Recent Faculty Grants

Eugene Aglichtein, math and computer science—National Institutes of Health, DARPA
Tanine Allison, film studies, Tonio Andrade, history—American Council of Learned Societies
Asher Avel, Michele Benzi, Dwight Duffus, James Nagy, Ken Ono, Andrej Burciniski, Vaidy Sunderam, and Li Xiong, math and computer science, Irene Brown, sociology, Clifford Carrubba, political science, Patricia Marstellar, Center for Science Education, Rachelle Spell, biology, Tao Zhan, economics—National Science Foundation
Peggy Barlett, anthropology—Georgia Department of Agriculture
Gregory Berns, economics—National Institutes of Health, US Department of the Interior
Joel Bowman, chemistry, Lance Gunderson, environmental studies—US Army
Berry Brost, environmental studies—US Department of Agriculture, National Science Foundation
Joanne Brzinski, Office of Undergraduate Education—Henry Luce Foundation
Mei-Lin Chang, educational studies—American Psychological Association
Moyukh Chatterjee, Claire-Marie Hefner, and Bruce Knauf, anthropology—Wenner Gren Foundation
Vincent Conticello, chemistry—Atlanta Botanical Gardens
Huw Davies, chemistry—SUNY Upstate Medical University, National Institutes of Health
John Dunne and Sara McClintock, religion—Hershey Medical Center
Astrid Eckert, history—American Academy in Berlin
Laura Finzi, physics—University of Adelaide
Jim Flannery, arts foundation—Georgia Humanities Council
David Frisvold, economics—National Institutes of Health, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Skip Garibaldi, math and computer science—National Security Agency
Nicole Gerardo, biology—US Department of Agriculture
Thomas Gillespie, environmental studies—Lincoln Park Zoo, University of Texas—San Antonio
Craig Hill, chemistry—University of Glasgow, US Department of Energy, National Science Foundation
Dieter Jaeger, Steven L’Hernault, Kathryn Shepard, and Shozo Yokoyama, biology, David Bass and Lauren McDonough, psychology—National Institutes of Health
Cathryn Johnson, sociology—Ford Foundation
Harvey Klehr, political science—Department of Defense
Gary Laderman, religion—Ford Foundation, Social Science Research Council
Tong-Soon Lee, music—Chang Chingkuo Foundation
Deborah Lipstadt, Jewish studies—Jim Joseph Foundation, Marcus Foundation, Council on Jewish Material Claims
Stefan Lutz, chemistry, Sergei Urashdin, physics—Research Corporation
David Lynn, chemistry—Georgia Institute of Technology
Cora MacBeth, chemistry—Georgia Research Alliance
Kristin Manis, history—National Endowment for the Humanities
Kazui Morokuma, chemistry—US Air Force
Ilya Nemenman, physics—US Army, International Human Frontier Science Program, University of New Mexico
Vladimir Oliker, math and computer science—US-Israel Binational Science Foundation
Ivan Rasnik, physics—Mayo Clinic
James Rilling, anthropology—John Templeton Foundation and Bowdoin College
Philip Wainwright, CIPA—Halle Foundation
Susanna Weaver, chemistry—NASA
Carol Worthman, anthropology—Duke University

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New Center Designed to Narrow the Health Gap

Emory College of Arts and Sciences launched a predictive health minor in fall 2011, as well as a new, required course in which juniors and seniors mentor first-year students to promote a personalized approach to healthy living. Both programs are part of a strategic plan to study health stability and predictability under Emory’s new Center for the Study of Human Health.

“In a time when we enjoy the greatest knowledge of health in human history, we find that individuals in our society are, in many ways, trending toward poorer health,” says Michelle Lamp, center director and Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Anthropology. “The Center for the Study of Human Health will help close that gap by expanding and developing the use of health knowledge in all aspects of life.”

Center faculty members will reach across disciplines to conduct research, develop new courses and programs, and provide an undergraduate focus on health outside of a strict medical school pathway. Students and faculty will engage in community outreach, and the center is expected to become a national model for an education-based, student-life focus on health and well-being.

To support the work of the center, call 404.727.6181 or email mkontar@emory.edu.

Connect with Students through Scholarships

Pamela Pryor is a successful business leader and a former Emory Alumni Board member who graduated from Emory College in 1969. Sareena Gillani is a bright young student considering what she’d like to do with her life after graduation next year. Meeting for the first time through the Adopt-a-Scholar program three years ago, they clicked immediately.

“Before we met, I already knew Pam was wonderful because she was donating money to help someone she didn’t even know,” says Gillani 13C. “I was delighted to see just how wonderful she is and how much we have in common. We’re both outgoing, and we both have a passion about life and what we want to pursue.”

Says Pryor 69C 70G, “Sareena is a joy—scholarly, energetic, and giving. I realized right away that she was bringing into my life additional learning opportunities, though I haven’t yet decided which I’ll embark on first—learning one of the many languages she speaks or trying the traditional Indian dance at which she is expert.”

Both women have an interest in the sciences. Pryor majored in physics and earned a master’s degree in science education. Gillani is majoring in human biology and anthropology and is considering a career in the health sciences.

“Pam has been such an inspirational person. She told me that the most important thing at Emory—and in life—is to do what you’re passionate about. She encouraged me to explore my interests.”

Because of that advice, along with the funding Pryor provides through her Adopt-a-Scholar gifts, Gillani was able to visit Honduras last summer with a nonprofit group called the Global Dental Brigade. Pryor’s support lessened the financial burden for Gillani’s parents, and they were able to send their daughter on the trip.

As a result, Gillani has fallen in love with dentistry and how it can improve health, particularly in third-world countries. She has joined the Emory American Student Dental Association, has been shadowing dentists in her hometown of Dalton, Georgia, and is tackling a work-study job in Emory’s Rollins School of Public Health.

Pryor, now retired from a career with BellSouth, describes the Adopt-a-Scholar program as “a great opportunity. It connects me with Emory, with today’s students, and with continued learning while I support my alma mater.”

Other such opportunities include investing in Emory Advantage, a financial aid program designed for both middle- and lower-income students; giving to the Emory College Fund for Excellence, which helps fund scholarships across the college; creating new named scholarships; and supporting existing funds, such as the Dean’s Achievement Scholarship.

For details on supporting scholarships at Emory College, contact Chief Development Officer Mussa Kontaridis at 404.727.6181 or mkontar@emory.edu.
Who’s YOUR Class Representative?

Emory College alumni are active, dedicated individuals who care as much about the Emory experience today as they did when they were students. A number of alumni choose to help the college keep their classmates engaged by serving as class representatives. The college is grateful to the following class representatives for their enthusiasm, service, commitment, and support.

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THE QUINTESSENTIAL EMORY COUPLE, attorney Laurie Speed-Dalton 96C 99C, and surgeon John Dalton 95C 99M 04MR appreciate the role their alma mater has played in their lives.

"Emory positioned me for the rest of my life. It gave me my wife, my education, my occupation, my training," he says. She adds, "Emory is still a huge part of our lives."

When making estate plans, Emory was in both of their minds. "Our parents gave a lot to send us here. They created a foundation by investing in our futures, and we want to continue that. It is to our benefit for Emory students to succeed," she says. The couple’s bequest will help make that happen.

For information on ways you can support Emory with a planned gift, call 404.727.8873 or visit www.emory.edu/giftplanning.

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