Town hall explores proposed signature themes

**STRICTLY PLANNING**

**BY MICHAEL TERRAZAS**

About 40 people got a glimpse last week of ongoing discussions of Emory’s proposed signature themes at a strategic planning town hall meeting, March 23 at noon in Cox Hall Ballroom. Representatives from eight of the nine committees exploring the proposed themes described their discussions to date in the themes, and Strategic Planning Steering Committee co-chairs Michael Johns (executive vice president for health affairs) and Provost Earl Lewis talked briefly about the overall planning process. The meeting had a different tone than the last strategic plan town hall in November, when a capacity crowd packed into Winship Ballroom; last week, with about 40 audience members scattered around 25 tables, there was considerably more elbow room.

Johns opened the event with a review of the process and preview of the upcoming time line. He said the steering committee will present a substantially finished—but not necessarily final—version of the strategic plan to the Board of Trustees at a June retreat. Then, in September, the plan will get a public roll-out for the University community.

He then turned the floor over to the panel of signature theme discussion leaders, who one by one reported on the work their groups (each composed of about 30 faculty, staff, students and even alumni) have done. Some of the themes leaders dwelt mostly on Emory’s existing resources; some talked about the opportunities that exist for the University in the theme areas; others focused on the resources or structures that could be useful in capitalizing on the themes.

All the theme leaders spoke with the passion of advocates. “We really felt this topic transcended all themes,” said Clinton Kilts, professor of psychiatry and behavioral science and co-leader of the “Critical Inquiry and Creative Expression” group.

Peter Brown, professor of anthropology and co-leader for “Global Health,” said his group felt global health “is Emory’s destiny,” recalling that Robert Woodruff was guided into philanthropy by a concern about malaria among workers at his south Georgia plantation.

Several theme leaders said their themes fit perfectly with Emory’s vision statement, offering compelling explanations of why this was true. This serves to highlight the importance of the signature theme committees’ work, as Lewis repeated that, sometime in late April, the steering committee will select three to five themes that will be adopted in the strategic plan and given special prominence in Emory’s upcoming comprehensive campaign.

“The questions we’re putting on the table are incredibly important,” said Lewis, who pointed out that simply bringing together the theme committees—whose members are drawn from all corners of the Emory enterprise—will yield its own rewards.

The town hall arrived squarely in the middle of a series of open meetings of the theme committees. Six of the groups met last Tuesday and Wednesday night, and tonight (March 28) the last three—“Race, Racism and Society,” “Citizen as Scholar and Scholar as Citizen,” and “Critical Inquiry and Creative Expression”—will open their meetings to the public from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Emory Conference Center’s main ballroom.

There will be another overall strategic planning town hall on Wednesday, April 20, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in a location to be determined. For the most up-to-date information on strategic planning, visit www.admin.emory.edu/strategic_plan.
FSAP to host fair health, March 31

The Faculty Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) will host a Workplace Lifestyle Planning Program health fair on Thursday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Whitlock Auditorium Alumni House. The event is open to all Emory employees, including retirees, and is free to attend.

Participants will be asked to fill out questionnaires on their current health and lifestyle activities, and will receive a lipid profile screening, glucose and blood pressure testing (fasting is recommended but not required for best results), and body mass index calculations. Assessments will be confidential, and no identifying information of results will be released.

To receive their results, participants will need to attend a follow-up session on April 26, also at Miller-Ward. Individual lifestyle coaching sessions will be made available to participants who request them.

For more information, call 404-727-9620 or send e-mail to jberna2@emory.edu

Nancy Seidman, assistant vice president for public affairs, was a member of the Feb. 5-17 Emory College delegation to Dharamsala, India. Following are excerpts from her web log account of the trip.

This morning, as we started out via van for the 14-hour drive to Dharamsala, I was able to add another category that shares Delhi roads: an elephant carrying a bundle of long green grass (to feed the cows, I suspect). Cows don’t have to feed too much for themselves, once they finish their milking days, they are set free and roam Delhi at will.

