Keynoter Jim Wallis to tackle ‘God’s politics’

By Katherine Baust Lukens

Jim Wallis, editor of Sojourners magazine, will headline Emory’s King Week 2006, a weeklong celebration of the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. Wallis will discuss his most recent book, God’s Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn’t Get It.

“Given his activism in social justice issues, [Wallis] was a natural selection to open up a week celebrating a man who spent his life committed to socio-economic justice around the world,” said Cynthia Shaw, director of student development in Campus Life and chair of the University’s MLK Holiday Observance Committee.

A renowned Christian leader for social change, Wallis is a speaker, author, activist and international commentator on ethics and public life. He was a founder of the ministry Sojourners more than 30 years ago and continues to serve as the editor of the organization’s magazine, which covers faith, politics and culture. In 1995, Wallis was instrumental in forming Call to Renewal, a national federation of churches, denominations and faith-based organizations from across the theological and political spectrum working to overcome poverty. Wallis’ lecture will take place Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. in Glenn Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.

As is the case every year, a range of service, educational, entertainment and memorial activities define King Week at Emory, opening with the annual Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday tree planting in Atlanta’s MLK Historic District, coordinated by Hands on Atlanta. A notable King Week event is the annual MLK Day of Service.

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Lisa Tedesco to become graduate dean in May

By Michael Terrazas

Lisa Tedesco, former vice president and secretary at the University of Michigan, will become Emory’s next dean of the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, effective May 1. Tedesco currently is serving as a visiting fellow at Columbia University’s Center for Community Health Partnerships.

“Lisa is someone with an extraordinary breadth of administrative experience: She’s been the academic dean of a school, secretary of one of the major research universities in the country, and interim provost,” said Provost Earl Lewis. “She is equipped to help us think very hard about graduate education and a number of issues Emory will address in the near future.”

As Lewis mentioned, Tedesco has served Michigan in a number of capacities since becoming associate dean of its dental school in 1992. She was named university secretary in 1998, and in 2001 also served as interim provost. During her dental school tenure, the school implemented a doctoral program and instituted significant changes in curriculum, pedagogy and interdisciplinary research.

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Eighty summers ago, the nation stood transfixed by the spectacle of two giants, William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow, hurling insults over the place of creation and evolution in the public school. Bryan, three-time presidential aspirant, was a creationist as “invariant fact” and denounced evolution as “atheistic fiction.” Darrow, representing the newly formed American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), insisted that evolution was “scientific fact” and creationism “obsolete myth.”

Bryan won the argument. But the 1925 Scopes case was a storm signal of many battles to come between law and religion and the evolution of science.

This past fall, the nation stood transfixed again by the battle rekindled in Dover, Pa., now pitting proponents of intelligent design (ID) against the ACLU. This time the ACLU came out on top. Their main argument: ID is simply biblical creationism by another name, and to teach it in public schools violates the First Amendment prohibition on government establishments of religion.

The ACLU had strong precedent on its side. In 1968, the Supreme Court ruled that states may not ban the teaching of evolution in public schools. In 1987, the court ruled that states may not require creationism be given equal time with evolution in the science curriculum. Creationism is religion not science, several later federal courts concluded, and the establishment clause forbids its teaching, directly or indirectly, in the public school science classrooms.

Given these precedents, the result in the Dover case was almost inevitable. Dover school board officials required biology teachers to tell their students that evolution was “not a fact” but “a theory” with ample “gaps” for which “there is no evidence.” The teachers thus encouraged students to consider the “explanations of intelligent design” and directed them for more information to a standard textbook—one derived in part from an earlier book on “scientific creationism.”

Federal district court Judge John Jones, a recent Bush appointee and a professed Christian, found the Dover school policy patently unconstitutional and its litigation strategy a form of “breath-taking inanity.” ID is not science but creationism in a new guise, he concluded, and the school board’s attempts to deny its religious inspiration and implications depended on “subterfuge” and “hypocrisy.”

The judge was particularly incensed that the defendants of the policy “who so staunchly and proudly touted their religious convictions in public” were repeatedly caught lying and engaging in “sham arguments” to disguise their true religious convictions.

