Exploring race and difference

By MARGIE FISchMAN

Intersecting dimensions of human difference — race, ethnicity, nationality and gender — explored through a multidisciplinary lens can yield practical, and even transformative, solutions. That was the overarching theme of the Oct. 2 Race & Difference Initiative conference "Exploring Race and Difference at Emory: Mapping Current Research and Charting Future Directions."

The inaugural event featured a group of Emory scholars and other national experts discussing ongoing research, both theoretical and critically applied, on race and other forms of stigmatizing difference. Leaders of campus departments and initiatives, such as the Office of University-Community Partnerships, the

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A partial shipment of novel H1N1 vaccine has arrived at Emory. The details of the Emory vaccination program are being finalized to ensure the highest risk groups are vaccinated first as recommended by CDC.

Check www.emory.edu/flu for further information.

Emory created the Web site to inform the community about preparations and precautions for dealing with H1N1 and seasonal influenza, bookmark and visit often for the latest updates and information.

Also featured on the site: Think you have swine flu? Ask your computer. A H1N1 self-assessment tool at www. h1n1responsecenter.com developed by medical and public health experts at Emory can help people decide what to do if they are worried that they or someone they love has symptoms of the flu.

www.emory.edu/youtube

Who should be Atlanta's mayor? Emory hosted a City of Atlanta Mayoral Forum Oct. 14. Moderated by Fox-5 anchor Russ Spencer and New York Times reporter Robin Brown UTC, the Fox-5 webcast can be seen on Emory's YouTube channel. Watch as all candidates shared the stage in what Fox reported was the first time, to field questions about the issues that confront Atlanta, ranging from the economy to public safety.

By MARGIE FISHMAN

Aline Jesus Rafi, Emory's coordinator for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, can recall the details of every case she has handled as an advocate for survivors of sexual assault.

Her most memorable experience, however, came during a follow-up call with a student, who told Rafi that her perpetrator been sentenced to 25 years in prison.

"This is only the second or third case I've had where the person had gone to prison," explains Rafi. "And I've been in the field for nine years."

Most victims (Rafi prefers the term "survivors") of sexual violence never report the incident to police, intent on blaming themselves. Even if they do decide to press charges, there is no guarantee the perpetrator will serve time. Sexual violence usually occurs behind closed doors with no other witnesses, Rafi notes, and the evidence must be "airtight."

Since coming to Emory two years ago, Rafi has focused on promoting healthy, respectful relationships, building a community intolerant of sexual violence. Teaming up with Residence Life Area Director Ben Perlman, she started a discussion group for males to talk about how they can prevent sexual violence. She also helped organize Emory's fifth annual Take Back the Night Speak Out and Rally coming up on Oct. 21, culminating a week of events dedicated to sexual violence awareness.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week kicks off in April, with film screenings, guest speakers and workshops.

Earlier this year, Rafi received the Campus Life Award of Service (CLASS) New Professional Honor, recognizing her outreach efforts.

Part of the Student Health and Counseling Services team, Rafi also is the first point of contact for undergraduate and graduate students dealing with sexual assault, intimate partner violence or stalking. She provides access to medical and mental health resources and offers them support on campus and in the courtroom.

The most underreported crime on campuses nationwide, sexual assault is defined as any contact of a sexual nature without mutual consent. In the majority of cases, the assailant is an acquaintance and at least one partner is intoxicated.

Emory has been listed among the top few universities with a full-time coordinator devoted to sexual violence issues. Rather than focus on ways to prevent sexual assault, Rafi's message is one of community empowerment. As she explains, students — in particular, women — have been conditioned to anticipate threats to personal safety.

"Sometimes you can do everything right and still be assaulted," she says.

Instead, she advises students to challenge derogating comments that blame victims or condone rape, and act quickly when they see a friend in a vulnerable situation. Faculty and staff who are made aware of sexual assault should notify Rafi or Emory Police.

A native of Brazil, Rafi moved to Georgia in 1997 to pursue a bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of West Georgia. During that time, she began working long nights for a local rape crisis center. As the only Spanish-speaking volunteer, Rafi stood by survivors in hospital beds as they received "rape kits," used to collect evidence. She fetched them blankets, comforted their families, and made their list of options seem less overwhelming.