One of my colleagues was nudging aside by a cow as he waited on a train platform. Today I don’t blink twice at the sight of clouds of smoke from another vehicle, or a proliferation of prayer flags on the sides) with varied offerings placed on top. These carms represent the universe. As we neared the center, there was a proliferation of prayer flags (white, red, blue and yellow, symbolizing the earth, sky, wind and water).

The mood was festive—the jubilant crowd chanted along with the monks, and people walked by with trays of barley. I took a pinch, but noticed those scopped up cupfuls and laughed when they noticed how little I had taken. The barley was tossed in the air and rained heavily down on us. Everyone greeted each other and shook hands, sort of the Tibetan version of Times Square. I later found out that the more barley you throw, the more auspicious your new year. I’m in trouble.

We began an “ambula- tion” along a ridge and around a hill on top of which is the Dalai Lama’s residence. The ambulation was in honor of His Holiness and of the spirits in nature—all living beings.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama

On Monday, Feb. 14, at 12:30 p.m., we met in the Dalai Lama in a private audience at his residence. This was the major reason for the trip—to receive His Holiness’ blessing for establishing a formal agreement between Emory and the Institute of Buddhist Dentists.

We were seated in a large reception room as we awaited his arrival. We sat in absolute silence for about five minutes. I was glad that we’d spent almost a week in Dharamsala before meeting the Dalai Lama, because I now had a greater understanding of and appreciation for what he is about. By the time that he arrived, the room was filled with his energy, humor and warmth. Dean Bobby Paul thanked His Holiness for receiving us and talked about the progress of the Emory-Tibet Partnership, and said that we had taken his advice to “start small,” to our mutual benefit. His Holiness expressed his approval of the deepening of our relationship.

Bobby presented the Dalai Lama with Emory gifts, and also gave a copy of our Emory-Tibet Partnership brochure. His Holiness examined the brochure carefully. In response to a question from an Emory student about the greatest problems we will face in the next 50 years, the Dalai Lama said they are: the environment, including the impact of global warming; the gap between rich and poor; and the need for countries to rise above individual interests to find common interests in order to develop a sustainable global community.

The experience of being in His Holiness’ presence is difficult for me to describe. It’s something I feel internally, and I’m sure it will take a while to sort out.

In flight
One of the most meaningful aspects of the trip for me was to be present when Bobby and the Lobzang and Tibet Partnership brochures discussed how the Emory-Tibet partnership has contributed to our individual mission and—on a grander scale—how together we might benefit society.

As we flew, simply put, we’re exploring and blending the best of Eastern and Western traditions to create a new culture, new knowledge, that contributes to positive transformation in the world.

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Freshman
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No, that’s a matter that should have been kept between a husband and a wife.

Michael Wright
Graduate student
Neuroscience

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Maintenance mechanic
Facilities Management

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Should Congress have interred the Terri Schiavo case?

CAPITAL N, CAPITAL Q. There has been a process in the courts over and over, and it is time to permit her to pass away in peace.

Otto Froehlich
Associate professor
Physiology

EMPORVOICES

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No, I don’t believe it’s the government’s business.

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Campus visitor
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**EMORYPROFILE LAURA STAMEY**

Laurea Stamey grew up in the Tampa Bay area and, in her words, “the aroma of foods from every continent float through the air; music, dance and fashion flare everywhere.”

The International Cultural Festival will take place Saturday, April 2, and there is perhaps no single day on the Emory calendar that is more colorful. The many national flags on display have a lot to do with that, as do the traditional dress many international students and area residents choose to show off.

At the center of everything will be Laura Stamey. “The festival is a way for international students and scholars to express themselves and share a little bit about their culture,” said Stamey, international student adviser in the International Student and Scholar Programs (ISSP) office, which co-sponsors the festival.

“You can see the pride and how excited they are about this opportunity to share,” Stamey said.

Stamey is ISSP’s undergraduate adviser and works with around 250 international undergraduates, helping them with everything from financial concerns to filling out immigration documents. (Just last week she was named College Council’s 2005 Adviser of the Year.) Stamey also advises the student committee in charge of planning and running the International Cultural Festival, a yearlong activity.