For all its purplish prose, and for all the national celebration and lamentation it has occasioned, the Dover decision is legally very narrow. It applies only to a single district in Pennsylvania, not to the whole nation. The decision precludes ID instruction only from public school classes; it does not preclude stories of creation and ID theories from public school classes in philosophy, logic, poetry, literature, cosmology or other subjects. The decision applies only to actual instruction in the classroom; it does not prohibit the teaching or celebration of creation by voluntary student groups meeting in public school classrooms after school hours (let alone when they leave the school grounds). And the decision applies only to public schools. It has no bearing on private—religious—schools.

This last point bears emphasis. The Dover case reflects only one side of the two-sided compact that the Supreme Court has constructed over the past half-century to govern religion and education. Yes, the First Amendment establishment clause prohibits religion from much of the public school. But the First Amendment free exercise clause protects religion in all parts of the public school. While constitutional creationism might not be welcome in public schools, it can have full ventilation in private schools, in Bible and science classes alike.

The court has long forbidden religious confession from the public school using this logic. The public school is an arm of the state. It must communicate basic democratic and constitutional values to its students, including those of the First Amendment. The state compels students to go to school, and students are young and impressionable. Some relaxation of constitutional values might be possible in other public contexts, where mature adults can make informed assessments of the values being transmitted. But no such relaxation can occur in public schools attended by impressionable youths who are compelled to be there. Particularly at the First Amendment establishment clause cannot be relaxed. The establishment clause requires separation of church and state, the court has long held. In the public school, if nowhere else in public, no religious texts, teachers, symbols or rituals are allowed. The converse logic governs private schools. Private schools are viable and valuable alternatives to public schools, the court has repeatedly held, and they allow students to be educated in their own religious tradition. Given that public education must be secular under the establishment clause, private education may be religious under the free exercise clause.

Those accredited, private schools must of course meet minimum educational standards. They must teach reading, writing and arithmetic, not to mention history, geography, social studies and the like, so that their graduates are not culturally or intellectually handicapped. But these religious schools are perfectly free to teach all those subjects with a religious slant and to teach religious courses beyond them.

This two-sided compact on religion and education, while by no means perfect, strikes me as a prudent way to negotiate the nation’s growing religious and intellectual pluralism. Religious liberty litigants, on both the right and the left, should stop trying to renegotiate the basic terms of this compact and spend more time focusing on making liberty and justice for all within these terms.

The right has spent untold millions the past two decades trying to introduce bland prayers, ban moral and sex education in the public schools. That money could have been much better spent on a national scholarship and voucher program that gives real educational choice to the poor.

The left has spent untold millions more trying to cut religious schools and their students from equal access to funds, facilities and forums available to all others. That money would have been much better directed to shoring up the many public schools that are demonstrably failing.

We have the luxury in this country of litigating about religious symbols in the schools. We would better be served by tending to weightier matters else in public life, no religious texts, teachers, symbols or rituals are allowed.

A big snowstorm this month, because it’s been unusually warm.

Sandra Lattimore environmental services aid Emory Hospital

Will President George W. Bush pull our troops out of Iraq—finally?

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Debbie Crews visitor Emory Hospital

A version of this essay first appeared in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

I hope it will be that some of our troops withdraw from Iraq.
There was a time when Andra Gillespie, assistant professor of political science, thought she was done with the scholar’s life. It was her last year in graduate school at Yale and her degree was nearly complete, but instead of looking for an academic position, she decided to dive into real politics and work as a Washington pollster.

“I didn’t think I had any more questions,” Gillespie said of her (short-lived) flight from academia. “I had done my dissertation. I could say, ‘I’ve accomplished this and it is a great goal to have achieved in life, but I don’t really have anything else to say and I’m not sure I really want to publish.’

“But as soon as I got to D.C., I was like, ‘Wow, OK, what I’m doing in my job raises this particular question and it raises that question—wouldn’t it be neat to answer them?’”