After earning her master's degree, Rafi served as director of multicultural outreach and as a victim services coordinator for the DeKalb Rape Crisis Center. Currently, she is a part-time doctoral student in sociology, concentrating in gender sexuality at Georgia State University.

Her volunteer work is an extension of her professional interests. She has served on boards for nonprofit organizations, such as Abinaya House, which provides shelter to pets involved in domestic violence situations, and Arte Sana, working in sexual violence prevention for the Latino community.

"In what spare time she has, Rafi enjoys tap dancing, community theater and traveling abroad. She understands that speaking out about sexual violence may make some people uncomfortable or cause others to turn away. "The system is not going to change right away. It's probably not going to change in my lifetime," she admits. "I'm just planting the seed."

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EMORY PROFILE Aline Jesus Rafi

Planting the seed

Coordinator raises awareness of sexual violence

Take Back the Night Hosted by the student-led Alliance for Sexual Assault Prevention, Emory's fifth annual Take Back the Night brings awareness to the problem of sexual violence and supports survivors of sexual assault. For more information, contact Aline Jesus Rafi at arafi@emory.edu.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

Safe, Sane and Consensual: A Conversation about Sex.

7 p.m. Harland Cinema.

EXHIBITION: Clothesline Project.10 a.m.-3 p.m. Quad (Rain location: DUC). Through Oct. 22.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY: Safety and Resource Fair.

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Albright Circle.


Speak Out and Rally. 5 p.m. Quad.
Innovation efforts. In addition to performance and lecturing responsibilities, Spano will actively participate in Emory’s scholarly community through colloquia and the “Creativity Conversations” series.

Spano’s residency is part of Emory’s Creativity, Art & Innovation efforts. In addition to performance and lecturing responsibilities, Spano will guest lecture for a number of courses within the Department of Music and work with students of the Emory University Symphony Orchestra and Emory Wind Ensemble. View a listing of Spano’s 2010 public residency activities at arts.emory.edu.

His first co-teaching effort is with Emory music professor Steven Everett on metaphysics and the origins of music. “The roots of our Western musical language are extremely close to the study of metaphysics,” says Spano. “I eagerly anticipate exploring the interdisciplinary nature of music within the vital intellectual environment at Emory, and am deeply honored to have been invited to collaborate with this dynamic academic community.”

With a discography of nine recordings and six Grammy Awards with the ASO, Spano has led the New York and Los Angeles philharmonics; the San Francisco, Boston, Cleveland, Chicago and Philadelphia symphony orchestras, among others.

He has performed at Emory several times over the years, including a piano performance honoring the Emory Chamber Music Society of Atlanta’s 10th anniversary in 2003 and taking part in Candle Concert Series in 2002 and 2006.

The residency is made possible by funds especially designated to foster these kinds of significant collaborations and partnerships for the benefit of Emory students, scholars and the University as a whole.

—Staff Reports

Robert Spano

Alternative Fall Break: A service ‘stay-cation’

Teambuilding was the name of the game of the Office of Multicultural Programs and Services’ Fall Break Crossroads Retreat for freshmen.

Teamwork was the theme of Volunteer Emory’s Alternative Fall Break trips, which ranged from building homes in Americus to working in a Savannah food bank.

“We applaud the efforts of our students and staff who do this type of work over fall break,” says Dean John Ford, who spent his ‘stay-cation’ volunteering at the Atlanta Harm Reduction Center.

A Habitat for Humanity build in Americus gave students hands-on experience while experiencing Georgia history.

A ‘stay-cation’ service project conducted outreach for the Atlanta Harm Reduction Center, a public health program closer to home.

More than 50 freshmen participated in team-building and diversity and social justice discussions during “X2” at Rock Eagle 4H Camp.

ACCLAIM

Kent B. Alexander has been appointed to the State Ethics Commission by Gov. Sonny Perdue. Alexander serves as Emory’s senior vice president and general counsel. Alexander participates on various Emory boards and councils.

John Fox and Betty Willis have been asked by Perdue to serve on the Georgia Water Task Force. The task force creation was sparked by a judge’s order on the state’s use of water from Lake Lanier.

