

# College of Arts and Sciences Newsletter

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## Hearn/Plato Classical Guitar Duo Performance



The Hearn/Plato Classical Guitar Duo performed Spanish and South American music for guitar on January 13. This accomplished duo has been working together since 2000. Bill Hearn has been selected as an International Semifinalist in the Guitar Foundation of America Solo competition. Scott Plato has written a book on "Creating Guitar Solos". They recently released a CD entitled "Latin Styles for Guitar Duo". This performance was part of the GSW Chamber Concert Series.

## Kostov Publishes Paper on Gyroscopic Motion



*The Physics Teacher*, a peer-reviewed journal of the American Association of Physics Teachers, will publish [a paper on gyroscopic motion](#) written by Svilen Kostov (Assistant Professor of Physics). The paper is co-authored by Daniel Hammer, a GSW Dual Degree student who is currently completing his degree in mechanical engineering at Georgia Tech.

## **Seminar on U.S. Influences in Southeastern Asia**



A Third World in Perspective Program seminar, "U.S. Footprints in Southeast Asia", was held on January 26. The seminar featured presentations by three nationally-known experts on U.S. foreign policy in Southeast Asia. James T. Gillam (Associate Professor of History, Spelman College) discussed "The Political and Diplomatic Preparation for the Cambodian Invasion." Paul A. Rodell (Professor of History, Georgia Southern University) gave a presentation on "John S. Noffsinger and the Philippine Colonial Origins of the US Peace Corps." William Head (Chief Center Historian, Warner Robins Air Logistic Center) discussed "The Mayaguez Incident: The Final Tragedy of the U.S. Involvement in the Second Indochina War." The forum was co-sponsored by the Department of History and Political Science, the Georgia Southwestern Foundation, Inc., the GSW Office of Continuing Education, and the Association of Third World Studies, Inc.

## **GSW Chamber Singers Perform in Savannah**

The GSW Chamber Singers performed with the All-College Chorus at the Georgia Music Educators Association Conference on Friday, January 28 in Savannah. Dr. Julie Megginson (Associate Professor of Music) is this year's organizing chair of the All-College Chorus.

## **Chunnel Club Trip to Atlanta**

The Chunnel Club took a field trip to Atlanta see "Twelfth Night" at the Shakespeare Tavern. The next morning, the group experienced the Salvador Dali exhibition of "The Late Works" at the High Museum of Art. Mary Anderson (Assistant Professor of English) and Elizabeth Kuipers (Associate Professor of English) accompanied the students on this trip.

### Foster Gets Movie Roles

GSW Dramatic Arts alumnus Jason Foster has been cast as a "vagrant" in the upcoming science fiction film *Looper*. The [movie](#), which stars Bruce Willis, is about a group that uses time-travel to hide murder evidence. Jason also had a small part in *The Green Lantern*, which will be released this summer.

### Honors Program Students Receive High Grades

In the Fall of 2010, sixty percent of the Honors Program students had GPAs of 3.5 or higher, which was a record achievement for the Honors Program. Seven students were on the President's List and eight were on the Dean's List.

<b>President's List</b>	<b>Dean's List</b>	<b>Academic Achievement</b>
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