New to Emory this academic year, Gillespie plans to expand on her graduate work by using field research to examine ways of improving voter turnout. The field-research method (common in the 1920s and 1950s and more recently revived by her graduate advisors, Donald Green and Alan Gerber) has an advantage over the more typical broad-based surveys in that it allows testing of different techniques of reaching voters; researchers can establish intervention and control groups, then look at voting records to see who actually makes it to the polls. Previous experiments have shown (“rather intuitively,” Gillespie noted) that walking through a neighborhood and talking to people is the best method of increasing voter turnout. Phone calls are less effective, but—if made by a live person—they’re still better than pre-recorded calls.

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To help her tackle the challenges of how best to approach and present messages to potential voters, Gillespie has assembled a team of six undergraduate political science majors who will conduct their own research projects under her guidance. She selected the students based on how their own interests fit into her larger project. For example, a student interested in young women voters might focus on that particular population and test hypotheses relevant to Gillespie’s theories.

There are a lot of very well-meaning organizations that want to get people out to vote, but they make a couple of mistakes,” she said. “They either bite off more than they can chew and try to canvass a region that’s too large for their work force, or they have an adequately sized but poorly trained work force because they literally just picked them up off the street.”

Part of the problem, Gillespie argued, is the decline in civic participation and lack of social capital by institutions such as churches, which were better than pre-recorded calls. The interesting departure...
From the culmination of University planning efforts to widespread responses to natural disasters, last year was a busy one on campus.

In these pages, Emory Report takes a look back at 2005.

January
Emory pitches in to help global tsunami relief effort
As the waters begin receding from the devastating tsunami that struck southeast Asia on Dec. 26, 2004, the University extends a helping hand. By the time President Jim Wagner distributes an all-campus e-mail on Dec. 30 asking the community to donate to relief efforts, a handfull of Emory students already are involved. And that’s just the beginning.

Power of song drives King Week keynote
Grammy-winning vocalist and renowned historian Berrice Johnson Reagon quietly sings the words of the spiritual, “We’ll Stand the Storm.” Upon stepping to the microphone, Jan. 18 in Cannon Chapel, to deliver the keynote speech for Emory’s 21st annual King Week celebration.

Charter Week celebrates University’s 90th birthday
Emory’s second Charter Week celebration features a full seven days of academic, social and artistic events to commemorate the 90th anniversary of Emory’s charter. Though inclement weather forces the cancellation of the week-capping Charter Ball, the celebration is still a rousing success.

February
Nursing’s ‘future of caring’ starts right now
Students and faculty of the Neil Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing gather in the school’s plaza, Jan. 28, to kick off the year’s fallontional celebration. “We’re here to celebrate the last 100 years, but also to challenge ourselves to make the future even better,” says Dean Marla Salmon.

Alexander: Housing laws can define ‘family’
Housing laws and their effects on culture and families are the theme of law Professor Frank Alexander’s Dissnguished Faculty Lecture, Feb. 7 in Winship Ballroom. “Our housing laws have been used—directly and indirectly, clearly and unconsciously—as vehicles for the definition and control of families,” says Alexander, founder and co-director of the Law and Religion Program.

Heritage Month blends art and history
African American Heritage Month 2005 looks toward the future of civil rights, and keynote-speaker Mary Frances Berry, former chair of the Civil Rights Commission, examines “Civil Rights in the 21st Century,” in her Feb. 21 lecture in WhISCaB auditorium.

Brokaw headlines 2005 honorary degree recipients
Former NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw is announced as keynote speaker for 2005 Commencement, headlining a group of honorary degree recipients that also includes Atlanta entrepreneur Thomas Cousins, nursing scholar Sue Hегgy (‘66N), founding dean of the Georgia State University School of Law Ben Johnson Jr. (‘36C, ‘40L), and Master of University College, Oxford, Lord Robert Berkeley.

Emory ranks high in survey as destination for postdocs
Emory ranks among the country’s top 10 academic institutions in providing the best work environments for life science postdoctoral research professionals, according to rankings in The Scientist’s third annual “Best Places to Work for Postdocs” survey.