Fox is president and CEO of Emory Healthcare. Willis, senior associate vice president of governmental and community affairs for Emory, also serves as executive director of the Clifton Community Partnership.

Mike Mandi has been appointed by the governor to the State Properties Commission. Mandi is the executive vice president for finance and administration at Emory. He serves on several University committees and councils.

Stephen Bowen, dean of Oxford College, presided over the Association for General Liberal Studies annual national conference in St. Louis. Bowen was elected president of AGLS in 2008 and will serve until 2010.

Kathy Miner, associate dean in Rollins School of Public Health, has won the ASPHP/ Pfizer Faculty Award for Excellence in Academic Public Health Practice.

The award highlights faculty who have devoted their careers to advancing and integrating scholarly, public health practice within research, teaching and service.

Jason S. Schneider of the School of Medicine was invited to the White House by President Barack Obama as part of a group of doctors to speak about health care reform. The group is Doctors for America, a grassroots coalition that advocates for health care reform.

The assistant professor in the division of general medicine was selected as the Georgia representative.

“Acclaim” recognizes the accomplishments of faculty and staff. Listings may include awards and prizes; election to boards and societies; and similarly notable accomplishments at Emory or in the wider community. Emory Report relies on submissions for this column. Contact: ltking@emory.edu.
**Working out: How to fit in fitness?**

By LESLIE KING

The Sept. 28 issue of Fortune magazine cited Emory as a Fit-Friendly Company, as named by the American Heart Association.

But how do faculty and staff fit in exercise to their busy schedules?

“One person I know,” says Shawn K. Ware, manager of Blomeyer Health Fitness Center, “handles the logistics of riding to the campus facility for faculty and staff.” Ware was handing out fliers on campus the other week and I heard over and over “I just don’t have time,” she says, detailing the litany of reasons from kids to constrictive lunch hours.

“Most people don’t like to work out. They love the result of exercising — how it looks, how it feels,” Ware says.

The most-cited way for getting it done: Put it on your calendar. Ware and Melissa Morgan, Wellness Specialist at the Faculty Staff Assistance Program, advise: Make an appointment with yourself.

Consider these tips:

**Make time**

Wendy Childress, instructional content developer in the Rollins School of Public Health: “I consider [exercise] part of my workday and the allotted time for it.” Childress recommends taking classes as a motivator: “There’s terrific camaraderie among the participants.”

Use exercise to get to work

Lynn Nester, director of recreation and wellness services at the Woodruff P.E. Center: Commit to working out, and make it dual-purpose, Nester says. “I’ve been riding my bike to work and I’m getting good exercise as well as saving gas, which is really the only way to go.”

**Exercise with a friend**

Wore: “You don’t have to come to Blomeyer or any other gym, you can do your own desk or walk to other departments.” And partnering up with a buddy for support creates a push-pull effect. Every little bit helps keep you on track.

**The most important thing is to keep your workout schedule.**

**Spread out fitness**

Morgan: “Break it up into separate 10-15 minute segments. In the morning first thing or at lunch [are best times]. After work is not an option for a lot of people, once they’re home, it’s hard to get out again.”

Park farther away

Tricia Simonds, senior lecturer, department of health and physical education: “I moved my car from the Peavine parking deck over to Clairmont, to build in sustainable activity. It’s a great way to move your body when you know the business of the day might get away from you. I actually find I do my best thinking during those walks to school.”

Don’t make excuses

Chris Parkos, professor of pathology in the School of Medicine: “When you’re as busy as I am, you have to get over the idea of keeping a rigid routine or schedule, and accept having to exercise at variable times, and even shorter workouts just to get it done. There can’t be an excuse…. Because of my busy schedule, I sometimes have to sneak out to exercise, as if I’m leaving for another ‘meeting.’ To facilitate this, I finally moved down and signed up for a locker and laundry service at Blomeyer, so that I don’t have to be seen leaving with my gym bag!”

**Nominate for Honorary Degrees**

The Honorary Degree Committee seeks nominations for the Fall 2009 award.

