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More than 15 tons of artifacts, packed in 40 massive wooden crates, arrived at the Carlos Museum for the “Cradle of Christianity” exhibit, including this mosaic from an early church in Galilee. “These are unique and unparalleled objects that have never traveled together before,” said David Mevorah (center), a curator of the Israel Museum, who supervised the unpacking.

‘Cradle of Christianity’ explores sacred artifacts

BY CAROL CLARK

The Bible may be subject to interpretation, but some things are set in stone. “The exhibition is extraordinary because it gives you direct contact with the early first century CE — the time of John the Baptist, Jesus and Paul — and brings you through the fifth century, during a formative period in the development of both Judaism and Christianity,” he said.

The only archaeological find bearing the name of Pontius Pilate, the first Roman procurator of Judea, who sentenced Jesus to death by crucifixion, is included in the exhibit, along with a cast of a human heel bone.

Johns showcases progress of Woodruff Health Sciences Center’s Vision 2012 plan

BY ROBIN TRICOLES

Early last June Michael M.E. Johns, CEO of the Woodruff Health Sciences Center and executive vice president for health affairs, announced the launch of a bold, comprehensive multi-year plan, Vision 2012: Transforming Health and Healing. The plan’s aim: to establish Emory’s eminence in patient-centered, research-driven, collaborative healthcare.

On May 30, before a standing-room only crowd at the WHSC Administration Building Auditorium, Johns spoke of goals already met and plans already under way in meeting the aims of Vision 2012.

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even the horrors of the 1906 Race Riot were the result of success — white mobs resisted the economic and cultural progress that African Americans created for themselves at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries. Forty years after the riot, Atlanta became the “manger” of the Civil Rights Movement when 38,000 African Americans voted to register.

Thus, Atlanta’s role as a source of African American leadership is unique. As the leading private research university the Atlanta area is proud of. It’s not always pretty, and bringing it up inevitably means confronting painful emotions — love for the physical beauty and cultural achievements of the South, tinged with regret and embarrassment. Such emotions are like tumors. The process of examining and dealing with both is painful, but that pain is minor compared to the many benefits of healing in our community that come from telling these stories.

The story of racial integration at Emory is one of Emory’s race, and in the South while standing why some white Southerners were so attached to segregation than others. It matters because of the identity of the South, and of Georgia, and for the entire South. It matters because of the number of students and employees who come here, and because of the new knowledge we produce.

Racism gives us the opportunity to talk about race at Emory and in the South while appreciating the leadership of the white men who chose to walk with the march of history instead of stopping at it from the sidelines.

Historians, like reporters, tend to focus on horror stories; of course, we can’t not do that, but I grew up in a black Atlanta household and still feel the weight of the history of slavery and segregation on my daily life.

We can redeem it. We can forgive it. We can look at it with love and not just violence. We can undo that pain.

We’re all better off when we talk about race.
Marc Cordon came to Emory to be a doctor, groomed since childhood to take over the medical practice of his parents, Filipino immigrants who wanted their son to live comfortably in the American dream. While Cordon excelled in his studies at Emory — earning a degree in neurobiology and behavioral biology and a master’s in public health — he was driven by leadership activities that captured his interest.

He now works in that office as associate director of multicultural programs and services, over the past four years re-invigorating existing programs and launching new initiatives that led the Center for Student Diversity and Engagement to name him “Adviser of the Year.” Changing his career path from medicine to student affairs required a leap of faith, and Cordon says that’s the “full circle” in his journey.

He often shares his story of self-discovery with the students who come to OMPS in search of their own cultural identity or leadership potential.

Cordon’s initial connections with Emory’s Asian American community as a freshman were the beginning of what would emerge as a theme in Cordon’s life, connections with young people that would unite all other activities going forward.

After completing an internship at Emory Hospitals, Cordon continued his pre-med requirements at Emory and taking his Medical College Admission Test. Yet he decided then and there to walk away from a career in medicine to follow his heart.

“Everything was difficult thing, and I did a lot of soul-searching,” he says. “One day it hit me and I made a list of all the things I enjoyed doing in college. They were all centered around student affairs, focused on connecting with youth no matter what the medium was.”

Cordon decided to call his alma mater to inquire about open positions in student affairs. He describes what happened next as “almost like destiny.” The dean was out of the office and Cordon instead spoke with the OMPS program coordinator, who happened to be leaving. When Cordon came to interview at Emory, he recognized a staff member he had once trained as an orientation leader. The adviser who had helped Cordon start the Filipino Student Association was on the search committee.

