Planning for all occasions: Office rolls out expanded resources for event planners

By ANN HARDIE

When His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama visits campus, Michael Kloss and his staff of university event planners sweat every detail, down to the piping hot water in the spiritual leader’s glass. “It is my job to know that the Dalai Lama drinks extremely hot, plain water,” says Kloss, executive director of the Office of University Events. “If he is comfortable, he’s more likely to receive Emory’s message and share with the rest of the world.”

This month the Office of University Events is launching new efforts to extend that same level of hospitality to guests of all stripes, from prospective students to donors, department heads to heads of state.

Its Web site, www.emory.edu/events, will offer protocol and tips for faculty, staff and service providers called on to put on campus events. A comprehensive venue guide will feature CAD-accurate 3D renderings of popular event venues in limitless configurations, allowing planners to test virtual room configurations down to specific table linens.

The Office of University Events also is introducing Events Exchange, a program to give planners from across Emory the opportunity to share ideas and learn best practices by participating in free educational sessions to take place throughout the academic year.

The two-hour sessions will cover an array of topics, from the latest in décor and culinary trends to ways to incorporate environmentally sensitive practices such as the proper use of electronic invitations.

Planners also will be able to discuss how to pool resources and come up with other cost-cutting strategies. An Event Recycler program within the Exchange network will allow planners to save money by reusing items for future events.

Emory extends commitment to integrity in research

By RON SAUER

With a number of actions over the summer — including the initiation of a new University-wide electronic registration system, passage of a comprehensive new School of Medicine conflict of interest policy, and receipt of a presidential advisory committee report on managing professional conflicts — Emory has been working across a broad front to underscore its commitment to integrity in research; to guard its research enterprise and researchers from impropriety; and to manage potential conflicts effectively.

The President’s Advisory Commission on Research Integrity and Professional Conflict Management, chaired by Ethics Center Director Paul Root Wolpe, found that the University and its various schools have numerous policies that address conflicts of interest in some fashion. Work is needed, though, to make the policies accessible to faculty, educate faculty in their provisions, and then to follow through consistently with management plans once potential conflicts are discovered, the commission says.

Wagner says he is pleased with the constructive content of the report as well as with efforts being undertaken at the University and the school level:

• A first significant step was taken last October, when the University created the first centralized office to administer and oversee potential conflicts of interest in research.

• In June, the School of Medicine issued an updated comprehensive policy on industry relations expanding advice to faculty, staff, students and trainees on guidelines for preventing conflicts of interest.

• In July, the first phase of an electronic reporting system became operational under the aegis of the Office of Research Administration. It will be rolled out to faculty across the campus in phases during the 2009-2010 academic year. Plans call for it to tie together information from the Institutional Review Board, the Office of Sponsored Projects, and PeopleSoft (the new HR and payroll system).

It will be used to more effectively track and manage conflict of interest plans by centralizing the records of disclosures and reports of outside activity from faculty and the records of annual certifications of compliance.

“I am delighted to see abundant evidence of progress as we work on many fronts to enhance Emory’s commitment to keeping the public trust,” Wagner says. “As we do so, we will continue to affirm the importance of the University’s mission to serve humanity through the generation and application of knowledge.

“We seek to embrace, emphasize and enhance that commitment. We must be faithful stewards of the public’s investment in our research — whether that investment takes the form of federal grants, private gifts and pledges, or payments for patient care.”

Bioethics focuses on innovative program

By ELAINE JUSTICE

Emory is launching a new master of arts degree program in bioethics, which will provide advanced interdisciplinary study for professionals and students interested in the social and ethical challenges facing medicine and the life sciences.

“I am very pleased to be launching our master’s program in bioethics,” says Paul Root Wolpe, director of Emory’s Center for Ethics, which is the academic home of the program.

“We have designed the program to give the students a thorough grounding in bioethics while providing hands-on experience in institutions like the Centers for Disease Control, NASA, the Health Care Ethics Consortium of Georgia, and Emory’s superb medical, nursing, public health, law, business and theology schools,” says Wolpe.