Criteria for an honorary degree include: Achievement of the highest distinction in a field of learning, the arts, the professions, or public service, especially those achievements that manifest or contribute to the advancement of human spirit; and appropriateness of recognition before a significant audience of those. Nominations should contain compelling reasons why it would be appropriate to honor the nominee and provide a discussion of the nominee’s accomplishments.

For questions or to submit a nomination, e-mail honorarydegrees@emory.edu, or call 404-727-6020.

**Do you know an outstanding senior?**

Nominations are being accepted by Nov. 1 for the 100 Senior Honorary Award for the Class of 2010.

Receipts of award, presented by the Student Alumni Association and the Student Government Association, are graduating seniors who demonstrate a deep commitment to their beliefs, pursuits or passions.

Multiple nominations can be made using the online format at www.alumni.emory.edu/100SH.

**Research grants for Grady faculty**

Grants are available, through research by the School of Medicine faculty, are being accepted until the Nov. 1 5:00 p.m.

The grant applications is given to faculty in the first 10 years at Emory. For questions or to apply, contact William Payne at 404-727-5640.

**IT officer nets savings in costs, time**

By MARGIE FISHMAN

Waging cyber war against hackers and spammers, University Technology Services (UTS) recently presented a University's 10 percent target for cost containment. Among the areas to trim, UTS proposed that it no longer lease phones to individual departments and absorb the cost of the equipment, with a projected savings to the University of nearly $1 million.

Future efforts involve adding wireless networking to residence halls and faculty and administrative offices, and expanding the PeopleSoft Human Resources application to include a time-keeping function.

Before coming to Emory, Coryell served as executive director and deputy CIO for Purdue University and held several senior management positions at Sprint. Cost-effective strategies can work for any department, he notes, such as dropping duplicate services and attempting to negotiate better contracts with vendors.

“We have to continually grow at the same time we’re trying to cut costs,” he says.
FORUM: Dialogue yields race, difference solutions

Continued from the cover

Center for Women and the James Weldon Johnson Institute shared insights on how their activities are contributing to a dialogue that spans issues of international migration, civil rights, ethnic conflict and sexuality. “The concept of race is something we think we all know something about,” Provost Earl Lewis said during his welcome address. “We have a vocabulary that we think we can use. And we employ that vocabulary to engage in social action, to make laws, to prescribe who, what, when and where people can engage. At the end of the day...does that vocabulary work in the same way?”

Michael Owens, associate professor of political science, shared his research on the public's racially-divided response to government reintegration policies targeting former felons. “We're binging on bodies.”

Citing Georgia as having one of the highest incarceration rates in the country and establishing some of the toughest barriers to re-entry, Owens noted that more than half of African Americans nationally strongly agree that ex-felons should enjoy full privileges of citizenship, while only about 5% of whites believe the difference. He said, can be attributed to how often we interact with ex-felons in our social circles and neighborhoods.

Each panelist took a different approach to examining the topic of human difference, from addressing the rise of NAACP nationalism to how the Emory College Language Center. discussed his biography of the late U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond, a “Dixie demagogue” who profoundly influenced Sunbelt politics and modern conservatism.

Conference organizers praised the event for kicking off a campus-wide conversation on the current infection control knowledge. All providers are required to complete this program by Dec. 31, which aligns with the mandatory flu vaccination requirement. Providers who do not complete this program prior to the deadline will face suspension of privileges.

Hand hygiene

Health care workers, patients and families all agree that hand hygiene is a must. While most Americans believe that hand hygiene should be an automatic part of every health care worker’s routine, at times, we may forget this reflex action.

To help us all remember to practice good hand hygiene, Emory Healthcare is launching a “Foam in/Foam out” campaign that will establish, as our minimum standard, the performance of hand hygiene on room entry and room exit. To the public, this is the establishment of a culture where we feel safe and compelled to remind each other to clean our hands. This multimedia campaign will include electronic communications, videos, audio reminders and specific observation of hand hygiene compliance.

These three important programs are part of how we create a safe environment for our patients and their families and for ourselves. Thank you for your support of our efforts.

William A. Bornstein is chief quality and medical officer for Emory Healthcare.