Dealing with students from so many different backgrounds (Emory has more than 50 multicultural/international student organizations) is rarely easy, and almost always a learning experience.

“Students on the planning committee all have the opportunity to learn, which is an art in and of itself,” Stamey said. “But after they are finished, they feel like they could conquer the world, which is really great.”

Some 3,000-4,000 people attend the International Cultural Festival each year. Many are Emory students, but there are also international students, scholars, and occasionally as far away as Athens—make the trip.

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Stamey is co-chair of the planning committee. She is the only one with a formal education in the arts—her coursework will be finished in May, and she will then enter a master’s program in French literature.

**SNAPSHOT**

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A xclusive talks with a black woman in her 40s—thirty, maybe—when men got out of line, she would stand up and sing like she did for her father, Richard Glasser, attending the black women’s rights movement. Alexander joined the movement as a volunteer and put herself on the line, facing off against her own discomfort. Her goal was to educate people about gynecological issues and help women access gynecological care. Her approach was to engage women in a way that made them feel comfortable and heard. She believed that by offering women a place to talk about their health concerns, she could help them feel more empowered and supported. Alexander’s work was groundbreaking, as gynecological issues were not typically discussed openly in society at the time. She recognized the importance of accessing care and the need for women to feel heard and understood. Alexander’s legacy continues to inspire women to advocate for themselves and their health. This story highlights the significance of addressing health issues in a way that respects women’s autonomy and dignity, and the importance of creating safe spaces for women to receive comprehensive care. The image of a black woman in her 40s speaking about her own experiences with access to gynecological care, and the challenges she faced as a volunteer, reminds us of the importance of ongoing advocacy and support for women’s health.
Foege looks to the future in second annual Sheth Lecture

BY MICHAEL TERRAZAS

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Making oblique references to everything from the Terri Schiavo case to the U.S. intervention in Iraq, Dr. James Foege said the United States will be significantly responsible for its future loss of influence. “Over the last century, we de- veloped the reputation of using strength with restraint—now we’re squandering that reputation,” he said. “In the arrogance of becoming the world’s only superpower, we’ve become blind to the proper use of that power.”

Many of those in attendance had personally witnessed the evolution of U.S. hegemony, as the crowd was made up almost exclusively of seniors. Eugene Bianchi, professor emeritus of religion and director of Emeritus College, welcomed everyone to the event, the purpose of which is “to combine sociability with intellectual inquiry.” Bianchi also pointed out that three former CDC directors were in atten- dance: Koplan (who served from 1998-2002), Foege (1977-83) and David Sencer (1966-77).

Foege, who also directed the Carter Center from 1986-92, had more predictions: that biology will be the defining science of the 21st century; that fundamental- ism would begin to decline as fissions within fundamentalism movements went to strength; and that genomics would issue in a new era of single-payer health care. (“Once you have your [personal] genome on a $100 disc, insurance companies will find it hard to find people who are insurable,” he said.)

“Though many of his predic- tions seemed dire—‘Tell me when I’ve said more than you want to hear,’” Foege said at one point—Foege closed his address with a bit of sunshine. Say- ing that all cultures and even individuals were a mix of fatal- ism and nonfatalism, he gladly reported that his own field was composed predominantly of the latter.

“Public health people are by nature optimists; there is no reason to be pessimistic,” he said. “The reason to be pessimistic is the next time for pessimism comes, contract it out for the 21st century, and it is likely to come in different ways.”

Though he was not optimistic about the United States’ future, Foege was optimistic about the world. “My grandchildren will not see this world. My grandchildren will not see this world,” he said. “But the United States may become great enough.”

Foege’s subject was the future as he sees it through the window of epidemiology. But his lecture ventured far afield of disease investigation, as Foege offered predictions not only for public health but for culture, religion, higher education and other aspects of the human experience.

“My grandchildren will not realistic,” he said, stating that “clear trends” show democracy is “taking hold all over the world.”