“It must have been the law of attraction. Once I realized that that’s where I was wanted to go, it was like doors opened up,” he says.

“I’ve been able to use that experience to tell students about the patience involved in career development, that oftentimes you don’t know exactly what’s going to happen but everything that will start coming your way,” says Cordon, who encourages students with dreams to pursue their options and their passions.

Cordon is dedicated to providing students with tools that will enrich the community both at Emory and beyond. Again, he is able to draw from his own experience at Emory.

“What made my college experience so empowering was that I realized I actually had the ability to change things around here,” he says. “And I think it’s an empowering thing for an 18-year-old to realize they can be change agents. They don’t need a title, they don’t need to wear a tie, they can just go and work with other people,” Cordon says.

He views diversity and multicultural competency as an important leadership skill, and shares this with students. “It becomes less about race and relations more about developing as a leader and broadening your own senses,” he says. “Diversity goes beyond race, it goes to values. We have students here of different cultural backgrounds, religions and socioeconomic class, but more so students come in with different values. Diversity is about really being able to appreciate those values.”

In addition to assisting students with their concerns, Cordon also devotes much of his time at OMPS to assisting multicultural organizations with their programming. Cordon developed a new program, Sustained Dialogues, where students meet weekly to discuss issues over a free dinner. He has also breathed new life into programs such as Multicultural Outreach and Resources at Emory, a mentor program for incoming students of color, and Crossroads, a pre-orientation retreat for freshmen, by “putting them into the hands of students.”

Cordon is currently working toward his Ph.D. in student affairs at the University of Georgia. He hopes to publish research showing how diversity-focused programs such as Crossroads can empower youth and change their attitude toward diversity early on in their college experience. “It seems that the folks who have gone on that retreat have become real advocates for community and diversity on campus,” Cordon says.

In this research, Cordon again speaks of coming full circle. “Now I’m realizing how much my public health degree is a help to me too. The big thing in student affairs right now is assessment, and becoming more accountable for the things that we do,” he says. “Also the general themes of public health are centered around improving the quality of life and being proactive,” an approach Cordon applies to his work at OMPS.

“In order to be in the field of diversity, you have to constantly be wanting to learn more. There’s always new skills and new knowledge to acquire,” he says. “Just like leadership in general, you have to constantly hone your skills.”

He shares this with the students he mentors and in his leadership workshops. “The best time to start honing those skills is in college. Because once you get those wheels moving, you’ve got the rest of your life to keep acquiring them.”

As director of multicultural programs and services at Emory, Marc Cordon now works in the office that helped inspire and support his leadership activities as a student.
Emory establishes Transactional Law Center, appoints director

BY TIM HUSSIE

Emory law has established a Transactional Law Center and has appointed Tina Stark, noted educator of both lawyers and law students, as its executive director. Stark will join the Emory Law faculty this fall as a professor in the practice of law.

The Transactional Law Center is one major component of Emory Law’s strategic plan. Under Stark’s leadership, the Center will build on the Transactional Law Certificate Program and position Emory School of Law as a leader in training transactional lawyers. Stark said that the goal is “to teach Emory’s transactional students to think like deal lawyers. Although the academy prides itself on teaching students to think like lawyers, the most part we teach students to think like litigators.”

To achieve its goal, Emory will offer business-related courses, courses that focus on both the business and legal issues in a transaction, and sophisticated transactional skills training. Stark said that in creating these courses “the Emory faculty will work closely with practitioners to make sure that the new courses give students the real world training they need.”

The Transactional Law Center and the Transactional Law Certificate Program place Emory Law at the forefront of innovative legal education by improving the integration of professional skills and traditional teaching in the law,” said Dean David Partlett. “Coulpled with our outstanding program in trial techniques, this new certificate program offers students an additional option to augment their legal education.”

The Transactional Law Center will hold conferences and sponsor research on the teaching of transactional law and skills. Stark began her career as a commercial banker before graduating from New York University Law School, where she was an editor of the school’s international law journal. She became a partner at Chadbourne & Parke LLP, in the corporate department, where she had a broad-based transactional practice with an emphasis on acquisitions, dispositions, recapitalizations and financings. Stark has been teaching transactional courses to law students and young lawyers since 1999.