March
Laura Bush praises urban debate program
On March 9, Laura Bush visits Benjamin S. Caron Honors Preparatory School, an Atlanta middle school whose debate program is getting a helping hand from Emory’s own Barkley Forum, as the first lady prepares to lead a new national education program proposed by her husband’s administration.

Goizueta renovation earns LEED honor
Emory strengthens its “LEED” in environmental sustainability as business renovation projects on the Emory University School of Medicine make it the first building on a university campus to earn gold-level Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Existing Buildings certification, a rigorous process overseen by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Malveaux makes room for Sadie in WHM keynote
Juliana Malveaux, teacher, author and syndicated columnist with a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, describes the life of Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander in her Women’s History Month keynote lecture, “Making Room for Sadie—A Diversity Metaphor,” in Tull Auditorium, March 23.

April
Medicine, law, business place in U.S. News rankings
In U.S. News & World Report’s 2006 rankings of graduate schools, the School of Medicine ranks 20th among research-oriented medical schools and 30th among primary care-oriented medical schools. Goizueta Business School (GGS) ranks 18th, and the School of Law ranks 32nd. Emory’s Department of Biomedical Engineering, launched in partnership with Georgia Tech in 1997, ranks third in the nation.

Future holds a lot for Forum panelists
Fourteen eminent thinkers from around the country converge at Emory April 8 for the Futurist Forum, part of the University’s strategic planning process. The event is designed to help the University see what lies ahead in higher education as it focuses its strengths through the framework of the strategic plan. CNN anchor Stephen Prouser moderates the morning-long public event in the Schwartz Center.

Claire Sterk named new senior vice provost
Claire Sterk, associate dean for research in the Rollins School of Public Health, is appointed senior vice provost for academic planning and faculty development, effective June 1. Sterk will be one of two new vice provosts, and her charge is to help build Emory’s faculty in quality and reputation.

Emory Healthcare to ride with Tour de Georgia
Emory Healthcare is named the official health care provider for the 2005 Dodge Tour de Georgia, held April 19-24. Professional cyclists pedal through 11 Georgia cities over six days to raise support for the Georgia Cancer Coalition, the state’s comprehensive cancer initiative.

Employee Council holds first spring town hall
At Emory’s 160th Commencement, May 16, former NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw, author of The Great- est Generation, feted the latest generation of grads.

Emory’s homepage gets a facelift
Emory goes live with a new central Web site design, its first Web redesign in five years. The new look graphically ties the University together with Woodruff Health Sciences Center and provides a simplified navigation structure.

Alexander named interim law dean
Law Professor Frank Alexander is named interim dean of the School of Law, Provost Earl Lewis announces May 26.

May
Campus Services created in reorganization
The Division of Campus Services is created by consolidating Facilities Management with the offices of parking and alternative transportation and the Emory Police Department. Vice President Bob Hack will lead the new division.

JUNE
Trustees give passing grade to strategic plan
At a retreat held June 1-3, the Board of Trustees gives Emory’s nearly completed strategic plan an enthusiastic reception. The plan, taking shape since early 2004 through the efforts of more than 3,000 across the University, is scheduled to be publicly released in fall 2005.

Bowen named new Oxford dean
Stephen Bowen, former provost and vice president for academic affairs at Pennsylvania’s Bucknell University, will be the next dean of Oxford College, Provost Earl Lewis announces on June 17. “Steve is the best person to lead this college as it refines its mission for the next decade and beyond,” Lewis says.

1997-2005 Emory's year in review

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2005 year in review

JULY
Study abroad participants safe after London bombings
More than 115 Emory students, faculty and staff are in or near London for summer study programs when terrorists bomb the city’s buses and subways on the morning of July 7. Within hours, all are safely accounted for and word is spread to their families back home through the Center for International Programs Abroad.

Mendola named to new CIO post
Rich Mendola, associate vice president for administrative information technology services at the University of Illinois, is named Emory’s first vice president for information technology and chief information officer. Mendola is charged with coordinating and integrating IT infrastructure between the University and Emory Healthcare.