“The future of the world may no longer be the unchallenged epicenter of that future world characterized by self-rule; in higher education, for instance, Foege said. “Public health restrictions on stem-cell research and immigration will push the nexus of bio- logical post-graduate education East, to India and China.”

EMERITUS COLLEGE

Carter Center, from page 1

Public health’s William Foege predicted what the future would hold for health and beyond in the Emeritus College’s Sheth Lecture, held March 22 in Miller-Ward Alumni House.

The March 16 meeting of the Employee Council, held at the Carter Center, featured a presentation by Dan Macaluso and Phil Hills, vice presidents for University development and health sciences development, respectively, who discussed ways in which staff can contribute to the upcoming comprehensive campaign.

The pair gave an overview of the upcoming campaign, which aims to raise more than $1 billion over seven years. Macaluso suggested a committee be formed to discuss development issues and connect staff to campus causes. Others included Susan Butler, chair of the Campus Tobacco Control Team, and Julie Bernath, wellness coordinator for the Faculty Staff Assistance Program (FSAP), who each discussed a variety of issues involving smoking.

Butler, gave an in-depth history of Emory’s smoking poli- cies, which now prohibit lighting up within 25 feet of build- ing entrances. Bernath listed current FSAP smoking cessation programs on campus.

In council business, special issues chair Louis Burton said the subcommittee continues to work on expanding shuttle service to both the Carter Center and the Clifton Child Care Center. He also said a assessment of 129 buildings on cam- pus will soon take place, gauging their compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Another phase involv- ing 86 more buildings will follow.

Burton said the subcommittee is considering how staff could have a say in where new eateries are located on cam- pus; the group may also end up parking at Emory Stadium. He said that if patrons move from one village establishment to another, they risk having their cars booted. The Student Government Association is looking into the issue.

Finally, Burton encouraged council members to review the job description for the new vice president for Human Resources, now posted on the web. “It’s a great job,” Burton said.

Kim Campbell, captain of the council’s Relay for Life team, said around $800 in donations has already been collected, putting the team more than halfway toward its $1,500 goal. Campbell said 17 people have signed up to par- ticipate for the May 13–14 relay at Adams Stadium on North Druid Hills Road, and more are welcome.

Counselor for the 2005 Bobby Jones Scholars.

Soo and Koshlan Mayer-Blackwell

From left, Emory seniors Nathan Allsopp, Amy Welge, Holly Flaherty, Cindy Sow and Koshlan Mayer-Blackwell were selected earlier this semester as the 2005 Bobby Jones Scholars. Established in 1976, the Robert T. Jones Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund is a partnership between Emory and the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. The four scholars will re- ceive full tuition and a travel stipend for a year of study at St. Andrews, beginning this summer. Bobby Jones Scholars are chosen by a com- mittee of faculty, administrators and trustees of the scholarship fund. The award is named for golfing legend Bobby Jones, a graduate of Emory’s School of Law.
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FACULTY COUNCIL TALKS WITH WAGNER, LEWIS

Chair Sharon Strochia opened the March 22 Faculty Council meeting, held in 400 Administration, by introducing three new members: Nadine Kaslow and Kate Heilpern from the School of Medicine, and Frank Maddox from Oxford. Chair-elect Mike Rogers then reported that the Distressed Faculty Lecture committee has selected a nominee to deliver the 2006 lecture; the Faculty Council unani-

ously approved the choice, who will be publicly announced upon accepting an invitation from President Jim Wagner.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to two open discus-
sions: one, requested by Wagner, covered issues of trust between faculty and administrations; the second, led by past-chair John Snarey, examined three proposed changes to the council bylaws.

Wagner, in a recent conversation, a senior faculty member described to him three reasons why faculty are sus-
picious of administration: first, the perception that adminis-
tration often has not kept key points in academic values; second, that administrators and faculty have fundamentally different roles and lifestyles; and third, there is a constant suspicion that any plan or proposal always has some other motive—more funding for things the administration wants.