She is the editor-in-chief and co-author of the best-selling treatises, “Negotiating and Drafting Contract Boilerplate,” and the author of a drafting textbook that Aspen will publish this spring. Stark will not only teach contract drafting to Emory Lawyers but will train a group of adjunct faculty to teach contract drafting and other transactional skills courses.

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Business school establishes real estate program

Goizueta Business School is formally establishing a real estate program. The Real Estate Program at Goizueta Business School is the result of extensive student and alumni involvement in the real estate industry, and it builds on the school’s achievements in finance, marketing and strategy.

“Real estate capital markets are at the core of the Real Estate Program at Goizueta Business School,” said Dean Larry Benveniste, “but we are taking a holistic approach that rounds out courses in finance with courses in marketing and strategy. Students will also understand the nuances of the industry, with emphasis on factors that make up the market and the intricacies of properties as an asset.”

In addition to fundamentals, real estate students will receive high-level training in development and real estate financial structures, and capital markets. Courses will allow for flexibility and local interaction, resulting in well-rounded students with a competitive advantage.

Roy T. Black, who has taught part-time at Goizueta since 1999, joined the faculty full-time to spearhead the Real Estate program. Black was a professor of real estate at Georgia State University for 16 years, and spent 15 years as a real estate attorney before joining academia.

A formal real estate program at Goizueta is a natural progression for the school, which has never lacked student participation. In recent years, student interest in real estate has grown from a single course offered once or twice a year, to a well-rounded curriculum and the establishment of a formal program. Black will teach the foundational courses, while real estate industry insiders round out the curriculum.

“We look forward to participating in the international real estate market, including research, teaching and additional programming to support community initiatives,” Black said.

EagleUpdate

 Oxford men’s tennis repeats as national champs

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By Carol Clark

Emory is launching a new model for digital scholarship through a partnership with Kittas Technologies Inc., a maker of cutting-edge digital scanning technology.

The partnership will enable Emory to apply automated scanning technology to thousands of rare, out-of-print books in its research collections, making it possible for scholars to browse the pages of these books on the Internet or order print versions, at a cost, if available. The project is limited to materials in the public domain.

“We believe that mass digitization and print-on-demand publishing is an important new model for digital scholarship that is going to revolutionize the management of academic materials,” said Martin Halbert, director for digital programs and systems at Emory’s Robert W. Woodruff Library. “Information will no longer be lost in the mists of time when books go out of print. This is a way of opening up the past to the future.”

Woodruff Library is one of the premier research libraries in the United States, with extensive holdings in the humanities, including rare, out-of-print and special collections. To increase accessibility to these aging materials, and to preserve them, the University purchased a Kittas robotic book scanner, which can digitize as many as 50 books per day, transforming the pages from each volume into an Adobe Portable Document Format. The PDF files will be uploaded to a Web site where scholars can access them. If a scholar wishes to order a bound, printed copy of a digitized book, a few clicks of the mouse will prompt Amazon.com to print and ship the requested volume.

Emory will receive compensation from the sale of digitized books: a profit, but simply help the library recoup some of its costs when making out-of-print materials available.

Materials in Emory’s collection that are rare, out-of-print and unique to the history of the University and the South are currently being digitized as part of a pilot project. The University expects the print-on-demand feature for these targeted materials to Group Librarians by the fall semester. Altogether, Emory houses more than 200,000 out-of-print volumes that were published before 1923.

Emory was already on the leading edge of digital scholarship, as a first of the universities to establish a major online peer-review journal. In the two years of its existence, Emory’s Internet journal Southern Spaces (southernspaces.org) has become a dominant voice in the Southern studies field, attracting scholars from around the world as it explores its forums and interactive, multi-media features.

Mass digitization and print-on-demand capabilities represent another quantum leap forward for digital scholarship at Emory, opening up wide new areas of possibilities,” Halbert said.

In addition to making out-of-print books more accessible, Emory librarians envision the University’s mass digitization and print-on-demand capabilities expanding the range of more current scholarly materials.

“The Emory libraries plan to use the program to support an array of scholarly publishing needs of our campus,” said Rick Luco, vice president for University libraries. “We will be providing new opportunities for our faculty and students to disseminate their work, if they choose to do so, under the Emory banner.”

As chair of the American Librarian Association’s Digital Library Technologies Interest Group, Halbert will be leading a panel in Washington, D.C., on June 24, titled, “Libraries as Digital Publishers: A New Model for Scholarly Access to Information.”