“The program is so innovative and exciting I wish I could take it myself.”

“We are excited to add a master’s degree in bioethics,” says Lisa Tedesco, provost and dean of James T. Laney School of Graduate Studies.

“The program reflects our strong commitment to scholarship that engages difficult problems and provides hands-on experience.”

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EMORY PROFILE
Rachel Barnhard
On call for excellence
First director to enhance student-run EMS service

By KIM UROQUHART

Rachel Barnhard has always wanted to help people. As a varsity soccer player in high school, she’d wrap her teammates’ sore ankles, for example, “I wanted to be MacGyver,” recalls the director of Emory Emergency Medical Services, “but as I got older I found that there were real ways to help people.”

Sports medicine was the athlete’s initial interest, until she took an EMS course while attending the University of Georgia in 2003. Now she is helping to groom, grow and challenge another generation of college students interested in emergency response and preparedness.

Barnhard joined Emory EMS as its first full-time director June 1. As a unit of the Emory Police Department, the volunteer force of 67 certified EMT professionals provide 24/7 EMS coverage for campus — and for the past 17 years has been entirely student-run.

“They have run themselves to providing first-line care to their fellow students and a big portion of our medical care,” says Barnhard. “But as I got older I found that there were real ways to help people.”

Barnhard joined Emory EMS head-quarters in the North Decatur Building. For the past two years, Barnhard has taught the Emory EMT course, where students learn everything from the medical and legal aspects of patient care to providing first-line care for trauma.

“It’s neat to teach the class and be the director,” says Barnhard. “That way I catch them at the start and help them grow up into high level medical professionals.”

Most of the new graduates — now certified EMT professionals who complete 260-plus hours of training, beyond the 200 hours required by the state — go on to join Emory EMS. Call volumes are up, and so is student interest, says Barnhard. “This year we had over 100 applicants for 35 seats in the EMT class.”

Barnhard wants to challenge the student volunteers, already viewed as role models to their fellow students and a critical part of Emory’s public safety. “We have a lot to live up to,” she says. “There are really good EMS services in the Atlanta area, and we strive to be the best one.”

Emory EMS is the only University-affiliated emergency medical service in Georgia. Covering campus and adjacent roads and businesses, Emory EMS average response time of three minutes is a fraction of a time it normally takes other units to respond.

As director, Barnhard is operationally responsible for Emory EMS’ vehicle fleet, the command staff and the EMT volunteers. She enforces protocols, and works closely with the group’s physician medical director and Emory’s emergency response and preparation teams. She’s also in the field, responding to calls and overseeing medical care.

Not at the moment, however. The Barnhards are expecting their first child, and entering her ninth month of pregnancy, Barnhard jokes that “she can’t climb out of the truck now.”

She is also taking a temporary break from one of her favorite activities: boxing. “It’s one of the best sports I’ve been a part of, and one of the best workouts.” An interest she has pursued since college, Barnhard equally enjoys participating in amateur boxing competitions and friendly sparring matches at the gym.

As for her leadership vision for Emory EMS: “My personal and professional goal is to create an environment where the student volunteers can accomplish their goals. I want to perpetuate growth and change.”

NEW ONLINE AT EMORY.EDU
‘Ask John Emory’ is now available online at www.emory.edu/CAMPUS_LIFE/askjohnemory, named in honor of the University’s founder, is a forum for students to share questions about life at Emory and help navigate the university environment.

The Division of Campus Life and the Office of the Provost created the student Web portal based on students’ recommendations at “Dialogues on the Emory Undergraduate Experience,” a series of conversations with undergraduates to assess the quality of their collegiate experience.

Ask John Emory is a comprehensive listing of Emory’s most frequented Web sites. Can’t find what you’re looking for? Send a private, encrypted message to a committee of administrators; questions and answers are confidential and anonymous.