The president compared a university to a professional sports team, which may have thousands of employees. “But what makes people think of the Atlanta Hawks is the coach, with Wagner starting with the vision statement and progressing through to the strategic plan, and it’s only natural that some would be detracted by the face,” Frank said. Frank was encouraged by the “whole new language” that is being spoken in the Emory community.

Wagner said that trust takes time to build, and though Wag-

ner has made a lot of progress in this respect, there are still people who do not yet feel engaged with what’s going on. Carol Hogue from public health said faculty trust is more important today than ever, though in some institutions in the past, faculty may have played central—even predomi-
nant—roles in governance, modern research universities are so complex that it may be beyond the ability of faculty to run them. Professionals are needed, Hogue said, and that’s why faculty and administration trust.

Another theme of the discussion was the challenge in balancing personal goals with investment in the institution. Emory women’s signature teams, several faculty said, could be a risky undertaking, though doing so may serve Emory, will younger faculty pursue research that, if it does not result in a fruit, could hurt you in the second half of the meeting. Snarey proposed changes (drafted by the council’s Futures Committee) to Faculty Council bylaws that, several faculty said, could be a risky undertaking, though doing so may serve Emory, will younger faculty pursue research that, if it does not result in a fruit, could hurt you in the future.

In the following discussion, several council members questioned whether all 26 council members should be elect-
ed. Retaining some number of appointed slots—though ap-
pointed by the elected members themselves, rather than by the president—would give the council flexibility to address problems of underrepresentation that could arise through a slow growth in enrollment.

Other ideas included whether to increase the size of the council; more members, some people said, would enable the council to do more work. For example, Wagner said that Johns Hopkins University’s comparable Academic Council reviews all tenure and promotion files.

It was also suggested that renewed appreciation and support staff, dieticians, and other health professionals. “We’re hoping this (training) program will grow and grow and grow,” she said. “It will really enhance our ability to serve all of our patients.”

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THE UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

Grady doctor receives $25K grant for cultural training

BY ALICIA SANDS LURRY

WILL better familiarity with patients' cultural backgrounds improve the care they receive? A Grady Hospital doctor is about to find out.

Ingrid Genao, assistant professor of medicine and director of multiracial affairs at Grady Hospital, has been awarded a $25,000 grant from the Aetna Foundation to implement cultural competen-

Cybersecurity Institute at Emory is establishing an Identity Management project to address issues related to students, faculty, and staff. The project will focus on developing a comprehensive identity management strategy for Emory University.

In related news, the university has announced the appointment of Dr. Carl T. Bergstrom as the new director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research (CIDR). Bergstrom will join the CIDR on April 1, 2023, and will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the center’s research program, including the development of new research initiatives.

The Center for Infectious Disease Research is an interdisciplinary center that brings together experts from across Emory University to address key issues in infectious diseases. Bergstrom’s appointment comes at a time when the center is expanding its portfolio of research and enhancing its collaborations with other institutions and organizations. His leadership will be crucial in advancing the center’s mission and ensuring its continued success.

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Ash, Fivush explore causes, consequences of child violence

BY KATHERINE BAUST

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Children who have regular family mealtimes are less likely to smoke, drink, use illegal drugs, experience sex at a young age, or get into fights,” she continued. “They also are at a lower risk for suicidal thoughts, are more likely to do better in school, are more emotionally content, work harder, have positive peer re-
lationships, and have healthier eating habits.

“For all families, adoles-
cence is a time of risk,” Fivush said. “Children who have a strong sense of belonging and self are less at risk in developing a healthy adult identity.”

If you have a question or concern for Faculty Council, e-mail Strochia at sharon.strochia@emory.edu.
Awards of Distinction

Congratulations to the winners of the 2005 Awards of Distinction. These 10 individuals were honored at a March 23 ceremony, where each was presented a plaque and a $500 U.S. savings bond by President Jim Wagner.