CAMPAIGN EMORY

Professorship created to honor family traditions

By Terri McIntosh

The family of Florida biochemist Visweswara Rao Koppaka and his wife, Sita Koppaka, has made a $750,000 lead gift to help endow a professorship in the Telugu language and South Indian traditions.

The Koppaka Family Foundation will enable Emory students from a broad range of fields including medicine, public health, law and business to gain the cultural understanding necessary to work in South India.

The Koppakas grew up in neighboring villages in the West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh, India. He learned at a young age that education was his only path out of poverty and, at 23, graduated from Andhra University with a doctorate in organic chemistry. With help from a scholar, he completed a second doctorate in biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin and then immigrated to the United States in 1954. After a 15-year career in pharmaceutical research at Pfizer, he joined the faculty of the University of Florida College of Pharmacy where he served for 30 years.

He passed away in 1998.

Emory is committed to building stronger partnerships with the Telugu community, Emory hired world-renowned Telugu scholar V. Narayana Rao in 2007. Working closely with graduate and undergraduate students, he has begun building foundations for Telugu Studies at Emory.

To fully endow the professorship and ensure Telugu studies will have a permanent place at Emory, the University is raising another $750,000 in matching funds through Campaign Emory.

Did you know: Since 2005, 1,210 Emory employees have participated in The Clean Air Campaign’s Commute Option Incentive programs. That equates to a reduction of 3,616,902 vehicle miles traveled, and more than 1,800 tons of CO2, volatile organic compounds, NOX and particulate matter that were not discharged into the air.
By CATHY WOOTEN

You’ve heard it said that the 30,000-foot view is best for setting goals, but it was the 1,000-foot view that led to a new book about Emory’s history.

Oxford College has just announced the publication of “Cornerstone and Grove: A Portrait in Architecture and Landscape of Emory’s Birthplace in Oxford, Georgia” (Bookhouse Group, 2009). The idea for the book came last year to Joe Bartenfeld ’64 Ox–66C when he went along for the ride with a friend who is an aerial photographer, and their route east of Atlanta took them over the Oxford College campus.

Bartenfeld, who was then president of the Oxford College Alumni Board, looked down and was struck by this different perspective on the familiar buildings and landscape. Back on solid ground, he contacted Oxford Dean Stephen Bowen and was struck by this different perspective on the familiar buildings and landscape. Back on solid ground, he contacted Oxford Dean Stephen Bowen to float the idea of a book with photographs of Oxford’s buildings and a history of the campus.

Bowen liked the idea and commissioned Erik Oliver SC ’80/C ’94 and CCE ’97E to write the book. As a native and current resident of the city of Oxford and an Emory alumnus, Oliver brought not only his knowledge of both campuses to the task, but also his experience and training as an historian.

Working with Emory and Oxford archivists, he selected numerous photographs from Emory’s collections and supplemented them with photographs from private individuals and his own line drawings. The result is a beautiful book that can be enjoyed just by looking at the photographs and illustrations, but it is also one that is readable and well-researched.

Because of the entwined history of the two campuses, the story of any of Oxford’s structures built prior to 1919 is in Emory’s story. Oliver chronicles those and more, taking the reader from Phi Gamma Hall, Emory’s oldest academic structure, to 2009 and Oxford’s East Village Residential Center, Emory’s first newly-constructed building to receive a Gold LEED designation.

But architecture is not the only focus; also included are photographs of the surrounding landscape and the city of Oxford and descriptions of how they have played their roles in Emory and Oxford’s progress.

There are ghosts in these pages, too. Who knew that on the site where Oxford’s landmark Seney Hall stands today there once was an imposing Greek Revival building called Old Main, one of Emory’s first major structures? That Humanities Hall, Dooley’s home when he sent his first message to Emory students in 1899, has had both its name and its façade changed several times? Or that a beautiful domed neoclassical building (Old Pierce Hall), built in 1902, was razed to make way for a 1950s dormitory? Seeing and reading about those and other once-upon-a-time buildings is especially intriguing.

“Cornerstone and Grove” is available from the bookstores on both the Oxford and Emory campuses. More information, including how to order the book by mail, can be found at www.oxford emory.edu/cornerstone.