There is a link for students to submit reflections on life at Emory. “These will also help us to navigate the university environment,” says Santa Ono, senior vice provost for undergraduate academic affairs, who urges students to bookmark Ask John Emory and visit it frequently.

—Kim Urquhart
Walking in support of colleagues and cures

By MARGIE FISHMAN

One month to the day after discovering a lump in her breast while showering, Shawn Ware, general manager of Blomeyer Health Fitness Center, became another woman battling breast cancer.

Diagnosed in February with triple negative breast cancer, a rare and aggressive form that disproportionately affects African American women, Ware endured eight rounds of chemotherapy, three weeks — and counting — of radiation, and experienced every possible side effect. Some days, it was all she could do to wash her face and brush her teeth, after her husband carried her into the bathroom.

But Ware resolved to be a survivor for years to come. Next month, she will co-lead a team of Emory faculty and staff in a 60-mile walk over three days to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the National Philanthropic Trust, dedicated to fighting one of the most common causes of cancer among women in the U.S. The event coincides with Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

“I felt that it was either me or the chemo, and I’m not going to allow the chemo to defeat me,” says Ware. “The walk is such a huge celebration. It’s empowering to be out there with women who have gone through this.”

The Breast Cancer 3-Day, beginning Oct. 24 at Lake Lanier, is one of several recreational events happening this fall where Emory employees can support a worthy cause, stay active and interact with their colleagues.

Among the members of Emory’s 3-Day team are walk veterans Paula Gomes, director of the Faculty Staff Assistance Program and cancer-free since 2007; her nurse and team co-captain Kate Carlson of the Winship Cancer Institute; and Gomes’ doctor, Ruth O’Regan, associate professor of hematology and medical oncology and director of the Emory Breast Center at the Winship Cancer Institute. The team is busy recruiting new members and establishing a regular training schedule. Employees who would like to register for the walk or to make a donation should visit www.the3day.org and locate the Emory Winship Cancer Institute team.

“I decided to walk to contribute to the significant research investment made by Susan G. Komen and to improve outcomes for my current and future patients,” says O’Regan, who has raised $5,000 so far by personally e-mailing her entire address book. Each 3-Day participant is required to raise at least $2,300 to support breast cancer research, treatment, prevention and education. Gomes, who recalls a grueling first 20 miles in the rain last year, says she signed up again to support Ware and to raise awareness about the importance of regular mammograms for early detection and funding for research.

In the end, the walk draws on the strength and courage demonstrated by so many breast cancer patients during unrelenting treatments, Carlson said after last year’s walk. “They will continue to fight for themselves and for each other.”

Other ways to make forward strides with Emory

Faculty and staff have several options to give back by donating or participating in these Emory-supported events this fall:

**JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION:** Support the Emory team in raising $15,000 for diabetes research during the Walk to Cure Diabetes on Oct. 17 at Centennial Olympic Park. To register, visit www.jdrf.org or contact team co-captains Traci Galatas, 404-778-3701 or Patrick Hammond, 404-778-5160.

**ATLANTA HEARTWALK:** Help Emory achieve its eighth consecutive year as Atlanta’s top fund-raising team during a 5k walk to benefit the American Heart Association on Nov. 7 at Turner Field. To register, contact lead Rebecca Migliaccio at 404-778-4476.

**THINK PINK:** Support the Winship Cancer Institute’s Breast Cancer Research Program beginning Oct. 9 by making a donation at www.emoryathletics.com. The campaign culminates in an Emory Eagles basketball game and community celebration on Feb. 21 at WoodPEC. For more information, contact Angie Duprey at 404-727-6739.
By MARGIE FISHMAN

The national economic downturn is a toll on the American mood. Yet while one in four people is already feeling mental health problems each year, two-thirds of them don’t seek out the help they deserve.