Steve Doney
Grady Assistant Administrator, School of Medicine
Doney "has made tremendous contributions to the Department of Medicine" in issues ranging from billing to patient care, said nominator Carlos Del Rio, chief of service at Grady Hospital. Doney diligently and consistently tracked down and corrected the bottlenecks and breakdowns in the billing process, "had a leadership role in the department's strategic reporting process and developed a system of reports to improve staff education. In his four years as administrator, Doney has faced a number of structural deficiencies within the department, but instead of blaming his predecessors, he "stepped up to the challenge" and solved all problems that came his way, Del Rio wrote.

Gregory Kable
Manager of Systems and IT, Division of Animal Resources
Kable's innovative thinking has increased efficiency, cut costs and smoothed out the wrinkles in the Division of Animal Resources (DAR). He recently completed the daunting task of switching from a manual to electronic inventory system, reducing processing time and increasing accuracy of the improved card access to facilities and worked on the merger of DAR and Facilities Management (FM) systems, which resulted in substantial cost and time savings. Nominator Michael Huerkamp, DAR director, described Kable as "humble and yet confident in his own abilities," a man who loves Emory so much "he almost refuses to take a vacation.

Anita Ransom
Office Manager, Center for Lifelong Learning
Ransom's work in training the Emory Center for Lifelong Learning's (ECLL) work-study students, who serve as customer service representatives, has "revolutionized the way we recruit, train and develop our growing team," said nominator Steve Stoffle, executive director of ECLL. After organizing the center's student job fair participation, Ransom set about professionally organizing her group of 15 students by developing an intensive training program that can be used for years to come. Her passion for her job resulted in a program that gives students a greater role in the Emory community and presents a positive and professional image for the center.

Maureen Thompson
Health and Safety Officer, Yerkes Primate Research Center
Thompson oversees the safety of nearly 500 faculty, staff and students, as well as more than 3,600 non-human primates and 5,000 rodents, with such high standards and efficiency that Yerkes not only meets but often exceeds the requirements set by regulatory agencies. Her success springs from the trust Yerkes employees place in her, her ability to guard against the unexpected, and her grace under pressure, explained nominator James Elie, associate director of animal resources. Thompson approaches her work with "exemplary dedication and professionalism, as well as personal warmth and an inspiring love of her work," Else wrote.

Eran Tomer
Electronic Services Coordinator, General Libraries
Tomer has effectively led major projects to streamline library policies, enhance library security and improve the online catalog by "remaining sensitive to the needs and perspectives of the many groups involved," wrote nominator Linda Mathews, service provost and director of libraries. As project manager for the User ID Conversion Project, he coordinated the work of numerous programmers ranging from Human Resources to the Information Technology Department. His service is characterized by the "remarkable level of communication and collaboration" between the many campus libraries and departments, Mathews said, and a focus on often overlooked work in customer service improvements.

Michael Wallace
HVAC Instrument Technician, Facilities Management
Over his 31 years at Emory, Wallace has risen from his beginnings as a laborer through six hard-earned promotions to his current role as technician. A founding member of the FM Social Committee, Wallace is a well-loved figure on campus. His concern for the safety of his colleagues is evident in how closely he works with them to prevent accidents, and his initiative to take on tasks was clear in his presentation on the ChillerCheck program at the 2003 Educational Leadership Forums. He received the Employee of the Quarter award in 1995, 2004, and was FM's Employee of the Year in 2004.

Ann Hulton
Head of Systems and Media Services, Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library
Hulton's unfailing dedication to providing the Emory community with the health resources they need qualifies her as “one of the best,” said nominator Bo Rita Ryan, head of Access Services. The E-Journals Working Group, which Hulton co-chairs, was presented with a Quality Service Award by Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library in June, and the project continues to grow in size and popularity. Hulton also developed the library’s intranet system and has been coordinator of the MedWeb catalog since 1999. An “innovative thinker and excellent project manager,” Hulton plays an integral role in the health community.

