet the needs of its diverse faculty and staff.

• Academic Scholarship: We support scholarship related to women 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 Record (available online at www.emory.edu to get WNN delivered to your inbox.) Focused on gender-based issues, 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 the 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 Veesna Dua, who will be exploring the global performance of violence. We’ll also launch our new gender-specific programs 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’ll also be supporting Take Back the Night programs in October.

• Leadership Development: We prepare young people to be leaders in gender equality. On Oct. 7, we’ll explore the ethical impact of women in social activist and author Ann Wright. We also support leadership development by advising women’s groups, including Feminists in Action and our discussion group for Women of Color, Queer Women and International Women.

The programs mentioned above are just a small taste of what Emory has to offer. Find us at womenscenter.emory.edu for more information. To hear more about the Center’s work in relation to a variety of new programs, join us for Exploring Race and Differences at Emory on Oct. 2. See rdi.emory.edu for details.

Dana Yarbrough is director of the Center for Women at Emory.
Children prescribed Tamiflu could get the wrong dose

By ASHANTE DOBBUS

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. The article, lead author Parker and colleagues provide the example of a 4-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 Gansalus 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 Steenbeck of University of Michigan.

The Laney Graduate School will continue through spring semester, with speakers and panels on a wide range of topics, such as mentorship, consent in cross-cultural contexts, treatment 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 also has 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 Rijdijk, 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.
Civil rights scholars host dialogues
By TANIA DOWDY

The James Weldon Johnson Institute for Advanced International Studies (JWJI), housed in Emory University’s 文科学楼, welcomes its second cohort of participants from the Mellon Foundation. The program offers an interdisciplinary framework for exploring the historical and contemporary experiences of people of African descent, from 1905 to today. This year’s cohort, which includes three scholars and three 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 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 scholars perspectives on a number of disciplines,” says Lee.

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redefining the audience to learn more about the International Strategic Plan Update in Emory Report (see page 1).

• Wagner complimented the foresight and leadership of multidisciplinary programs in the University and Emory Healthcare, which 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 many 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 from the past year collectively demonstrates that Emory has not been distracted by challenges, Wagner said. He believes Emory can lead from its new reservoir base—one that is $60 million annually less than revenues we used to be, 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 has meant doing “less with less” in one area so that the University can focus our attention, going forward, “to keep our eyes on our primary purpose.”

We must think deeply about how Emory can best serve society,” said, and be true to the “unique Emory,” he said, “to 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 reply
Hear the full State of the University address via webcast at: www.emory.edu/president/
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 Wallace, Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of African American Studies at Rutgers University’s Center for Race and Ethnicity, will be featured.

For more information, contact Amy Benson Brown at amye tắman@emory.edu.

Panel on editing 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 220.

Martha Fineman, Woodruff Professor in the law school, David Eltis, Woodruff Professor of History; Mark Rudip, associate professor of philosophy; Mary Oldem, 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 amye tắman@emory.edu or 404-727-5796.

Events focus on breast health

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

On Oct. 6, Winship Cancer Institute hosts a breast health screening with mammograms 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 Midtown 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 404-778-7777.

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

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.

In October the annual Atlanta Celebrates Photography Festival, “aCP"—the popular art form 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 Leivick’s "Garden" highlights Atlanta photography festival

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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 and www.acpinfo.org.

Events

THIS WEEK’S HIGHLIGHTS

TUESDAY, Sept. 29

Meditation Station. 1 p.m. 119 Carder Library. Free. Shirley Barksdey@emory.edu. Every Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 30

Women’s Soccer vs. Spelman College. 7 p.m. Woodruff P.E. Center. Free. www.go.emory.edu.

THURSDAY, Oct. 1


SATURDAY, Oct. 3

Graduate Nursing Council’s “Fun & Health Carnival.” 11 a.m.–4 p.m. McDougall Field. Free. cvnash@emory.edu.

To see all campus events, visit the online Emory Events Calendar at 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 raises 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.blogpost.com.