“We’re seeing today is making many people more aware that they are stressed, having depleted their coping resources,” says John Wilson, a psychologist for the Faculty Staff Assistance Program (FSAP) and co-chair of the new Step Up Emory: Embrace Your Mind and Spirit campaign. “Many people want to know that help is available at Emory. They don’t have to feel ashamed.”

The stigma of mental illness is pervasive, says Wilson. Worried about being negatively perceived by friends, family members, supervisors or coworkers, many neglect their mental well-being until it is too late.

Step Up Emory’s fall counseling services run by a Oversixty-four people who will highlight the spectrum of mental health, from illness or depression to everyday stress. A variety of speakers who will speak to the audience will be available for a variety of topics, including mental health, personal budgets, and stress management.

The four-week workshop run by a one-month membership, Emory and its partners, says FSAP Director Paula Gomes. Currently, about 6 percent of employees take advantage of mental health services at Emory, compared to the national average of 20 percent. Services are free and completely confidential. Early intervention is key, notes Gomes, before mental health challenges negatively impact work and family life.

Counseling services are available at www.stepup.emory.edu/leadershipdevelopment/index.php.

Academic Ladder, ALP support faculty

The Office of the Provost has issued a call for nominations to the Academic Ladder Program 2010, a yearlong leadership program for the most promising academic leaders. This highly specialized training program is for tenured faculty members preparing to take on senior leadership roles in the future.

Candidates must be re- garded by his or her dean as a "high potential" applicant for future achievement.

Nominations are due Oct. 26.

Another opportunity: A writing and time manage- ment workshop run by a faculty development consultant is available for faculty members.

The program provides tools for academic success and is run by an instructor who is a specialist in writing, time management and stress reduction.

The four-week workshop includes instruction, student support, and peer coaching and runs throughout October.

Applications are due Oct. 26.

For more information on the program or the Academic Ladder workshop, visit http://www. emory.edu/PROVST/facul tydevelopment/index.php.

The International Special Events Society honored Emory’s Office of University Events in three categories; Michael Kloss accepted the Award for Best Entertainment Production for Campaign Emory’s Enquirer.

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“Everything a guest attends someone’s event, they form an impression of the university,” Kloss says. “The results impact everything from how they rank Emory in their philanthropic priorities to whether they encourage their neighbor or coworkers’ child to apply to Emory. Details count.”
REPORT FROM: Office of Information Technology

Apple@Emory: Devoting a day to Mac users

Goizueta events make history and predictions

Each year's incoming student class encounters the changing course of personal computing. This year's seniors, when they arrived at Emory, were 17 years old; Windows and 35 percent Mac OS X users. This year's freshman were roughly 55 percent Mac OS X and 45 percent Microsoft Windows. The Mac is truly back.

In recognition of the substantially increased number of Mac users at Emory, and underscoring that the Mac at Emory is supported as an equally viable choice to the Windows platform, the Office of Information Technology is hosting an all-day event highlighting the latest in Apple software and mobility. Scheduled for Oct. 12 in Cox Hall Ballroom, Apple@Emory will feature both presentations and hands-on workshops with Apple's latest innovations.

Prime among them will be an overview of Mac OS 10.6, code-named “Snow Leopard” that brings some key new features to Emory's users. This latest release is available for all Intel-based Macintosh computers, sets new standards in terms of energy efficiency and performance as well as optimized speed.

Perhaps few shifts have been as significant for Emory's end users as the recent migration to Microsoft Entourage. In Snow Leopard, Apple introduces full Exchange integration for their mail, calendar and directory clients. Microsoft, not to be outdone, has radically revamped the internal workings of Entourage and has just introduced its new functionality. Apple@Emory will feature a shoot-out between the two mail clients, helping end users decide which approach they might prefer.

Perhaps no Apple technology has had a more profound mark recently than the iPhone. The keynote, sponsored by Apple, will feature Roman Cibikia of the Medical School of Georgia, speaking about the iPhone, mobility, and handheld computing in the medical sciences. Apple will be providing a limited number of iPod touch devices for users to "test drive" for the day and they will be pre-loaded with appropriate University and medical applications to explore.

