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 offices for the department’s faculty and graduate students, laboratories, classrooms and clinical work that were spread over six locations. (The only psychology labs not housed in the new building are those of teaching and psychology involving animals.)

"Natural light fills the public spaces, high-tech labs and classrooms. The Child Studies Center on the main floor offers a warm, friendly setting where researchers focus on the origins and development of language, memory and how infants and children come to know the world and themselves."

The third and fourth floors contain the cognition labs, the language lab, the social neuroscience lab, an open area for interdisciplinary research and a space designed for Emory’s Tibetan program.

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

By RON SAUDER

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Emory Libraries redirect resources

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NEW ONLINE AT EMORY.EDU
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The newly launched EMORY REPORT Online Marketing site reflects the division’s services and functions, including media relations, creative services, photo/video and marketing for both the University and health sciences.

A few highlights:
• The newly launched Emory Photo/Video’s work, linking to a related site where fine-art prints may be purchased.
• The Web Office provides guidance for schools and units interested in using the Emory standard templates.
• The marketing staff offers insights into managing communications in the expanding world of social media.
• Identity colleagues provide downloadable tools to brand publications correctly.
• Want to reach broader audiences with your marketing dollars? Advertise in Emory Report, Emory Magazine, Emory Health or Emory Medicine. (Favorable rates apply for advertising in more than one publication.)

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 care-free 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 — nano-particles 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 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 in the Lutz, a biomolecular chemist who specializes in protein re-engineering, 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 exciton 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.

“These are all very challenging scientific problems,” Lian says, adding that it will take many people, working across disciplines, to make solar energy go mainstream. “We have to solve these problems, because using fossil fuels is not sustainable. We’re going to be in big trouble if all the developing countries start living the way we do in America.”

Lian visited his hometown in China over the summer. His parents now have air-conditioning in nearly every room of their home. “I was shocked,” he says. “When I was growing up, we had none.” And the Chinese government is touting plans to drive economic growth through the production of automobiles.

“I 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 Kisoro, 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 the locals cannot afford it,” says Rwego, a postdoctoral fellow in the environmental studies department.

Having grown in the footsteps of his police detective father 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 grandmother’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.

Dog bites to the town were more guards than pets, prized for their ferociousness, and “he knew how to grab a vicious dog, so that was a skill I learned from him,” Rwego added.

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 through the dense forest. When 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 ease anxious gorillas that set off traps intended for antelope. It was a tricky task. “Although gorillas are peaceful animals, the males will attack someone threatening their family members.”

Once when Rwego darted a young one, a nearby ally heard it cry out, grabbed the tranquilised 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 missing one.

Rwego went on to become a lecturer at Makerere University and also serves on the scientific committee of the UNESCO DIVERSITAS ecoHEALTH Cross-cutting Network, which works to change with protecting biodiversity.

“I care about the health of all animals — including man,” Rwego says. He studies how the overlap of humans, domestic animals and wildlife contributes to the transmission of zoonoses.

At Emory, Rwego works with primate 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, swine and HIV has 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 raises 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 adlibbed 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 because 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?”

Cassels, who 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 daughter, who was supposed to be the day’s Toastmaster but got busy with coursework at Goizueta Business School. This was a teaching moment, as is every moment at Toastmasters.

“This is an environment that is very supportive. It’s not intimidating at all. They’re doing the same 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.”

ToastmastersEmory is an open club where “anybody, anywhere can come and report.” The group meets each Wednesday morning at 1462 Clifton. This year,

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.

“Once you take that first step, then you’re okay,” says Cassels.

“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.freetoasthost.info.

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

Nazeera Dawood won a public service award from the American Medical Association in recognition of her work in the renal division of the School of Medicine. She 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 an artist, Anne Truitt, whose last show while alive was 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 elected to a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Award to Extend Research in Time (MERIT) Award for his work related to the study “Development of Tc-99m renal tubular 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.