EUH ranked near top by U.S. News
Emory University makes another strong showing in U.S. News & World Report’s annual hospital rankings. Two programs earn national Top 20 designations, including heart and heart surgery and ophthalmology. Emory’s programs in geriatrics, gynecology, kidney disease and psychiatry also are included in the magazine’s rankings of 17 specialties.

U.S. News ranks Emory No. 20
For the second straight year, Emory ranks 20th among 248 national universities in U.S. News & World Report’s annual college quality rankings, published in the magazine’s Aug. issue. Goizueta Business School places 18th in the rankings of undergraduate business programs.

Emory reaches out with Katrina help
The University mobilizes on several fronts to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which makes landfall along the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29. Emory Healthcare doctors and staff provide medical assistance, University employees make room for displaced students in their homes, and University schools make room in their classrooms as more than 150 New Orleans-area students are temporarily enrolled.

New café opens in Woodruff Library
Woodruff Library’s first food-service location, a Jazman’s Café, opens its doors, Aug. 29, offering a menu of beverages and light fare for hungry scholars.

Class of 2009 arrives on campus
Freshman Convocation, held Aug. 30, serves as the University’s official welcome to the Class of 2009. Marshall Duke, Charles Howard Candler Professor of Psychology, delivers the convocation address to approximately 1,250 freshmen overfilling the seats in Glenn Auditorium.

SEPTEMBER
Pioneering career women tell life stories
Professors Frances Smith Foster and Martha Finneman narrate the seventh annual “Telling Our Stories” event, sponsored by the Center for Women and held Sept. 13 in Miller-Work Alumni House. Some 100 faculty, staff and students listen in on their conversation.

Carter Town Hall addresses global poverty
Former President Jimmy Carter addresses Emory freshmen at his 33rd annual Town Hall, Sept. 21. The evening’s focus ranges from light-hearted to somber. Carter tells the crowd that everyone at Emory is a part of The Carter Center, which is currently working in 65 nations, mostly in Africa.

Emory pledges to go ‘Where Courageous Inquiry Leads’
On Sept. 26, Emory releases “Where Courageous Inquiry Leads: Emory University Strategic Plan, 2005–15,” marking a culmination of nearly two years of planning by more than 1,000 individuals across all the University’s schools and divisions. The plan identifies strategic goals, school and unit priorities, and signature themes and initiatives, through which Emory will aim to reach the highest tier of research universities.

Grand debut for Goizueta Ph.D. center
Olga Goizueta, widow of Goizueta Business School namesake and benefactor Roberto Goizueta, is on hand to help dedicate the school’s $33.4 million Goizueta Foundation Center for Research and Doctoral Education, Sept. 28. The center, connected to the main business building by a footbridge, will house Goizueta’s doctoral program and executive MBA programs.

New VP’s hired for HR, marketing
Peter Barnes and Ellen Dracos Lemming are announced as Emory’s new vice presidents for human resources and marketing, respectively. Barnes comes south from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, while Lemming is former marketing vice president at The Home Depot.

OCTOBER
Ted Hughes archive in spotlight at conference
Scholars from eight countries around the globe gather on campus, Oct. 5–7, as Emory hosts the fifth international conference on poet Ted Hughes, titled “Fixed Stars Govern a Life.” The conference’s own star is the Hughes archive, stored in Woodruff Library’s Manuscripts, Archives & Rare Books Library.

Project looks to transform Emory community
The Transforming Community Project (TCP), an ambitious, five-year undertaking meant to take an honest, comprehensive look at race at Emory, gets under way with a series of community dialogues. Associate provost Leslie Harris and Vice President Gary Hauk co-chair the project, conceived the previous year by Harris and Professor Catherine Manegold.

Class on the Quad teaches human rights
The third Classroom on the Quad examines the issue of human rights from political, legal, environmental and health viewpoints, Oct. 19 on the Quadrangle. Gerald LeMelle, deputy executive director of Amnesty International, delivers the keynote address.

Wagner delivers State of University Address
After two years devoted significantly to a wide range of planning activity, Emory is poised at the brink of another “great period of transformation,” President Jim Wagner says in his annual State of the University Address, Oct. 25 in Cox Hall.