BY ELAINE JUSTICE

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Teen brain and mental illness focus of book edited by Emory expert

Adolescence is characterized by an increase in risk-taking behavior. One theory to explain this behavior is that the brain circuitry for pleasure and sensation develops rapidly during adolescence, while the brain circuitry responsible for behavioral control and inhibition lags behind.

The take-home message is that the changes you see in the behavior of your adolescent are just part of their idiosyncrasies and temperaments. They reflect actual biological changes in their brains,” Walker said.

In a small percentage of teenagers, these changes go beyond the normal range and develop into chronic mental illness. Adolescents who have a certain allele for the gene that controls serotonin transport may be at particular risk for developing depression when they’re exposed to stress,” Walker said. “That’s just one example of a genotype that has been identified that may raise the risk for mental illness during adolescence. There are probably many more.

Walker and her research team are part of a national consortium slated to begin a series of studies, supported by the National Institute of Mental Health, aimed at developing more precise tools to identify young people at risk for mental illness.

“By better identifying those at risk, we hope to have a better chance of preventing psychotic disorders from ever occurring,” Walker said.

For example, the study was supported by the Arthritis Foundation and the Beckman Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.

Scientists equip bacteria with custom navigational system

A new book co-edited by Emory researcher Elaine Walker adds to the growing body of evidence about how nature and nurture work in concert to shape the brain of a teenager into that of a mature adult. The volume also examines the question of why the risk for major mental illness rises dramatically in adolescence and what interventions or life experiences might prevent these disorders.

This book reflects the growing recognition during the past 10 years of the importance of adolescent brain development,” said Walker, Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience. “The brain of an individual when they are 11 is very different from the brain of that same individual when they’re 21.

“Adolescent Psychology and the Developing Brain: Integrating Brain and Prevention Science,” published by Oxford University Press, was edited by Walker and Daniel Reker, research director of the Adolescent Risk Communication Institute at the University of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg Public Policy Center. The book drew from presentations at an Annenberg Center conference in 2005, which brought together some of the most well-known researchers in adolescent neuroscience and psychology to compare notes across disciplines.

Research led by Walker at Emory since 1995 has found that adolescents who carry the highest levels of the stress hormone cortisol appear to be more at risk to develop serious mental illnesses in adulthood. She is continuing to look deeper into the interaction of both stress and sex hormones to pinpoint their influences on brain development and mental health.

Using an innovative method to control the movement of Escherichia coli in a chemical environment, Emory University scientists have opened the door to powerful new opportunities in drug delivery, environmental cleanup and synthetic biology. Their findings are published online in the Journal of the American Chemical Society and will be published in a future print issue.

Assistant Professor of Chemistry Justin Gallivan and student graduate student Shanna Topp successfully reprogrammed E. coli’s chemos-navigational system to detect, follow and precisely localize to specific chemical signals. In doing so, the scientists exploited E. coli’s natural chemotaxis, a microbe’s ability to move toward specific chemicals in its environment.

“Equipping bacteria with a way to degrade pollutants, synthesize and release therapeutics, or transport chemicals into an ability to localize to a specific chemical signal would open new frontiers in environmental cleanup, drug delivery and synthetic biology,” said Gallivan.

The researchers equipped E. coli with a “beak,” a segment of RNA that changes shape when bound to certain small target molecules, which can then turn genes on or off. Gallivan and Topp believe that the riboswitch can be used to equip other types of self-propelled bacteria with “chemo-navigation” systems to move them toward desired targets.

Chemotactic bacteria navigate chemical environments by coupling their information-processing capabilities to powerful, tiny molecular motors that propel the cells forward.

Researchers have long known that replicated bacteria so that microbes capable of synthesizing an anti-cancer drug, for instance, could be used to target diseased cells while sparing healthy cells of side effects. Likewise, scientists are researching ways to get bacteria to clean up oil spills or remove other pollutants from soil and contaminated water.

“This new ability to equip motile bacteria with a precise and tunable chemos-navigational system will greatly enhance the impressive arsenal of natural and engineered cell behaviors,” Gallivan said.

The study was supported by the Arthritis Foundation and the Beckman Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.

Study details spread of rabies based on geographic regions

A new study appears online in the Proceedings of The National Academy of Sciences.

“Our study demonstrates the combined evolutionary and population dynamic processes characterizing the spread of a pathogen after its introduction into a susceptible host population,” said Leslie Real, Asa G. Candler Professor of Biology. During invasion, emerging pathogens such as rabies, cholera and hantavirus, undergo rapid evolution while expanding their numbers and geographic range; yet it is difficult to demonstrate how these processes interact, said Real.