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

Her poetry was also part of a presentation by Lee Sun Kim, University of Southern Mississippi on “Miscegenation as History: Reimagining the South Through Trethewey, Howe, and Lockwood.” Southern Women Writers Conference showcases 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.
An Emergency Flood Fund has been created in the Candler School of Theology to help students cover unanticipated costs incurred during the recent flooding. Rebecca Spurrier, acting dean, said, “The gift of time, life and spiritual formation at Candler, 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, 1511 Dickey Drive, Suite 515, Atlanta, GA, 30322.”

“In the fall the campus was closed, people were tossed out of their homes, things were destroyed, and people were affected,” Spurrier said. “Just to raise money for these people is important.”

The Fund has been created in the name of former Vice President Walter Mondale, civil rights leader, and first lady, Friday Reid Mondale. The fund will be used to help students cover unanticipated costs incurred during the recent flooding.

Those needing assistance can make a request by completing the form available at www.candler.emory.edu/AD-MISSIONS/flood_fund.cfm.

For more information, call 404-727-4518.

Consulting program hones teaching skills

Faculty members can now have a teaching consultation — a one-on-one session focused on a technique or another with a colleague — as part of the Structured but Flexible Faculty Development and Support Program. The consultation can be arranged through the Department of German and Russian, the ETSI, the Emory-Tibet Science Initiative, the Office of the Provost or the Office of the Dean of the College.

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 jdwweems@emory.edu.

Carter museum, library will reopen

The renovated Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum will reopen Oct. 1 at 10:30 a.m. with a ceremony and ribbon-cutting. The event, which is open to the public, will also celebrate Carter’s 85th birthday. The ceremony will be webcast live at www.carterlibrary.org.

In addition to the former president and first lady, former President Walter Mondale, civil rights leader Julian Bond, New York Times columnist Bob Woodward and other guests will be there.

The museum closed in April with an endowment of $10 million renovation, funded by private donations.

Emory Creative Group offers top quality at a low price.

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, which was founded in 1998 to bring together the best of Western and Tibetan intellectual traditions.

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The Dalai Lama will visit Emory Oct. 17—19, 2010 in his role as Presidential Distinguished Professor, the first university appointment accepted by the 1989 Nobel Peace Laureate and leader of the Tibetan people. During his visit, the Dalai Lama will participate in several programs open to the general public and to the Emory community.

For more information regarding public events will be posted to this site as it becomes available.

GIFT: Dalai Lama supports science education

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Economic trends cause changes to benefits

In 2010, Emory spent $140.4 million on its health plans. This cost is divided into several categories: outpatient services (including emergency and urgent care visits), inpatient services, behavioral health, and miscellaneous costs. The graphic indicates how much was spent in each category.

In order to achieve these 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 behavioral health plans under one vendor, Aetna, and streamlining the core network to include only Emory affiliated facilities. These changes will lower plan costs by about $9 million. Meanwhile, other changes, such as the spouse/SSDP medical charge and the part-time rate, will potentially save Emory an estimated $24 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 (www.hr.emory.edu/mybenefits) and attend the Annual Enrollment meetings held across campus.

The Libraries: Restructuring for 21st century demands

"The reductions were made with the goal of taking a strategic perspective while maintaining public services and balancing the reductions between students and faculty so as to minimize the impact on faculty and students," says Luce. Efficiencies include centralizing databases, consolidating service desks, downsizing the back office for collection acquisitions, and examining services that are redundant across several locations.

"We're helping to Prevent Luce and his management team for making tough decisions to ensure that Emory remains a vital hub of a vibrant research community, while also remaining mindful of the individuals who have faithfully worked at the library 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 our scholars and librarians, and I am confident that will continue to be the case at Emory."
Children prescribed Tamiflu could get the wrong dose

By ASHANTE DORBS

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 syringe, warns Emory health literacy researcher Ruth Parker in the Sept. 23 online edition of the New England Journal of Medicine.

In 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 their 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.
Civil rights scholars host dialogues

By TANA DOWDY

The James Weldon Johnson Institute for Advanced Civil Rights Scholarship (JWJI) welcomes its second cohort of scholars. The Visiting Scholars Program, funded with support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, is the first residential program of its kind to bring together a community of scholars solely focused on the study of the modern civil rights era, from 1900 to today.