Apple@Emory will also highlight the talented support specialists for Mac OS that exist across campus. At the "Ask an Expert" desk, Emory's support specialists will answer questions regarding use of the Mac, iPod or iPhone at Emory. Providing a uniquely Emory flair, campus iPhone users will be able to nominate their favorite applications for the participants of the day's events to explore.

An afternoon demonstration will introduce the work that Emory Healthcare has accomplished with their Virtual Desktop (VDT). Using a Citrix client, Emory Healthcare now provides a nearly seamless experience of the Mac and Windows environment through the VDT.

On Oct. 13 there will be a special IT Tech Track focusing on Snow Leopard, Open Directory, and Mac Lab Management. There will also be special presentations on iLife '09, including podcasting and capturing your class.

Online registration is essential as we try to guarantee everyone a chance to play with these technologies: http://apple.emory.edu.

Alan Catter is director of Academic Technology Services in University Technology Services.

BIOETHICS: Degree reaches across disciplines

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contributes to the public good, and it resonates deeply with the experiences and resources available at Emory. We are grateful to Kathy Kinkla, associate director of the Center for Ethics, and her team for leading the creation of this new degree program, and to Paul Root Wolpe for the vision and leadership he has brought to the Center.

"The master’s in bioethics program will be trained to help anticipate the national conversation on important issues influencing public policy, scholarship, practice and education in the field," says Kinkla, who also directs the Center's program in health sciences and ethics.

"Strong interdisciplinary interest is recruitment for fall 2010 begins."

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sustainability spot

At Emory's 2009 New Student Orientation, 3.48 pounds of compostable material was collected from three Orientation events held on campus. That's approximately 1.74 tons of compostable waste -- supporting Emory's goal to reduce and divert 65 percent of its waste from local landfills.

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By LESLIE KING

Bells rang in the courtyard of the Goizueta Business School on Sept. 2, to close that day's trading on the New York Stock Exchange — the first time the closing bell had been rung at an institution of higher education. Earlier in the day, none of the six men on a panel on the current state of the U.S. economy was ready to ring in its recovery at full decibels.

MBA students and others filled the Schwartz Center to hear CNN financial correspondent Susana Savisco moderate the event sponsored by Goizueta and NYSE Euronext.

Noting that it was almost exactly a year ago that the collapse of investment bank Lehman Brothers pushed the U.S. economy over the edge, Savisico said, “We’re in a better place now, but where exactly are we?”

CEO of gap insurance giant AFLAC Dan Amos summed up consensus opinion, saying, “We’re off the bottom. I’m not sure we’re back up where we’d like to be yet, but certainly it is recovering from our perspective." Amos compared the current foible recovery to a naggig sports injury. “We’ll level off at some point and gradually recover to some degree." Home Depot CEO Frank Blake garnered a laugh by saying, "Bad’s not good until worse happens...Where we are now is low bad. That is about the best thing we can say.”

“In all likelihood, we’re in the beginnings of a recovery. Our outlook is that that recovery will be fairly subdued. The signals we have been getting about the economy are mixed,” said Dennis Lockhart, president & CEO of Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

NYSE Euronext CEO Duncan Niederauer ’85MBA agreed that talk among businesses is constructive but measured.

Looking to the future, Lockhart noted that neither consumer expectations nor economic indices raises the specter of inflation. “What would signal the Fed to change its policy? Retail sales,” Lockhart answered.

Goizueta Dean Larry Benveniste sees long-term growth “likely to come from outside the United States, and if we’re smart as a country, we’ll embrace globalization even more because those will be our growth engines.”

Federal lawmakers didn’t anticipate the way new financial products would ultimately contribute to the financial crisis, noted Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.) but he said, “From here, we have to make sure we don’t have a knee-jerk reaction and put in too many regulatory mechanisms that will stifle the innovation that did take place.”