However, this particular outbreak, which went largely undetected until relatively recently, was unusually well-documented both spatially and temporally. Data were methodologically collected and stored since the outbreak began in the mid-1970s. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had been stockpiling viral samples from the outbreak since 1982, giving scientists a treasure trove of genetic data ripe for analysis.

“Together these data offer a rare chance to examine how the demographic and spatial processes of spread and population expansion over 30 years have shaped viral evolution on a geographic scale,” said Real. “Landscape features, such as rivers and mountains, can have a pronounced effect on the rate of viral transmission when they may therefore affect viral dynamics on a large scale.”

The study, for example, showed that because mountain ranges make for a poor raccoon habitat especially at higher elevations, raccoons did not cross the Appalachian mountain chain during the first part of the outbreak, which clearly limited the virus’s westward expansion. But, Likewise, it was found that the Allegheny Mountains appear to have slowed the virus’s movement to the north.

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The study, conducted in the United States, the western expansion of raccoons is currently controlled through the distribution of an oral vaccines vaccine stretching from Ontario, Canada, down to Alabama. But should the raccoons breach this barrier, there are no natural settings to keep the virus from spreading across the entire Midwest. “However, we can now model what the spread of the virus would look like and then intervene,” Real said.

Although raccoons are common throughout North America, their impact as a rabies host before the 1970s was limited to the southeastern United States, particularly Florida. However, this situation changed dramatically in 1977 when a raccoon-specific rabies virus variant was detected in West Virginia. The RRV later spread quickly along the mid-Atlantic coast, and by 1999 infiltrated thousands of square kilometers.

It is estimated that raccoons causes more than 50,000 human deaths annually worldwide, and roughly $30 million is spent each year to treat patients exposed to rabies in the United States. The estimated public health costs associated with rabies detection, prevention and control exceed $300 million annually in the United States, according to the CDC. These costs include vaccination of companion animals, animal control programs, maintenance of rabies laboratories and medical costs.

The study, conducted in collaboration with the CDC, was supported by the National Institutes of Health and the United States Department of Agriculture. The team of researchers from Emory also included Roman Biel, J. Caroline Henderson, and Lance Waller, and the CDC’s Charles Rupprecht.
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punctured by an iron spike — the only tangible evidence for the practice of crucifixion.

Everyday objects, such as ancient water vessels, of the type referred to in the New Testament story of the wedding feast at Cana, when Jesus was said to have turned water into wine, help recreate the atmosphere of the time.

"It will be exciting, for Jews and Christians alike, to see the era that they have encountered liturgically become relevant to contemporary life," Feiler said. His Atlanta presentation is titled "The Holy Land: A Look at the Fertile Crescent in the Shared History of Judaism, Christianity and Islam."

"I will talk about archaeology and what we can learn from the past to help with the religious tensions we have today," he said. It's a subject of interest to people of all faiths and even non-believers, he added.

—Carol Clark

CARLOSMUSEUM

‘Walking the Bible’ author heads up ‘Cradle of Christianity’ events

A talk by bestselling author Bruce Feiler on Tuesday, June 26, leads off a series of events surrounding the "Cradle of Christianity" exhibit at the Carlos Museum. A native of Savannah, Ga., Feiler is an award-winning journalist and the author of seven books, including "Walking the Bible," "Abraham" and "Where God Was Born."

Other events set for the June 16 to Oct. 14 run of the exhibit include workshops and performances by master storyteller Jim Weish; a Zero Church concert by the sing- ing group The Roches and lectures by leading religious scholars.

Feiler's talk is set for 7 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church (3003 Howell Mill Rd). The event is free for Emory students, faculty and staff; but tickets are required. To reserve tickets and see details about the full calendar of events, visit the "Cradle of Christianity" Web site: www.carlos.emory.edu/cradle/program.php.

"The Dead Sea Scrolls traveled through the desert on the tail of the Five Rhine halls of Moses to research "Walking the Bible." The book spent more than a year and a half on The New York Times best-seller list and became a PBS mini-series.


“One of the most dominant questions in the world today is: Do biblical stories have relevance to contemporary life?" Feiler said. His Atlanta presentation is titled "The Holy Land: A Look at the Fertile Crescent in the Shared History of Judaism, Christianity and Islam."

"I will talk about archaeology and what we can learn from the past to help with the religious tensions we have today," he said. It’s a subject of interest to people of all faiths and even non-believers, he added.