Johnson Institute Colloquium Series

Sept. 30: Chanda Manji: “End Street: Reading the Signs, Hitting the Wall and Speaking Madness.”


March 31, 2010: John Parent: “Why the University has won the ‘dramatic framework’ of the study of the modern civil rights era.”

See visiting scholars’ bios at www.jamesweldonjohnson.emory.edu.

GUIDE TO EMORY GOVERNANCE GROUPS

Six governance groups representing broad but specific constituencies across the University advise campus administrators on major issues, concerns and policy, and initiate and implement policies and programs that support their themes and agendas.

Employee Council

What It Does: Facilitates communication between employees and the University administration; advocates for issues of concern for all University employees; and represents the perspective of employees to the administration.

When It Meets: Every third Wednesday at noon in the Jones Room, Woodruff Library.

Next meeting: Oct. 17.

Key Events/Issues:

President’s Commission on the Status of Women

What It Does: Serves as an advisory board to the president on issues affecting women and seeks to advance women’s interests at the University.

When It Meets: Third Wednesday of each month; 7:30 p.m.; Jones Room, Woodruff Library.

Next meeting: Oct. 17.

Key Events/Issues: Women’s Work/Life Balance; Flexible/Alternative Work Arrangements; Professional Development Opportunities; Gender Equity and Equal Pay; Maternity Leave and an Environment Free of Harassment.

For More Information: Lisa Newbern, chair; www.pcsww.emory.edu

President’s Commission on Sexuality, Gender Diversity and Queer Equality

What It Does: Researches and makes recommendations to the LGBT community; acts as a catalyst to further the growth of programs that serve the community; advises University administrators on matters important to LGBT people at Emory. Formerly known as the President’s Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Concerns.

When It Meets: Third Tuesday of each month; 8:30 a.m.; Jones Room, Woodruff Library.

Next meeting: Oct. 20.

Key Events/Issues: Health care benefits for faculty, staff and students; queer scholarship; and projects with other commissions.

For More Information: John Bleivis, co-chair; www.pcsgdqe.emory.edu

President’s Commission on Race and Ethnicity

What It Does: Serves as a forum for discussion and analysis of race and ethnicity on campus, and of national import; develops and supports activities that enhance the presence of persons of color and strengthen the community.

When It Meets: Third Monday of each month; 3 p.m.; Jones Room, Woodruff Library.

Next meeting: Oct. 19.

Key Events/Issues: Partners with other commissions to improve awareness of the commissions and opportunities for hourly workers to serve on them; enhances the Emory Courtyard Scholarship; and implements Transforming Community Project Dialogues at Emory Midtown.

For More Information: Stacey Dunce, chair; www.pcpe.emory.edu

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How to pump up your enthusiasm

If you combine your passion with enthusiasm, people will come from miles around just to watch you burn!” William O’Neal told a full house at Emory University’s Hospital auditorium Sept. 15. Stepping up Emory hosted the motivational speaker who presented “Seven Keys for Maintaining Personal Enthusiasm.”

Interspersing stories and examples, O’Neal elaborated on each of the keys: talk to yourself, communicate effectively, maintain personal vision; reflect on your purpose; look for opportunity in change; find sources of inspiration; and balance work and family life.

O’Neal urged listeners to “stay attached to sources of inspiration” like books and music.

“Sometimes, change is hard,” he noted, but it is important not to fear it.

O’Neal emphasized a work-life balance and know what you’re going to do if you have to. “We’re going to fill your job,” he said, bringing down the house with laughter.

—Leslie King

State of the University

Hear the full State of the University address via webcast at www.emory.edu/president/

SOUNDBITES

Marine commander on Iraq efforts

“We weren’t there to conquer Iraq, but we’re not going to leave our hearts, in our hearts, there to liberate these people from a very, very terrible time,” said Maj. Gen. John F. Kelly. The Marine commander who took command of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Unit Sept. 21 about establishing the rule of law in the Al Anbar province.