NOVEMBER
Campus Master Plan updated for 2005
Emory releases its Campus Master Plan 2005 Update, which provides a framework for Emory’s physical development for the next generation.

DECEMBER
AIDS Quilt on the Quad
To commemorate World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, the Quandrangle hosts one of largest displays of the AIDS Memorial Quilt ever held in Atlanta. The entire quilt contains more than 45,000 panels and weighs 54 tons. More than 400 of those panels, each dedicated to a person who has died of AIDS, are spread out for community viewing. Some 1,000 people visit the Quad to view the quilt.

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SCHOLARSHIP&RESEARCH

Research reveals way to thwart T cell ‘exhaustion’

BY HOLLY KORSCHUN

Scientists have identified a simple but highly effective strategy for boosting the immune response to chronic viral infections in mice. By blocking a specific molecular pathway in the mouse immune system called PD-1/PD-3, the scientists were able to enhance production of CD8 T cells, kill virus-infected cells, and decrease the viral load.

The discovery may help overcome the challenging hurdle of immune T-cell “exhaustion” in humans that allows chronic viruses such as HIV and hepatitis C to persist and makes them so difficult to treat. The research was reported in the online edition of the journal Nature on Dec. 28.

The immune system responds to acute viral infections in two ways: with antibodies that help prevent the viruses from entering cells, and with an aggressiveness to CD8 T cells that are activated to kill virus-infected cells. After a few weeks, about 5 percent of these immune cells become “memory cells,” poised to mount an even stronger response to future attacks by the same virus.

In chronic viral infections, however, CD8 T cells respond only during the early stages of infection, then gradually lose effectiveness as the infection endures. Scientists have not understood exactly why this happens.

In order to identify the specific mechanism at work in inhibiting CD8 T-cell function, scientists from Emory’s School of Medicine, Harvard Medical School and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute used microarray technology to analyze and compare gene expression in CD8 T cells responding to acute and chronic viruses in a mouse model.

They discovered that the gene for a receptor called PD-1 was up-regulated in the nonfunctioning T cells in mice infected with a chronic strain of LCMV (lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus). PD-1 was not detected, however, in the functioning memory T cells in mice infected with an acute strain of LCMV. The scientists also found that PD-1 was expressed for a short time after acute infection with LCMV but was quickly down-regulated, while PD-3 expression continued to increase in chronically infected mice.

First author of the paper was Daniel Barber, a former graduate student in the laboratory of senior author Rafi Ahmed, director of the Emory Vaccine Center, Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, and professor of microbiology and immunology.

“Research identifies a specific way in which T cells lose their functionality and points the way to a simple and effective immune strategy for treating chronic viral infections,” Ahmed said. “This is an exciting discovery that will help us in designing therapeutic vaccines and drug therapies for chronic infections that have been very difficult to treat, including HIV and hepatitis C virus.”

“Dysfunction of T cells is common in many chronic viral infections as well as in cancer,” Barber added. David Mauropust, a postdoctoral fellow in microbiology and immunology, was another Emory co-author of the paper. The research was supported in part by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation’s Grand Challenges in Global Health initiative, the National Institutes of Health, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and Cancer Research Institute.

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BY NANCY CONDON

F rom the sonic dance of Michael Cebulski’s “Accidentals” to the elegant sounds of Teresa Hopkin’s vocals and Deborah Thoreson’s piano, this spring semester brings five free faculty recitals to the Schwartz Center’s Emerson Concert Hall. The performances allow faculty to reveal new and old works to a general audience and to give students the opportunity to watch teachers show their stuff.

The first is Cebulski, Emory artist affiliate and Atlanta Symphony Orchestra principal percussionist, whose concert “Mallet Dancing” will be held Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. It is a program of music for marimba, xylophone and vibraphone, including one marimba solo which composer Charles Knox wrote specifically for Cebulski. Piano and Emory faculty member Laura Gordy will accompany Cebulski on two xylophone pieces. The program’s title, Cebulski explained, refers to “the observation that to play mallet instruments the performer must be mobile and almost choir director major sections of the performance.”

