

College of Health and Human Sciences E-newsletter



April/May 2007

Mark your calendars!

Advanced IP-based telephone system information session

For information on the progress of the campus switch to the advanced IP-based telephone system, attend the following information sessions.

If you can't attend the sessions, you can get progress reports on the web site: <http://www2.gsu.edu/ipt>

(Session 1 was held earlier in April.)

Session 2:

Date: May 7th, 2007

Time: 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Location: Speakers

Auditorium, Student Center

Session 3:

Date: June 7th, 2007

Time: 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Location: Speakers

Auditorium, Student Center

Georgia State University to change all campus telephone numbers

Georgia State University will be changing its existing telephone system to a new voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) telephone system during the summer of 2007. All campus telephone numbers will be reassigned using a 413 exchange (previously 651 and 463); however, they will continue to carry the 404 area code. Colleges and campus units have received their new telephone numbers and will be alerting college personnel shortly.

New phones are scheduled to be installed in One Park Place and Kell Hall by mid-May and in the Urban Life Building by early June. The current phone system will remain operable throughout the installation and testing of the new phone system. The official university-wide switchover to the new phone system is scheduled to occur July 1, 2007. These dates are subject to change.

Two information sessions are scheduled for May and June (see sidebar at left). For additional information on the telephone number transition, please visit <http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwipt/index.html>.

Milestones

Congratulations to the following College of Health and Human Sciences employees for their years of dedication to Georgia State University:

5 years of service

Sue Carter Collins, assistant professor, Criminal Justice

Doug Gardenhire, clinical instructor, Respiratory Therapy

Denise Gouveia, admissions coordinator, Academic Assistance

Ptlene Minick, associate professor, Nursing

10 years of service

Elizabeth Beck, associate professor, Social Work

Judy Perdue, manager, Project Healthy Grandparents

Antega Townsend, social worker, Project Healthy Grandparents

20 years of service

Robbie Friedmann, professor, Criminal Justice

Rick Terrill, professor, Criminal Justice

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**College of Health and Human Sciences
Spring 2007 Semester Commencement**
Saturday, May 12
6:00 p.m.
Sports Arena

This will be the final commencement ceremony in the Sports Arena. Beginning December 2007, commencement will be held twice a year in the Georgia Dome with all participating colleges in a single ceremony.

The event is by invitation only.

Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony

The spring Pinning Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m. in the Speaker's Auditorium of the Student Center. This ceremony marks graduation and the start of careers for the undergraduate nursing students. Catherine Futch, MN, RN, Regional Compliance Officer for Georgia Region Kaiser Permanente and former VP for Nursing at Grady Health Systems, will be the keynote speaker.

The event is by invitation only.

Academic Unit news

Department to welcome new chair July 1

The Department of Criminal Justice welcomes a new department chair, Brian K. Payne. Payne comes from Old Dominion University, where he was professor and department chair of the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice. He was also the Director of the Center for Family Violence Education and Research at Old Dominion.

He is a well-known expert in the field of criminology, specializing in the areas of white collar crime, criminal justice/delinquency, substance abuse, and elder abuse. Payne has published five books, including the recent *Family Violence and Criminal Justice*, and authored over 75 journal articles. He is currently the editor of the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. He received his bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degrees from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

GILEE leads first delegation to study in the UK

The Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange led seven Georgia law enforcement officials, including Vernon Keenan, director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and CHHS advisory board member, on a training program in Great Britain. This delegation kicks off a new exchange with the UK and will lead to the exchange with UK officials visiting Georgia.

The 15th delegation of law enforcement officials will travel to Israel for training later this spring. The delegation includes top law enforcement officers from Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and Texas.

First endowed chair established in college

The College of Health and Human Sciences has established its first endowed chair, the Distinguished Chair of Public Safety Partnerships. Dr. Robbie Friedmann, professor of criminal justice and founder/director of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange, has been named to the endowed chair, which was created to support the long-term viability of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) and the International Law Enforcement Enterprise (ILEE). As Distinguished Chair, Friedmann will continue to work to promote efforts for a better understanding of crime and international terror threats and the challenges they pose, and for increased international cooperation in the area of crime prevention, homeland security and promotion of shared experiences of best practices.

Friedmann has considerable experience in developing and growing partnerships throughout the law enforcement community. He chaired the Georgia Commission to Assess State Crime Laboratory Needs into the 21st Century, chaired the

Promotion and Tenure

Congratulations to two CHHS faculty for receiving promotion and/or tenure.

Volkan Topalli, promoted from assistant professor of criminal justice to associate professor with tenure.

Ike Okosun, associate professor of public health, received tenure.