$1M for Winship study of prostate cancer disparities

By VINCENT DOLLARD

The Emory Winship Cancer Institute has received a $1 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to study health disparities and informed decision-making among prostate cancer patients.

Theresa Gillespie, associate professor, Department of Surgery and the Emory Winship Cancer Institute, is principal investigator of the multi-site, national study based at Emory. Other members of the study team include: Joseph Lipcomb, health policy and management, Rollins School of Public Health; Michael Goodman, epidemiology, Rollins School of Public Health; John Petrus, Department of Urology, Emory School of Medicine; and Katharina Echt, Department of Geriatrics & Gerontology, Emory School of Medicine. Kevin Ward will direct the Emory Winship shared core resource support in data management.

The CDC will provide Emory and Gillespie with $1 million over two years to investigate informed decision-making regarding treatment options and health disparities in early-stage prostate cancer, primarily in terms of access to care and racial differences. The study will use a mixed methods approach to determine how men and their significant others make decisions for treatment options in early stage prostate cancer.

One specific aim will focus on why African American men, who have the highest mortality rates from prostate cancer in the United States, choose active surveillance more frequently than surgery or radiation as compared to other racial/ethnic groups.

Collaborating institutions and study sites are the Southwest Georgia Cancer Coalition; three Veterans Administration medical centers in Atlanta, Durham and Kansas City; and multiple communities through the National Rural Health Association.

Winship doctors testing less invasive technique for lymph node removal

A new technique for lymph node removal in the groin area may reduce the risk of complications for patients fighting melanoma or other cancers of the genito-urinary system.

“We are the only group in the world performing this procedure for melanoma,” says Keith Delman, assistant professor of surgery.

Delman and Viraj Master, assistant professor of urology, developed the procedure, which involves complete lymph node removal through small incisions away from the groin, aided by videoscope. Standard procedure for these cancers is with an 8-10 inch incision, and nearly half of patients acquire an infection. The new technique greatly reduces the chance of infection.

—Vincent Dollard
Where is religion in health care debates?

By GORDON NEWBY

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At the end of August, our nation witnessed the first full public conversation about health care reform and the Gospel of the Poor. In the celebration of Sen. Kennedy’s life and accomplishments, clergy and lay people joyfully joined in acknowledging that the senator had made access to health care for all — regardless of wealth or station — his life’s work based on his understanding of the Gospels, his Roman Catholic faith, and his love for humanity. It was a very different conversation than those we have generally heard on the broadcast media or read in print, because it was about health care for real people in real need. It was a conversation about faith, morality and compassion.

As a scholar of comparative religions, I was struck by the silence of other religious voices in our national conversation about health care. Where are the American Jews, the American Muslims, and all the other Christians? It is not that those traditions do not have doctrines and theologies about the poor. In Judaism, for example, there is the concept of tsedakah, mistranslated as “charity,” the rich giving to the poor. It really means “righteousness, justice and party” and is an obligation on every Jew, whether rich or poor. It is often linked with the notion of Tikun Olam, perfecting the world; that is, bringing about the righteousness, justice, and party associated with tsedakah. It is said that one who does not perform tsedakah is the same as a worshiper of idols.

In Judaism, there are degrees of giving. The famous sage and scholar, Mosei Maimonides, said that the lowest form of giving was to give reluctantly and grudgingly, not giving as much as one should, and giving so that the recipient knows that you are giving. The highest form is giving so that the recipient is self-sustaining. This is, of course, based on the tradition of the Hebrew prophets, such as when Isaiah says, “Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow” (Isaiah 1:17).

In Islam, there are two kinds of giving to the poor, sadakah related to the Hebrew tsedakah and zakat. The first is voluntary, and the second is required of all individuals by Islamic religious law, regardless of monetary circumstance. As in Judaism, charitable giving in Islam is meant to better the community as well as the individual recipients, and to share justly the bounties that have been given by God to the fortunate. In Islam, if you have more than what you need for your own sustenance and that of your family, you must share the excess with those less fortunate in the community. Muhammad said, “Whenever you wake up secure among his people, physically healthy, and has food for his day, it is as if the whole world had been gathered for him.” It is also an obligation incumbent on everyone, as Muhammad said, “Each one of you is a shepherd, and each one of you will be asked about your flock: A ruler also is a shepherd and he will be asked about his flock.”