Audrey Wilson
Custodian, Facilities Management
Wilson’s strength as a member of the Emory community lies in “character traits that simply can’t be taught,” said nominator Joe Ducato, supervisor of building services. With smiles and hugs, she goes well beyond the minimum for customer satisfaction and sets a shining example as “a dedicated and dependable employee.” She was a nominee for the Sam Brown Award and FM Employee of the Quarter, and has been recognized many times for her service. Still, the greatest testament to her work is the stream of letters from deans, faculty, students and parents of graduates thanking her for her hard work and radiant personality.
EVENTS FOR THE EMMORY COMMUNITY

MARCH 27


Burke Nicholson Forum “Perspectives on Religious Minorities in Europe, Asia, and America.” Ian Johnson, Wall Street Journal, and faculty, presenting. 4 p.m. Emory Conference Center, free. 404-727-7598.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31


TUESDAY, MARCH 29


CRISIS OF GLOBAL NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS Lecture “The Struggle for Dominance and Islamic Resistance.” Preston King, political philosopher, presenting. 4:30 p.m. 206 White Hall. Free. 404-727-7602.

Religion Lecture Melissa Faye Greene, presenting. 7 p.m. Oxford Chapel. 779-784-8389.

STEIN LECTURE ON MODERN ISRAEL "Jewish Spiritual Resistance in Nazi Germany." Michael Meyer, Hebrew Union College, presenting. 7:30 p.m. Governor’s Hall, Miller-Ward Alumni House. Free. 404-727-2798.

RACE, PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION LECTURE "Ralph Ellison and Related Issues." Lucius Outlaw, Vanderbilt University, presenting. 7:30 p.m. Emory Hotel and Conference Center. Free. 404-727-7596. RSVP required.

MARCH 28


African Studies Lecture “Gender, HIV Risk and the Emerging Heroin Culture of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.” University of Texas Health Science Center, presenting. 4:15 p.m. 125鳝ller Library. Free. 404-727-6402.

TRIANGLE LECTURE SERIES “Twenty Years of Medical Preparedness for Chemical, Biological and Radiological Emergencies in Israel.” Lion Poles, Kaplan Medical Center (Israel), presenting. 6 p.m. P01 Woodruff School of Nursing. Free. 404-712-8340.

MARIAL COLLOQUIUM SERIES “Grandpa Wasn’t a Nazi: Nazism and Holocaust in German Family Remembrance.” Harald Walter, University of Witten (Germany), presenting. 4 p.m. 415E Briarcliff Campus. Free. 404-727-3440.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

SURGICAL GRAND ROUNDS “Laparoscopic Colectomy for Colon Cancer: Proven Science or Media Hype?” Charles Staley, surgery, presenting. 8:30 a.m. Emory Hospital auditorium. Free. 404-712-2192.


CENTER FOR HEALTH, CULTURE AND SOCIETY LECTURE “The Impacts of Racism on Health.” 4 p.m. 721 Rollins School of Public Health. Free. 404-727-8866.


WATER IN OUR LIVES SYMPOSIUM Wayne Clough, Georgia Tech president, keynote speaker. 6:30 p.m. Third-floor ballroom, Cox Hall. Free. 404-727-6722. RSVP required.

PHYSICIAN LECTURE “Can We Trust our Reflexes During Gait?” Jacques Duyens, Catholic University (Netherlands), presenting. 9 a.m. 600 Whitehead Building. Free. 404-727-7401.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1


NEUROLOGY GRAND RoundS “ProTCT: Protagonist for TBI, Experimental Clinical Treatment.” David Wright, emergency medicine, and Donald Steiner, presenting. 10 a.m. Brown Auditorium, Emory Clinic. Free. 404-727-5004.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2


SUNDAY, APRIL 3

SETH LECTURE IN INDIAN STUDIES "The Modern City in Ruins: The Memory of Cosmopolitan Bombay.” Glynn Prakas, Princeton University, presenting. 8 a.m. Reception Hall, Emory University. Free. 404-727-4291.

MONDAY, APRIL 4

AD A Fort Lecture "The Interconnectivity Between Faith and Healing." Dan Kaseje, Tropical Institute of Community Health (Kenya), presenting. 5:30 p.m. 101 Woodruff School of Nursing. Free. 404-727-3203.

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