Next up, Jan. 22 at 4 p.m., are Tamara Makkad Allbrecht and Timothy Allbrecht in a duo-organist recital. Their program includes both duets and solo pieces by a variety of composers. Tomy, the solo piece written by composer Stephen Paulus and commissioned by Daniel Jaczek, builder of Emory’s new pipe organ.

The Albrechts have been performing organ duo their entire married life, including an emergency performance at their own wedding ceremony. “We used to perform together more often,” says Timothy, “but we have both been involved in so many other creative projects. It will be fun to get reacquainted at the keyboard again.”

On Jan. 28 at 8 p.m., masteristar Kakali Bandopadhyay performs North Indian classical music in the style of the legendary Senia Maihar. Bandopadhyay has earned many honors for her music over the years and performed throughout India and the United States. A composer of fusion of the performance influenced by North Indian classical music, she teaches sarar and North Indian instrumental music at Emory. A joint recital of vocalist Teresa Hopkin and pianist Deborah Thoreson, to be held Feb. 25 at 8 p.m., will include arias by Handel, Samuel Barber’s “Hermit Songs,” Hugo Wolf songs from the “Italiensisches Liederbuch” and a group of songs by Duparc, Debussy, Poulenc and Liszt. Hopkin, who has played leading roles for the Atlanta Opera, rejoined the Emory faculty in 2005 as director of vocal studies. Thoreson, on the Emory faculty since 1978 and currently director of undergraduate and performance studies, has appeared as a collaborative pianist in major concert halls throughout the United States and Europe and can be heard on the ACA Digital label.

Finally, on March 7 at 8 p.m., DuoATL presents its debut concert. This new flute and guitar duo was founded last year by Emory faculty artists afiliate, guitarist and composer Brian Lukett and flutist and composer Nicole Randall.

The Duo’s repertoire is works by such composers as the American Hubert Bird, Brazilians Radamés Gnattali and Heitor Villa-Lobos, Puerto Rican Robert Xavier Rodriguez and more.

For more information about these and other faculty concerts, call 404-727-5050 or view www.arts.emory.edu.

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—Rafi Ahmed, director of Emory Vaccine Center

Dance concert opens doors, Jan. 19–21
Assistant Professor Lori Teague of the Emory Dance Program worked with four distinct casts in choreographing “Dance That Open,” running Jan. 19–21 at 8 p.m. in the Schwartz Center’s Dance Studio. Composer Alok Khamchak contributed original music for the concert, which features four dance pieces touching on various aspects of change. “The evening holds both sides of experience, the qualities of loss and possibility,” Teague says. Tickets are $10 for Emory faculty and staff, $7 for Emory students and dance discount members. For more information, call 404-727-5050.
University Planning Public Meetings Schedule

Discussion Sessions

Thursday, Jan. 19
5–6 p.m., 207 White Hall.

Wednesday, Feb. 15
8–9 a.m., Winship Ballroom.

Wednesday, March 1
11 a.m.–noon, Administration Building B, First Floor Training Room.

Wednesday, March 29
Noon–1 p.m., Cox Hall Ballroom.

Monday, April 3
2–3 p.m., Reception Hall, Carlos Museum.

Series Seminar (all times 4–6 p.m.)

Thursday, Feb. 16

Monday, Feb. 20

Monday, April 3

Thursday, March 30
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As the production and use of electronic products increases, the challenges of disposal and recovery of materials are becoming significant. The commercial sector has recently focused on meeting some of these challenges through force in creating and growing the electronics recycling industry. Consumers own vast quantities of electronic products, but many of these are disposed of in landfills or left unused in storage. Every day, more TVs and personal computers become obsolete or are otherwise replaced, creating a growing need to inform and motivate the public about consumer electronics recycling.

More than 400 U.S. companies are considered electronics recyclers; they specialize in the proper handling and disposal of electronics with the objective of optimizing recycling and reuse. This month, on Jan. 29 and 30, Emory Recyclers and Atlanta Recycling Solutions (ARS), an electronics recycler, will be presented at the Briarcliff Campus parking lot. Emory students and staff are encouraged to take part in this community with a chance to recycle electronic products.