At the end of the day, it was a combination of what al Qaeda was doing in the province and what the Marines were doing in the province. What we were doing was leveraging the right partner, doing it in a very restrained way. And at the end of the day, we were trying to rebuild a country,” Kelly said.

—Liz Chilla

Carter on beliefs, major issues

Former President Jimmy Carter’s annual Q&A session with Emory freshman had a higher profile this year coming right after the turndown that Rep. Joe Wilson’s out- burst during President Barack Obama’s speech was based on “race.”

At the Sept. 16 Town Hall, Carter’s answers ranged from Taylor Swift’s West Coast to the European Union.

“I think we can learn, and to be expected, to have tough, sometimes even uncomfortable, major issues,” Carter said about Wilson’s comment. “But ‘out of bounds’ personal attacks against Obama have been influenced by a belief that he should not be president because he happens to be African American.”

—Tania Dowdy

President’s Commission on Race and Ethnicity

What It Does: Serves as a forum for discussion and analysis of race and ethnicity on campus, and of national import; develops and supports activities that enhance the presence of persons of color and strengthen the community.

When It Meets: Third Monday of each month; 3 p.m.; Jones Room, Woodruff Library.

Next meeting: Oct. 19.

Key Events/Issues: Partners with other commissions to improve awareness of the commissions and opportunities for hourly workers to serve on them; enhances the Emory Courtyard Scholarship; and implements Transforming Community Project Dialogues at Emory Midtown.

For More Information: Stacey Dunce, chair; www.pcpe.emory.edu
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.

Fiction writer and essayist Thomas Glave will give this year’s Philia Wheatley Reading on Oct. 19 (6:30 p.m., Jones Room, Woodruff Library) and a colloquium on Oct. 20 (2:30–3:30 p.m., NB3 Callaway), and will also speak in The Race and Differences Lecture Series on the topic “Racelessness” and Desire: “North,” “South,” on Oct. 21, (1-4:30 p.m. , NB2 Commons, Candler School of Theology). Glave’s visit is co-sponsored by the Department of African American Studies and the Race and Difference Initiative.

Qiara Hudes wrote the book for the 2009 Tony Award winner for Best Musical “In the Heights.” She will give a reading on Nov. 16 (6:30 p.m., Jones Room, Woodruff Library and a colloquium on Nov. 17 (2:30–3:30 p.m., NB30 Callaway). The hit musical will be at Atlanta’s Fox Theatre Nov. 3–8 giving the Emory community a rare opportunity to see a fully-mounted musical and discuss its genesis with the book’s writer. Hudes’ visit is co-sponsored by the Department of Theater Studies.

Fiction writer Ondrella Mukherjee and poet Heather Christie are the Creative Writing Program’s 2009–2011 Fellows. Mukherjee has a PhD in literature and creative writing from the University of Houston, and Christie graduated with an MFA from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Her poetry collection, “The Difficult Farms,” is forthcoming from October Books. Mukherjee and Christie will read on Feb. 15, 2010 (6:30 p.m., Jones Room).

The Department of Women’s Studies and the Center for Women are co-sponsoring novelist Susan Choi’s visit to give the annual Feminist Founders Reading on March 17, 2010 (6:30 p.m., Jones Room, and a colloquium on March 18, 2010 (2:30–3:30 p.m., NB30 Callaway).

Choi is the author of three novels and has also co-edited the anthology “Wonderful Town: New York Stories from the New Yorker.”

Antonya Nelson, author of three novels and six short story collections, and winner of the 2003 Rea Award for Short Fiction will give a reading at Awards Night, the annual celebration of student writing at Emory. She will also announce the winners of the Creative Writing Program’s and English Department’s writing contests. Nelson will give a colloquium April 15, 2010 (2:30–3:30 p.m., NB30 Callaway).

For more information: www.creativewriting.emory.edu; 404-727-4832.

CREATIVE WRITING

Reading series spans genres

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 rises 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 easewadroppin' blogspot.com.

Leivick’s ‘Garden’ highlights Atlanta photography festival

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.