—Carol Clark

VISION2012

Centers for Excellence

One of the most important areas of advancement in the Woodruff Department of Medicine is the creation of clinical and translational centers of excellence. The centers are a part of a strategy to provide national leadership in specific clinical areas within the next five years. The centers’ success is based on their ability to ramp up collaboration among researchers and clinicians to speed innovations to prevent and treat disease. In addition to new discoveries, these centers are expected to set new standards for patient safety and quality.

Above all, the centers will be leaders in their respective fields.

The five centers established thus far, with others to follow, include:

• Center for Neuroscience
• Emory Transplant Center
• Emory Heart and Vascular Center
• Emory Center for Respiratory Health
• Winship Cancer Institute

university research park relations, serving seven academic units, student athletics, libraries and undergraduate programs. She also planned and executed a $48 million matching fund campaign in support of one of Governor Gray Davis' California Institutes for Science and Technology, which has since merged with the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology.

At Johns Hopkins since 2003, she has helped to develop and manage multi-day operations for the $2 billion Johns Hopkins Medicine campaign, serving as a member of the senior leadership team of both the CEO/diean of medicine and the vice president for development and alumni relations.

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OXFORD COLLEGE

Oxford’s new residence hall breaks ground as Newton County’s first certified ‘green’ building

Oxford College dug in to a major milestone in its strategic plan May 12 at a groundbreaking for a new residence hall — the largest construction project on Oxford’s campus in 40 years. The facility is being built on the corner of Hamill and Haygood streets across from the Oxford tennis courts, and will house 350 students starting in fall 2008. The new residence hall will replace Brannen and East halls, and allow Oxford to better meet its current enrollment of 700 students with modern facilities that will retain the character of Oxford’s historic campus and emphasize a living and learning community. The college collaborated closely with the city of Oxford on the project, and Feiler began researching the facility will be the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified “green” building in Newton County.

Susan Cruse will begin her post as senior vice president for development and alumni relations on July 1.

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candidates from first-rate institutions, she stood out by virtue of her vision for Emory’s continuing ascendance among American research universities.”

Since 1991, Cruse has worked in senior fundrais- ing positions at UCLA, the University of California, Irvine, and Johns Hopkins, with the exception of a stint from 1997-1999, when she served as director of university alliances for the global corporation TriW Inc.

At UCLA, she served as assistant dean of exter- nal affairs and director of development for the School of Engineering and Applied Science, leading a $50 million fundraising drive for the school as part of UCLA’s overall $1.2 billion campaign.

At UC Irvine, she was assistant vice chancellor for corporate, foundation and university research park relations, serving seven academic units, student athletics, libraries and undergraduate programs. She also planned and executed a $48 million matching fund campaign in support of one of Governor Gray Davis’ California Institutes for Science and Technology, which has since merged with the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology.

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PERFORMING ARTS
FRIDAY, JUNE 15
Dance Performance
Also, June 16 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. and June 17 at 5 p.m.

VISUAL ARTS
THURSDAY, JUNE 16
Carlos Museum Exhibition Opening
through August 15.

MARBL Exhibition

THURSDAY, JUNE 21
Surgical Grand Rounds
“Surgical Options in Advanced and Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma.” Vijay Master, urology, presenting. 7 a.m. Emory Hospital Auditorium. Free. 404-778-1903.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26
Art Lecture and Book Signing
“Cradle of Christianity.” Bruce Feiler, author, presenting. 7 p.m. Trinitry Presbyterian Church (3003 Howell Mill Road). $10; Two free tickets may be reserved by those with a valid Emory e-mail address. 404-727-4282.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27
Women’s Health and Wellness Lecture

Lectures
THURSDAY, JUNE 14
Surgical Grand Rounds

THURSDAY, JUNE 28
Surgical Grand Rounds
“Surgical Options in Advanced and Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma.” Viraj Master, urology, presenting. 7 a.m. Emory Hospital Auditorium. Free. 404-778-1903.

CAMPUSNEWS
Action Cycling 200 raises $65,000 for AIDS research
Action Cycling 200 riders cross the finish line after returning to campus from a 200-mile ride to Eatonton, Ga. Nearly 60 riders helped raise roughly $65,000 for AIDS vaccine research at the AC200, held May 19-20. Organizers say it was the largest turnout of participants to date, and expect to return 100 percent of donations to the Emory Vaccine Center, the beneficiary of the fifth annual ride. For information, visit www.action-cycling.org.