Lockhart thinks “smarter regulation, not less of it,” and says if you “get to a little less hard [to get credit],” Niederauer said.

Benveniste concluded, “It was a go-go time and I think it raises questions about our values and our fundamental ethics. I think we’ve got to get back to a situation where it’s about hard work and entrepreneurial discipline.”

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Virtual empathy clue to behavior

By EMILY RIOS

In the only study of its kind, researchers at the Yerkes National Primate Research Center have documented the first example of a nonhuman primate empathizing with a computer animation. The study, which is available in the current edition of The Proceedings of the Royal Society B, demonstrated chimpanzees respond empathetically to animated chimpanzees, showing a level of identification with the animations. Understanding why and how chimpanzees connect with animations may help researchers understand why and how humans empathize with others.

“We know humans often empathize with fictional displays of behavior, including those in cartoons and video games, even though the displays are obviously artificial,” says lead researcher Matthew Campbell. “Humans experience emotional engagement with characters, empathizing with happiness, sadness or other emotions displayed by the characters. Previous studies have suggested this type of emotional engagement may be to blame when children mimic violent video games and cartoons, so we thought it important to learn more.”

To understand why humans relate to artificial characters in this way, Campbell set out to determine if chimpanzees would respond empathetically to virtual characters. The researchers used contagious yawning to test empathetic response. “Yawns are contagious in the same way other emotional responses, like smiles, frowns and fear, are contagious,” says Campbell.

He and his team showed chimpanzees 3D animations of chimpanzee yawning and showing control mouth movements. The chimpanzees yawned significantly more in response to the yawning animations than they did to the animations showing control mouth movements. “Yawning in response to the animated yawns showed an empathetic reaction to the animations,” says Campbell.

“Because they showed only involuntary responses to the animations, we believe they empathized with the animations, while knowing they were artificial. This is important for us to know because we can present animations in future experiments knowing the chimpanzees will identify with the animations as if they are other chimpanzees. This opens up the possibility of using animations in many other types of studies,” Campbell adds.

Researchers next plan to show chimpanzees improved and degraded animations of chimpanzee yawns to see how they respond to more and less lifelike animations. This may help researchers understand whether different aspects of animations make them more or less likely to be imitated. “Such knowledge could tell us how to design animations for children to promote imitation when used therapeutically, as with children with autism spectrum disorder, or to limit imitation when used for entertainment, as with video games,” says Campbell.

Research funding grows 18 percent

Emory scientists received $484.2 million from external funding agencies in fiscal year 2009, an increase of 18 percent, or $73 million over fiscal year 2008. More than 70 percent of the funds were awarded by federal agencies. National Institutes of Health funding represented 61.6 percent of the total and 87 percent of federal funding. The federal stimulus bill accounted for $13.8 million of the total.

Read more at www.emory.edu/EMORY_REPORT.

NSF Center aims at drug synthesis

Emory chemist Huw Davies is leading a team of scientists from four universities to develop a National Science Foundation Center for Chemical Innovation. Davies received a $1.4 million NSF grant for Phase 1 of the center.

“Our collaboration brings together world leaders in this field,” says Davies, professor of organic chemistry. “It’s exhilarating to have this chance to share ideas for moving C&I functionalization into more robust and practical applications.” One of the aims will be to speed up and simplify the synthesis of new classes of pharmaceuticals, to make their production affordable and scalable. “We want to develop more efficient ways of cooking,” Davies explains.

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By JESSICA STEPHENSON

For the past two years one of Emory University’s most impressive African art works — a red marquetry figure carved by an Ibibio artist — and a figural group from southern Nigeria that emulates Indian carvings of the Hindu deity Hanuman, have been on display at the Museum for African Art, Washington, D.C. Among the other works of art is a red marionette and kaolin-covered surface. So, museum care: Carlos Museum conservator Renee Stein gave her a conservation-full-body-treatment, and because of its fragile nature, extra attention was received. The commission called for the display of African art works in 2011, and because of its fragile nature, extra attention was received.