Recently published

Michael Eriksen, professor and director of the Institute of Public Health, has authored two chapters in recently published books *Law in Public Health Practice*, edited by Richard Goodman, and *Silent Victories: The History and Practice of Public Health in Twentieth Century America*, edited by John Ward and Christian Warren. Both chapters discuss varying aspects of tobacco control.

Advisory Board of the Georgia Security Council, and was a member of the Fulton County Courthouse Security Commission. Among other community activities, Friedmann assisted in planning and evaluating security for the 1996 Olympic Games and the G-8 Summit at Sea Island in 2004.

Public health professor, students conduct on-site research in Africa

Karen Giesecker, an assistant professor in public health, led a group of students on a three week research project in Tanzania. Her team collected data from over 35 Tanzanian health facilities on deliveries, live births, still births, numbers and types of maternal complications, and maternal and newborn deaths. These data will help define the impact and sustainability of a study done from 1997 - 2002 by CARE and CDC which was designed to decrease maternal mortality.

Professor studies Australian health care policies

Valerie Hepburn, assistant professor and associate director of the Institute of Public Health, recently returned from a six month Packer Policy Fellowship in Australia. The competitive health policy fellowship, funded by the Commonwealth Fund and the Australian Department of Health and Ageing, selects two outstanding, mid-career U.S. health policy researchers annually to conduct original research and work with leading Australian health policy experts on issues of relevance to both the U.S and Australia. Hepburn analyzed comparative health workforce planning and policy issues, specifically related to education, financing, and regulation. She discovered that for a country with a major universal health system (all citizens have access to affordable basic health care) Australia's health outcomes are affected by resource limitations and fragmentation. Hepburn believes this is due, in part, to the model of funding each component of health care separately (e.g., funding physicians, hospitals, pharmacies) and that the system could benefit from economies of scale.

Hepburn's research focus is on health care workforce shortages, something almost all countries experience. She learned that health care is a top priority in Australia from the federal government on down and across political parties. However, Hepburn's research suggests that consolidating the resources and funding could bring a greater efficiency to Australia's health care and stem the increasing demand for new health care professionals. Her work is being published in leading health journals in Australia, and she continues to work closely with international health workforce policy groups.

Student News

Division of Nutrition

Jeny Abraham, Heather Naquin, Julie Sanders, and Christine Swafford, dietetic interns in the Division of Nutrition, are working with Mary Lin Elementary School to teach students nutrition basics. The Georgia State interns have set up a nutrition education web site and publish a monthly newsletter with information and dietary tips.

Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing

Cece Grindel, Carol Howell and Ptlene Minick, faculty in nursing, recently accompanied seven doctoral students to the Southern Nursing Research Society meeting held in Galveston, TX. Doctoral students Debbie Greene presented a poster session entitled *Nurse Experiences with Disclosure of Errors to Patients*.

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Two college units host safety conference

The Department of Criminal Justice and the Institute of Public Health recently partnered with the Mayor of Atlanta's Weed & Seed Office and The Atlanta Renewal Community Coordinating Responsible Authority (ACoRA) to host a peer-to-peer public safety conference. The conference, which was attended by over a 100 Atlanta residents, provided strategies for developing resident-driven public safety plans and information on applying for training and technical assistance funding to reduce crime in Atlanta's intown neighborhoods. Volkan Topalli, associate professor of criminal justice, coordinated the afternoon "local resources" panel session.

Kudos

Dan Benardot, associate professor of nutrition, was appointed Chair of the Nutrition Committee for the Performance Enhancement Team (PET) of USA Figure Skating.

Pat Clark, associate professor of nursing, recently received the 2006-2007 Stroke Article of the Year by the Council on Cardiovascular Nursing, American Heart Association and the 2006 Editor's Choice for Manuscript of the Year by the journal, *Rehabilitation Nursing*

Mary Finn, professor of criminal justice, was recently appointed Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness. This 12-month position starts on May 14 and Dr. Finn will be responsible for overseeing Academic Program Review and Assessment, Academic Support Unit Review and Assessment, Institutional Research, Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes, Decision Support Services, and reporting as is necessary for SACS accreditation.

Jana Kicklighter, associate professor of nutrition, was elected to the Commission on Dietetic Registration.

Marshall Kreuter, professor of public health, has received the 2007 Outstanding Faculty Member Award of the President's Awards for Community Service and Social Action. The President's Awards were created to honor faculty, staff, students, and campus groups for their contributions to the Atlanta community.

Susan Roman, assistant professor of nutrition, is a 2007 Sparks Award recipient. The awards, which recognize faculty, staff, and students who exemplify a willingness to go the extra mile, are named for Dr. George McIntosh Sparks, a former Georgia State president.

Chris Rosenbloom, associate dean and professor of nutrition, recently became a board certified specialist in Sports Dietetics (CSSD).