For all Christians it is the same. Jesus’ admonitions to the rich and defense of the poor are values that Christians share with Judaism and Islam. So where are the American religious voices? President Obama has called religious leaders and progressives to join the conversation — but what about the other religious, who may not identify as “progressive”? They may be silent because we are having the wrong conversation. We are talking about insurance, money, the economy, freedom of choice, and letting those already fortunate to have insurance keep what they have.

We are forgetting that there is a distinction between health care and health insurance, between the economy and the health of the nation. Children in America are 25 percent of the population but are 35 percent of the poor, and over 35 million individuals live below the poverty line. Many of those who have jobs are subsisting on poverty wages. Even before the collapse of the economy, more than 28 percent of American families with one or both parents employed were living in poverty. This has a direct impact on health care. One in six adult Americans do not have insured health care, and over 18 percent of children are without it as well.

Some argue that taking care of the large numbers of Americans in need of good health care will bankrupt the nation. In the ethos of both Judaism and Islam, it is wrong to give so much that one becomes a charity case oneself. For Islam, charitable giving is from the surplus of what one has. But even in these times, we are a wealthy nation and will become more so as the economy improves. What is needed is a national conversation about our moral priorities as a nation, even as we discuss our financial future. From the heritage of Christianity, Judaism and Islam, it is wrong to leave so many in poverty and need.

This essay first appeared on ReligionDispatches (www.religiondispatches.org).
**Events**

**THIS WEEK’S HIGHLIGHTS**

**MONDAY, Oct. 19**

**PHILILS WHEATLEY READING:** Thomas Glave. 6:30 p.m. Jones Room, Woodruff Library. Free. creativewriting.emory.edu

**TUESDAY, Oct. 20**

**REFORMATION DAY:**

"Does Luther Make Sense?" Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago. 3:30 p.m. Cannon Chapel. Free. libmpg.emory.edu

**WEDNESDAY, Oct. 21**

**ADVANCE SCREENINGS of ART: 21, "Systems." Room 145 Visual Arts Building. Free. mj pinch @ emory.edu

**THURSDAY, Oct. 22**

Women’s Volleyball v. Lee University. 4 p.m. Woodruff Field. Center Free. www.emory athletics.com. Also at 6 p.m. versus University of South Carolina-Aiken.


**The Ethics of Healing: Personhood From Tibetan Medicine and Modern Biomedicine." 7:30 p.m. WHSC All Auditorium. Free. rjwyrr @ emory.edu

**FRIDAY, Oct. 23**


"Emory Drag Extravaganza: Transforming Today’s Leaders!" 10 p.m. Glenn Memorial Auditorium. $5 suggested donation. lbgt @ emory.edu.

To see all campus events, visit the online Emory Events Calendar at www.emory.edu/home/events.

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**FILM STUDIES**

International classics on-screen

**UP NEXT FROM EMORY CINEMATHEQUE**

**OCT. 21**

"Rules of the Game." (Jean Renoir, 1939) Renoir’s masterpiece pits servants against a master in a socio-camouflage of love and death.

**OCT. 22**

"Jeanne Dielman, 23 Quai du Commerce, 1080 Bruxelles." (Chantal Akerman, 1975) Akerman’s landmark work is an intense examination of a middle-aged housewife’s inner life.

**OCT. 25**

"Passing Fancy." (Yasujiro Ozu, 1933) Another comic gem focusing on a single father, his wayward son and his love triangle with his best friend.

**OCT. 28**

"Olympia II: Festival of Beauty." (Leni Riefenstahl, 1938) Part Two of Leni Riefenstahl’s pan to the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

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**EXHIBIT: Religious tension in art’s context**

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Melon explains: “You have Lutherans, Roman Catholics and the Reformed...you have tensions between these groups and also a great deal of negotiations, and one of the instruments of interreligious negotiation was biblical imagery.”

This is the historical context of “Scripture for the Eyes.” an exhibition of 80 engravings and woodcuts gracing the castel red wall of the Carlos Museum’s third floor galleries.