Who is Mami Wata?

Mami Wata, which translates as “Mother Water” in West African pidgin English, is a female fatale water spirit with a global following from Lagos to Los Angeles, and Harare to Hong Kong. However, Mami Wata has a darker side; she is all diva: she can be beautiful, seductive, loving, and generous when treated well. If you ignored or ignored, turns jealous and vengeful, and outright Medusa like Glenn Close in “Fatal Attraction.” As Henry Drewal, curator of the exhibit wrote: “Mami Wata is ... at once ... sexy mama, provider of riches, healer of physical and spiritual ills, and embodiment of dangers and desires, risks and challenges, dreams and aspirations, fears and forebodings. People are attracted to the seemingly endless possibilities she represents and, at the same time, frightened by her destructive potential.”

What are her powers?

As her name indicates, Mami Wata is a spirit of water; deep oceans, gentle rivers and tempestuous tides. Not only is water an essential element of life, but it is a vehicle for global flows in trade and modernity (for better and for worse). She is the “capitalist deity par excellence.” It is Mami Wata who assists with the purchase of a new car, the procurement of a better job, entrance to university, a good mortgage rate, and excellent returns on stocks and bonds. In thanks, followers deck her altars with expensive imported goods including alcohol, perfume, talcum powder, cigarettes, jewelry and other luxuries. How is Mami Wata represented in art?

In art, Mami Wata takes many forms, but most often she is either a mermaid-like being (half-fish, half-human), or as a snake charmer and, sometimes in combination with mermaid characteristics as is the case in both the Carlos Museum Mami Wata images. She can take snake-charmer form from a woman’s torso wreathed in snakes; because, say the Ibibio peoples who carved this work, “she is hiding her secret” (her tail and thus other-worldly nature).

That mermaid image may have been inspired by the figureheads of European trading and slave vessels that visited Nigerian ports as early as the 16th century.

Another possible imported source for Mami Wata images is a German print of a Hindu snake charmer, introduced into Nigeria in the early 20th century. These imported images — mermaid and snake charmer — were reinterpreted according to ancient indigenous beliefs about African water spirits. Pale skin represents otherworldly status, luxuriant long hair refers to the dada locks worn by spiritually-marked individuals in West African belief. Where can one see Mami Wata?

Our Mami Wata sculpture returned to Emory in mid-August. When next you see her on display in the expanded African galleries in 2011, remember, as musician Sir Victor Uwaifo observed, “Oh, if you see Mami Wata, never run away!” Stick around and reap good fortune.

Read more at http://carlos.emory.edu/snake-charm.
**Three takes on a classic play**

Theater Emory takes on three simultaneous productions of August Strindberg’s “Miss Julie” (Oct. 1-10) directed by theater faculty Donald McManus, Janice Akers and Michael Evenden. Each version explores a new light on the Swedish playwright’s 1888 classic that deals with power, lust, class, flirtation, aristocracy and the battle of the sexes.

The directors describe how the elements of Strindberg’s “Miss Julie” shaped their direction of the play.

**By ERIC RANGUS**

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**Helpful bargains** at library sale

The fourth annual Friends of Pitts Theology Library book sale is Sunday, Sept. 15 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at Rudolph Courtyard behind the Pitts library.

The selection will include almost 10,000 books, in addition to the main subjects of biblical studies, church history, ministry, theology and world religions.

“Sale is more than a fundraiser, it’s a service to our community,” said Michael Kass, the Friends of Pitts Theology Library.

**Panel Discussion:**

“The American Dream Foreclosed.” 7:30 p.m. 102 Center for Health Learning. Free: sgingle@emory.edu. Reception at 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 18**

**Lecture:** Mental Health Awareness and Advocacy. Rosalyn Carter, former first lady, presenting. 1 p.m. Cox Hall Ballroom. Free: 404-727-4282. Panel discussion to follow.

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