



April, 2012

Psychology Students Present at GURP

Twelve Psychology majors attended the Georgia Undergraduate Research in Psychology conference at Kennesaw State University on April 14. Four students — Maria Trinh, Darron Jackson, Noah Cochrane, and Denise McKay — gave poster presentations. Adam Coffey gave a paper presentation. The students were accompanied by Chuck Huffman (Associate Professor of Psychology) and Gary Fisk (Professor of Psychology).



Ground Breaking Ceremony for the New Psychology/Sociology Building

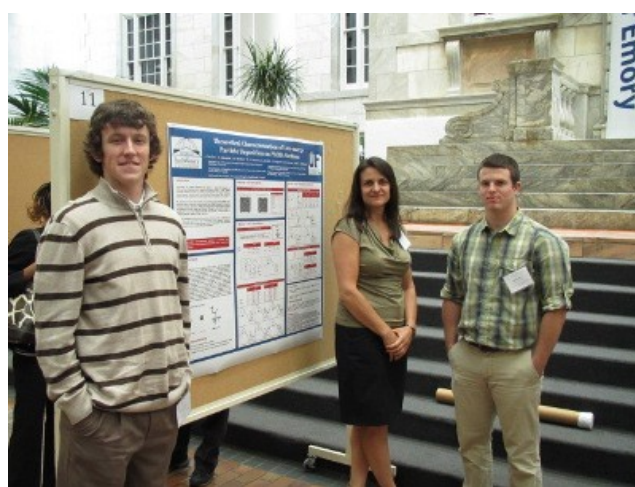
A ground breaking ceremony was held for the new Psychology/Sociology Building on April 16. The new building and the Phase I building are being named after Rosalynn Carter in recognition of her work to promote health care and caregiving. Special guests for the ceremony included Hank Huckaby (The University System Chancellor), the Board of Regents, numerous local politicians, and members of the Rosalynn Carter Caregiving Institute. Construction has already begun, with an anticipated completion date in December, 2012.





Chemistry Students Attend Award Symposium at Emory University

Five chemistry students attended the 8th Annual Emerson Center Lectureship Award Symposium at Emory University on April 20. The students were accompanied by Nedialka Iordanova (Associate Professor of Chemistry). Iordanova and two of the students (Jonathon Deriso and Gregory Edwards) presented a poster on "Theoretical Characterization of Low-energy Particle Deposition on PMMA Surfaces". The group also attended several talks at the symposium.



Brundage Accepted Into Graduate School

Recent sociology alum Dave Brundage (fall, 2011) has been accepted to Western Michigan University for graduate school in sociology. He received a full tuition waiver and a teaching assistant stipend. Brundage was the president of the student chapter of Habitat for Humanity, graduated with a 3.94 GPA, and won the Excellence in Sociology award.

University 4000 Trip to El Salvador

Several University 4000 students went to El Salvador over Spring Break. Trudy Hall, Kayla Lee Kilgore, Miranda Mensah, Carolyn Williamson, and Gheriane Ulysse shared their experience at the Third World in Perspective Seminar on April 18. The students participated in service projects in San Luis Talpa and San Salvador in conjunction with the Fuller Housing Center for Housing. The group also visited several historical and cultural sites in the Central American country. The presentation was moderated by Tzvetelin Iordanov (Associate Professor of Chemistry).



The College of Arts and Sciences

V-Day at GSW

As a part of national V-Day 2012, the Alpha Nu cast of Alpha Psi Omega and The Alliance at GSW presented Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues* on March 30 in the Experimental Theatre. *The Vagina Monologues* is part of a yearly global activist movement aimed at stopping violence against women. The GSW V-Day event raised money for the Methodist Children's Home of Americus. Participation came from students and faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences. Students involved in the project included; Lane Marchant (who directed and organized the event), Megan Sleeth, Sara Thompson, Hannah Ruiz, Megan Walker, Caitlin McMillan, Ashley Longacre, Crystal Neal, and Daina Rosario. Faculty members included in V-Day were Ellen Cotter (Professor of Psychology), Courtney McDonald (Assistant Professor of Sociology), and Genie Bryan (Associate Professor of English). Ray Mannila (Instructor of Dramatic Arts) helped with stage lighting and the coordination of the rehearsal and performance space.

Psi Chi Honor Society Inducts New Members



Psi Chi, an honors society for Psychology majors, inducted new members on April 26. The new members include Michael Landreth, Holly Brown, Leanne Chafin, Noah Cochran, Lesley Easom, Samantha McQuagg, Carrie Smith, and Julie Stein. Elizabeth Uhl (Assistant Professor of Psychology) is the new faculty advisor for this group.

Zemblowski Receives Outstanding Scholar Award



Sunni Zemblowski, who is a Senior art major, received the 2012 Outstanding Scholar Award. Zemblowski is an honors student with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. She has also participated in a study abroad trip to China.