Melon notes that, “No one had taken this rich source material and organized it around functional rather than iconographic categories — now one can see how, given a vision, viewers used these prints during the 16th century.”

Visitors can enjoy works by Dutch and Flemish masters such as Lucas van Leyden, Maerten van Heemskerck and Hieronymus Wierix, among others. One especially interesting series is Hendrick Goltzius’ “Life of the Virgin,” in which he imitates the styles of great masters like Federigo Barocci and van Leyden, virtually transforming his hand into theirs.

“I find these pieces magnificently virtuosic.” The imitation is protean — Goltzius even varies his ink to perfect his mimicry of each artist.”

Illustrations are on loan from 13 institutions around the world. Also included are key items from Emory University Libraries, including five rare volumes of the Antwerp Polyglot Bible — side-by-side translations of biblical text in several languages including Latin and Hebrew.

Together the Candler School of Theology and the Department of Religion provide a ready audience for the exhibition, which should also interest scholars and students of early modern Europe, curators say.

Melon felt it important to stage the exhibition — which first debuted at the Museum of Biblical Art in New York — in the Southeast. “The South is often called the Bible Belt, and it often presupposes a culture of biblical literalism. We wanted to bring to the South an exhibition focusing on the complex and varied act of reading and viewing Scripture in the 16th century,” he says.

“Not only is it a marvelous scholarly exhibition,” says Margaret Shufeldt, Carlos Museum curator of works on paper, “but it allows us to showcase several of the masterpieces in our own collection.” The “Old Master Highlights of the Works on Paper Collection” currently in the museum’s John Hewett Gallery features portraits of the master engravers — Philips Galle, Dirk Coornhert and Goltzius — whose works are also on view in the third floor exhibition.

For upcoming programs related to “Scripture for the Eyes,” please visit www.carlos.emory.edu.

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**Citizen Kane” (1941)**

**By MATTHEW BERNSTEIN**

The Department of Film Studies resumes its Emory Cinematheque Series of 35mm film screenings in White Hall 205 on Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. introduced by professor Eddy van Mueller.

The fall semester screenings showcase a series of international film classics from the 1930s through the late 1940s, the spring 2010 screenings focus on films from the 1950s. The screenings are free and open to the Emory and Atlanta community.

The fall series includes such outstanding titles as Japanese director Yasujirou On’s comic melodrama “Passing Fancy” (1933), French director Jean Renoir’s highly regarded “The Rules of the Game” (1939), Frank Capra’s patriotic classic “Mr. Smith Goes to Washington” (also 1939) with James Stewart and Orson Welles’s masterpiece “Citizen Kane” (1941).

Join Film Studies for a special talk with acclaimed film critic Molly Haskell, author of “Frankly, My Dear,” her widely praised analysis of “Gone with the Wind” in White Hall 205 on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 6 p.m., with a book signing and small reception to follow.

Visit www.filmstudies.emory.edu for the latest information.

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**ADVANCE NOTICE**

Martin Luther star of Reformation Day

Theologian Martin Luther’s convicted supporters could be honored at the Candler School of Theology’s 22nd annual Reformation Day program Tuesday, Oct. 20.

“Luther and the Education of Youth” includes lectures, music and worship. Scholars from the University of Chicago and Boston University will join Jonathan Strom, associate professor of church history at Candler, who will discuss Luther’s learning and literacy to provide insights.

The program culminates at 8 p.m. in a free public concert of Bach’s Cantata 126, performed by the Emory University Concert Choir directed by Eric Nelson and selections by organist Matthew Hesberk in the Schwartz Center’s Emerson Concert Hall.

For the full schedule, see www.candler.emory.edu.

**Expo showcases vendor products**

More than 35 of Emory’s contract suppliers and members of Emory’s internal providers will showcase their new and existing products and services that are available for faculty and staff at 2009 Vendor Expo.

The expo, to be Thursday, Oct. 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Emory Conference Center North, will feature products and services from scientific, medical, office supplies, copier, relocation, travel, hardware, computer, printing, promotional, shipping, Web site development, graphic design services, Emory secure shredding and more.

More details at www.emory.edu/finance/expo.