The nature of materials collected and recycled from electronics includes whole equipment, components, subassemblies, metals, plastic and glass. Whole equipment, components and subassemblies are remanufactured or reused. Recovered metals are sold to regional ferrous and nonferrous scrap dealers. Recovered plastics are recycled back primarily from equipment housing, is sold to markets that will transform it into “plastic lumber” or other thick-walled products.

Some plastics are so mixed with metal fractions that they are irretrievable; these are consumed in the process of recovering and refining recycled metals, where their BTU value replaces fossil fuels. Most of the recycled glass comes from color cathode ray tubes (CRTs). Because CRT glass contains lead, when pulverized it can substitute for concentrated lead ores in the smelting process.

As an electronics recycler, ARS’ primary goal is to ensure that all equipment received is handled in full compliance with any specified requirements regarding asset tag removal, data or software destruction, limitation on reuse, and any specified requirements regarding asset tag removal, data or software destruction, limitation on reuse.

Once these requirements are met, ARS tries to direct all equipment to its highest value secondary use. To discourage the uncontrolled and environmentally damaging “recycling” practices common in many developing countries, ARS does not utilize offshore markets for used equipment.

In this event, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Jan. 30 from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., bring electronic products for recycling to the front Briarcliff Campus parking lot. Equipment accepted includes computer monitors; microwave ovens; large TVs; computer mice; printers; video machines; network equipment; camcorders; cameras; stereos; fax machines; CD radios; CD and disk drives; batterypowered equipment; keyboards; circuit board cables; typewriters; eight-track (reel-to-reel) tape; scanners; radios; computer CPUs; modems; copiers; record players (turntables); cell phones; and CD players. Televisions are accepted with a $10 recycling fee.

Claire Houston Hall will be program coordinator for exterior services in Campus Services.

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**RECEPTION FOLLOWING.**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**TOASTMASTERS**

8 a.m. 231 Dental School Building. 404-727-4192.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 22**

**7 p.m.** Reception Hall, Carlos House.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 19**

**Jazz Vesper Service**


**SUNDAY, JAN 22**

**University Worship**

Joseph Roberts, pastor emeritus, Ebenezer Baptist Church, preach. Voices of Inner Strength, performing. 11 a.m. Cannon Chapel. Free. 404-727-6225. Reception following.

**SPECIAL**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**TOASTMASTERS**

8 a.m. 231 Dental School Building. 404-727-4192.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 17**

**Chapel Tea**


**MLK Jr. Holiday Keynote Address**


**SUNDAY, JAN. 22**

**11 a.m. Jones Room, Woodruff Library. Free. 404-727-4625.**

**Sufi Meditation Workshop**

11 a.m. Jones Room. Woodruff Library. $15. 770-579-0701.

**SUNDAY, JAN 22**

**GMAT Preparation Workshop**

1:30 p.m. Briarcliff Campus. $361.25 (six sessions). 404-712-4352.

**FINANCIAL WORKSHOP**

“Back in the Black: Create a Debt-Free Life.” 1:30 p.m. Briarcliff Campus. $63.75. 404-712-4352.

**ROMAN PORTRAIT ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN**

(ages 8–12) Ande Cook, presenting.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 20**

**International Students Coffee House Workshop**

**DISCUSSION**

“Civil Rights within the International Community” David Key, theology, facilitating. 11:30 a.m. Winship Ballroom, Dobbs Center, Free. 404-727-1330.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 21**

**Meditation Techniques Seminar**


**PRAXIS I Math Review**

7:35 p.m. Briarcliff Campus. $140.25 (six sessions). 404-712-4352.

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**2 p.m. Tate Room, Carlos Museum. $10, members; $15, non-members. 404-727-4291.**

**MONDAY, JAN. 23**

**Theology Workshop**

Mini Theology School. Religion and Conflict 7 p.m. $106.25 (eight sessions). Location TBA. 404-712-4352.

**THURSDAY, JAN 19**

**MiniTheology School: Religion and Conflict**

**Discussion**

4 p.m. Macon Chapel. Free. 404-727-6225.

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