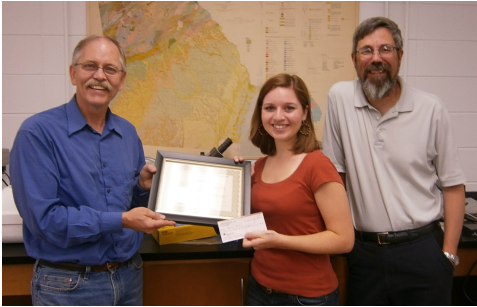
Shapiro Publishes Paper on Academic Dishonesty



Paul Shapiro (Associate Professor of Sociology) published "[Entitled to Cheat: An Examination of Incoming Freshmen at a Small Regional University](#)" in the *Journal of Public and Professional Sociology*. An earlier version of this paper was presented at the 2011 Georgia Sociological Association's annual meeting in Savannah.



Geology Major Receives AIPG Award



Kailey Basile, sophomore geology major from Savannah, has received an Outstanding Geology Student award from the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG). This award was one of only six such awards given in Georgia. The award comes with a membership in AIPG and \$250. Shown with Ms. Basile are Ron Wallace (Georgia EPD and AIPG National President-elect) and Sam Peavy (Professor and Chair of the Geology and Physics Department).

Rylander Partnership Production of Richard III

Rylander Partnership Productions offered a free production of Richard III by William Shakespeare at the Rylander Theater on April 12 – 15. The production was directed by Jeffrey Green (Chair of Theater, Communication & Media Arts/ Artistic Director of Rylander Partnership Productions) and was designed by Ray Mannila (Theater Technical Coordinator). The cast and crew had over 30 GSW students, with technical support from an additional 40 Theater Appreciation students. Rylander Partnership Productions is a collaborative program of the Americus Theater and Cultural Authority and Georgia Southwestern State University made possible through the generous support of the Charles L. Mix Memorial Fund.





Georgia Movie Academy Awards at the Rylander Theater.

Over 650 area K-12 students, their families, and their teachers attended the Georgia Movie Academy screenings and awards ceremony on March 29 at the Rylander Theater. This event was jointly held by The Department of Theater, Communication & Media Arts, Hurricane Watch, Alpha Psi Omega, and the Rylander Theater Partnership Productions. This year, GMA enjoyed the largest number of entries in the history of the event, with 55 teams submitting video projects from schools in the surrounding Southwest Georgia counties in the Chattahoochee-Flint RESA service area.





Political Science Faculty Recognized by SGA, Sorority



Jason Berggren (Assistant Professor of Political Science), was recognized by the GSW Student Government Association as its 2011-2012 faculty member of the year. Bonnie Levine-Berggren, Adjunct Professor in History and Political Science, was recognized by Kappa Delta Sorority as their Spring, 2012 Professor of the Semester.

Psychology/Sociology Faculty Contribute To CASA Conference

The Southwest Georgia [Court Appointed Special Advocates](#) group, which is dedicated to helping neglected children in legal matters, held a Southwestern Georgia Victim's Rights Training Conference on April 24 and 25. The following Psychology/Sociology faculty members made presentations as a part of this conference:

- Charles Huffman (Associate Professor of Psychology) presented "Errors in Memory" (Opening Address, Day 1)
- Andrea Miller (Assistant Professor of Psychology) presented "Coping When it's You or Your Family Who are the Victims" (Opening Address, Day 2) and "PTSD: An Overview of Symptoms, Risk Factors, and Treatment"
- Courtney McDonald (Assistant Professor of Sociology) presented "Domestic violence and how it affects children and families"
- Ellen Cotter (Professor of Psychology) presented "The Effects of Abuse and Neglect on Child Development"
- Elizabeth Uhl (Assistant Professor of Psychology) presented "Interviewing Children: Lessons from Psychological Research"
- LaVerne Worthy (Professor of Psychology) presented "Working With Abused Child Victims in School"



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Announcement: Charlotte's Web



Several Arts and Sciences faculty and students will be appearing in the Sumter Players production of *Charlotte's Web*, showing May 10 - 13 at the Rylander Theater. The faculty performers are Julie Megginson, Sam Peavy, Elizabeth Gurnack, and Ellen Cotter. Arts and Sciences student performers are Christopher Gilstrap, Kristin Pair, Crystal Neal, Richard Thornton, Hannah Ruiz, and Will Searcy. The play is being directed by Irmgard Schopen-Davis. The play also includes performances by several children with Arts and Sciences connections: Charlotte Schopen-Davis, Maya Wynn, Herman Lewis, and Laura Fisk. Shows on May 10 and 11 are at 8:00 p.m., and shows on May 12 and 13 are at 2:30 p.m. Please contact The Rylander Theater (931-0001) for tickets.